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BRIEFS by the Editor

Our attractive cover pictures Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church of Elkton, Michigan, a congregation numbering 65 families. Trinity was organized in 1892 and built its church in 1910. The picture was taken on a bitter-cold afternoon in January 1970. The newly fallen snow should put us into the proper mood for the season—that is, if we happen to be living somewhere in the upper Midwest. But wherever we Christians are living, the Advent Season is the beginning of a new church year. May it be a year of God's grace for you personally, for your family, and for your congregation!

As we begin this new year we do so with gratefulness to our Lord for preserving to us His Word and the blessed Sacraments. Without them we would have nothing to hold to, for it is in them that our Lord Jesus Christ comes to meet us and to abide with us. Realizing this, we can understand the insistence of the Epistle to the Hebrews that we not forsake the

assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is, but exhort one another, and that so much the more, as we see the Day approaching. We began our Christian life with the washing of water and the Word in Holy Baptism. In that Sacrament the Triune God made a covenant of grace with us and accepted us as His people. That is why we also delight to accept the gracious invitation of our Lord to receive His Holy Supper, in which He gives us His body given for us and His blood shed for the forgiveness of our sins. The Word and the Sacraments bring us God's answer as we prepare for that great Day when our Lord will come to receive us unto Himself. That Day is nearer now than when we first came to faith.

Knowing this, we might wonder about much of the external activity in our own church body. Almost every issue of *The Northwestern Lutheran* reports the building of another church or school or educational wing, or the installation of another professor, or the establishing of an-

other mission. Is such activity justified in these last days? Yes, indeed! Buildings are not built for themselves, but as places where people gather around the preaching of the Word and the distribution of the Sacraments, and where the next generation is taught the way of the Lord. Such activity, though it takes much time and money, is not a rejection of the Advent call to be ready but an expression of our faith in the Lord's coming, on two counts. The one, that He Himself stated: "Of that day and hour knoweth no man," and the other, a corollary to it: "Occupy till I come." We therefore want to be found doing the Lord's work when He comes!

Take time also in this new year of grace for personal prayer, for taking your problems and joys directly to the Lord who has promised to hear you. As members of a church body that has been preserved in the truth, we need literally to beg our Lord not to deal with us according to our sins, but to continue to shower His grace upon us who are so unworthy. And since we are not living in a vacuum, we also need to remember in our prayers those believers in other church bodies who are buffeted by false doctrines and distressed by aberrations, that they may stand up for the truth and confess it before God and men. Let us remember them and all men in our prayers, as we prepare for the Lord's coming!

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

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Editorials

The Key to Happiness The ancient philosopher who explained cynically that he was searching for an honest man would probably be even more frustrated if he were searching in our society today for a contented man. Amid all the affluence, contented people are in short supply.

Most of us, whether we admit it or not, tend to proceed on the assumption that happiness in life stands in direct proportion to what one acquires or to what one achieves. Acquire enough things or achieve the right goals, and happiness is assured. Accordingly, the quest for happiness takes the form of a frenzied pursuit of wealth and success. The trouble is, it doesn't work. The harder you strive for happiness according to this formula, the more elusive it seems to become.

St. Paul offers a different formula, and this one is inspired. He writes to Timothy: "Godliness with contentment is great gain." Happiness is not a goal attained through acquisition or achievement. It is rather a state of mind, or, more accurately, a spiritual condition. It consists of two things: 1. Faith, 2. Contentment.

Godliness and contentment constitute the key to happiness. The two go together, and both are indispensable. Without them you will only run faster and faster until you give up or drop dead.

IMMANUEL G. FREY

Moment of Truth A well-known guest preacher was invited to address the Sunday school after services. The dignified churchman began by asking the properly impressed youngsters if they knew who he was. "Yes sir," one wee voice piped up, "a poor miserable sinner."

The Last Day will be full of surprises like that. "Lord, Lord, you know us," many will say as they queue up before the throne. "Have we not prophesied in Thy name, and in Thy name done many wonderful works?"

Which is true. They did so many wonderful works, as they are quick to tell the King and everyone else within earshot. Then the surprise: "I never knew you. Depart from Me, ye that work iniquity."

It is often said that the Wisconsin Synod is "the fastest growing Lutheran Church in America" . . . that she is the "last citadel of confessional Lutheranism" . . . that her coffers are ringing with an umpteen-point-something-per cent-increase.

These things are being said. But what if we are the ones so often saying them? That would spoil it.

What should be humble trembling before the Word, in our mouth can come out as conceited clucking over the doctrinal difficulties others are having. What should be calm confidence in the Lord who rides with us in our little ship, on our lips can come out as though the kingdom was about to suffer shipwreck till we rushed on the scene to save it. What should be fruit flowing naturally from the Vine, in our repeated retelling can

sound like lip-smacking over a smoothly successful promotion job.

Notice the honest astonishment of the others introduced on That Day! They are surprised to hear spoken what they would never have been bold to mention: "Lord, when saw we thee a hungered, and fed thee . . .?"

It would be tragic for a citizen of the citadel of orthodoxy, who considers himself sure of heaven because he is telling people they cannot earn their way to heaven—a very subtle form of work-righteousness—to discover on that day that he is just a "poor miserable sinner" after all.

JOHN PARCHER

Harmless Pornography The majority report of the National Commission on Obscenity and Pornography has asserted that "empirical research . . . has found no evidence to date that exposure to explicit sexual materials plays a significant role in the causation of delinquent or criminal behavior among youth or adults." President Nixon has sharply faulted the report for its lack of common sense. In effect, as President Nixon correctly points out, when the report contends that reading filthy literature has no appreciable effect on a reader's behavior, it is denying that reading has an effect on the reader.

Furthermore, one wonders what the Commission majority means by "delinquent or criminal behavior." If someone commits rape after dosage with obscene and pornographic reading matter, or follows up the rape with murder, or if he commits incest with his mother—that, we could assume, would certainly constitute "delinquent or criminal behavior" in the Commission's eyes.

It is very doubtful, however, if the majority of the Commission even considered premarital sex among youths or extramarital sex among adults to be delinquent behavior. In the morally and socially permissive climate in which we live, fornication and adultery are hardly considered to be delinquent, still less criminal, behavior. Does the Commission majority care whether obscene and pornographic materials stimulate readers and viewers to acts of fornication, adultery, or even homosexuality? Does it consider this harmful?

Above all, does the majority of the Commission pay any heed to the effect of obscenity and pornography on the readers' and observers' minds? The lust that takes over the thoughts and the prurience that possesses the heart are simply not considered to be sinful or harmful by popular psychology or psychiatry, nor the preoccupation with the sexual that closes the mind to the decent, noble, and righteous attitudes and conduct that are basic to sound marriages and a sound society.

The Sixth Commandment was ignored by the Commission majority report. How, then, could the Commission majority know what is harmful about obscenity or pornography?

CARLETON TOPPE



Studies in God's Word

Know That I Am the Lord! — Joel 2:23-27

“Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord, your God; for He hath given you the former rain moderately (or, teacher of righteousness), and He will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain and the latter rain, in the first month (or, first of all).

“And the (threshing) floors shall be full of wheat, and the fats (vats) shall overflow with wine and oil. And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm (licking locust) and the caterpillar (stripping locust) and the palmerworm (gnawing locust), My great army which I sent among you.

“And ye shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you. And My people shall never be ashamed. And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the Lord your God and none else. And My people shall never be ashamed.”

And the Rains Came

Without rain there can be no harvest. In Judah's case the rainfall was of two kinds. This doubled the joy of God's people in the harvest. The first downpour consisted of their tears of repentance which prepared their hearts for the outpouring of God's grace. Without that kind of rainfall there could have been no true joy in the Lord's restoration of the land, for really only “they that sow in tears shall reap in joy” (Ps. 126:5).

The other kind of rain from heaven was naturally necessary to cause the crops to burst out of the famine-stricken soil. The early rain, which

began the growing season in Judah during October or November, was necessary after the summer drought to soften the parched clods for tilling, seeding, and sprouting. The “latter rain,” which fell in March or April near the end of the growing season, guaranteed a rich harvest. The Lord provided both.

The ensuing harvest was an eye-popping wonder to behold. The Lord poured out grain, wine, and oil in superabundance. In this also His people were to acknowledge the greatness of the One who never does things by halves. Not only does He receive the returning prodigal, but He kills the fatted calf besides!

Tasting the Lord's Grace

Before His true greatness can be tasted, however, the Lord must be recognized for what He is. Before His temporal blessings can be received in fullness of joy, a spiritual ingredient must be added to the festive dish that the Lord serves up. True joy is spiritual in character. Only when the Lord's bountiful harvest is seasoned with His pardoning grace, can it be truly relished and properly assimilated. For this there is needed a “teacher of righteousness” who will instruct God's people concerning His ways.

Here we run into an interesting and difficult passage. Our version renders Joel's words as “the former rain moderately.” According to their more natural and more common usage, the original words mean “the teacher of righteousness.” This seems also to fit the context better. But this rendering presents a new difficulty.

Who Is the “Teacher of Righteousness”?

To whom would the designation “teacher of righteousness” refer? To Joel himself, who at that very time

was instructing the people in the ways of the Lord? To Moses or other inspired Prophets, who were instructing the people through their written words? Or to the Messiah, who would finally and fully reveal the wondrous ways of the Lord God?

The context, which represents the sending of the “teacher of righteousness” as contemporaneous with the sending of the rainfall, seems to favor the thought that Joel himself is the “teacher of righteousness.” Yet, Bible scholars think it unlikely that Joel would thus refer to himself. If we bear in mind that Joel's address was built upon the testimony of Moses and the other prophets who proclaimed the Lord's righteousness before Joel, the designation can be taken to refer to every “teacher of righteousness” who is bringing his witness to bear upon God's great works of the moment. Thus it could refer to Joel and to other Prophets who served to put the Lord's deeds in their proper perspective. And since Joel's message pointed forward to God's continuing mighty works for His people, the reference would also include the advent of the Messiah as the final fulfillment.

This understanding fits also with the message in the following and concluding portion of Joel's book, which announced the outpouring of God's Spirit upon all flesh. Before that is taken up, however, we shall pause in our studies for a season.

The important thing for Judah was to know the Lord in the fullness of His grace and to know that His imputed righteousness covered their unrighteousness. Only when His people knew that, could they be fully satisfied with the Lord's bounty.

It is the same with us, isn't it?

PAUL E. NITZ

RECORD ENROLLMENT AT DMLC

After a three-week delay because of construction problems, Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota, began its 87th year with an opening service on Monday, October 5. President Conrad Frey served as liturgist, and speaker for the occasion was the Rev. Carl Mischke, first vice-president of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod. He based his sermon on the Parable of the Good Samaritan, pointing out two wrong attitudes and a correct attitude, as seen in the personalities of the parable. The audience, consisting mainly of students and faculty, was encouraged to foster the attitude of the Good Samaritan, who realized that all he had really came from God and was his to share with God and his fellow men.

During the service Pastor Otto Engel, chairman of the DMLC Board of Control, inducted 14 full-time faculty members and five additional instructors into their respective positions.

The college faculty now totals 47 professors, four assistant instructors, 19 instructors of instrumental music, and four supervising teachers.

Registration revealed an all-time high enrollment. The enrollment by classes is as follows: 245 freshmen, 207 sophomores, 170 juniors, and 181 seniors, plus six part-time students, for a total of 809. Previous high had been 636, with 146 freshmen.

Martin Luther Academy, located on the same campus, opened its school year on September 9 with 265 students. Pastor Edmund Schulz, chairman of the Academy Board of Control, inducted four new faculty members and three assistants at the Academy's opening. The Academy faculty numbers 12 called members and four assistant instructors. Physical education and instrumental music instructors often teach in both the college and the academy.



Front: Mrs. Lauris Plath, Mrs. Steven Gauger, Mrs. Edward Bradtke, instrumental music instructors; rear: Ronald Shilling, Francis Schubkegel, music; absent: Ames Anderson, music



Marie Miller, instrumental music; Mary Thomsen, physical education; Edward Friedrich 111, English



Gerald Jacobson, librarian; Steven Gauger, physical education-science, assistant instructor; William McCollum, English; A. Kurt Grams, registrar; John Isch, education; Richard Buss, English



Marvin Meihack, social studies; Darvin Raddatz, religion-social studies; LeRoy Levorson, social studies; Harold Yotter, mathematics; John Micheel, mathematics; absent: Delmar Brick, religion and recruitment

Dedication at Ringle, Wisconsin

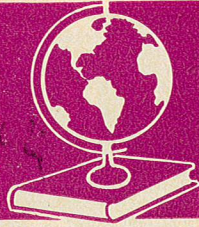
Members and friends of Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, Ringle, gathered to dedicate their new church on August 9, 1970. Pastor Paul Huth, Brownsville, Wisconsin, preached in the early morning service, and District President C. Mischke in the second service. The Rev. R. Schultz of Wausau delivered the sermon in the evening service.

The new structure replaces a former building that had served faithfully for over 50 years. The church is of frame construction, 36'x60' in size, with a fellowship-Sunday school wing, 44'x32' in size. The total number of square feet is just over 3,600. The church will easily accommodate 140 with room for overflow. Cost

of the structure was \$36,000 — made possible by countless hours of donated labor.

Considering the many blessings bestowed by God while the church was being constructed, the great amount of talented volunteer help, the good weather, it is small wonder that the phrase "God is with us" came to be the watchword of the congregation. God was with Grace Congregation as it built its house of worship. Our prayer for the future is that He be with us as we endeavor to build the real church, which is accomplished when men are brought to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

PASTOR NEIL HANSEN



Speaking Out on Education

SENSITIVITY TRAINING

"Get to know the person next to you without words" . . . "We sit with our eyes closed, thinking about what we feel" . . . "The 'laying on of hands' to establish communication is a big part of any encounter" . . . "We were challenged to take off our masks, throw away our crutches and 'be'" . . . "We were urged to discuss our feeling of the moment—in the here and now—with absolute honesty" . . . "Somebody eventually calls you a phoney and a coward" . . . "Let's all scream!" The expressions come from those who have experienced one of the fastest spreading techniques on today's educational scene: sensitivity training.

Experience-Based Training

Recently somebody observed that sensitivity training cannot be written about, but only experienced. In so doing, he has introduced us to one of the main characteristics of all the programs—learning based on experience. Participants in sensitivity sessions are expected to learn by analyzing their own experiences. The data for such learning is their own behavior, feeling, and reactions. Technically speaking, this sort of learning assumes that what we know comes largely through nonverbal communication. You learn when you "feel" with another human being and sit with him in his situation. Touching, body movement, and a frank exchange of one's inner feeling, therefore, play a large role in the training.

T-Groups and Encounter Sessions

The primary setting for sensitivity training is the T-group ("T" for training) usually small. The group leader is no longer a "professor" or "teacher," but a trainer or facilitator.

The sessions are not structured. The following example from the NTL (National Training Laboratories) Institute, a recognized professional organization, serves as an illustration: "This group will meet for many hours and will serve as a kind of laboratory where each individual can increase his understanding of the forces which influence individual behavior and the performance of groups and organizations. . . . We begin with no definite structure or organization, no agreed upon procedures, and no specific agenda. It will be up to us to fill the vacuum created by the lack of these familiar elements and to study our group as we evolve. My role will be to help the group to learn from its own experience."

But the term sensitivity training covers a wider spectrum of activities and programs than that described above. Indeed, the increase in the number of programs has caused the experts in the field no end of concern! Undoubtedly the most sensational and publicized form has been the nude marathons of Esalen, California. Here the T-group introduces a person to a kind of psychological nudism. The man who disrobes physically, it is argued, might be able to disrobe emotionally. Less spectacular was the adaptation of the encounter methods to the school community in Bristol Township, Pennsylvania. The school system adopted a human-relations training program for its staff and community leaders. Touching and feeling were not used. Rather the school sought understanding in its racially mixed community through confrontation sessions. In the meetings hostile groups were encouraged to give vent to their feelings in an effort to encourage mutual under-

standing. Most recently encounter sessions have been featured between faculty and students and in college orientation programs.

Sensitivity to Others

Whatever form they assume, most sensitivity training programs are designed to place people in a group situation. In this setting it is hoped that each person will be drawn out of himself and become alive to the others around him. In such a way, proponents claim, he will realize his potential more fully. By being close to and open with one another, people are said to become less emotionally inhibited and, as a result, will open the lines of communication.

Such training is said to be especially beneficial to the uptight generation of the business world. This educational technique, therefore, has been accepted in the training of such varied occupations as insurance salesmen and business executives. The quest for a breakthrough in human relationships does not end there. In California thousands of teachers and administrators are enrolling in education courses featuring sensitivity training. They in turn seek to integrate what they have learned and experienced into their classrooms. The result is a rash of public concern over the encounter technique.

To Build Honesty, Trust, and Joy

One of the questions many are asking is what sensitivity training hopes to accomplish. In answer, supporters of the programs point to the stress and strain of modern life for the individual and between groups, especially in the schools. Such tension, it is noted, results in anxiety, loneliness, and withdrawal feelings that

often express themselves in destructive acts.

Training sessions aim to lessen these tensions and promote personal growth. Using the tool of self-expression in an atmosphere of openness, group leaders hope to get people to know themselves, to see themselves as others see them, to be honest with themselves. In the group a person learns to be sensitive to others. The feedback from others is important to him. He will then, the analysts claim, begin to shape his attitudes and conduct to suit the rules of the group in which he lives. The major goal of the sessions, therefore, is to help stimulate honesty, openness, and trust between people. This behavioral approach is supposed to bring joy to the individual and understanding to the community.

Sensitivity Training — Good or Bad?

The public debate over sensitivity programs has raised some sensible questions. Is the training accomplishing what it set out to do? Do the abuses and dangers outweigh the benefits? May not such training contribute to the breakdown of morals?

No one really knows how effective these groups are. Some critics contend the sessions give the participants nothing more than an emotional uplift. Others maintain that supporters of the programs are out to destroy the moral fiber of America. That sensitivity training is fraught with dangers is undeniable. Medical men are worried about its abuses in mental health. The most consistent criticism of the latter sort is leveled against inexperienced group leaders. Teachers, "turned on" by a single sensitivity session, who then experiment with their students, most often do so with disastrous results. Responsibility for unethical practices is most often placed on inexperienced leaders. Even trained leaders find it difficult to judge the emotional stability of group members.

Those who favor the behavioral approach to human problems worry about faddism. This is especially true with regard to college students who

come for an emotional jolt rather than to learn. These dangers caused a reviewer of the T-group technique to warn against groups focusing on experiences rather than learning. Leaders in the field admit much shoddy work is being done. Supporters of sensitivity training, however, explain that the program is too new to judge (the first sessions were held in Maine in 1947).

The Christian, Sensitive to Sensitivity

Aside from these criticisms, Christians will want to examine sensitivity programs from the perspective of the Word of God. Scripture does not prescribe the forms, methods, or techniques of learning as such. Such forms and methods that do not offend against God's Law are left free. They may even be usable vessels into which pour the message of the Gospel. We respect and support all honorable methods that aim to promote a peaceable life and understanding among people, knowing that they are part of God's order in this sinful world. Where such educational efforts and techniques are able to promote civic righteousness—a greater measure of honesty, trust, and happiness among people—we are thankful.

At the same time, as in all things, we realize that this is not the righteousness that avails before God. The righteousness of faith which activates the Christian heart and motivates his entire life and relationship with others comes from the Gospel. Christian concern for others is a fruit of his faith. For, as Luther once observed, "the Christian lives not in himself, but in Christ and in his neighbor. He lives in Christ through faith, in his neighbor through love. Otherwise he is not a Christian."

On the other hand, wherever participation in any program passes the bounds of conscience and God's Law, is destructive to Christian faith, or offends Christian modesty and moderation, the child of God will not participate. Too often the attempt to unmask the hypocrisy of our hearts by such methods is used as a mask for a libertine life. Most foreign to the

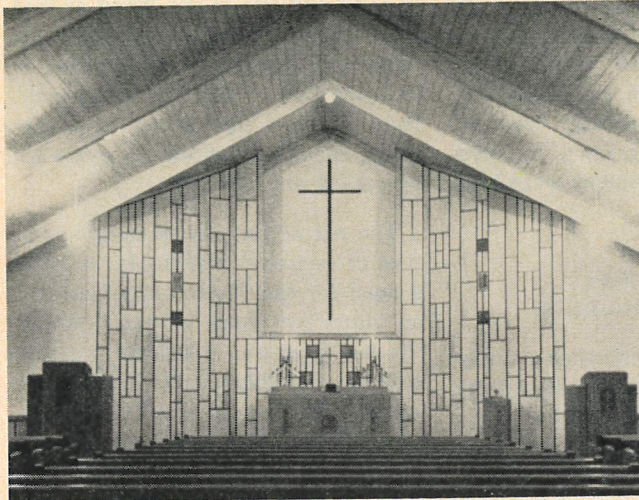
Christian faith is the thought that ethical values are to be measured by group standards. Our unerring guide in faith and life is the Word of God. It is hoped that the collective conscience of sensitivity groups will reflect the Law of God written in man's heart. Where this is not the case, moral chaos will follow, if unchecked by reason and law.

The use of sensitivity training as a type of secular confessional points up a need for the Church. Confession is an important part of the Church's life and practice. In Christian confession we are able to see ourselves as we are, in the mirror of God's Law. In Christian confession we are able to bare our souls before God and man in the admission of our sinfulness, knowing that God, the searcher of hearts, is able to uncover what we have hidden. Christian confession brings the solid joy of release from guilt through the Gospel. In thankfulness we serve. Review for yourself the fifth chief part of the Catechism: "Confession embraces two parts. . . ."

Perhaps we have been remiss here. Perhaps a review of the training technique treated above ought to make us think again about the words of counsel Luther gives concerning the evangelical use of private confession: "As for private confession as practiced today, though it cannot be proved from Scripture, yet it seems a highly satisfactory practice to me; it is useful and even necessary. I would not wish it to cease; rather I rejoice that it exists in the Church of Christ, for it is a singular medicine for afflicted consciences. If we lay bare to a brother what lies on our conscience, and in confidence unveil that which we have kept hidden, we receive, through the mouth of a brother, a comfort which God has spoken. When we accept this in faith, it gives us peace by the mercy of God through the words spoken to us by a brother."

ARNOLD J. KOELPIN
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Church and School Dedicated at Trinity, Hoskins, Nebraska



Chancel of Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Hoskins, Nebraska

On August 23, 1970, nearly 1,300 members and friends of Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church assembled to dedicate its new church and school building.

Three services of praise and thanksgiving were conducted. In the morning dedication service, Prof. C. Frey, president of DMLC, preached on I Corinthians 3:9-11. Prof. Frey reminded those present that in dedicating their new facilities they were "laborers together with the Lord." The Rev. G. Frank, Ixonia, Wisconsin, a former pastor of Trinity, delivered the afternoon sermon, using Genesis 28:16-19 as his text. He emphasized the thought that this new house of worship is to be used as a base from which to help spread the Gospel of Christ

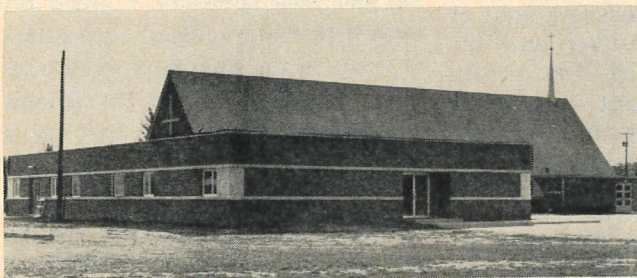
to all people. In the evening service special emphasis was given to Christian education by Pastor G. Free, president of the Nebraska District. Speaking on Psalm 26:8, he directed the attention of the congregation to the many blessings God had granted them especially through the Christian day school. The choir and children of the school, under the direction of Principal Ronald Schmidt, sang appropriate hymns. The undersigned read the rite of dedication and served as liturgist.

Trinity's prayers for a new church and school began to come true when the congregation in October 1968 resolved to build. Groundbreaking ceremonies were held on September 14, 1969. The cornerstone was set on May 31, 1970. The new building is constructed of brick and cement block. Laminated wood arches support the roof of the church and form the sanctuary. The church, measuring 52'x84', has a seating capacity of 425. The pews are so arranged that no worshiper's view of the chancel is obstructed. Highlighting the chancel is a large cross above the altar. The school, 52'x72', is attached to the church, giving the structure an L-shape. It contains two large classrooms, an office, and a library-instruction room. Total cost of the building and furnishings is about \$101,000.

In dedicating this new church and school, we pray earnestly that God will continue to permit His Word and Sacraments to be preached, taught, and administered here in truth and purity so that many more souls may be brought to and sustained in the one saving faith in Jesus Christ. To this end we pray: "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).

J. EDWARD LINDQUIST

Educational Wing Added at Benton Harbor, Michigan



Educational Wing of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

By the grace of God, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Benton Harbor was privileged to dedicate its new educational wing on September 21, 1970. Pastor J. Brenner, first vice-president of the Michigan District, was the guest speaker. He reminded the large gathering that the

fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, a truth particularly necessary for our times.

Good Shepherd's building program included a remodeling of the church, increasing its fellowship room to a 60'x35' area, and the addition of two classrooms, each 29'x30', plus a kitchen, and a spacious hallway. The construction provided 4,200 square feet of additional space for the congregation's work.

The addition was planned and constructed by the Rogien Construction Company of Eau Claire, Michigan, at a cost of \$95,000. Loans for the project were obtained from members and friends and from the Lutheran Association for Church Extension.

Building was begun in early June and completed in time so that the first classes of the new Michigan Lutheran High School could be held there on September 8, 1970. May the addition be used to the glory of God for many years to come!

W. J. ZARLING, Pastor

New WELS Church in St. Louis County, Missouri

Martin Luther Ev. Lutheran Church, St. Louis County, Missouri, was privileged to dedicate its first permanent house of worship on October 11, 1970. More than 300 people gathered to thank and praise God for His marvelous blessings during the 3½-year existence of the congregation. In the morning service of dedication, Minnesota District Mission Board chairman, the Rev. E. F. Peterson, delivered the sermon, and the pastor of the congregation read the order of dedication. Dr. S. Becker, Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, preached the sermon for the afternoon service of praise and thanksgiving.

The 3280-square-foot building, the first unit of a contemplated church plant, was erected using the modular method of construction. Cost was under \$85,000. The sanctuary will seat 150. The multipurpose fellowship hall-Sunday school area will seat 90 at tables. All church furnishings, including pews, altar, lectern, pulpit, parameters, cross, and candelabra were purchased from another church for \$500.

Martin Luther Congregation was organized in November 1967. In 1968 it purchased 3.2 acres of land, and engaged Roy D. Murphy and Associates, Urbana, Illinois, as architect. Actual construction began on June 10, 1970.

The first service in the completed building was held on September 20.

The members of Martin Luther Congregation thank God for His many blessings. They also thank the members of the Wisconsin Synod for their prayers, guidance, and the construction loans. May this building serve to further Gospel preaching in the St. Louis area!

ROGER R. ZEHMS, Pastor



First Service and Cornerstone-Laying at Martin Luther Ev. Lutheran Church on September 20, 1970

We Turn to the Psalter . . .

. . . to Remind Us of Our Priceless Treasure Psalm 119:9-16

The second section of Psalm 119 reflects the attitudes of a true child of God towards His holy Word. "I have rejoiced in the way of Thy testimonies" (v. 14); "I will meditate in Thy precepts" (v. 15); "I will delight myself in Thy statutes: I will not forget Thy Word" (v. 16) — so speaks the redeemed and ransomed sinner as he is led to realize how precious a treasure the inspired Scriptures really are to him.

We would like to share with you a few remarks made by Dr. Martin Luther on the subject of the Holy Scriptures. Here are some of the things which he said in several of his "Tischreden." — "The Bible, or

Holy Scripture, is like a beautiful and spacious orchard in which all sorts of trees are growing. From these trees we can pick many different kinds of fruits. Thus in the Bible we have rich and precious comforts, teachings, admonitions, warnings, promises, etc. The Holy Scriptures are full of divine gifts and virtues. The books of the heathen taught nothing of faith, hope, and love; they know nothing of these things. Their books are directed only at that which is present; they treat only those things which a man can comprehend and grasp with his natural intelligence. In their books you will find nothing of trust in God and of hope in the Lord.

"In the Psalms and in Job we may see and find how these two books treat the concept of faith, hope, patience, and prayer. Briefly stated, the Holy Scripture is the best and the highest book of God, full of comfort in all manner of trials and temptations; it teaches us about faith, hope, and love; it tells us far more about these matters than human reason and understanding can comprehend. And, in times of trouble and vexations, it teaches how these virtues should shine; it teaches also that after this poor and miserable life there is another which is eternal and everlasting."

Just a short selection such as this one from Luther's writings shows us that he truly sought the Lord with his whole heart just as the Psalmist did (Ps. 119:10) — as we are to do also. Keeping in mind how priceless a treasure the Word of God really is, we will surely want to join the Psalmist in this prayer: "O let me not wander from Thy commandments; teach me Thy statutes; help me not to forget Thy Word."

PHILIP R. JANKE

Ascension at Escondido, Calif., Dedicates New Parsonage



Parsonage at Escondido, California

"God hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad" (Ps. 126:3) was the theme of the day when the members of Ascension Ev. Lutheran Church of Escondido, California, met to dedicate their new parsonage on Sep-

tember 20, just 2½ months after ground was broken for the project. A brief service of dedication was held at the parsonage, followed by an open house.

The new parsonage, designed to give a Spanish effect, is located in a picturesque setting. Mountains dotted with citrus orchards supply the backdrop. The 3-bedroom house is of frame construction with a lace-textured stucco exterior. Its cost of \$21,500 was met through the Parsonage-Teacherage Fund.

Escondido is one of the fastest growing towns in southern California. Ascension Lutheran Church started as a mission a little over two years ago, and today numbers 52 communicants and 84 souls. Services are presently being held in the Escondido Women's Club, a rented facility, until such time that the congregation will be able to erect its own house of worship. The members of Ascension Ev. Lutheran Church are grateful to the Lord of the Church for all the gifts He has showered on them.

LYLE W. LANGE, Pastor

The Gospel of Christ in Norfolk, Virginia

Site of the world's largest naval installation, the Tidewater Area of Virginia, made up of Norfolk and six neighboring cities, boasts of its role in our nation's history. Still bearing scars of the Revolutionary War and treasuring fond memories of the Confederacy in its glory, it today daily sends out men, planes, and ships to take an active part in making history in Asia and the Middle East. Amid the display of the power of a mighty nation, the Lord of the Church has chosen to demonstrate the power of His Word. The Tidewater Area of Virginia is the home of Resurrection Ev. Lutheran Church, one of the younger congregations in the Colonial Conference.

Stationed at some of the nine military bases in the area, a number of members of the Wisconsin Synod found themselves among fellow believers, but without a pastor. This need was met in late 1967 when Civilian Chaplain Luther Voss, having just returned from Vietnam, began conducting special services for this group in addition to his already heavy schedule of serving most of the bases

in the southeastern part of our country. Beginning with just a few souls, the group was so blessed by the Lord that despite the transient nature of its membership, it grew to such a size that its first full-time pastor could be installed in June 1970. An average Sunday now finds 40 persons gathered to hear the Word of God and to receive His Sacraments.

All but one of the families of the congregation are connected with the military and must contend with "weekend duty" and tours of duty that may take a man away for months at a time. Presently, five families must pay toll to cross the Hampton Roads Tunnel in order to worship with us. This can cost up to \$2.50 per round trip. To come to special classes or meetings means more tolls.

However, the members of Resurrection Lutheran do not, and should not, feel that the Lord is asking them to make unreasonable sacrifices. He has blessed them abundantly! They are among the favored few in this



Members of Resurrection Congregation, Norfolk, Virginia



Pastor Paul Ziemer

part of the nation who have the Gospel in its truth and purity. From their very beginning they have had a pastor to bring this Word to them. The Lord has also provided them with more than adequate temporary worship facilities in Norfolk Academy, a well-known private prep school at the junction of Highways 64 and 13 in Norfolk. Worship services begin at 9:30 A.M. and Sunday school and Bible class follow.

With their own eyes members of Resurrection have seen the Lord's mighty acts. They have seen Him search out His own and use many unusual circumstances to bring about the results He desires. They have heard

calls for the Gospel come from faraway places, and they have seen Him open door after door that His work might be carried out. His Word has not returned unto Him void in the Tidewater Area either. Yes, even "they that go down to the sea in ships" must "sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving and declare His works with rejoicing" (Ps. 107).

PAUL ZIEMER, Pastor

Note: Pastor Ziemer also serves as contact pastor for the military bases in North Carolina. Names may be sent directly to him at 676 Green Valley Drive, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23462, or to the Lutheran Spiritual Welfare Commission.

† Teacher J. W. Werth †

August 22, 1970

Jacob (James) W. Werth, a retired Christian day-school teacher, passed away after a brief illness on August 22, 1970. He was born on December 21, 1891, and received his preparation for the teaching ministry at Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, graduating in 1915.

His assignment to teach at St. John's Ev. Lutheran School, Pigeon, Michigan, was interrupted by service in the Armed Forces from 1917-1919. From 1919-1950 he taught in St. John's Lutheran School, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Funeral services were conducted at the Wulff Crest Wood Park Chapel, St. Paul, Minnesota, on August 25, 1970, by Pastor Martin Petermann of St. John's. Mr. Werth's body was laid to rest in Eagle River, Wisconsin, to await the resurrection to life everlasting. He is survived by two brothers.

"The memory of the just is blessed!"

† Pastor G. Marquardt †

October 24, 1970

Gerhardt Marquardt was born in Watertown, Wisconsin, on September 11, 1902. In preparing for the Gospel ministry, he attended Northwestern College, Watertown, Wisconsin, and the Lutheran Seminary, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, from where he graduated in 1926.

On June 26, 1926, Pastor Marquardt was married to the former Pearl Wing, who survives him together with their two children, Robert Marquardt and Mrs. Herbert Anderson, and six grandchildren.

Pastor Marquardt was called to his eternal rest on October 24, 1970. Funeral services were conducted at the Lutheran Chapel in West Palm Beach, Florida, on October 25, 1970, by Pastor J. C. Berger. On October 27, 1970, a service was held at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Watertown, Wisconsin. Burial took place in Watertown.

Pastor Marquardt served a number of parishes, beginning at Greenleaf, Wisconsin, in 1926. Subsequently he was pastor at Hurley, Wisconsin, and then for 33 years at Schofield, Wisconsin. Later he did mission work in the Los Angeles area and at Cutler Ridge, Florida. He retired in 1966.

"Father, I will that they also whom Thou hast given Me, be with Me where I am" (John 17:24).

H. E. PAUSTIAN

† Teacher P. Kolander †

October 26, 1970

Funeral services for Teacher Paul G. Kolander were conducted in St. John Ev. Lutheran Church, Waterloo, Wisconsin, on October 28, 1970. His pastor, Harold A. Essmann, addressed the family and friends on Psalm 46: "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble; therefore will not we fear." Burial took place in Waterloo.

Mr. Kolander was born on July 17, 1896, in Heron Lake Township, near Lakefield, Minnesota, and received his professional education at Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, graduating in 1916.

After teaching at Bay City, Michigan, for eight years and at Elmhurst, Illinois, for two years, he accepted the call as principal of St. John Lutheran School in Waterloo, teaching

there from 1926 until his retirement in June 1969, a period of 43 years. He gave his Lord 53 years of faithful service in the teaching ministry.

Our brother departed this life on October 26, 1970. He is survived by his wife, the former Meta Frank, whom he married on July 12, 1921. Also surviving are three sons: Rob-



Paul G. Kolander

ert, principal of Woodlawn Lutheran School, West Allis, Wisconsin; Kenneth, principal of Mt. Olive Lutheran School, Appleton, Wisconsin; and Franklin, principal of St. Paul Lutheran School, Arlington, Minnesota. Other survivors include six grandchildren, three brothers, and two sisters.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth. Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."

HAROLD A. ESSMANN

Commission on Higher Education

Installs Its First Executive Secretary



Pastor Robert J. Voss

In a service conducted in St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, on the evening of October

11, 1970, presidents of five Synodical schools assisted at the installation of Pastor Robert J. Voss as Executive Secretary of the Commission on Higher Education—Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Represented by their presidents were Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Northwestern College, Dr. Martin Luther College, Martin Luther Academy, and Northwestern Lutheran Academy.

The rite of installation was read by Pastor Richard D. Balge, chairman of the Commission on Higher Education and pastor of the Wisconsin Lutheran Chapel at Madison. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Karl J. Otto, pastor of St. John's. Also assisting in the service was Pastor Luther Voss, father of the executive secretary.

Pastor Robert Voss, formerly president of the Wisconsin Lutheran College (now merged with Dr. Martin Luther College), in his new position is charged with the administrative responsibility for long range planning for the Synod's schools and with the duty of seeing that the educational programs of the Synodical

schools, individually and collectively, make the maximum contribution to the Synod's objectives.

Pastor Voss is a graduate of Northwestern College and the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. Before becoming president of Wisconsin Lutheran College he was pastor of Faith Lutheran Church, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin (1951-1955) and of Siloah Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin (1955-1963).

In assuming his duties Pastor Voss asked members of the Synod to join him in the prayer that the words spoken by the Lord to Joshua, and used by Pastor Otto for the installation sermon, may always be the guiding principles in his service to the Church: "Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the Law which Moses My servant commanded thee; turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest. This Book of the Law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein, for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success" (Josh 1:7,8).

Direct from the Districts

Michigan

Pastor Bloom 25 Years at St. Jacob's

On the afternoon of September 27, 1970, the members of St. Jacob's Lutheran Church, Grass Lake, Michigan, gathered to observe 25 years of faithful service to the congregation by Pastor Andrew Bloom. Pastor L. Hallauer, Ann Arbor, addressed the congregation on Philippians 2:29, mentioning why those who minister in divine things should be held in high esteem. Pastor Paul Seiltz, Jackson, served as liturgist. A social gathering followed the service.

Colonial Conference News

New Pastors Three new pastors were recently added to the Colonial Conference. On June 28 Paul Ziemer was installed by Pas-

tor Walter Beckmann as pastor of Resurrection Lutheran Church, Norfolk, Virginia. On July 12 Paul Kelm was installed as the pastor of Faith Lutheran Church, Pittsfield, Massachusetts. He was installed by Pastor Karl R. Gurgel. On July 26 Pastor Beckmann installed John Mittelstaedt as pastor of the Landover Mission, Prince Georges County, Maryland.

New Buildings The "first unit" chapel of *Peace Lutheran Church*, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, was dedicated on Sunday, October 18. The Michigan District Mission Board chairman, Pastor Daniel Gieschen, preached in the afternoon Service of Dedication. December 6 will be a day of joy for *Our Savior's Lutheran Church*, East Brunswick, New Jersey. It is the day

they plan to dedicate their new building.—*Atonement Lutheran Church*, Baltimore, is about to open bids for its new chapel. Working drawings for a "first unit" for *Messiah Lutheran Church*, South Windsor, Connecticut, should be complete by the end of the year.

A Holiday Invitation

In the past, those members of our Wisconsin Synod who visited in the Southeast during the Christmas holidays had to forego attending a Sunday or festival service while en route. Today, because of our Synod's expanding home mission program, opportunities for worship are available for those who plan their itineraries and schedules with this in mind.

Exploratory services are being conducted in Atlanta, Georgia, the hub

of travel throughout the Southeast. Our mission nucleus worships in quarters close enough to Atlanta's airport so that even the air traveler may stop over for services. *Our Savior and Redeemer Lutheran Churches* of Birmingham and Huntsville, Alabama, are en route for those proceeding more directly south. *Crown of Life Ev. Lutheran Church* of Slidell (New Orleans), Louisiana,

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Pastor D. Weiser — Tel. 643-5743
3700 Pontchartrain No. 106
Slidell, Louisiana 70458

COLUMBIA:

Mr. W. Otto — Tel. 776-3586
7243 Fontana Drive
Columbia, South Carolina

For you with whom we cannot join personally in worship this Christmas



These Wisconsin Synod Lutherans invite you to worship with them in Atlanta, Georgia

is in an area visited by many. On the seacoast, a loyal group of Lutherans will worship the Christ-Child by means of tape-recorded services until there is a man available to serve them at Columbia, South Carolina.

We invite you to make a point of worshipping with us during your travel in the Southeast. To share the Gospel's glad tidings of great joy with fellow Christians in a civic center, bank, rented house, store front, or private dwelling gives one a renewed appreciation for the "church back home." On the other hand, visits from members of established congregations encourages those in areas isolated from WELS brethren.

As part of your travel preparations, you are urged to contact the following concerning their worship schedule:

ATLANTA:

Mr. F. Ratter — Tel. 948-3028
6810 Temple Circle SW
Atlanta, Georgia

BIRMINGHAM:

Pastor K. Peterson — Tel. 967-5864
3800 Buckingham Lane
Birmingham, Alabama

HUNTSVILLE:

Mr. B. Wiesenmaier — Tel. 881-0841
1203 Appalachee Dr. SE
Huntsville, Alabama

we pray that the Lord may fill your hearts with the joy that is ours in recalling the birth of our Savior!

Minnesota

Excelsior Receives First Resident Pastor

The Rev. Arnold E. Lemke was installed on Sunday evening, September 20, 1970, as the first resident pastor of Faith Ev. Lutheran Church, Excelsior, Minnesota, by Pastor Wm. Wiedenmeyer. The service was held at the Deephaven Village Hall. The Rev. M. Petermann of St. Paul, member of the District Mission Board, preached the sermon.

Faith Ev. Lutheran Church began exploratory services in October 1967. Four families formed the nucleus. In May 1968 the congregation received mission status, and was formally organized in January 1969. In May 1970 it was granted permission to call its first full-time pastor. It today numbers more than 40 souls. The congregation became a member of WELS when its constitution was accepted at the Minnesota District Convention in July 1970.

Pastor Wm. Wiedenmeyer, institutional missionary for the Twin Cities area, had served the congregation from its inception until the present.

Nebraska

Anniversaries

Grace Ev. Lutheran Church of Oskaloosa, Iowa, observed the 25th anniversary of its organization on August 16, 1970. Guest preachers for the occasion were Pastor J. B. Erhart of Glenwood, Minnesota, founder of the congregation, and Pastor G. E. Free, president of the Nebraska District. Pastor W. A. Wietzke has been pastor of the congregation since 1953.

On September 27, 1970, members of St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church of Fort Collins, Colorado, hosted the celebration of the 40th anniversary of Pastor L. Tessmer's ordination and the 40th of Pastor and Mrs. Tessmer's marriage. The special worship service and fellowship supper were attended by members of other congregations of the Colorado Conference.

LWMS Circuit Meeting

More than 70 women from five congregations of the Colorado Conference, which last May formed a circuit of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society, met on Saturday, September 12, 1970, for their fall meeting, at Christ Our Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church in Denver, Larry Ellenberger, minister. Pastor E. Hartzell of East Fork, Arizona, addressed them on the work of the East Fork Apache Mission and the East Fork Nursery. After lunch, three discussion groups met to study the following topics: 1) The place of women in the church and their role as mothers in the home; 2) Witnessing for Christ in our daily lives; and 3) What does the Bible teach about astrology and horoscopes? It was a truly inspiring meeting!

Dedications

Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church of Hoskins, Nebraska, dedicated its new church-school facilities on August 23. Pastor J. Edward Lindquist, the pastor of the church, officiated at the dedication. Prof. C. Frey, the son of a former pastor of the congregation, Pastor G. Frank, a former pastor of Trinity Church, and the Nebraska District president, Pastor G. E. Free, served as guest preachers at the special dedication services.

We should like to share with you the joy at hearing of a great blessing the Lord has granted Trinity Lutheran School of Hoskins, Nebraska. It is this that again this year this

school has 100 per cent of the congregation's school-age children in attendance.

The rebuilt and renovated pipe organ of Christ Ev. Lutheran Church, Beatrice, Nebraska, was dedicated to the service of the Lord on August 30. An organ recital was given that evening by Prof. Bruce Backer of Dr. Martin Luther College. V. Tassler is pastor of Christ Lutheran.

Northern Wisconsin

School Addition Dedicated

On Sunday evening, October 25, 1970, Pastor Clarence Koepsell and members of Grace Ev. Lutheran Congregation, Oshkosh, Wisconsin, dedicated an addition to their Christian day school. The addition consists of two classrooms to replace the temporary classrooms used for the past two years. Also included are offices and a basement all-purpose room under the entire area. Cost of the addition was \$81,000. With the addition, Grace's schoolbuilding, which was dedicated in 1958, now has nine classrooms for its nine teachers and nine grades. Mr. Robert Landvatter is principal of the school. The enrollment is 245.

Guest speaker for the occasion was Grace's former pastor, the Rev. E. F. Lehninger, executive director of Wisconsin Lutheran Child and Family Service, Inc.

May the Lord continue to bless Grace Christian Day School as He has in the past 88 years of its existence in teaching His lambs "the one thing needful"!

Western Wisconsin

Missionaries' Conference

On September 28 and 29, 1970, the

missionaries and the Mission Board of the Western Wisconsin District, and a few guests, met at the Wisconsin Lutheran Chapel in Madison, Wisconsin, the Rev. Richard Balge, pastor. On the evening of the 28th the Mission Board met with each of the missionaries individually. During the group sessions of the conference Pastor Wilmer Valleskey, chairman

recommendation in its October meeting. The press has long used the nickname "Northwestern Prep," the continued use of which the new name will allow.

Evening Classes at Northwestern

Two evening classes at Northwestern College, Watertown, have attracted 115 pastors, teachers, and laymen from the surrounding area. The eight-



Missionaries' Conference: Front: W. Valleskey, A. Laper, K. Gast, W. Schneider, R. Hillemann, D. Rutschow; Rear: W. Lange, R. Balge, R. Ehlert, R. Scharf, F. Kogler, R. Horlamus

of the Michigan District's Evangelism Board, pastor at Detroit, Michigan, delivered two instructive papers on the subject of Evangelism: "The Theology of Evangelism" and "Duties of the Evangelism Committee Chairman." Plans are to make this conference an annual affair for the missionaries of the Western Wisconsin District.

New Name

Northwestern Preparatory School is now the official name for the high school department at Northwestern College, Watertown, Wisconsin. The Board of Control approved the faculty

week classes meet on Wednesday night for one hour. Professor Erwin Scharf teaches "The American Church Scene" and Professor Gerhard Franzmann "Recent Discoveries in Old Testament Archaeology."

Area High Schools

Lakeside Lutheran (Lake Mills) athletic teams have been undefeated this fall. As of late October the cross country team completed its schedule with a 9-0 mark and the football team 9-0. Luther High School (Onalaska) completed its grid season with a 6-3 mark.

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.

REQUEST

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

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

REQUEST

Used, serviceable LUTHERAN HYMNALS are needed for the mission in the Wenatchee, Wash., area. We shall pay postage. Contact:

Mr. Herbert Teas
1134 SE 4th
East Wenatchee, Wash. 98801

OFFER

One mimeograph machine available to any congregation for cost of transportation.

Grace Ev. Lutheran Church
Pastor Alvin R. Kienetz
614 E. Cecil St.
Neenah, Wis. 54956

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

NAMES REQUESTED

BEND, OREGON

The Pacific Northwest District Missionary is now working in Bend, Ore., exploring the possibility of establishing a WELS mission in that area. If you know of someone who might be interested, please contact:

Pastor Warren Widmann
1353 E. 7th St.
Bend, Ore. 97701
Tel.: (503) 382-6432

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

Names of persons interested in WELS services in the Little Rock, Ark., area should be sent to:

Rev. S. Gugler
Chateau Cantrell Apt. No. 51
1701 N. Bryant
Little Rock, Ark. 72207
Or, Phone: (501) 666-7991

NOMINATIONS — DMLC

The following men have been nominated for the professorship in the Religion-Social Studies Department at Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minn.

Rev. Wayne Bartelt—Allenton, Wis.
Mr. Ronald Brutlag—Morton Grove, Ill.
Mr. Owen Johannpeter—Phoenix, Ariz.
Mr. Reuben Kramer—Lannon, Wis.
Mr. Robert Krueger—Lake Mills, Wis.
Rev. Silas Krueger—Tucson, Ariz.
Mr. Robert Ness—Toledo, Ohio
Rev. Philip Press—Pigeon, Mich.
Mr. Werner Roekle—Kewaunee, Wis.
Mr. Anthony Rolloff—New Ulm, Minn.
Rev. Daniel Sabrowsky—Pomona, Calif.
Rev. James Schaefer—Milwaukee, Wis.
Prof. Victor J. Weyland—Moberg, S. Dak.
Mr. Robert Willhite—Algoma, Wis.
Mr. Frederick Wulff—Franklin, Wis.

Any correspondence regarding these candidates should be in the hands of the undersigned by Dec. 16, 1970.

Mr. Gerhard Bauer, Secretary
8730 Nicolett Ave.
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ANNOUNCING NORTHWESTERN COLLEGE CONCERTS

December 13
8:00 p.m. — Christmas Concert
February 14
4:00 p.m. — Pop Concert
March 28
8:00 p.m. — Easter Concert
April 7 to 19
Male Chorus Tour
April 25
8:00 p.m. — Spring Concert
June 2
7:30 p.m. — Commencement Concert
Dr. Arnold O. Lehmann
Chairman, Music Department

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS AT WISCONSIN LUTHERAN SEMINARY

The annual Christmas Concerts will be presented at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, Wisconsin, on Sunday, December 13, 1970, at 2:00 and at 4:00 p.m. in the Seminary Chapel. Between the two concerts dedication of the new Dining Room facilities will take place.

Martin Albrecht
Music Director

APPOINTMENT

Pastor G. Jerome Albrecht of Martin Luther Ev. Lutheran Church, Neenah, Wisconsin, has been appointed a member of the Board of Control of Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm. He will serve as representative of the Northern Wisconsin District, filling the vacancy created when Pastor Samuel Kugler accepted a call into the Nebraska District.

Oscar J. Naumann, President

CALL ACCEPTED

The Board of Control of Northwestern Lutheran Academy informs the members of the Synod that Mr. Ronald Georg has accepted the call as an instructor in the science department at Northwestern Lutheran Academy.
Pastor David Krenke, Chairman

ORDINATIONS AND INSTALLATIONS

Installed

Teachers

Martens, James, as teacher at Bethel Lutheran School, Bay City, Mich., on July 26, 1970, by J. Kurth, authorized by W. J. Zarling (Mich.).
Snell, Robert, as teacher at St. John's Lutheran School, Oak Creek, Wis., on Aug. 23, 1970, by K. Molkentin, authorized by A. C. Buenger (S.E. Wis.).
Wendler, David, as teacher at Riverview Lutheran School, Appleton, Wis., on Aug. 17, 1970, by F. E. Thierfelder, authorized by K. A. Gurgel (N. Wis.).

Pastors

Fuerstenau, G. A., as pastor of St. Andrew's Ev. Lutheran Church, GSR, Medford, Wis., and of St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church, Rib Lake, Wis., on Nov. 8, 1970, by M. Zank, authorized by C. Mischke (W. Wis.).

Rosenow, Carl R., as pastor of Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Town of Liberty, Manitowoc Co., Wis., on Nov. 1, 1970, by H. Kesting, authorized by K. Gurgel (N. Wis.).

Ruege, John, as pastor of Emanuel Ev. Lutheran Church, Flint, Mich., on Nov. 1, 1970, by W. J. Oelhafen, authorized by W. J. Zarling (Mich.).

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TIME AND PLACE OF WORSHIP

NORTH HOUSTON, TEXAS

Abiding Word Ev. Lutheran Church of North Houston, Texas, is holding services in the Bammel Elementary School on Red Oak Dr., 9/10 mile west of I-45 (Dallas Freeway), 3/4 mile north of FM 1960, with S.S. and Bible Class at 9:30, worship service at 10:30. Please send the names and addresses of interested parties living in the Northampton, Memorial Chase, Ponderosa Forest, Westador, Huntwick, Champions, Greenwood Forest, Memorial Hills, Inverness Forest, North Hills, Enchanted Forest, Pine Oak Forest and Bammel Forest subdivisions, and surrounding communities of Spring, Westfield and Tomball to:

Pastor W. R. Gabb
3328 Spring-Stuebner Rd.
Route 4
Spring, Texas 77373
Tel.: (713) 353-7313

PAULLINA, IOWA

WELS services in Paullina, Iowa, are being held each Sunday at the William Miller residence, 313 S. Willow St., Paullina, Iowa. Taped services are conducted at 10:15 a.m. every Sunday except the third Sunday of the month. On that day a Communion service is conducted at 2 p.m. by Pastor Larry Cross of Sioux City, Iowa.

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

Atonement Lutheran Church of Baltimore, Md., now meets at the Harford Hills Elementary School, corner of Joppa and Old Harford Roads. This is between the Beltway Exits 30 and 31. The Sunday school and adult Bible class meet at 10 a.m. The worship service is at 11 a.m. Inquiries and referrals should be addressed to:

Pastor Carl Pagel
2104 Cloville Ave.
Baltimore, Md. 21204

EXPLORATORY SERVICES

EAST WENATCHEE, WASHINGTON

Exploratory services will be held each Sunday at 11 a.m. in the Grant Public School at First and June. For directions please call 884-7731 or 884-4891. Names of such interested in WELS services should be sent to:

Pastor Paul Schliesser
Withrow, Wash. 98863

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

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

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. Zwieg
560 S. Tropical Trail
Merritt Island, Fla. 32952
Telephone (305) 632-4635

1970 PREBUDGET SUBSCRIPTION OFFERINGS

Nine months ended September 30, 1970

	Prebudget Subscription	Pension	Total
Arizona-California	\$ 111,095	\$ 2,557	\$ 113,652
Dakota-Montana	100,153	180	100,333
Michigan	549,081	5,058	544,139
Minnesota	603,992	8,483	612,475
Nebraska	103,385	675	104,060
Northern Wisconsin	628,864	9,396	638,260
Pacific Northwest	36,917	405	37,322
Southeastern Wisconsin	753,792	17,580	771,372
Western Wisconsin	699,457	21,261	720,718
Total — 1970	\$3,586,736	\$65,595	\$3,652,331
Total — 1969	\$3,584,503	\$71,216	\$3,655,719

1970 PREBUDGET SUBSCRIPTION PERFORMANCE

Nine months ended September 30, 1970

	Subscription Amount for 1970	9/12 of Annual Subscription	Subscription and Pension Offerings	Per cent of Subscription
Arizona-California	\$ 152,355	\$ 114,266	\$ 113,652	99.5
Dakota-Montana	164,026	123,020	100,333	81.6
Michigan	791,124	593,343	554,139	93.4
Minnesota	845,967	634,475	612,475	96.5
Nebraska	153,502	115,126	104,060	90.4
Northern Wisconsin	953,435	715,076	638,260	89.3
Pacific Northwest	48,630	36,473	37,322	102.3
Southeastern Wisconsin	1,188,771	891,578	771,372	86.5
Western Wisconsin	1,032,593	774,445	720,718	93.1
Total — 1970	\$5,330,403*	\$3,997,802	\$3,652,331	91.4
Total — 1969	\$5,270,810	\$3,953,108	\$3,655,719	92.5

*The subscription amount for 1970 has been increased \$2,990.00 to include all revisions received by the Stewardship Department as of June 30, 1970.

CURRENT BUDGETARY FUND

Statement of Income and Expenditures

Twelve months ended September 30, 1970, with comparative figures for 1969

	Twelve months ended September 30		Increase or Decrease*	
	1970	1969	Amount	Per cent
Income				
Prebudget Subscription Offerings	\$5,253,651	\$4,698,930	\$554,721	11.8
Gifts and Memorials	75,297	139,965	64,668*	46.2*
Pension Plan Contributions	95,111	99,307	4,196*	4.2*
Bequest	6,894	73,019	66,125*	90.6*
Income from NWPH	16,562	21,562	5,000*	23.2*
Other Income	5,194	4,592	602	13.1
Total Income	\$5,452,709	\$5,037,375	\$415,334	8.2
Expenditures				
Worker-Training	\$1,497,292	\$1,387,198	\$110,094	7.9
Home Missions	1,110,199	1,001,659	108,540	10.8
World Missions	746,389	669,886	76,503	11.4
Benevolences	750,455	712,823	37,632	5.3
Administration and Services	300,462	378,895	78,433*	20.7*
Total Operations	\$4,404,797	\$4,150,461	\$254,336	6.1
Appropriations	693,741	410,640	283,101	68.9
Total Expenditures	\$5,098,538	\$4,561,101	\$537,437	11.8
Operating Gain	\$ 354,171	\$ 476,274		

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CORRECTION

An unfortunate typographical error crept into the address given for Missionary Theodore Sauer in the November 8 issue of THE NORTHWESTERN LUTHERAN. The Post Office Box number was in error. His corrected address is:

Missionary Theodore A. Sauer
Post Office Box 1971
Lusaka, Zambia
Africa

BROWNSVILLE — HARLINGEN —
MCALLEN, TEXAS

Exploratory services sponsored by the Arizona-California District Board for Home Missions are being held on the second and fourth Sundays of each month at the Episcopal Mission Chapel, Texas St. at Fifteenth St., in Mercedes, Tex. Bible class and Sunday school are conducted at 6:30 p.m. and the worship service at 7:30 p.m. Please send the names of WELS families or prospects living in the Rio Grande Valley area to:

Pastor William Krueger
4542 Lyceum Drive
San Antonio, Tex. 78229

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