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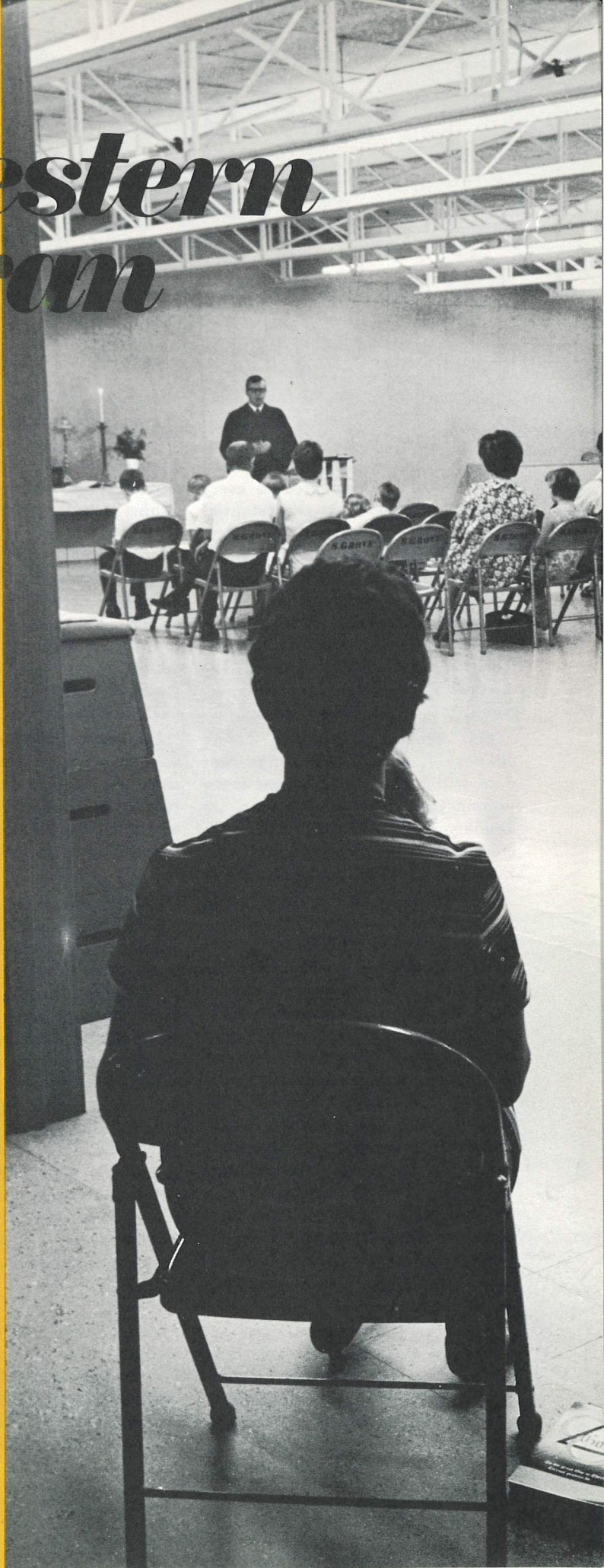
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This particular issue of *The Northwestern Lutheran* is being sent to all congregations of the Michigan and Minnesota Districts in sufficient quantity to be distributed to every home. We hope that a substantial number of these homes will become new readers of our Synod's family paper. Copies of the issue of October 22 will be sent to congregations of the Western Wisconsin, Dakota-Montana, and Pacific Northwest Districts. The congregations of the other Districts will receive complimentary copies of the November issues.

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We would also like to put in a plug for the other periodicals published within the Synod. The *Junior Northwestern*, published monthly for the last 53 years, is a 16-page illustrated magazine meant for children in the 7-14 year age group. In many different ways it seeks to bring the "One Thing Needful" to the attention of its young readers. If yours is a home with children, it would be well for you to subscribe to this magazine. The three editors are members of the Dr. Martin Luther College faculty. A subscription costs \$1.50 for one year, \$3.50 for three years, and \$5.00 for five years. The periodical is to be ordered through the Northwestern Publishing House.

Two other publications ought also be read by more of our laymen. They are the *Wisconsin Lutheran Quarterly*, our theological journal, and *The Lutheran Educator*. The *Wisconsin Lutheran Quarterly*, in its 69th year,

is edited by the faculty of our Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon. The price of this publication is \$4.00 per year, \$10.00 for three years. Order it through the Northwestern Publishing House. — *The Lutheran Educator* costs \$1.50 per year. Subscriptions are to be sent to the Board for Parish Education, 3614 W. North Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53208. This publication ought to be in every home interested in Christian education for its children. Both teachers and parents can benefit from reading it.

Undoubtedly *Meditations*, our devotional booklet, is well known to most of you. Costing only \$1.25 per year, your family cannot afford to be without it. Send a gift subscription to a friend or a prospect.

Our thanks to Mr. Kurt E. Hinnenthal for the article on the WELS missions in Minnesota. Mr. Hinnenthal is a member of Timothy Lutheran Church, St. Louis Park, Minnesota, and the general manager of Harkraft Inc., Minneapolis. His article demonstrates his deep interest in the work of missions. Since 1964 he has been a member of the Minnesota District Mission Board, and since 1967 he has served on the General Board for Home Missions. Photographs for the article — including the cover picture — were taken by Prof. Robert Sievert, principal of St. Croix Lutheran High School, West St. Paul. Thank you both!

Perhaps some readers might be interested in a copy of President J. Preus' report regarding the doctrinal position of the St. Louis Seminary. If so, send \$3.00 to: Report, Box 201, St. Louis, Missouri 63166.

*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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OUR COVER

Shepherd of the Hills Ev. Lutheran Church, Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota, worshipping in a public-school gymnasium. Pastor William Staab of St. Croix Lutheran High School conducting the service. See page 340.

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Editorials

“So Run Ye . . .” The summer Olympic Games have been televised from Munich and watched by millions via satellite. But they were just as popular in the days of the Apostles as they are now. People then came from every corner, too, and thrilled to see athletes of incredible strength and stamina compete for the crown.

Running and boxing were great favorites, for these events pitted man against man. In these two sports you can't fault your teammates for losing. In the ring and on the track there is no one to help you, no substitute to take your place when the going gets rough.

To these two contests Paul compares Christian discipleship: “They which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize; so run ye . . . so fight I, not as one that beateth the air.”

Here the athlete himself is his own worst enemy. Self-control, self-discipline, self-denial are essential, and no one can do it for him. He hurts only himself if he cheats on the weary training and gruelling roadwork.

This is what makes repentance so painful. We do not ask God to change the rules to make discipleship easier. We pray God to change us so that we can take the stiff discipline, and competition and criticism of spectators.

Many dream of wearing the victor's crown, till they find out what it takes to win it. And so it is. People actually are not confused about the rules of real discipleship. Most simply won't pay the price.

The “crown of life” comes only to the faithful who has “fought a good fight” and “finished his course.”

John Parcher

There Is No Difference Not many years ago a person who returned from a trip abroad almost qualified as a lecturer, at least on an amateur basis. Such travels were pretty well restricted to the rich, the unusually adventurous, and immigrants returning for a visit to their homeland after a life of labor in this new land flowing with milk and honey. Quite a few people never traveled beyond the confines of their native state.

Nowadays travelers returning from extended trips in foreign lands are a dime a dozen. They include thousands upon thousands of almost penniless young people and a host of ordinary folks as well as the wealthy and the heroic. The accounts of their travels, replete with slides, generally do not reach beyond captive audiences of relatives and friends.

All this wandering in strange places has at least one common effect. It impresses previously provincial minds

with the fact that people are people wherever one goes and that they react to the same stimuli in essentially the same way. Children play and laugh and cry. Young men and women are attracted to one another and get married. Work, hunger, thirst, sickness, death, joy, sorrow, and sin are realities wherever you go.

Thus people in foreign lands appear less as subhuman creatures, fit only for the crumbs which fall from our tables. The well-known words of Paul's sermon in Athens, “He hath made of one blood all nations of men,” take on real meaning. And we learn that from the standpoint of needs, both temporal and spiritual, “there is neither Jew nor Greek,” as Paul said.

Perhaps all this will have the effect of helping us to realize that the people in our own community or in our own country are not the only real people in the world and that a world mission program is not a luxury to be indulged in only when there is money left over.

In the eyes of the Lord “there is no difference.” And the more we realize this, the better equipped we are to carry out His Great Commission.

Immanuel Frey

When Exclusiveness Is Right Who of us has not been annoyed or even incensed by adherents of religious groups who

tell us bluntly that their religion is right and that ours is wrong? The Jehovah's Witnesses insist that they know who the real Jesus Christ is; we don't. The Mormons state that our doctrine of justification by faith alone “has exercised an influence for evil since the early days of Christianity.” The Seventh-day Adventists declare that our observance of Sunday instead of the Jewish Sabbath is the abomination foretold in Daniel 7:25.

They nettle us when they tell us: “We have the truth; you don't.” That makes us out to be fools for believing religious lies.

But aren't we guilty of the same arrogance when we declare that what our church teaches is right, while the teachings of others are wrong where they disagree with us? Aren't we just as absolute and obnoxious as we consider those to be who reject our doctrines?

Being absolute about one's creed is not wrong in itself. A man should be sure of what he believes. If he can't teach religious truth out of conviction, he shouldn't teach it at all.

The question is: “Whose exclusiveness is right?” Both can't be, because they contradict each other. Either Jesus Christ is the true Son of God or He isn't. He can't be both. Either we are justified by faith or we aren't. We can't be justified both by faith and by works.

Who is right? The one who can go to the only authority for religious truth and prove his doctrines there. No more than the Bible teaches, no less than the Bible teaches, and all that the Bible teaches — that determines whether a teaching is right or wrong.

There is nothing wrong in itself with being exclusive, but everything is wrong with being exclusive about what God says is wrong.

Carleton Toppe



Studies in God's Word

Bad Blood in Edom

For thy violence against thy brother Jacob shame shall cover thee, and thou shalt be cut off forever.

In the day that thou stoodest on the other side, in the day that the strangers carried away captive his forces, and foreigners entered into his gates and cast lots upon Jerusalem, even thou wast as one of them.

But thou shouldest not have looked on the day of thy brother in the day that he became a stranger; neither shouldest thou have rejoiced over the children of Judah in the day of their destruction; neither shouldest thou have spoken proudly in the day of distress.

Thou shouldest not have entered into the gate of My people in the day of their calamity; yea, thou shouldest not have looked on their affliction in the day of their calamity, nor have laid hands on their substance in the day of their calamity.

Neither shouldest thou have stood in the crossway to cut off those of his that did escape; neither shouldest thou have delivered up those of his that did remain in the day of distress (Obadiah 10-14).

"Sibling rivalry" someone would call it nowadays. But there was more to the tension between the twins. The struggle of Esau and Jacob began before they were born. "Two nations are in thy womb," their puzzled mother was told, "and the one people shall be stronger than the other peo-

ple, and the elder shall serve the younger," the Lord predicted (Gen. 25:23).

The fact that second-born Jacob was chosen to be the promise-bearer was a display of God's mercy, "that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of Him that calleth" (Rom. 9:11). This did not rule Esau out of God's kingdom. Still a grandson of Abraham and Sarah, he was given the guarantee of God's covenant in his circumcision.

Sour Grapes

Esau was not content with his assigned role, however. He was a "profane person," earthbound, "who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright," and afterward "found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears" (Heb. 12:16,17). Ever envious of his younger twin, Esau developed an unnatural hostility toward his brother. This bitterness was handed down to and harbored by his descendants.

Edom's bitter root bore blighted fruit in Edom's relationship with the brother nation. Moses' humble and reasonable request that Israel be allowed to pass through Edom on the way to Canaan was met with a contemptuous refusal (Num. 20:14-21). David, as well as Saul, found it necessary to restrain the Edomites (II Sam. 8:14). Amaziah had to wage war with Idumea (II Kings 14:7). During the rule of Ahaz Edom invaded Judah (II Chron. 28:7). For cause the prophets Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and Amos inveighed against Edom. At the dawn of the New Testament era the cruel Idumean Herods showed

that the root did not die after the tree had been cut down.

Grapes of Wrath

The indictment brought against Edom was clear: "thy violence against thy brother Jacob . . . thou stoodest on the other side . . . even thou wast as one of them (Israel's enemies)." The substantiating evidence was the pattern that developed out of Edom's ingrown grudge. First Edom gloated over Israel's misfortunes. Then it grabbed off the goods of wounded Israel. Finally it grappled by hand with Israel's fugitives, killing some and delivering others to the enemy. The pattern was repeated time and again when God's people met with calamity until Edom's cup of wrath was filled up.

In a sense the words of Obadiah were a warning to Edom as well as an indictment, for the verbs in verses 12-14 are imperative (jussive) rather than past, as it appears in our translation. In other words, Obadiah wrote: "Look not . . . rejoice not . . . speak not," etc. Obviously, the warning was not heeded, and so the words stand as the substantiated charge for which Edom was doomed.

For us the words remain as a warning. The writer to the Hebrews uses the example of Esau to admonish professing Christians to "follow peace with all men, and holiness without which no man shall see the Lord, looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you and thereby many be defiled; lest there be any fornicator or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright. For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected; for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears" (Heb. 12:14-17).

When the lust of the eyes is mixed with malice and compounded with the root sin of pride and this gets into your blood, only the wrath of God can deal with it. On the other hand, "if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin" (I John 1:7).

Paul E. Nitz



MLS Administration Building

"Old Main" 1867-1962

Michigan Lutheran Seminary

A Seedbed for God's Word



During the past Easter Season, the concert choir of Michigan Lutheran Seminary was touring our congregations on the Eastern Seaboard. In one of the concert's intermissions the student speaker began his own explanation of MLS, about as follows: "Michigan Lutheran Seminary, located in Saginaw, Michigan, was at one time the pastoral seminary for the old Michigan Synod. It is now a high school of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, preparing students for further training to become pastors or teachers." In publicizing and explaining the purpose of MLS in the life of the Wisconsin Synod, that

speaker found it necessary to touch on an outward matter — a name — yet one which may be misunderstood by some of our fellow Christians. Although for some 65 years MLS has not been a seminary in the sense of being a school which prepares and graduates candidates for the ministry; although at times student efforts to change the name have arisen, this academy of the Wisconsin Synod still keeps its original name. By God's grace, it is in a special sense still a seminary. For the purpose of MLS is to be for the Synod a *seminarium*, a Latin word which means *seedbed*. MLS is a *seedbed*, a place where

God's plants, our youth, can grow, later to be transplanted either into Northwestern College, Watertown, Wisconsin, or into Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota.

History of the Seedbed

MLS served the Old Michigan Synod as a pastoral seminary for 20 years, from 1887 to 1907. When the seminary finally closed its doors, the buildings stood vacant for the next three years. Michigan Lutheran Seminary, as it is constituted today, was founded in the year 1910. At a convention of the Ev. Lutheran Joint Synod of Wisconsin and other States

in 1909, the decision was made to reopen the Saginaw school as a four-year high school. The new president and first professor was Pastor O. J. R. Hoenecke of Milwaukee. Classes began on September 13, 1910, with an enrollment of three boys and one girl. The Rev. Conrad Frey became the second president of MLS in January, 1950. He was succeeded in 1966 by the Rev. Martin R. Toepel. Enrollment in recent years has been at capacity — about 350.

During its 62-year history as a Synod preparatory school, Michigan Lutheran Seminary has been used by God as a seedbed for high-school-age boys and girls of the Synod. A two-track curriculum is offered to the students. One course is designed for those boys who are planning to become pastors in Christ's kingdom. The other course is meant for both boys and girls who are planning to become Christian day-school teachers in His kingdom. In recent years about 75 per cent of the graduates have entered our Synod's colleges. Of the graduating class of 1972, 20 boys have been accepted into Northwestern College, and 27 girls and 6 boys have been accepted into Dr. Martin Luther College.

The Seed

Since MLS has a very specific purpose for Christ's kingdom and for the Synod, the *seed*, God's Word, occupies the prominent position in the Seminary's life and work. Every day opens with chapel devotions conducted by members of the faculty. In the devotions senior boys read the Scripture selections. On certain days a choir sings. Varied liturgies from the Lutheran hymnal are used. Tuesday morning mission collections are planned and conducted by the student body. Devotions, based on selected Scripture readings, are held for all dormitory students before the evening study hour. That same inspired Word of God is the foundation for all conduct and discipline in the classroom, on the athletic field, in the student union, in the dining hall, and in the dormitories. Most importantly, the Holy Scriptures are the only textbook of study in religion classes, and are the determining guide for all other subjects. Four area churches serve

the students and faculty for Sunday worship, Lenten and Advent services.

Nurturing the Plants

The students of MLS come from many states and occasionally from one of the Synod's foreign mission areas. A recent study of the sources of enrollment for the last three years, according to states, shows how God has used MLS in the Synod.

Arizona	2
California	5
Connecticut	1
Illinois	25
Indiana	3
Massachusetts	1
Maryland	1
Michigan	392
Ohio	17
South Dakota	1
Wisconsin	6

As returning alumni attest, the opportunity to attend MLS is an experience never to be forgotten and a lifelong reason to thank Christ, the Savior and Head of the Church. Some alumni would also add that school life at MLS is very competitive, since every student carries a full academic load. There are no "cheap" courses — and yet the student of average ability does well, if he uses his time and talents. Other alumni would say that school life at MLS is athletic-oriented. Football, golf, cross-country, basketball, wrestling, track, and baseball attract enthusias-

tic participants. Avid fans attend from throughout Michigan and elsewhere. Cheerleaders, twirlers, and the band add to the excitement of the athletic events. Still, other friends and alumni may point with satisfaction to the music program at MLS. In addition to the thorough music courses, all students intending to be teachers in the upper three classes take piano lessons. Students vie for places in the concert choir, in the madrigals, in the glee club. A snappy band has its many followers at various events throughout the year. Every year either a musical or a play is produced by the students under faculty direction.

An integral part of life for MLS students is a varied program of extracurricular activities. The student council and the very active student-operated planning board arrange for an initiation party, Senior farewell, Senior college tour (Synod schools), homecoming, trips to athletic events, get-togethers, movies, and talent shows.

MLS always has sought to open its facilities for use by all the members of the Synod. In spring the Seminary Booster Club holds an enthusiastic, jam-packed volleyball tourney for the District congregations. A grade-school basketball tourney is held in spring. Annually the District Board for Parish Education uses the Semi-



Graduation at Michigan Lutheran Seminary

nary for Sunday-school teacher-training institutes. Throughout the year the Seminary welcomes visits by school children from the congregations and schools of the District.

What purpose do all of these events serve for future pastors and teachers? Hopefully, to let them know that although they are required to study diligently, they should develop a well-rounded life. The years spent at MLS should be years of Christian fellowship and growth.

Our Facilities — A Plea

MLS is located on a triangular-shaped piece of land on the west side of Saginaw, a city of about 100,000 population. Students are housed in two small dormitories on campus and in two off-campus dormitories (former homes). The size of the enrollment frequently makes it necessary to place older students in "dorm-homes." Although this increased enrollment is a cause for thanksgiving, the housing problem can at times create difficulty in transportation and discipline. This is also true concerning classroom space, gymnasium usage, dining-hall space and the daily routine of living at MLS. Since triple divisions of grades into classes of 30-35 is a must in most subjects, facilities are really being strained. All who are interested in MLS as a training place for future pastors and teachers fervently trust that the Lord will continue to provide for this seedbed. Hopefully, the Synod and its members will soon find a way to strengthen and enlarge the outward framework.

During the school year, the student body, faculty, friends, and alumni often sing the school's favorite hymn, "God's Word is Our Great Heritage." It is a favorite because it well summarizes the purpose of our school, the prayer of its faculty, and the hope of its students. If you wish to visit our school, if your 7th and 8th grades or confirmation class wish to spend a day here, or if your son or daughter wants to enroll in order to partake of our heritage in God's Word, perhaps to preach or teach, you are most welcome.

Prof. Jerome Spaude

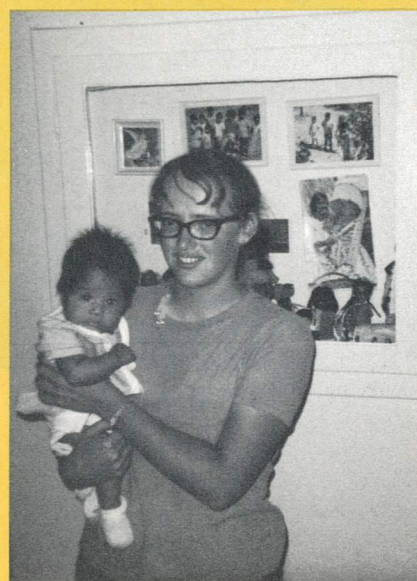
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Lutheran Collegians Support Worker at Apache Lutheran Mission at East Fork, Arizona

Born and raised in Bath, Michigan, Karen Black was introduced to *Lutheran Collegians* at the University of Michigan in East Lansing where she majored in geography and was graduated in 1971. Believing that the Lord wanted her to serve Him directly, she searched for ways to help further His work. This led her to apply about a year and a half ago to the Gospel Overseas (GO) Program. In this program *Lutheran Collegians* recruits and supports members who serve as lay assistants to the ELS mission in Lima, Peru. Unfortunately, Karen has numerous allergies, and the Executive Council of *Lutheran Collegians* was not sure she could receive the necessary medical treatment in Lima. But they did want to use her time and talents in some way. Pastor Norman Berg of the WELS Home Mission Board was contacted for ideas, and less than three months later Karen found herself on the "Green Mountain Stage" headed for the East Fork Lutheran Nursery in Arizona.

Pastor H. E. Hartzell of the nursery, who had been contacted, arranged for Karen to work as a nurses' aid for two years, with *Lutheran Collegians* paying her salary. However, since she arrived last November, Karen has found a variety of additional chores to keep her occupied — nursing, and, in the process, loving the Apache children has only

Miss Karen Black and Rudy Rustin



been one of many. She has filled in as dormitory cook when the regular cook was ill, has substituted for a grade-school teacher, played the organ for church services, and even helped the janitor collect the trash. But most important has been the role the Lord has given her in spreading His Gospel to souls that hunger for it. Time and again she has been given the opportunity to witness for Him.

The Lord is certainly to be praised for Karen and many others like her that give their time and talents daily to show their love for Jesus. And it is certainly the intention of *Lutheran Collegians* to help Lutheran college students in their search for ways to serve Him, sometimes in full-time work such as Karen's, sometimes in organized evangelism programs, but usually in ordinary everyday life, where most opportunities arise for sharing the love of Jesus with others.

Dave Seehaver

Note: Students on non-Synodical college campuses are urged to look into *Lutheran Collegians* this fall. If your school has a *Lutheran Collegians* chapter, attend the meetings. If not, start a chapter. For information on how to do this, write to:

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Fishers of Men in the Land of 10,000 Lakes

Few states can offer the opportunity and excitement of fishing that the state of Minnesota offers. With its more than 10,000 lakes, the North Star State has become a fisherman's paradise. Its big game fish and its small pan fish provide excitement and thrills for the avid as well as the casual fisherman.

While this area is indeed exciting for the fisherman, it is even more exciting for the "fishers of men."

The Opportunity

In Minnesota the greatest opportunity for mission growth lies in the suburban areas around Minneapolis and St. Paul. More than one-third of Minnesota's approximately 4,000,000 people live in the Metropolitan Twin Cities area. Experience has shown that well-established WELS congregations in large cities serve as ideal springboards for mission expansion. Their daughter congregations in the suburbs are often blessed with re-

markable vigor and zeal for the Lord's work. Six such missions around the Twin Cities reached self-support during the past five years. One of them, Good Shepherd of Burnsville, by the grace of God moved from organization to self-support within four years, the shortest time in the history of the Minnesota District.

And the cycle of new area missions continues. To the west of the Twin Cities, Faith Lutheran Church, Excelsior, is purchasing land. To the southwest, Faith Lutheran Church, Prior Lake, plans to build a church this year. To the southeast, Shepherd of the Hills, Inver Grove Heights, installed its first pastor in July. To the northeast, exploratory services are scheduled in Forest Lake. The Lord has truly blessed this very important suburban mission program.

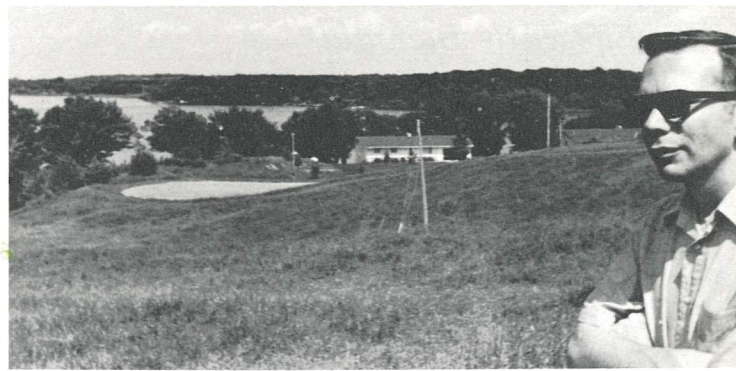
The second area of mission opportunity lies in the more sparsely populated northern half of the state,

where lakes and forests abound. Only in the last decade have we begun to cast our nets in this vacationland area. Three WELS congregations have already been organized: Shepherd of the Hills, Duluth; Ascension Ev. Lutheran Church, Moorhead; and Christ Lutheran at Brainerd. Each has a resident pastor and its own place of worship. Exploratory services have also begun at Bemidji. As we demonstrate our determination to serve the people in this area with the true Word, more and more of them are moved to come to us. Among them are many faithful Christians whose thirst for the Living Water was no longer being satisfied. At Brainerd more than 50 per cent of the members of Christ Lutheran Church have come to us for confessional reasons.

In contrast to the north is the rich agricultural area of southern Minnesota, which attracted large numbers of early settlers, followed in turn by Lutheran missionaries. Today southern Minnesota has well over 100 WELS churches, including some of our most beautiful places of worship, which stand as testimony to our Lord's promise, "My Word shall not return unto Me void." Churched and stable as this area may be, mission opportunities still exist. There are, for example, cities we stayed away from because of agreements which are no longer valid. Now we are moving in and already have established missions at Willmar, St. Cloud, Alexandria, and Granite Falls.



A first for both pastor and congregation. To ordain their pastor, the Reverend Charles Clarey, members of Shepherd of the Hills of Inver Grove Heights borrowed Grace Church of South St. Paul. The date was July 16.



A fisher of men, Pastor Arnold Lemke, looks over the new site for the mission at Excelsior. One of Minnesota's 10,000 lakes in the background.

The Challenge

The allurements of fishing is also bound up in the thrills of this exciting sport. The challenge, the fight, the unknown, the catch — all provide a bit of excitement and thrill to the sportsman. The “fishers of men” in this lake-filled land also are experiencing many thrills in their catching of men with the Gospel net for the salvation of many souls.

Challenge provides one of the greatest thrills for the fisherman. In the mission field it is no different. The challenge is one of the greatest joys and the most impressive thrills the missionary experiences. Facing the many problems in a mission congregation, meeting those problems and with the help and by the grace of God solving those problems, molds a real challenge to both the fledgling and the experienced missionary.

Vicar Alan Klessig, the young missionary serving Petra Lutheran Church, St. Cloud, last year, states, “The problems of a mission congregation seem to arrive at an especially difficult plateau when it reaches a certain size. Petra Lutheran Church is at that plateau now. The present worship quarters are becoming too small. But there is also a special joy in a growing church. The congregation wants growth, and it is happening.”

One of the great problems curtailing growth in a new congregation is the acquisition of land for the erection of a small chapel. Writes Pastor Arnold Lemke, Faith Lutheran

Church, Excelsior, “Land . . . Minnesota has endless acres of it — farmland, swampland, expensive lake-shore land — it’s there all around us. Where one week it’s all wide open spaces, the next there are holes in the ground and piles of lumber that are a prelude to another subdivision, no longer open to a church.” “No sale,” “Two years too late,” were the excuses he heard. What joy fills his heart today over the purchase of four acres of land in the middle of three flourishing suburbs of the greater Twin Cities area.

Another thrill for enthusiastic fishermen is beholding the catch. Similarly it is a thrill for the missionary to behold new members as they join the mission congregation from other Lutheran bodies, from the vast field of the unchurched, from other sister congregations. “One of the great joys,” writes Pastor Roy Rose, Brainerd, “of serving this mission congregation has been the opportunity to minister to a number of people who loudly and vehemently say that they appreciate the Gospel. Many of these people came to us from other church groups because they were not receiving the pure Gospel.”

Pastor William Staab, who served Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, Inver Grove Heights, comments, “What do you do with a group of sanctified believers who want to storm the citadels of Satan in their ‘new mission’ fervor? What do you do when that fervor is handicapped by the lack of a full-time shepherd? You

pray a great deal.” And on July 16 God answered the prayers of this young congregation as Candidate Charles Clarey was ordained and installed as the first full-time pastor of this mission church. Indeed a rich experience of joy for both pastor and congregation — a first for both of them!

One never knows what the reaction of the catch might be when fishing in Minnesota waters. The reaction of the fish brings a unique thrill in itself. Fishers of men in this Land of 10,000 Lakes also have thrilled to the reaction of the Gospel catch. Listen to Pastor Norbert Gieschen, who conducts services at Granite Falls. “After one of our exploratory services an unchurched family spoke with us. They stated that they had their doubts about going to church in a house, but as the service went on and they heard what was preached, they felt better. The father stated, ‘We’ve gone from church to church in Granite Falls and have lived here all our lives. I was getting more out of watching cartoons than going to church, but now I think we’ve found the church we’ve been looking for.’ They are completing a course of instruction.”

But the thrills and joys of fishing for men in this land of vast opportunity are only realized because of the support given by those who love Christ and His Gospel. May that love of Christ continue to constrain all of us!

Kurt E. Hinnenthal

Fifteenth Biennial School Visitors Workshop

Ninety-three men from various parts of our Synod assembled at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, Wisconsin, August 15-17, 1972, for the 15th School Visitors' Workshop. Included in this group were men from Florida, California, Arizona, Oklahoma, and Washington, as well as from the states of the Midwest.

The purpose of these biennial workshops is to aid and assist the appointed school visitors in their work of school visitation. The school visitation program, established by the Synod, is designed to help and encourage our teachers, principals, and congregations in their important work of Christian education. The visitors give assistance by visiting each teacher in each of the Synod's Christian day schools, spending approximately a half day in each classroom. Following the visit, the teacher and visitor have an opportunity to discuss the visitation privately. At this time advice and encouragement are offered to the teacher. The visitor also meets with the principal of each school he visits to discuss the education program of the Christian day school.

Because the District boards for parish education are responsible for the school visitation program in their own Districts, each board is represented at the workshop. Professors Erich Sievert and Mervin Ingebritson represented the department of education of our teacher-training school, Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota.

Two topics — the teaching of Bible history and beginning reading — received special emphasis at the 1972 workshop.

A unique feature on the first day of the workshop was a video-taped presentation on the teaching of the Bible story lesson. This video-taped presentation consisted of three parts. In the first part Mr. Adolph Fehlauer presented an explanation of the method of teaching a Bible story lesson. The second part was a demonstration lesson

taught by Miss Doris Kohlstedt using her class of first grade pupils from Atonement Lutheran School, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The third part consisted of a brief discussion between Mr. Fehlauer and Miss Kohlstedt of the method used in the demonstration lesson. After viewing the video tape, the visitors were given an opportunity to discuss the method of teaching the Bible story lesson as explained and demonstrated on the tape.

"Various Approaches to Teaching First Grade Reading" was the title of an essay presented by Mrs. Mary Jo Leverson of New Ulm, Minnesota. Four main approaches to teaching beginning reading were explained in the essay and discussed by the workshop participants.

In addition to the above, the following topics were also presented: "The School Visitor's Role in the Curriculum Study Program," Karl Blauert, Tomah, Wisconsin; "The Principal's Role in the School Visitation Program," Ferdinand Schultz, Juneau, Wisconsin; "New Educational Materials," LeDell Plath, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; "Parent-Teacher Organizations," Adolph Fehlauer, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and "A Room-Mother Program," Norman Stellick, Rhinelander, Wisconsin.

Problems that are encountered in the visitation program were also discussed in detail during one evening session of the workshop. Men who will visit schools for the first time this fall were given hints and suggestions in an orientation meeting.

Professors John Jeske and Joel Gerlach preached the sermons in the opening and closing services. On the basis of God's Word they encouraged the school visitors in their important work and calling. Speakers for the Wednesday and Thursday morning devotions were William Kuether and George Lillegard.

We pray our gracious God to bless the work done at the 1972 workshop so that it will be a source of spiritual, mental, and physical blessing to the children and teachers of the Christian day schools of our Synod.

LeDell Plath
Secretary of Schools
Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod

PLACE & TIME OF SERVICE

SOUTH BEND- MISHAWAKA-ELKHART, INDIANA

Peace Ev. Lutheran Church, our South Bend area mission, has made the following changes in its Sunday schedule: Sunday worship at 9:00 a.m., Sunday school at 10:00 a.m. Services are held in the Mishawaka YMCA, 426 Lincoln Way E. All inquiries and information about prospective members should be sent to: Pastor T. Liesener, 3724 S. Carroll, South Bend, Ind. 46614, Tel: (219) 291-2672.

TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA

Zion Ev. Lutheran Church is now holding its worship services at The Halverson & Leavell Chapel (mortuary), 1223 Cravens at Torrance Blvd., Torrance, California. The time of service is 8:30 a.m., with Sunday school and Bible class following at 9:45. H. Curtis Lyon, pastor.

ELIZABETH, ILLINOIS

The time of service at Faith Ev. Lutheran Church, Elizabeth, Illinois, has been changed to 9:00 A.M., with Sunday school at 10:00 A.M. — Pastor Paul R. Zittlow.

HILLMAN, MICHIGAN

Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hillman, Michigan, is holding services at 11 a.m. at Faith Lutheran Chapel, corner of 9th and Cavanaugh, Alpena, Michigan. Please send names and addresses of WELS or ELS people living in the area to Rev. Roger W. Falk, Route 1, Box 218, Hillman MI 49746, telephone (517) 742-4115.

EXPLORATORY SERVICES

DUBUQUE, IOWA

Exploratory work is being conducted in the Dubuque, Iowa, area. Anyone knowing of prospective members, interested persons, or university students, is kindly asked to send the pertinent information to: Pastor Paul R. Zittlow, Box 256, Elizabeth, IL 61028.

HURON, SOUTH DAKOTA

WELS exploratory services are being conducted in the Seventh Day Adventist Church, 244 6th Street SW, Huron, South Dakota. Services are held every Sunday evening at 8:00 p.m. Please send names of prospective members to: Pastor Gilbert Bunde, Box 425, Willow Lake, SD 57278.

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

The Colorado Mission District Mission Board is conducting exploratory services in Colorado Springs, Colorado, at the Gateway Presbyterian Church, 731 Castle Road at 7:30 p.m. each Sunday. For further information call Pastor Douglas L. Bode, Chairman, (303) 986-6151, Denver.

LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY

All persons interested in the possibility of WELS services in the Lexington area are asked to contact the following:

Mr. and Mrs. Felix Wright
129 Lana Lane
Winchester, Ky. 40391

FOREST LAKE, MINNESOTA

Exploratory services are now being conducted at Forest Lake, Minnesota. The place of worship is at the new senior high school at the junction of Highways 61 & 97. Anyone knowing of prospective members or interested persons in Forest Lake, Chisago City, Hugo, Stacy, Hinckley, Rush City, Circle Pines or Webster, is kindly asked to send all pertinent information to: Pastor Wm. H. Wiedenmeyer, 7712 Xerxes Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55423.

In the Hour of Trial

When the Righteous Suffer

No Christian is immune to feeling the effects of sin in this world of sin. When the news media report a multi-car accident on the freeway; when we hear about an apartment house fire which has killed and injured scores of people; when disease strikes a young person and he dies in the prime of life — it is just not realistic to assume that all these calamities affect only those who are not Christian. The righteous *do* suffer, as the Bible and history record very clearly.

There is a difference, however, between the suffering of the people of God and the agony endured by those who are not followers of Christ. Believers know how to cope with suffering and calamity; unbelievers do not. Christians know that “all things work together for good to them that love God”; non-Christians do not love God, so things cannot work together for their good. Christians, in the midst of suffering and trials, know to whom to turn for help and strength and comfort; others simply do not know what to do.

The Bible contains numerous accounts of children of God who were being sorely tried. The Psalmist David is one of them. King Saul was hot on his trail, seeking to have him executed. David was forced to flee from Saul and to keep his whereabouts a secret. For a time he even had to hide in a cave in order to preserve his life (I Sam. 22). But David did not give way to despair. He trusted in the Lord! In the midst of calamity and danger he turned to God for help and strength, and the Lord answered his prayer.

David leaves us an example to follow when despair threatens our lives. As Saul was breathing down his neck, David prayed: “Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me, for my soul trusteth in Thee; yea, in the shadow of Thy wings will I make my refuge, until these calamities be overpast” (Ps. 57:1). You and I can do likewise when evils threaten and trials oppress us — when the consequences of sin in this world seem to concentrate on our lives. We, too, can

find refuge in the shadow of God’s wings! We have no stronger Shelter than the Most High God! May we always remember to turn to God and to His mercy in times of stress and distress, for “He shall send from heaven, and save me from the reproach of him that would swallow me up” (Ps. 57:3).

Knowing this astounding truth about the love of God for us sinners helps to make it possible for us also, as David did, to give thanks to God and to praise Him for His mercy even when calamity or danger or grief enter our lives. We can join David as he sings: “I will praise Thee, O Lord, among the people; I will sing unto Thee among the nations. For Thy mercy is great.” And in praising the Lord even in the midst of suffering we can help to lead others into the world’s only Refuge from the curse of sin.

Take heart, Christians! The woes and perils of this life will not continue forever. Sin will lose its power; death will lose its sting; the grave will not be victorious. The promises of God do endure forever! His protection keeps us safe! His salvation makes us free!

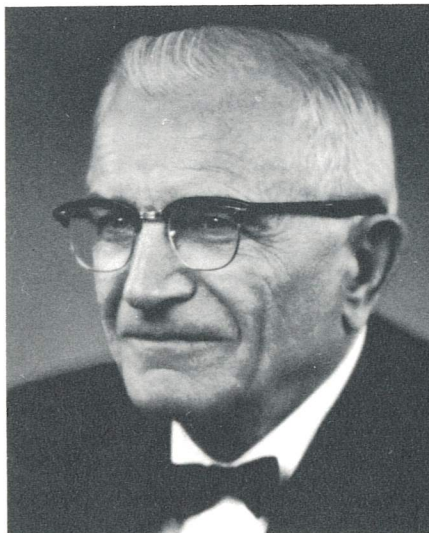
Philip R. Janke

Pastor Wm. G. Fuhlbrigge 1893-1972

William Gustav Fuhlbrigge, the son of Gustav and Johanna Fuhlbrigge, nee Dennin, was born July 15, 1893, in Balaton, Minnesota. When he was seven, his parents moved to Dempster, South Dakota.

In the fall of 1908 he entered Dr. Martin Luther College at New Ulm, Minnesota, and in 1913 transferred to Northwestern College in Watertown, Wisconsin. In 1919 he graduated from the Theological Seminary at Wauwatosa, Wisconsin.

His first pastoral assignment was the Cornell-Keystone-Birch Creek-Cobban parish in Wisconsin. In 1923 he accepted a call to the Enterprise-Monico parish. On June 17, 1925, he was married to Miss Hilda Rieck of



Pastor W. G. Fuhlbrigge

Watertown. They moved to the Coleman-Beaver parish in 1930. His final pastorates were served in Egg Har-

bor, Wisconsin (1948-1965), and Mayville, Michigan, from 1965 until his retirement in the fall of 1968. His retirement years were lived in Toledo, Ohio.

Pastor Fuhlbrigge was called to his eternal rest on August 13, 1972. Funeral services were conducted on August 16 in Zion Lutheran Church, Toledo, by District President W. Zarlino, who comforted the bereaved family on the basis of Christ’s words in John 14:1-6. Committal services were conducted by Pastor Gerald Schroer.

Pastor Fuhlbrigge is survived by his wife; one daughter, Mrs. Lois Goeres of Independence, Missouri; two sons, Dr. Armin of Toledo and the Rev. Karl of Findlay, Ohio; three sisters, and 12 grandchildren.

Karl A. Fuhlbrigge



New members of St. Croix faculty: David Ross, Pauline Rupprecht, Nancy Kind, the Rev. Mark Lenz, Roger Jenni.



Vacation Bible school in Brady Township, Michigan.

Direct from the Districts

Michigan

Dedication Broomfield Township

On December 5, 1971, the members of Zion Lutheran Church, Broomfield Township, Isabella County, Michigan, dedicated their new house of worship and fellowship hall to the glory of God. Two services of dedication were held. In the morning the pastor of the congregation, the Reverend E. C. Schmelzer, used Psalm 26:8 as his text and asked our Savior's grateful redeemed to meditate on answers to the question: "Why Do We Love This New House of Worship?" The Reverend C. H. Schmelzer of Owosso, Michigan, served as liturgist. In the afternoon the Reverend H. Henke of Kawkawlin, Michigan, directed the meditation to I Kings 19:9, and the Michigan Lutheran Seminary Choir, under the direction of Prof. R. Bame, presented several choral selections.

The new brick church building is located on one of the highest hills in the region. It is visible from a great distance even at night since the spire and the large exterior cross are lighted. In the interior a handcarved crucifix hangs above the altar in front of a red dossal curtain. Mounted in the tester above the crucifix are concealed lights which emphasize the beauty of the crucifix and the altar. The altar, pulpit, and lectern are constructed of white Georgia marble. Seating is provided for 189 worshippers.

The church proper measures 70' x 32'. Connected to the church building is a fellowship hall measuring 50' x 32'. There are the usual facilities for Sunday school and for fellowship occasions. The women of the congregation are enjoying a well-planned and well-equipped kitchen.

The cost of the entire building operation, including the purchase of six acres of land, was \$55,000. The low cost was made possible by the many hours of labor donated by the 70 communicants of the congregation. These few Christians have also given generously of their possessions so that an indebtedness of only \$10,000 remains.

May God who has blessed this little flock with a beautiful new house of worship bless them with increasing numbers. Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant is only 11 miles from Zion; and Lake Isabella, mid-Michigan's largest lake with its 2,500 acres of recreational facilities, is only two and one-half miles distant. Zion extends a friendly welcome to all who are locating in the area.

First VBS in 84 Years

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, Brady Township, Michigan, reached out into the surrounding community with the Good News by means of a Vacation Bible School conducted this past June. It was the first such educational endeavor in the 84-year history of the congregation. Most of the 55 children attend-

ing the two-week morning sessions were from outside the congregation. The training in God's Word, recreational supervision, and refreshments were provided by a dedicated group of 28 workers.

The congregation became independent two and one-half years ago. Previously it had been part of a dual parish served by the pastor of Zion Lutheran Church of Chesaning. "Building on the foundation of previous faithful service, we have found new life and purpose as an independent congregation. We give hearty thanks to our Lord for His blessings," says the Reverend M. Zehms, present pastor of Christ Ev. Lutheran Church.

Minnesota

Saint Croix Lutheran Begins 15th Year

With a special service held on August 27, 1972, Saint Croix Lutheran High School, West St. Paul, Minnesota, entered the second half of its second decade with the largest staff and student body in its history.

Pastor D. W. Meier of Emanuel Lutheran Church, St. Paul, chairman of the Board of Regents, conducted the opening worship service at the Saint Croix Auditorium-Gymnasium at 7:30 P.M. Pastor F. S. Fallen of Divinity Lutheran Church, St. Paul, vice-chairman of the Board of Regents, addressed the assembly on the basis of Deuteronomy 6:4-9. Inducted as members of the faculty were the Rev. Mark Lenz, Mr. David Ross, Mr. Roger Jenni, Miss Pauline Rupprecht, and Miss Nancy Kind. It is remarkable that in the securing of these new staff members, only six

calls had to be issued. Truly, the Lord is gracious!

The addition of these new instructors increases the staff to 12 full-time teachers. The Rev. Robert Sievert is principal. The Lord's blessing is also evident in a record enrollment of 217 students.

Improvements in curriculum, materials, and facilities are ever a goal at Saint Croix Lutheran High, which is owned and operated by an association of 18 WELS congregations in the Twin Cities area. During the past summer two members of the faculty took advantage of National Science Foundation grants. Mr. John Oldfield studied in North Carolina, and Mr. Daniel Schmeling studied in Texas. Since additional facilities are greatly needed at Saint Croix because of a rapidly growing student body, preparations are being made for an approaching building program. An Educational Committee has been formed to review every phase of Saint Croix' program so that the educational needs of the students at Saint Croix may always be kept in mind.

Saint Croix Lutheran is a pioneer in the field of cooperative band programs involving elementary and secondary Christian schools. Mr. Roger Jenni, the instrumental music instructor, divides his teaching time between Saint Croix and five area Christian day schools. They are Bloomington Lutheran School, Bloomington; Pilgrim Lutheran School, Minneapolis; Emanuel Lutheran School, St. Paul; St. John's Lutheran School, St. Paul; and St. Andrew's Lutheran School, St. Paul Park.

Saint Croix is interested in preparing its students to be useful Christian citizens in whatever occupation they choose. Naturally, students are encouraged to consider entering the preaching or teaching ministry. Of the graduating class of 1972, four are attending Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, and two have enrolled at Northwestern College, Watertown, Wisconsin.

All of us at Saint Croix are concerned about glorifying the name of the Lord as our students are trained

to serve the Lord Jesus in their separate ways in God's kingdom on earth. May the Lord continue to generously bless Saint Croix Lutheran High School!

Northern Wisconsin

Dedication at Bonduel

Friedens Ev. Lutheran Church at Bonduel, Wisconsin, was dedicated on Pentecost Sunday, May 21, 1972. In three services the members and friends of the congregation were admonished to remember that it is the Lord alone who brought about this day of dedication; that all honor and glory are to be given to Him; that it will only be by His grace that this new church will be a temple of His. Pastors Larry G. Zwieg, Erwin C. Schewe, and John J. Wendland, all former pastors of Friedens, were the guest speakers. The Reverend Roland F. Zimmermann is the present pastor.

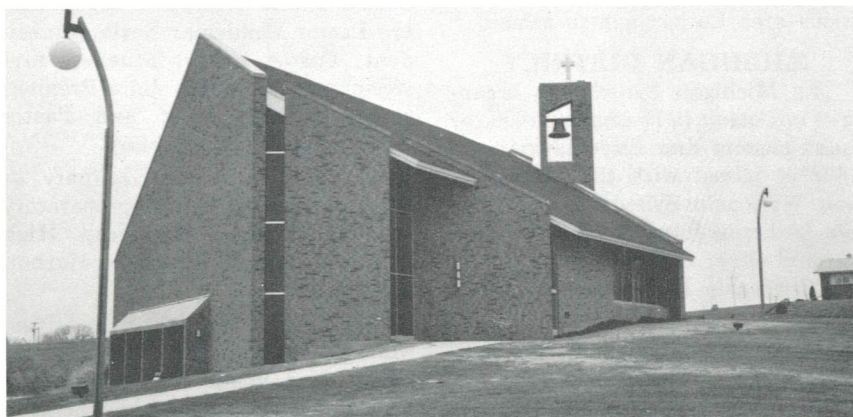
The decision to proceed as expeditiously as possible to build a new house of worship was made in 1965. The new church is situated in the village of Bonduel rather than in the country south of the village where the old church building still stands, a landmark for many. Groundbreaking services were held on April 18, 1971.

The church seats some 300 easily, with overflow space for an additional 150. Built on a slope, the church is so constructed so that entry into the first and second floors can be made without climbing steps.

Psalm 118:23-24 tells us, "This is the Lord's doing, it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." It was with that thought in heart and mind that Friedens both began and ended its day of dedication. May it be so for the congregation in all the years to come!



Zion Lutheran, Broomfield Township, Michigan.



Friedens Church, Bonduel, Wisconsin.

ATTENTION, BOSTON AREA

WELS personnel moving into or near the Boston area are invited to contact the ELS church in Cambridge, Mass. (Harvard Street Lutheran). The pastor is Rev. Paul Madson, 30 Richfield Rd., Arlington, Mass., Tel.: 646-7584.

NOT ELIGIBLE

The Praesidium of the Northern Wisconsin District has declared that Pastor Julius Manteufel is not "apt to teach," not able to shepherd the lambs and the sheep of a congregation, and that he is no longer eligible for a pastoral call. The Northern Wisconsin District concurs with this judgment of its Praesidium.

Karl A. Gurgel, President
Northern Wisconsin District

Twin Centennials in Minnesota

It is no doubt unusual that two neighboring congregations who have been served by the same pastors for 72 years should observe their centennial anniversaries in the same year. But this was granted two sister congregations situated in the little Alps of Minnesota — Zion of Hokah and Immanuel of South Ridge. Members of both congregations gratefully acknowledged this favor and made use of the opportunity to return thanks and praise to their Lord and Savior for keeping them in the true faith these many years. The service at Zion took place on June 18, 1972; Immanuel celebrated on June 25.

Zion of Hokah

In the 1860's Pastor Reitz gathered together the German immigrants in the Hokah-Brownsville area. On October 7, 1892, the Hokah group organized a congregation and then proceeded to build a church. A split occurred in the congregation in 1888, in which the 12 members of the minority group lost their rights to the

church property. But they held fast to that which was more dear to them: the Word of God in its truth and purity. For the next 37 years the Hokah people worshiped in a rented Presbyterian Church, being served as part of a triparish.

In 1925 the members of Zion built their own church, and it was here that the centennial services were conducted on June 18. A son of the congregation, Pastor James Philipps, was the guest preacher in the morning service. Pastor John Parcher preached in the afternoon.

Zion of Hokah today numbers 100 members.

Immanuel of South Ridge

It was in the 1860's that the former Minnesota Synod called Pastor Ph. Schmidt from Germany to serve the scattered settlers who were streaming across the Mississippi. Under his leadership Immanuel Congregation was organized on September 23, 1872. Land was purchased, and a combination parsonage and church-

school building was erected. From this "home base" on the beautiful Minnesota bluffs the work of the Lord has continued to the present day.

On June 25 the members of Immanuel returned thanks to God for 100 years of grace. Pastor A. K. Hertler, a son of the congregation, was the guest speaker. Pastor G. Horn preached in the afternoon service.

Immanuel of South Ridge has 90 members.

Pastor E. G. Hertler

Both Zion and Immanuel observed another equally rare event in connection with their centennial, namely, the 56 years Pastor E. G. Hertler has served them as their minister. For a long part of these 56 years Pastor Hertler served a triparish — Hokah, South Ridge, and Brownsville. This grew to four congregations when First Lutheran Church of La Crescent was organized in 1942, and remained such until Emanuel of Brownsville disbanded in the 1960's and La Crescent called its own pastor in 1968. Truly, one would have to say, that the ministry of this "shepherd of the hills" has been a most remarkable one!

Pastor John Parcher

Profiles of the Districts

MINNESOTA DISTRICT

The Minnesota District began as an independent synod when six pastors organized the Minnesota Synod at St. Paul in the early summer of 1860. In 1892 it merged with the Wisconsin and Michigan Synods.

The Minnesota District in 1971 had 143 congregations and 118 pastors. It numbers 59,283 baptized members. Its 28 Christian day schools, served by 114 teachers, have an enrollment of 2,846 pupils.

There are six conferences in the Minnesota District: Crow River, Mankato, New Ulm, Redwood Falls, Red Wing, and St. Croix. Pastor Gerhard Horn is president of the District; Pastor Gerhard Birkholz, first vice-president; Pastor Paul Hanke, second vice-president; and Pastor Warren Henrich, secretary. Chair-

man of the Mission Board is Pastor Martin Peterman.

There are two Synodical schools in the Minnesota District, both in New Ulm: Dr. Martin Luther College and Martin Luther Academy. St. Croix Lutheran in West St. Paul is the District's area Lutheran high school.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT

The Michigan Synod was organized in Detroit in December, 1860, by eight pastors and three laymen. In 1892 it joined with the Minnesota and Wisconsin Synods to form the Ev. Lutheran Joint Synod of Wisconsin and Other States, now known as the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

The latest available statistics indicate that the Michigan District has 153 congregations and 142 pastors. There are 53,885 baptized members.

Its 36 Christian day schools have an enrollment of 3,357 pupils, taught by 132 teachers.

The District is divided into six conferences: Colonial, Gulf-Atlantic, Northern, Ohio, Southeastern, and Southwestern. Officials of the District are Pastor Waldemar Zarling, president; Pastor Robert Mueller, first vice-president; Pastor John Brenner, second vice-president; and Pastor John Westendorf, secretary.

Michigan Lutheran Seminary at Saginaw is a Synodical preparatory school. Michigan Lutheran High School is situated at Benton Harbor, Michigan.

The District covers the area from Michigan east to the New England States and south to Georgia and Florida. Heading the District Mission Board is Pastor Daniel Gieschen.

ORDINATIONS AND INSTALLATIONS

(Authorized by the District Presidents)

Ordained:

Harstad, Adolph L., as pastor of Grace, Alma, Michigan, on Sept. 10, 1972, by A. M. Harstad (Mich.).

Pieper, Gary L., as pastor of Immanuel, Johnson Creek (Farmington), Wisconsin, on July 23, 1972, by G. Franzmann (W. Wis.).

Van Norstrand, Robert C., as pastor of Lord of Life, Houston, Texas, on Aug. 13, 1972, by V. Glaeske (Ariz.-Calif.).

Installed:

Pastors:

Draws, Roger Ph., as pastor of St. John's, Oak Creek, Wisconsin, on Aug. 6, 1972, by J. Mahnke (S.E. Wis.).

Huebner, Phillip, as pastor of New Salem, Sebawaing, Michigan, on Sept. 24, 1972, by G. Struck (Minn.).

Kolander, Donald E., as pastor of Gloria Dei, Grand Blanc, Michigan, on Sept. 17, 1972, by H. Birner (Mich.).

Kugler, Samuel G., as pastor of Cross, Charles City, Iowa, on July 23, 1972, by R. A. Kugler (Minn.).

Kuske, Norman C., as pastor of Trinity (Goodview), Winona, and of First, Minnesota City, Minnesota, on Aug. 20, 1972, by D. Fischer (W. Wis.).

Lenz, Mark, as instructor at St. Croix Luth. High School, West St. Paul, Minnesota, on Aug. 27, 1972, by D. Meier (Minn.).

Wille, Julius, as pastor of Zion, Clatonia, Nebraska, on Aug. 20, 1972, by V. Tassler (Nebr.).

Teachers:

Adrian, Robert, as teacher at Emanuel, Tawas City, Michigan, on Aug. 20, 1972, by J. Rockhoff (Mich.).

Agenten, Douglas, as teacher at Trinity, Kaukauna, Wisconsin, on Aug. 27, 1972, by J. Mattek (N. Wis.).

Bock, Robert A., as teacher at Trinity, Crete, Illinois, on Aug. 27, 1972, by W. Mueller (S.E. Wis.).

Brodbeck, Michael, as teacher at King of Kings, Garden Grove, California, on Aug. 6, 1972, by M. Nitz (Ariz.-Calif.).

George, Michael, as teacher at St. John's, Juneau, Wisconsin, on Aug. 27, 1972, by C. Mischke (W. Wis.).

Gohde, Paul, as teacher at St. James, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on Aug. 27, 1972, by W. Pless (S.E. Wis.).

Hackbarth, Arthur L., as teacher at St. John's, Waterloo, Wisconsin, on Aug. 20, 1972, by H. Essmann (W. Wis.).

Kaiser, Paul, as teacher at Grace, St. Joseph, Michigan, on Aug. 27, 1972, by R. Freier (Mich.).

Kehl, Stephen, as teacher at Zion, Crete, Illinois, on Aug. 27, 1972, by R. Pankow (S.E. Wis.).

Klockziem, Roger C., as teacher at Mt. Olive, Delano, Minnesota, on Aug. 20, 1972, by M. J. Lenz (Minn.).

Koch, Donald, as teacher at St. Paul's, Arlington, Minnesota, on Aug. 13, 1972, by J. Bradtke (Minn.).

Kufahl, Dennis, as teacher at Zion, Columbus, Wisconsin, on Aug. 20, 1972, by G. Cares (W. Wis.).

Mantey, Curtis, as principal and teacher at Zion, Moberge, South Dakota, on Aug. 13, 1972, by D. Krenke (Dak.-Mont.).

Miller, Michael, as principal at Christ The Lord, Brookfield, Wisconsin, on Aug. 13, 1972, by M. L. Liesener (S.E. Wis.).

Ross, David, as instructor at St. Croix Luth. High School, West St. Paul, Minnesota, on Aug. 27, 1972, by D. Meier (Minn.).

Schmidt, Kurt, as teacher at Bloomington Lutheran, Bloomington, Minnesota, on Aug. 13, 1972, by D. Begalka (Minn.).

Ulbricht, Eugene, as teacher at St. Paul's, Franklin, Wisconsin, on Aug. 27, 1972, by E. Biebert (S.E. Wis.).

**Now! Now!
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Now!**

No Other Way

NOW is the keyword of an appeal from our Synod. It is a direct appeal to us to break the budget-deficit bottleneck which is threatening to stall our rate of home mission expansion, our decision to bring the Gospel to South America, and adequate staffing at our Seminary. Behind these three specific needs, lies a string of related programs which may need to be curtailed unless we respond to this plea with *concern* and *action*.

NOW stands for "No Other Way." These three little words in turn mean that:

1) Our Synod cannot respond to the tremendous opportunities in our world unless its *member congregations* respond. There's no other way!

2) Our congregations cannot respond to our Synod's appeal unless *all of us as individuals* respond. There's no other way!

The doing of the Lord's will and work always comes down to our own name. We need to say, "I am the one whom the Lord is calling. I am the one for whom the Lord is opening doors. I am the instrument of the Lord to bring some who are still lost into the circle of the saved. And the time is *NOW!*"

Pastor Kurt J. Eggert

Pastor Eggert is associate pastor of Atonement, Milwaukee, and chairman of the Synod's Commission on Higher Education.

So easily we fall into the "Not now, Lord," syndrome.

The Lord says, "Come," and we say, "Yes, Lord, tomorrow." The Lord says, "Do this," and we say, "All right, Lord, pretty soon, Lord, pretty soon."

We are going to get back to church "one of these days." . . . We are going to break off that sinful relationship for good "after the next time." . . . We are going to quit drinking "tomorrow." . . . We are going to put our special talents and abilities to work in our church "just as soon as we can shake loose from our heavy work schedule." . . . We are going to start giving to the Lord in a generous and responsible way "as soon as we can get our debts under control." . . . We are going to get into church with both feet "as soon as we know if we're really going to stay here for a long time." . . . We are going to —

Good intentions are good *only* if they lead to action. Often they don't. Often they are a game we play. The game is called "kidding ourselves." Often time runs out on us before we finish the game. Then we have a wasted life. For some the game has resulted in losing Life itself.

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NOMINATIONS — DMLC

The following have been nominated for the professorship in the Education Department at Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota:

Robert Averbeck, Oconomowoc, Wis.
Gerhard C. Bauer, Bloomington, Minn.
Milton Bugbee, Bay City, Mich.
Larry Collyard, Benton Harbor, Mich.
Gary Greenfield, Milwaukee, Wis.
William Haberman, Tacoma, Wash.
James Hopman, Goodhue, Minn.
Chester Jaehning, Tucson, Ariz.
Rudolph Jeseritz, St. Paul, Minn.
Larry Joecks, Tacoma, Wash.
Wayne Keller, Bay City, Mich.
Arlen Koestler, Greenfield, Wis.
Kenneth Kolander, Appleton, Wis.
Robert Landvatter, Oshkosh, Wis.
Gerald Lanphear, Whitefish Bay, Wis.
Frederick Mahnke, St. Paul, Minn.
Gordon Pape, Fond du Lac, Wis.
Rupert Rosin, Bethany, Okla.
Robert Scherzer, Frankenmuth, Mich.
John Schibbelhut, Crete, Ill.
Richard Schlavensky, Brookfield, Wis.
Daniel Schmeling, St. Paul, Minn.
Jonathan Schoeneck, Bellevue, Wash.
Ferdinand Schultz, Juneau, Wis.
John Schultz, Lake Mills, Wis.
Roger Sievert, Phoenix, Ariz.
Martin Steffel, New Ulm, Minn.
Arden W. Wentzel, Janesville, Wis.
C. W. Wobeck, Kenosha, Wis.

The Board of Control of Dr. Martin Luther College will meet at the college on October 13, 1972, at 10:00 A.M. Correspondence regarding the candidates should be in the hands of the undersigned before the time of the meeting:

Gerhard C. Bauer, Secretary,
DMLC Board of Control,
8730 Nicollet,
Bloomington, Minn. 55420

CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES

MICHIGAN

OHIO CONFERENCE

Date: October 16-17, 1972.

Place: King of Kings, Willoughby, Ohio.

Participants: Pastors, lay delegates.

Preacher: W. Voss.

Agenda: Exegesis of Romans 7, D. Koelpin; The Jesus Movement, J. Ibsich; Recognizing Miracles and Parable, O. Lindholm.

A. Wolfram, Secretary

NEBRASKA

ROSEBUD PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: October 10, 1972; 10 a.m. Communion service.

Place: St. John's, Brewster, Nebraska; R. Tischer, host pastor, 642 S. 9th Avenue, Broken Bow, Nebraska.

Preacher: L. Strackbein (R. Vomhof, alternate).

Agenda: Ideas for Giving Catechism Instruction New Life and Meaningfulness, R. Vomhof; Study of the Third Use of the Law, R. Tischer.

Note: All requesting overnight lodging, please notify the host pastor well in advance.

D. Meyer, Secretary

NEBRASKA TEACHERS' CONFERENCE

Date: October 11-12, 1972.

Place: Christ Our Redeemer Ev. Lutheran School, Denver, Colorado.

Agenda: A Thorough Study of the Forgiveness of Sins As Offered in the Lord's Supper and How This Can Be Explained to Our Children, G. Ditter; Fostering Parent-Teacher (Home-School) Relations, R. Klindworth; Practical Application of the Second Commandment to the Lives of Our Children, D. Hennig; Building Our Libraries, F. Haferman.

Mrs. R. Kapke, Secretary

NORTHERN WISCONSIN

LAKE SUPERIOR PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: October 17-18, 1972; 9:30 a.m. Communion service.

Place: Trinity, Marinette, Wisconsin; A. Gentz, host pastor.

Preacher: G. Gartman (A. Gentz, alternate).

Agenda: Exegesis of Genesis 41, A. Meyer; "What Should Be the Roll and Practice of the Pastor in Marriage Ceremonies?" W. Steffenhagen; "Speaking in Tongues," R. Steffenhagen; Exegesis of II Peter 3, C. Klein (alternate: James 1, P. Kante); "Article II of the Formula of Concord on Election," W. Zink; "I Corinthians 15:29 and Baptism for the Dead," D. Fritz; conference business and casuistry.

G. Gartman, Secretary

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

JOINT TEACHERS' CONFERENCE WISCONSIN AND EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNODS

Date: Oct. 12-13, 1972; 8:30 a.m.

Place: Calvary Lutheran School, Bellevue, Washington.

Agenda: The Christian View of Psychology, Prof. A. Quist (guest speaker from Bethany Lutheran College); The Newspaper in the Classroom, J. Schoeneck; Modern Math is Fun, T. Marten; Teaching the Life of Luther, Pastor H. Handberg.

K. Rusch, Secretary

WESTERN WISCONSIN

CENTRAL TEACHERS' CONFERENCE

Date: October 6, 1972; 9 a.m.

Place: St. John's School, Jefferson, Wisconsin.

Agenda: The Seventh Petition, Pastor E. Vomhoff; "The Open Classroom," Dr. M. Manly; Northwestern Report; Lakeside Report; business meeting; Physical Education, Mr. J. Gronholz and Mr. D. Walz.

K. Klitzke, Secretary

CENTRAL PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: October 24, 1972; 9 a.m.

Place: Zion, Columbus, Wisconsin.

Preacher: W. Wagner (alternate, G. Cares).

Agenda: Population Growth and the Application of Genesis 1:28 and 9:1.7, Wayne Schmidt; The Visiting Elder, Carl Mischke.

R. Ehlert, Secretary

ATTENTION, PASTORS!

Please send the names and addresses of all students attending non-Synodical schools away from home promptly to the following address: Student Services Committee, Special Ministries Board, 3512 W. North Ave., Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53208.

APPOINTMENTS

The following have been reappointed to the Michigan District Board for Stewardship:

The Rev. Robert A. Baer,
Westland, Michigan
Mr. Richard Young,
Battle Creek, Michigan
W. J. Zarling, President
Michigan District, WELS

RESULT OF COLLOQUY

Mr. William H. Winterstein, formerly affiliated with The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, was found to be in agreement with the doctrine and practice of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod and is herewith declared eligible for a call to the teaching ministry of our Synod.

Second Vice-President Manfred J. Lenz
District President Gerald E. Free
Professor Martin Albrecht

PARAMENTS AND SURPLICES

Three large altar superfrontals, pulpit appendia, and lectern bookmark sets in purple, red, and white available free to any mission congregation. Sixty surplices (white), for children grades 5 to 8, are also available without charge to any congregation. Inquire: St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 2745 West Genesee Ave., Saginaw, Michigan 48602.

NOTICE

The next regular plenary session of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for

October 16-17, 1972

Business to be acted upon is to be submitted to the Executive Secretary of the Board with copies to be furnished the Chairman of the Board at least ten days before the scheduled meeting.

Carl S. Leyrer, Secretary
Board of Trustees

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:

Stanley Cole — West Allis, Wis.
Leonard Collyard — Milwaukee, Wis.
Gary Dallmann — New Ulm, Minn.
Johnathan Earl — Baraboo, Wis.
Delbert Ehlke — Milwaukee, Wis.
Steven Gauger — New Ulm, Minn.
Ronald George — Moberge, S. D.
Jerry Gronholz — La Crosse, Wis.
John Gronholz — Lake Mills, Wis.
Robert Gruetzmacher — Stevensville, Mich.
Warren Hartman — Saginaw, Mich.
Roger Hinz — La Crosse, Wis.
Carl Lemke — Mankato, Minn.
Eldon Lemke — Watertown, Wis.
Keith Moore — Vassar, Mich.
Thomas Niedfeldt — Onalaska, Wis.
Theodore Pelzl — Moberge, S. D.
Lauris Plath — New Ulm, Minn.
Daryl Raabe — Milwaukee, Wis.
Robert Schroer — Kenosha, Wis.
Alan Siggelkow — Fort Wayne, Ind.
Dale Walz — Waterloo, Wis.

The Board of Control of Michigan Lutheran Seminary will meet at MLS at 3:00 p.m. on October 11, 1972, to call a man from this list. Correspondence concerning the nominees should be in the hands of the secretary no later than Monday, October 9, 1972.

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