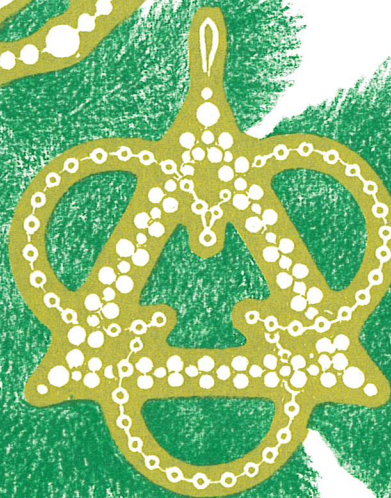
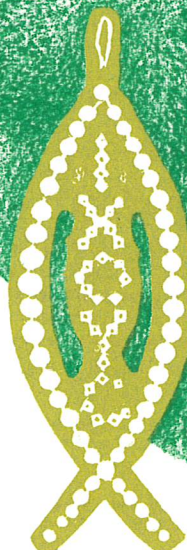
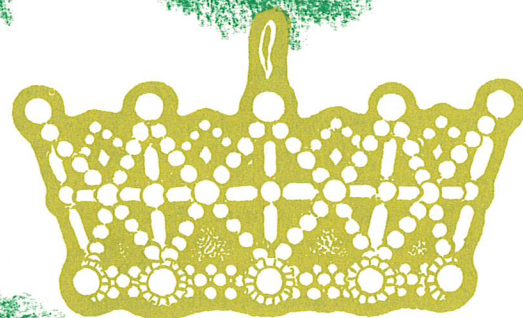


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## Good Tidings of Great Joy ... to All People!

The heart of Christmas is the assurance that the Savior of sinners was born to redeem all mankind.

Quite generally the birth of a child is a cause for rejoicing. At least one family, one relationship, and often an entire community rejoices at the news that a healthy child has been born in their midst.

The birth of Christ, however, brought infinitely more rejoicing. Not at once, of course, because Jesus was born in poverty and obscurity. Except for the angel's announcement, His birth would have gone virtually unnoticed. But His heavenly Father saw to it that this did not occur.

Humble shepherds were the first to receive the word of joy. It began with a divine "Fear not!"

Man's sin and guilt brings fear and helplessness with it. But God's grace drives out fear and His good tidings bring great joy. That grace of God not only promises joy, it creates joy by planting faith in the hearts of men. And faith is the Spirit-given hand that receives and clings to the pardon, peace, joy, and hope that the Gospel of the Savior proclaims. For behind the manger in Bethlehem looms the cross on Calvary. Christ came not to be ministered unto, but to minister and to lay down His life a ransom for many. He is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. Whosoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life. All this is included in the good tidings of great joy.

Christmas is often spoken of as the festival of children. Present-day Christmas celebrations often place children into the limelight. Children usually are the center of the family celebration. That is quite natural for the good tidings sent from heaven are intended for all, including children.

More than that: these good tidings must be received with simple, child-

like faith. The heaven-sent angels were not directed to Herod's palace but to Bethlehem's fields where humble shepherds were keeping watch over their flocks by night. Their childlike faith led them to go and see this thing that had come to pass, that the Lord had made known unto them. And after they had found the Child, they returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen. They also made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this Child.

It is thus very proper that our Children should be chosen to proclaim the Christmas message. Jesus Himself refers us to the Psalm which says: "Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings Thou hast perfected praise."

In their childlike faith, which Jesus held up as a model to His disciples, our children rejoice in their Savior and count it a privilege to repeat the angel's tidings of joy. Our children join the Bethlehem angel in driving out fear and in proclaiming good tidings of great joy which God has intended for all.

May all of us, who like the shepherds in Bethlehem have heard the good tidings, also count it a privilege to worship the Christchild, and to join the heavenly host in singing: Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will, toward men!

As we return from worshipping our Savior in childlike faith, may we also with grateful hearts glorify God by making known abroad the saying which was told us concerning this Child! Thus we will be His witnesses, driving fear from the hearts of men and bringing them the joy God intended for all people.

In Jesus Christ,

  
Oscar J. Naumann

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

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## Editorials

**Peace** You can count on it each Christmas. News commentators will take to the airways, describe the sad state of affairs in the world, and then wistfully remark what a shame the poor "Prince of peace" born in Bethlehem never delivered on His promise.

Sometimes our friends, too, like to tweak our nose a bit by pointing to the sorry lot of the nations today, even though "peace on earth" was once proclaimed over the hill country of Judaea.

A reporter by the name of Isaiah once explained this seeming contradiction: "For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end."

The world always wants God's peace without God's government. The ungodly clamor for "peace" without the "Prince." The nations long for peace, but on their own terms.

Aged Simeon lived in times as tangled as our own, amid crumbling social structures, political unrest, and economic crises. But for peace Simeon looked to the Prince cradled in his arms, and found it, and said: "Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace . . . for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation."

True peace is a gift from the Prince who delivers people from their sins and delivers on His promise: "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth give I unto you."

John Parcher

**Christmas Without Meaning?** Just after Christmas, two years ago, a mother wrote a haunting letter about her Christmas. Her young child had a terminal disease. The anguish of caring for this stricken child "made every day a day of depression and the celebration on December 25, with all its gaiety, only made it worse. We prayed that Christmas Day would pass quickly on its way, because this year it had no meaning. None at all."

One's heart goes out to that afflicted family, and to all the homes where Christmas comes to those who can look for no healing for their sick bodies, to those who can only

pine for the end of lonely hours; homes where hearts ache with yearning for wayward and thankless children; homes where spouses lock up inside them the dumb misery of enduring a marriage that was a tragic mistake; homes whose tenants taste the bitterness of want in an abundant land. Christmas seems to mock such families and to file the edges of their pain.

Is it so that in such homes Christmas should be prayed away because it has no meaning; none at all?

Who will tell these joyless people that Christmas came for just such homes to bring them peace and consolation beyond loss and pain? Will they not hear that the Christ-Child came in lowliness to raise downcast hearts and sin-burdened souls to heavenly joy? Will they not open their unheeding ears to the angels' message that a Savior was born to fill with shining hope and triumphant faith hearts that are empty and lonely and bruised and sad?

God's Christmas had meaning. It means everything, especially when life has lost its meaning.

Carleton Toppe

**Feeling Cheated?** "They were mired down in the same dull paths, routine, and feelings of misunderstanding and aloneness. Children and diapers, conformity and in-laws, suburbia and TV. Society had them bogged down, like others in their generation." This excerpt from a book review describes a real, live, modern, middle-class married couple. The same description could be applied to countless others living today. In fact, the couple so described is typical of most people of their age, generation, and economic circumstances.

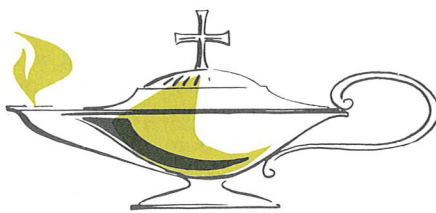
This does not depict a very satisfying life. And because it is descriptive of the lives of so many today, many feel cheated by life. Divorce, alcoholism, dependence on drugs, free love, psychiatric problems, rebellion against society, even suicide, are some of the tragic results.

Typically, people enter adult life with the high hopes of a child looking forward to Christmas; but fulfillment of their hopes generally proves to be very elusive. This is depressing. It can even be crushing.

This raises the question of whether we are not expecting too much of life. One searches the Scriptures in vain for the promise of a heaven on earth, and those who expect it are foredoomed to disillusionment and frustration. Because of sin, life for fallen mankind in this world is very imperfect. There are no exceptions. Consequently the Word of God urges upon us "godliness with contentment." Accept what God gives you in life, and put your trust in Him. This is the key to serenity and the antidote to life's many frustrations.

The ungodly cannot accept this. The Christian can. His faith gives promise of "the life that is to come," and it therefore upholds him in "the life that now is." With a faith like that, who can feel cheated!

Immanuel Frey



## Studies in God's Word

### Our Lord's Advent A Coming in Judgment

Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; and were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; and did all eat the same spiritual meat; and did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ. But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness (I Corinthians 10:1-5).

When we last time examined this same text, we looked at it from a slightly different slant than the one suggested by our current title. Previously we noted that the great events in Israel's history connected with the Exodus from Egypt served as an illustration of God's coming to His people *in grace*. And indeed they do show God's grace! St. Paul can refer to God's marvelous acts of preservation and tell the Corinthians that it was *spiritual* meat and *spiritual* drink that God was serving to His people in the water and the manna that He miraculously provided for them in the desert. They drank of no less than "that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ."

#### Grace for All

The blessings showered on Israel being so great and so obvious, one would have imagined that all of them should have turned eagerly to accept

the Lord's grace. Five times the universality of God's grace is impressed upon the reader, for Paul asserts: "All our fathers were under the cloud . . . all passed through the sea and were all baptized unto Moses . . . and did all eat the same spiritual meat and did all drink the same spiritual drink." The natural and logical conclusion to this series should have been: "and they all lived in the fear and love of God all their days." But notice that that is not what St. Paul reports to the Corinthians. To be sure, all of the Israelites shared abundantly in God's grace, "but with many of them God was not well pleased." The fact of God's divine displeasure is beyond dispute, for "they were overthrown in the wilderness." Despite the fact that all the Israelites had experienced God's grace, yet many of them (we could say "almost all of them") perished in the 40 years of wandering in the wilderness. Only two of the original generation, Caleb and Joshua, lived to enter the Promised Land.

#### Rejected Grace Draws Judgment

Why did so few enter the Promised Land? Because of the great and sobering truth expressed repeatedly in Scripture that God's grace cannot be spurned with impunity. If men refuse to accept the Lord when He comes in grace, then they must be prepared to meet Him when He returns as their righteous Judge. Recognizing truth, the Church does well to emphasize, as it does in the Advent

season, that this meek and mild Jesus whose birthday we are again preparing to celebrate, this Infant whom we see lying so helpless in the manger, is nevertheless the Lord of heaven and earth. As such, He will one day return in glory to judge the whole world in righteousness.

Recall the message of the angels who at His ascension asserted: "This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven" (Acts 1:11). That statement ought not to surprise anyone, for already during His ministry Christ told the disciples that in the end-time there would be signs in the sun and in the moon and in the stars, ushering in the final day when they would see the Son of Man "coming in a cloud with power and great glory" (Luke 21:27).

#### A Day of Mixed Emotions

Needless to say, for those who have steadfastly resisted the Lord's grace, that will be a most dreadful day, a day marked by "men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth" (Luke 21:26).

But what about the believer? What about those who have put their trust in the weak and lowly Infant lying in the manger at Bethlehem? To all such our Savior says: "When these things (signs of the end) begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads, for your redemption draweth nigh" (Luke 21:28). For the child of God Advent, even with its message of judgment, is not a time of terror. It speaks rather of redemption.

Advent means *coming*, a coming in grace now, followed by a coming in glory in the future. The two go together. How vital then that in this Advent season we repent and turn in faith to the Christ-Child who now comes to us once more in grace, so that we may share with Him also when at His second coming He comes in glory! As members of the Church that "with longing eyes for His expected coming waits," we join in the fervent Advent prayer: "Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

Armin J. Panning

## Chrismons at Portland

Just what are chrismons? Until somewhat over a year ago the women of Bethesda Lutheran Church at Portland, Oregon, really didn't know either. That is, not until they decided to replace the old ornaments for the church Christmas tree with Christ-centered ornaments. That's when they found out. One of their number had heard of "chrismons." With no more than that as a background the women of Bethesda Congregation ordered pattern books\*, and organized a committee to study these books and to purchase the necessary supplies.

But that hasn't answered the question: What are chrismons? Actually a chrismon is a monogram made up of the first two letters (in Greek) of the word Christ. In Greek they have approximately this form: XP (Ch and R). Chrismons as Christmas-tree ornaments also add other symbols interpreting the life of Christ and the prophecies that speak of Him. Thus, there is the golden rose, a symbol of the Nativity. A five-pointed star for Epiphany, and an eight-pointed star for Baptism. Daisies denote the innocence of the Christ-Child, lilies of the valley His humility. Butterflies represent His resurrection, and the fish

stands for Christ Himself. The latter symbol is an interesting one, for the letters of the Greek word for fish represent the words "Jesus Christ, God's Son, Savior."

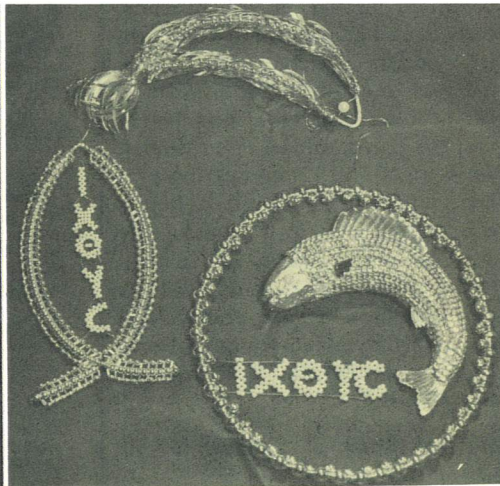
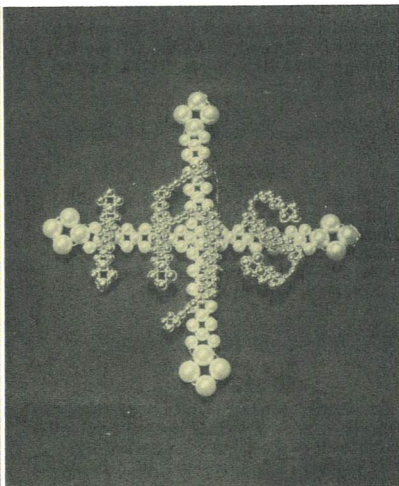
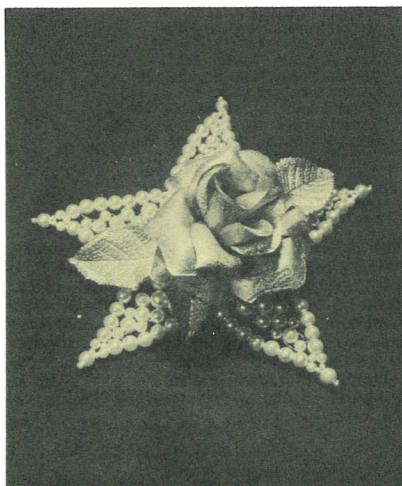
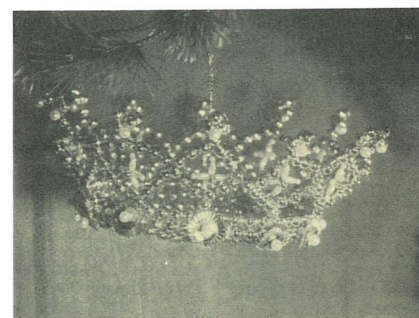
But to get back to Portland and the women of Bethesda Congregation!

### A Time-consuming Project

Early in May of 1972 a group of about eight to ten started meeting on a weekly basis to begin making chrismons. They soon found themselves using a whole new language when referring to chrismon materials. And they also soon realized that the \$20.00 they had voted to spend on making these ornaments would not stretch very far. Chrismons, they learned, are made of materials that are basically gold and white. Many are beaded, and these are among the most difficult to make, and the most expensive. Gold glitter, sequins, spangles, gold and pearl beads of various sizes and shapes, festooning, and styrofoam are some of the basic supplies needed. Not all of these are easily obtainable.

After each of the women had made one or two of the very simple ornaments, each decided to make a single, larger, more difficult one. As the project progressed, many of the women individually assumed the total

\*For information on pattern books and materials you may write: Mrs. Harold Schewe, 13505 SE Stark St., Portland, Oregon 97233. Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.



cost of a particular ornament. Some who could not help with the work donated lights.

Bethesda's women worked on these chrismons all through the summer months and well into the fall. Some even took their work home to complete the more complicated ornaments. By the end of October, about 100 chrismons were completed. Several each were made of the smaller and medium-sized ornaments; of the larger, more involved, only one or two were made. Some chrismons could be made in the matter of a half an hour, others took several weeks of spare time.

### Why Make Chrismons?

The benefits of a project such as this at Portland far outweigh any considerations of time and money. The women learned a great deal about church symbols. They learned, for example, that white, the liturgical color for Christmas, suggests innocence and the purity of Christ; that gold is a symbol for the glory and majesty of God; that circles represent eternity, eternal life, and God's eternal love; that triangles denote the Trinity. They also learned to recognize the many styles of crosses — Je-



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rusalem, Greek, Roman, Celtic, Tau — and to decipher Greek letters such as IHS and XP.

Bethesda's chrismon tree also had an impact beyond the members of the congregation. An article in the local newspaper brought letters and calls from people in many places in Oregon. Quite a few people came to view and photograph the tree. There was even an inquiry from the head of the high-school English department wondering where information on chris-

mons could be obtained to be included in a course on the Bible as Literature.

The chrismon tree for the members of Bethesda Lutheran Church is not only an eye-catching thing of beauty, but a tree with meaning, spelling out in symbols all that the Savior has done through His birth, suffering, death, and resurrection. Every year it reminds those who see it that Jesus Christ is what Christmas is all about.

Jeanne Schewe

## YEARBOOK 1974

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The WELS Yearbook contains a complete listing of all officials, boards and committees of the Synod and the Districts; the name, address and telephone number of all pastors, professors and teachers; the name, address and time of service of all congregations; a complete listing of all colleges, academies, area high schools, day schools, and charitable institutions; a directory of the pastors and teachers of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and the Federation for Authentic Lutheranism. Spiralbound.

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In an attempt to make courses needed for Synodical certification more readily available, Dr. Martin Luther College has arranged to offer an extension course in GENESIS at the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary beginning January 29, 1974, and meeting regularly on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 9:15 p.m. until May 21, 1974. Dr. Siegbert Becker of the Seminary has consented to teach the course if sufficient students enroll.

If you are interested please enroll by writing to the Director of Special Services, Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minn. 56073, before January 15, 1974.

### OFFER

Mount Calvary Lutheran Church of Kimberly, Wis., is offering a used set of individual Communionware to the first WELS mission requesting it. There is no cost, except for the shipping. Please write to: Pastor John Schroeder, 208 S. Pine St., Kimberly, Wisconsin 54136.

### REQUEST

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Providence, Rhode Island, a WELS mission, is in need of Communion ware. Please contact: Pastor Karl R. Gurgel, 296 Buckland Rd., South Windsor, Conn. 06074.

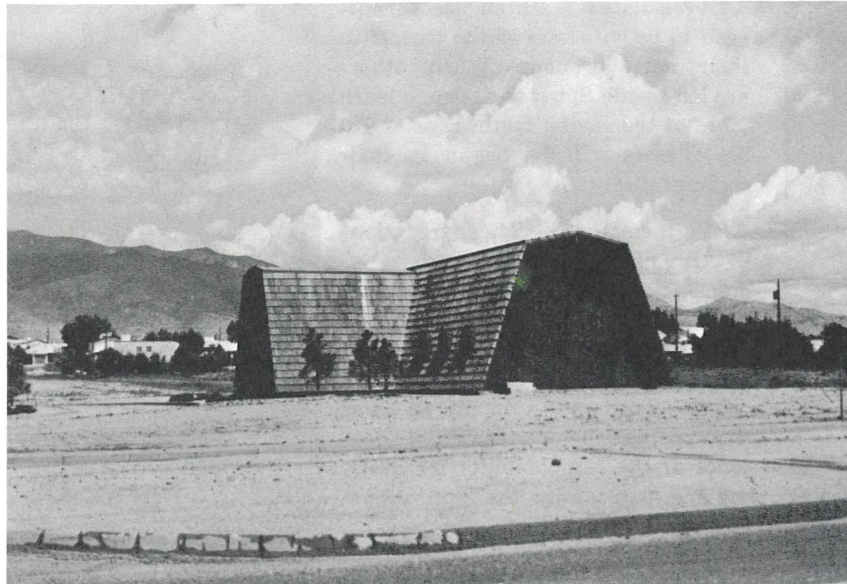
### NOMINATIONS — MLS

The following men have been nominated for the vacant professorship in music at Michigan Lutheran Seminary:

David Adickes, Onalaska, WI  
William H. Birsching, Moberly, SD  
Michael Brodbeck, Garden Groves, CA  
William Craig, Appleton, WI  
James Engel, Appleton, WI  
Willard Engel, Bay City, MI  
William Fuhrmann, Fond du Lac, WI  
Michael Hein, La Crosse, WI  
Merlyn Kruse, New Ulm, MN  
Robert Kuehn, Lake Mills, WI  
John P. Nolte, Tomah, WI  
Gordon Pape, Fond du Lac, WI  
Robert Sevo, Saginaw, MI  
Richard Sonntag, Milwaukee, WI  
Robert L. Sonntag, Manitowoc, WI  
George Traucht, Green Bay, WI  
Wayne Wagner, St. Paul, MN  
Paul Wendland, Greendale, WI  
Randy Westphal, Oshkosh, WI  
Daniel Zager, Madison, WI  
Rev. Matthew Zehms, Oakley, MI

The Board of Control of Michigan Lutheran Seminary will meet at 1:00 p.m. on January 11, 1974, to call a man from this list. The man called should be qualified to work in the MLS music department. This includes teaching classes in music theory, directing the band and choruses, and assisting in the piano program. Correspondence concerning the above should be in the hands of the undersigned by January 9, 1974.

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



Good Shepherd's at Albuquerque

## *Mission Work in New Mexico*

New Mexico is a land of contrasts. Semiarid plains, suitable only for marginal cattle grazing, are dotted with verdant farms reclaimed from the desert by irrigation. Sun-baked flat lands give way to cool and rugged mountains where skiing often continues into June. A traveler can drive a hundred miles where the only indications of human habitation are a gas station or two, yet meet road signs directing him to a metropolis of one-third of a million people. Since the explosion of the first atomic bomb at Trinity Site, New Mexico has become a leading center of research into the future uses of atomic power, and all the while archeologists uncover the pueblo apartments of ancient farming civilizations.

In the mid-sixteenth century, the Spanish, in search of the fabled "seven cities of gold," conquered New Mexico. With them came Roman Catholic missionary priests. For 300 years Roman Catholicism was the area's official faith. About the same time the Wisconsin Synod was founded, the United States took possession of the territory of New Mexico. This brought immigrants to the new territory — miners, ranchers, and farmers. They were followed by Protestant missionaries.

In the past 30 years New Mexico, and particularly Albuquerque, has shared in the great migration of people to the desert Southwest. Shortly after World War II, pastors of the Colorado Mission District arranged to have a survey team sent to Albuquerque; but for various reasons it was not considered the right time to begin Wisconsin Synod mission work there.

By 1966 the continuing growth of Albuquerque and the change in our relationship with the Missouri Synod prompted another look. The Arizona-California District Mission Board sent the Rev. A. Hugh Reaume to investigate the field and begin exploratory services. For two years he regularly made the 270-mile trip from Winslow, Arizona, to conduct Sunday evening worship services for a group of confessional Lutherans. They met in a bank hospitality room, a mortuary chapel, and, occasionally, in private homes.

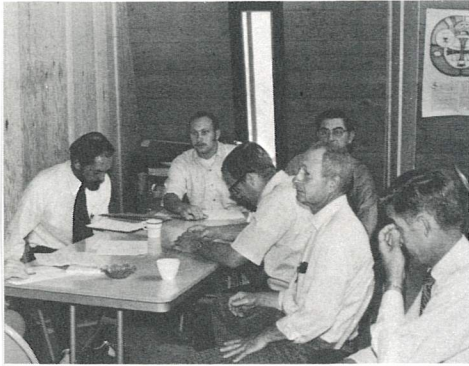
In September, 1968, Pastor Reaume's trips came to an end when Paul Siegler was installed as the first resident missionary in New Mexico. A former pool hall was rented and renovated by the congregation. It served as the chapel for Good Shepherd Congregation until the little

flock dedicated its own permanent chapel on March 21, 1971.

While this was happening at Albuquerque, a parallel development was taking place in El Paso, Texas, 275 miles to the south, where Trinity Lutheran Church was organized and served by Pastor Richard Hennig and, now, by Pastor Dennis Halvarson.

It soon became clear that these two congregations were being called to serve more than just their immediate neighborhoods or even two large cities. Families from various towns in the fifth largest state either contacted us about serving them or were referred to us. Trinity Lutheran of El Paso expanded its parish boundaries across state lines to cover the southern portion of New Mexico. It counts among its active members families living up to 125 miles from the church in towns such as Las Cruces, Organ, Deming, Alamogordo, and Mescalero. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church serves the rest of the state. About one-fourth of its members live from 85 to 225 miles from the church in every direction.

It might be expected that people such as these would be inactive, but that is not the case. Living in Espanola and Los Alamos, 100 miles



Congregational Meeting at Good Shepherd's



Fellowship Potluck at Good Shepherd's

north, are two Church Council members, one of our Sunday-school teachers, the president of the Altar Guild, and our summer organist.

Many of this far-flung flock of the Good Shepherd have tried other Lutheran churches near their homes, but have found that they were often fed the chaff of man-made philosophy. They consider it well worth the sacrifice of time and the miles of travel to be nourished by the Word.

The congregations are guided by the principle that every soul is precious in the sight of the Lord and that we dare not despise any soul who looks to us to be served with the Gospel in Word and Sacraments. But we can not always serve these scattered brethren as either they or we would like. What we are presently doing is to send tape recordings to those who cannot come to worship with us. Periodic pastoral visits are made to those who cannot be in church regularly, so that these brethren may also receive the comfort and strengthening of the Lord's Supper.

Our isolated brethren are encouraged to be witnesses to the Gospel in their neighborhoods. When others are led by the Spirit to desire to learn more of the saving truth, regular Bible Classes will be begun in their communities.

The members of the congregations in Albuquerque and El Paso are increasingly aware of the fact that they are a part of a new frontier in Wisconsin Synod missions. Their pastors are a type of twentieth-century circuit riders — constantly on the go — so the people themselves must bear more of the responsibility for building and maintaining the local congregation.

With the Lord's blessing upon our efforts, we are hopeful that in the future you will see in *The Northwestern Lutheran* announcements of the beginning of new preaching stations and new missions in New Mexico. We also hope to be able to inform you someday soon that Spanish-language radio broadcasts are beaming the Gospel into the many Spanish-speaking homes in New Mexico.

New Mexico is a land of sunshine. But there is much need here for the light of the Sun of Righteousness to shine into the hearts of many groping in the darkness of sin. Only that can make the cities of this state "cities of gold."

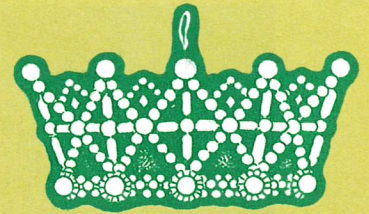
Thank you for supporting our feeble efforts to let our lights shine as we continue to bring the light of the Gospel to those in darkness.

Paul Siegler

**About the Author . . .**

Shortly after writing this article on mission work in the State of New Mexico, Pastor Paul Siegler accepted a call to Calvary Congregation, Bellevue, Washington. Good Shepherd of Albuquerque is now in the process of calling another minister.

Pastor Siegler graduated from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in 1963. He was the first resident pastor of Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, Coon Rapids, Minnesota, before serving the Albuquerque field from 1968 to 1972. He is the son and grandson of Wisconsin Synod pastors.



*To Thee My Heart I Offer*

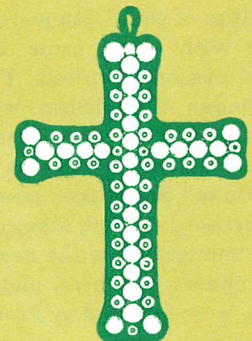
*To Thee my heart I offer,  
O Christ-child sweet and dear,  
Upon Thy love relying;  
Oh, be Thou ever near!  
Take Thou my heart and give me Thine  
And let it be forever mine,  
O Jesus, holy, undefiled,  
My Savior meek and mild.*

*My heart within is glowing,  
O Christ-child sweet and dear;  
I love Thee, Lord and Savior,  
Oh, be Thou ever near!  
I see Thee in a manger laid,  
Near cattle resting unafraid;  
I see Thy deep humility  
And lowly bow to Thee.*

*What brought Thee to the manger,  
O Christ-child sweet and dear?  
Thy love for me, a stranger —  
Oh, be Thou ever near!  
O Lord, how great is this Thy love  
That reaches down from heav'n above,  
Thy love for us, by sin defiled,  
That made Thee, God, a child!*

*With all my heart and being,  
O Christ-child sweet and dear,  
I love Thee, and Thee only;  
Oh, be Thou ever near!  
My heart I in Thy manger lay;  
Let it remain there and for aye  
Draw it to Thee that it may be  
Secure eternally.*

*Let me be Thine forever,  
O Christ-child sweet and dear;  
Uphold me with Thy mercy,  
And be Thou ever near.  
From Thee I gladly all receive,  
And what is mine to Thee I give,  
My heart, my soul, and all I own.  
Let these be Thine alone.*





## Joy in Jacksonville

In October of 1969, the first Wisconsin Synod worship service in northeast Florida was held in a private home in Jacksonville, with 15 people present. Pastors Larry Zwieg and Richard Wiechmann came 150 miles to conduct the service. Exactly four years later, on October 14, 1973,



Dedication Service

the Lord permitted Our Savior Ev. Lutheran Church of Jacksonville to dedicate its new chapel and fellowship hall. The 125 people who shared that joyous day were evidence of the Lord's blessing on the congregation over the past four years. The new worship facilities gave promise of His continued blessings for years to come.

The members of Our Savior consider it a special honor that the dedication of their facilities marked another milestone in the Synod's history. It was the first such event in the new South Atlantic District since its organization on September 25, 1973. District President Raymond Wiechmann was the guest preacher. District First Vice President James Vogt was the liturgist. The congregation's pastor, the Rev. John Vogt, read the rite of dedication.

In his address based on Psalm 27, Pastor Wiechmann spoke about the joyful congregation as "Happy Ten-

ants in God's House." He pointed out how happy we must be to behold the beauty of the Lord — a beauty revealed in His grace and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. How happy, too, we are to inquire in His Temple! President Wiechmann drew our attention to the great benefit that is ours when we study the Word of God under the guidance of faithful pastors and teachers. He exhorted the congregation always to insist on full faithfulness to Bible truth.

It is amazing how rapidly the Lord brought His mission in Jacksonville to this day of dedication. After being without their own pastor for 21 months, the members of Our Savior called and installed Pastor John Vogt as their first resident pastor. That was in July, 1971. Six months later they purchased four acres of land on a new highway in Jacksonville's booming south side. In March of 1972 they engaged the services of a local architect, Mr. Joseph Harms, and signed a contract with the builder in February of 1973. Dedication, as noted, was on October 14.

The new chapel and fellowship hall are designed for multipurpose use. As a result, in a 3,200 square-foot building, the congregation has a nave seating 150 people, with a 30x50 fellowship hall attached. The fellowship hall can be converted into two full-sized classrooms for the Christian day school the congregation is eager to begin. In addition, it will

serve as an overflow area for worship services. Since Our Savior's is a young congregation, the cryroom is also a welcome addition. To achieve maximum use of all space, a covered walkway surrounds the fellowship hall, thus eliminating inside hallways. The entire building gives a spacious and clean-cut effect. In spite of the fact that the swampiness of the property added \$10,000 to the final cost, the church was erected for under \$85,000.

Simultaneously the congregation was privileged to undertake the construction of a brick-front parsonage, set in the woods behind the chapel. Occupancy took place in November.

We sincerely thank our fellow Christians throughout the Synod for supporting Missions and the Church Extension Fund, which made these buildings possible. Most of all, we thank our God without whose blessing and guidance there would be no church in Jacksonville or anywhere.

It was a joy for Our Savior's to dedicate its buildings to God's glory. It's a special joy this year to celebrate Christmas in our new church home.

As you travel to Florida, please pay us a visit at Jacksonville. Our church is situated at 2140 St. John's Bluff Road. Sunday school and adult Bible class meet at 9:15 each Sunday, with the worship service following at 10:30. Come, taste our joy!

John F. Vogt, pastor



Our Savior Ev. Lutheran, Jacksonville, Florida

## News from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary

Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary opened its 1973-74 school year on September 11 with 169 seminarians in attendance, 57 Juniors, 65 Middlers, and 47 Seniors. An additional 51 students are serving as parish vicars and undergraduate tutors and instructors.

In the opening service, Prof. Joel Gerlach applied the words of I Corinthians 4:1-2 to the seminary family, comparing the seminary experience to an ongoing initiation into the sacred secrets of saving grace. The initiation is in part a process whereby the Lord of the church entrusts His servants with "the mysteries of God." The new school year, the speaker noted, "begins another round of that entrusting process," equipping men for service as stewards of God's mysteries.

Stewards of God's mysteries are expected to serve faithfully, according to St. Paul. The speaker noted that such stewardship involves faithfulness in studying, in proclaiming, and

in living out the Word in everyday life. Shouldering the responsibility of a steward and accomplishing the tasks of a seminarian are difficult, but not impossible, for Christ strengthens them.

At school opening the seminary had not yet obtained the two additional faculty members which it had been authorized to call. It was therefore not possible to carry out all the desirable class divisions which make for most effective instruction. It was joyful news, therefore, when the seminary received word during the latter part of September that Pastor David Kuske had received his release as principal of Luther High School, Onalaska, Wisconsin, in order to accept the call to the fifteenth professorship, in the field of New Testament and Christian Education. He has since taken up residence on Seminary Hill. Having been assigned a very limited teaching schedule for the remainder of this school year, he will carry out a systematized program of

private study devoted to the materials covered by the seminary courses in Hermeneutics, Textual Criticism, and Advanced Greek Grammar. Professor Martin Westerhaus, who received his degree of Master of Arts in Library Science during August, is now in full charge as seminary librarian. He teaches the course in Theological Encyclopedia.

On October 18 our Synod's Assignment Committee asked one of our Senior students, Maurice Hoppe, to serve a second year of vicarship in order to meet the needs of Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, Appleton, Wisconsin, occasioned by the illness of their pastor, the Rev. Marlyn Schroeder.

On a pleasant fall day, Saturday, October 6, from nine to four, the first convention of the newly organized Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Auxiliary was held at the seminary. Two hundred eighty-nine women were in attendance. This new organization is designed to foster Christian fellowship on a wider scale, to afford opportunity for the women of our congregations to become better acquainted with their seminary, and to undertake projects by which the seminary will be benefited.

Carl Lawrenz

## First WELS Joint Reformation Service in TENNESSEE

It was drizzling when we began. About 100 people had made it. When we began *A Mighty Fortress*, it sounded like 150! One couple had flown in on Southern Airlines. Others had driven over 200 miles to come from Memphis and Birmingham. Others arrived from Ft. Campbell, Kentucky, and Huntsville, Alabama. From north, south, east and west, they converged on Nashville at 4:30 P.M., October 28, for Tennessee's first Joint Reformation Service of Wisconsin Synod Lutheran Churches.



Visiting after the Service

Members of the host congregation, the Rock of Ages Ev. Lutheran

Church, had spread red velvet over a cafeteria table to improvise an altar

## Placement of Hong Kong Graduates

The November 18, 1973, issue of *The Northwestern Lutheran* carried an account of the graduation services at the Seminary in Hong Kong and the Bible Institute which is connected with it. The graduation was held on June 24, 1973. We know that you will be interested to know where these young men were placed.

Mr. Anak Agung Dipa Pandji Tisna returned to Indonesia, where he will serve as vicar. Mr. Daniel Lee was assigned as vicar to Savior Church, Taipei, Taiwan.

The vacancy at Grace Church, Kowloon, caused when Mr. Matthew Cheung finished his term as vicar, was filled by Pastor Timothy Lee, who accepted the call to become copastor with Pastor Kenneth Seim. In the morning service on July 29, Pastors Stephen Chu and K. Seim installed Pastor Timothy Lee, assisted by Prof. Paul Behn and Pastor Victor Cheung (stationed in Taiwan).

The same Sunday, Mr. Foun Jan and Mr. Matthew Cheung were installed in an afternoon service as co-evangelists in St. Paul's Church, Tsuen Wan, New Territories. Pastor

Stephen Chu officiated, and other clergy assisted.

The following Sunday morning, August 5, Mr. Joel Chung was installed as vicar at Immanuel Church, Kwun Tong. He is to assist Pastor S. Chu. In the same service, Mr. Robert Kam was installed as a full-time translator for the Christian Literature and Translation Committee of the Chinese Ev. Lutheran Church. Pastor S. Chu officiated, with Prof. P. Behn assisting.

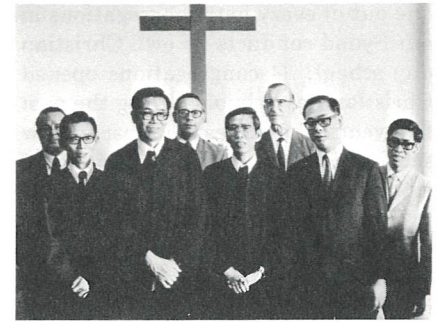
To each of these workers in the Lord's kingdom we say with St. Paul in II Timothy 4:5: "Do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry." Lord, keep them faithful to Your Word!

Prof. Paul Behn

Top photo: Installation of Pastor Timothy Lee.

Center photo: Installation of Evangelists Foun Jan and Matthew Cheung.

Bottom photo: Installation of Mr. Robert Kam as translator and of Mr. Joel Chung (right) as vicar.



in the Goodlettsville Elementary School gymnasium. Flowers, donated by Nashville and Memphis contributors, flanked the wooden cross at the center of the altar. The congregation sat on metal folding chairs. Cafeteria tables leaned against the walls, and a well-worn studio piano provided the accompaniment. There, in makeshift worship facilities, rearranged for this particular service, the worshipers gathered to praise Him who had arranged all things from the beginning. Amid all the evidences of things temporary, the worshipers focused their faith on that which is permanent — the changeless promises of an unchanging God!

Three guest speakers, each with his own style, from three different congregations, speaking on three different points, underscored one emphatic theme: "Three Unchanging Land-

marks in a Rapidly Changing World." Pastor Ralph Waack, from Redeemer Lutheran in Huntsville, Alabama, focused the congregation's attention on the importance of the landmark *Sola Scriptura*. Pastor Karl Peterson, from Our Savior in Birmingham, Alabama, cultivated a deeper appreciation for the value of *Sola Gratia*. Pastor Rodney Busch, from *Gloria Dei* in Memphis, Tennessee, strengthened a determination to preserve the *Sola Fide* unblemished and uncorrupted by human notions and distortions. A "mass choir" made up of members from all four participating congregations joined their voices to "Sing A New Song" in response to His Grace.

The 88 who attended the service sensed the urgency of keeping the landmarks unchanged amid so much change. In thankfulness to God, they

offered their gifts to the Church Extension Fund, to carry on the planting and preservation of those landmarks elsewhere in our country.

Many stayed for an hour of fellowship following the service. New acquaintances were made and old friendships renewed. But, most important, the common bond of faith which had drawn them from such great distances was strengthened and revitalized by Him who had planted that faith in the first place.

When it was time to fold up the chairs, put back the tables, pack up the hymnals, and take the leftover refreshments, coffee cups, and napkins out to the cars, it was still drizzling and the wind had grown quite cold. But a warmth had settled into hearts that a cold wind and drizzle could not chill.

Richard Stadler, pastor

## Christian Schools In Our Synod

The August, 1973, convention of our Synod made note of the following regarding our Synod's Christian day schools and Lutheran high schools: one out of every four congregations in our Synod conducts its own Christian day school; 34 congregations opened Christian day schools during the past five years, the largest number of new schools in any five-year period; 10 more congregations were scheduled to open schools in fall; and the enrollments in our Christian day schools and Lutheran high schools increased despite the decreasing birth rate.

The Synod, by resolution, expressed its "thanks to the Lord for the manifold blessings He has showered upon our efforts in teaching our children diligently through our Christian day schools and Lutheran high schools." The Synod also resolved to continue its efforts "to motivate and assist congregations in establishing more Christian day schools and Lutheran high schools."

The above report and our Synod's resolutions are most encouraging. And now, that schools are again in session, we can add information that indicates a continuing interest in Christian day-school and Lutheran high-school education in our Synod.

The 264 WELS Christian day schools, located in 19 states, have a total enrollment of 26,507. This is an increase of 49 over last year. The decreasing birth rate and the transfer of members from urban to suburban and rural areas are causing declining enrollment in some of our schools. However, 110 schools experienced increases.

### New Christian Day Schools

One congregation with a Christian day school, St. Andrew's Church, Chicago, Illinois, joined our Synod. Ten congregations opened schools this fall. They are: St. Mark, Eau Claire, Wisconsin; Grace, Falls Church, Virginia; First Lutheran,

Prescott, Arizona; Bay Pines, Seminole, Florida; Christ Our Redeemer, Bend, Oregon; Faith, Dexter, Michigan; Mt. Olive, Overland Park, Kansas; Abiding Word, Houston, Texas; St. John's, Fox Lake, Wisconsin; and Shepherd of the Hills, La Mesa, California. A goodly number of additional congregations throughout our Synod are planning to open their own schools in the near future.

### Lutheran High Schools

Congregations in nine areas of our Synod are conducting Lutheran high schools for their young people. These schools have a total enrollment of 3,405 — an increase of 207 over last year. Congregations in several other areas of our Synod have recently formed associations and are working toward establishing Lutheran high schools.

At the beginning of the school year, 1,345 workers served as instructors in our Christian day schools and Lutheran high schools.

### Why Christian Schools?

Why do our people and congregations desire Christian schools for their children and young people? Several reasons could be mentioned, but the basic reasons should be obedience to God's command and trust in God's promises. God commands, "Bring them (the children) up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Eph. 6:4), and He promises, "In all places where I record My name I will come unto thee, and I will bless thee" (Exod. 20:24).

Christian parents rightly want schools for their children where these can be instructed thoroughly and systematically in the Word of God; where every subject is taught in the context of the Gospel; where God is glorified and His Word is accepted; where the disobedient and transgressors are confronted with the Law of God and the repentant are comforted with the love of God in Christ Jesus.

Parents have every reason to be concerned about the kind of education and training that is being offered in many classrooms in the state schools. Not only are these schools unable to give their children and youth what the Bible calls the "one thing needful," but they often give that which every Christian recognizes as detrimental to the moral and spiritual welfare of his children. The Bible alone is a sure guide and gives the right answers. But the world has turned to the evolutionist, materialist, and humanist for direction. This deeply concerns Christian parents, and rightly so.

Relying on the solid ground of God's Word and His promised blessing, let us continue to promote, maintain, and support Christian schools. These schools are a special blessing of our gracious God. Let us also pray that these schools may always offer our children, and their children after them, the kind of education and training the Lord wants them to have.

Adolph Fehlauer

## Arizona-California

### Christ Our Savior Dedicates Church at Angleton-Freeport, Texas

Pastor Vilas Glaeske, who served Christ Our Savior Lutheran during the first months of its existence, was the special speaker for the dedication of its new chapel on Pentecost Sunday, June 10, 1973. The local pastor, the Rev. Wayne Vogt, served as liturgist. Pastor Vogt has shepherded the congregation since August, 1970.

The first meeting of interested people was held in Angleton on August 3, 1969. Services were conducted at Angleton's American Legion Hall until July, 1971. From then until dedication the members of Christ Our Savior worshiped in the Brazosport Savings and Loan Building in downtown Lake Jackson.

In January of 1971 four acres of attractive woodland property were purchased by the congregation. The first building to be erected on the site was a parsonage, dedicated on March 27, 1972. Groundbreaking for the chapel

**Prof. Victor Voecks  
1904-1973**



Prof. Victor Albert Fredrick Voecks was born in 1904 on the day before Reformation Day. He died two days before the 456th anniversary of the same event. The last two worship services he attended commemorated God's deed through Luther. For 43 years he was privileged to teach at a school that was named after the great Reformer, Dr. Martin Luther

College, New Ulm, Minnesota. He taught thousands of future servants in the church to teach and preach the glorious message of the Reformation. Above all, he himself steadfastly believed the sweet Gospel of salvation which the Reformation restored to the church.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Voecks, he was born in Appleton, Wisconsin, on October 30, 1904, and baptized and confirmed at St. Paul's Church. He was also ordained there on May 17, 1934.

To prepare himself for the work of the ministry, he attended Northwestern College and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. After his graduation in 1930, he was assigned to Dr. Martin Luther College as tutor. In 1931 he was called as a permanent member of the faculty.

For many years he taught Latin, but more recently Religion and Church History. From 1931 to 1947 he served the school as athletic director and coach. He was registrar of the college from 1948 to 1961, and vice-president from 1958 to 1971.

On August 6, 1932, Prof. Voecks was married to Olga Ulichny. In 1948 they became charter members of St. John's Congregation.

It was in 1954 that Prof. Voecks suffered his first heart attack. The Lord granted him a recovery sufficient to enable him to teach until the last day of his life, October 29, 1973. That day he went about his usual tasks at the college; that evening he was called home by his Lord. His age was 68 years, 11 months, 29 days.

He is survived by his widow; two daughters, Naomi (Mrs. David Plocher) and Garda (Mrs. William Stanis); a son, Michael; six grandchildren; one sister and two brothers.

Funeral services were conducted at St. John's, New Ulm, on November 2. The undersigned preached on Psalm 103:15-18. Executive Secretary Robert Voss spoke on behalf of the Commission for Higher Education. Both the college and the academy choirs sang in the service. Burial took place in the Lutheran Cemetery at New Ulm.

Pastor F. Nitz

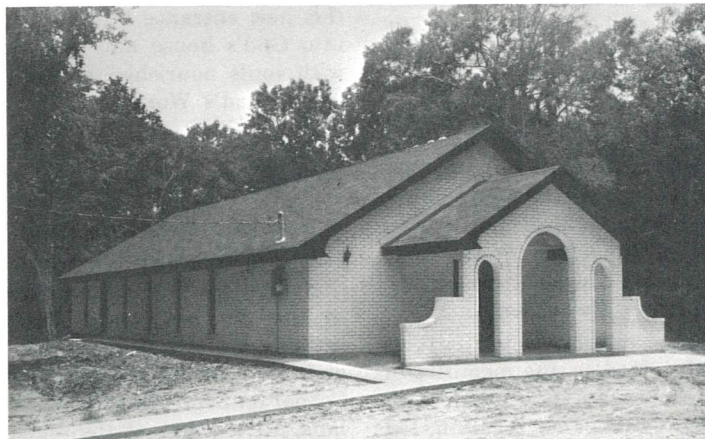
## *Direct from the Districts*

took place on January 21, 1973, with dedication the following June 10.

The main sanctuary of the chapel comfortably seats 140. Overflow is available in the kitchen and narthex. There are two Sunday-school classrooms, with other classes using the main auditorium.

Construction cost was kept at the very modest figure of \$37,618 by utilizing practical and simple methods of construction. The congregation offers the use of its blueprints to any interested group.

Members of Christ Our Savior are grateful to the Lord for His blessings,



Christ Our Savior Church, Angleton, Texas

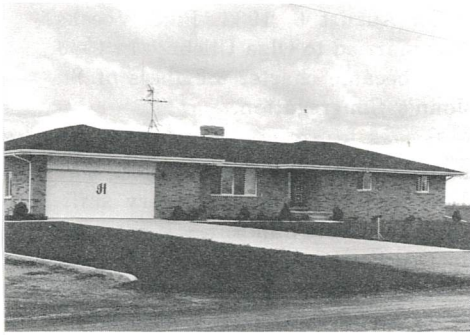
to the members of the mission board for their help, and to the members of the Synod for their support of the Church Extension Fund. Visitors vacationing along the Gulf Coast in Texas are always welcome!

### **Michigan**

#### **New Parsonage at Kawkawlin**

On Sunday afternoon, last April 29, St. Bartholomew Lutheran Congregation at Kawkawlin assembled to praise God for blessing the efforts of the people of this congregation in designing and erecting their new parsonage. The Rev. Robert Mueller of Livonia, first vice-president of the District, preached for the occasion. He encouraged the congregation to let this home serve as a reminder to invite Jesus to be a guest in their own hearts and homes.

The parsonage is a brick, ranch-style home with four bedrooms, a living room, kitchen-dining room, and spacious study. The home is carpeted throughout and has a central vacuum system.



Parsonage at Kawkawlin

Worthy of note is that 90 per cent of the construction was done by volunteer labor. It took the members one year of evening and Saturday work to complete it. The cost of the home to the congregation was \$35,000. The value of the donated labor has been estimated at \$25,000.

The Lord be praised, indeed, for the talents and the time which the members of St. Bartholomew's so willingly devoted to the erection of this beautiful home. May its present pastor, the Rev. Howard N. Henke, and those who follow him use this home as a place to prepare the glorious repast of God's Word so that the souls of this flock may be fed in the pure pastures that prepare men for eternal life!

#### Anniversary and Organ Dedication

On November 4, 1973, Arlington Avenue Lutheran Church of Toledo, Ohio, observed the 25th anniversary of the dedication of its house of worship. As a thankoffering, the congregation dedicated a new pipe organ to the glory of God and the joy of His people. The sermon for the occasion, preached by its pastor, the Rev. G. Schroer, was based on Psalm 96 and exhorted the congregation to "Sing a New Song" of faith and thanksgiving.

The hymns of worship and praise continued in a 4:00 P.M. service in which Prof. M. Albrecht of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary served as organist, and Pastor Winfred Koelpin delivered the sermon. The Rev. Mr. Koelpin was pastor of the congregation when the church was dedicated in 1948.

Arlington Avenue Lutheran Church was organized in 1934. From 1935 to 1948 it worshiped in a telephone building which the congrega-



Prof. M. Albrecht at organ

tion had purchased. The first resident WELS pastor was the Rev. Oscar J. Naumann, now president of the Synod.

The new organ is a free-standing, 10-rank, Wicks instrument. Its Hauptwerk is built into an unenclosed reflector box. The Chor organ is built into a swell box. The total number of pipes is 629. Prof. E. Meyer of DMLC was the organ consultant.

Members of the congregation put in many hours remodeling the sanctuary for the new organ. They bow humbly before the Lord of glory to thank Him for the privilege of worshiping Him with this new instrument of praise!

## Minnesota

### 50 Years at the Organ

In the fall of 1923, shortly after her confirmation, a young woman became the regular organist at St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Minneola Township, rural Goodhue. For half a century the Holy Spirit gave Mrs. Walter Hadler the zeal and faithfulness to dedicate her time and talents to the organ and to St. John's. Her faithful labors have assisted the members of St. John's to lift their hearts and their voices to sing the praises of their Redeemer-King.

In order to express their appreciation to Mrs. Hadler, the members of St. John's invited a guest organist on September 23. The congregation, led by its pastor, the Rev. Roger Sachs,



Mrs. Walter Hadler, organist

offered up a prayer of thanksgiving to God for the gift of their organist, and also presented her with the gift of a gold clock. At noon, Mrs. Hadler was the guest of honor at an open house. God willing, Mrs. Hadler plans to continue playing the organ for many years to come.

### "How Amiable are Thy Tabernacles, O Lord of Hosts!"

At 10:30 A.M. on September 16, 1973, St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church of Hancock dedicated a new front entrance to the glory of God. The Rev. Prof. Paul Wilde of Northwestern Lutheran Academy, Mobridge, South Dakota, a former pastor of St. John's, chose Psalm 84 as his text for the occasion. The Rev. Martin T. Bradtke read the rite of dedication.

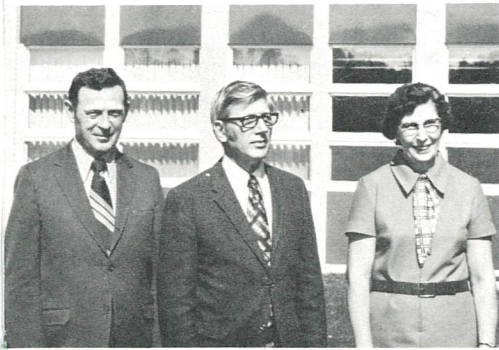
The new entrance is spacious and beautiful. A basement room, constructed beneath it, provides space for catechetical instructions and Sunday school. The cost of the total project was \$26,000.

May the members of St. John's use this new entrance faithfully to come into God's house and then to leave with souls nourished by the preaching of God's Word!

## Northern Wisconsin

### Manitowoc Lutheran High Honors Three Jubilarians

Eighty years of accumulated labor in the Savior's service were commemorated with a service of thanksgiving at Manitowoc Lutheran High School on September 16. The jubilarians, all teachers at the school, were the principal, the Rev. Loren Schal-



Instructor H. Paul Bauer, Principal Loren Schaller, and Miss Lorraine Liese.

ler, and the Rev. H. Paul Bauer, each with 25 years of service, and Miss Lorraine Liese with 30 years of service. The two pastors are graduates of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary at Mequon. Miss Liese is a graduate of Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Illinois.

The sermon for the service, based on II Corinthians 4:5-7, was preached by a classmate of the pastor-jubilarians, Prof. John Jeske of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary.

May the gracious Father in heaven continue to supply the church with faithful pastors and teachers to train the young, to strengthen the adults, and to seek and win the lost!

### Reformation Observances

The Reformation rally conducted annually at the Winnebago Lutheran Academy, Fond du Lac, was held on Sunday evening, October 28. The Rev. Prof. E. Fredrich of the faculty at Mequon was the guest speaker. Pastor Norbert Mielke of Campbellsport served as liturgist. Guest organist for the service was Mr. Eugene Pydynkoski, principal of St. Paul's at Mt. Calvary. Mr. Robert Landvatter, principal of Grace at Oshkosh, directed a mass children's chorus.

Another such service was held at Fox Valley Lutheran High School in Appleton the same evening. The liturgist was Pastor F. Brandt of St. Paul's, Appleton. The message was delivered by the Rev. George Orvick, president of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Special music was provided by a brass choir under the direction of Mr. William Craig. Musical selections were also sung by the Fox Valley School Choir, the Valley Lutheran Chorale, a recently organized adult choir under the direction of Mr.

James Engel, and a mass choir of children from area parochial schools, under the direction of Mr. Mark Opitz. Organist was Mr. Kurt Oswald.

## Pacific Northwest

### Groundwork Laid for High School

At a special District convention in June, 1973, delegates took initial steps toward Christian education on the high-school level, when they approved the organization of the Pacific Northwest Lutheran Academy Conference. They authorized this Conference to work toward the establishment and operation of one or more high schools in the Pacific Northwest District.

A Board of Directors has been elected. The 15 men on the board, composed of laymen, teachers, and pastors, represent the three major geographical areas of the District: Oregon-Idaho, Eastern Washington, and Western Washington-Alaska. Each area has five representatives.

The board will soon meet for its organizational meeting. It will then begin to study, plan, and probe the Lord's will concerning this venture of faith in the Pacific Northwest.

### Anniversary

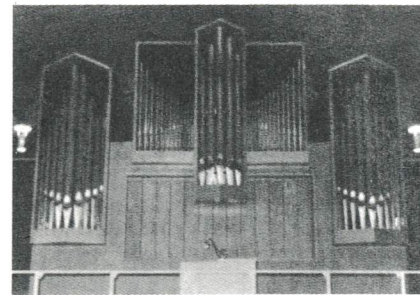
The 25th of July, 1973, marked the 25th anniversary of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Yakima, Washington. A former pastor, President George Frey, helped the assembled worshippers acknowledge the Lord's blessings. He developed his sermon around Jeremiah 51:10, and spoke about the blessings of the righteous and the privilege of declaring the work of the Lord. The present pastor of the congregation is the Rev. Arthur Valerio.

## Western Wisconsin

### Organ Dedication

Prof. Edward Meyer of Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota, who had served as organ consultant, also played the organ dedication recital on September 30, 1973, at St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Wisconsin Rapids.

The tonal scheme and physical layout of the new 27-rank pipe organ were developed in December, 1971,



and accepted in a congregational meeting in June, 1972. The organ was built by the Wicks Organ Company of Highland, Illinois, and installed during the past summer.

The 1403 pipes range in size from the large bass pipes visible in the organ case to those smaller than a pencil. Total cost of the project, including remodeling of the balcony, was \$52,000. Pastor of the congregation is the Rev. William Lange.

### NOTICE

The next regular plenary session of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for December 17-18, 1973.

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.

Carl S. Leyrer, Secretary  
Board of Trustees

## INSTALLATION

(Authorized by the District President)

### Pastor:

Fritz, Dayton as pastor at Hope Lutheran, Indian River, Michigan, by L. Pingel, on November 4, 1973 (Mich.).

## CHANGES OF ADDRESS

(Submitted through District Presidents)

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Moline, IL 61265

### Teacher:

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### APPOINTMENT

Mr. Daniel B. Kirk has accepted appointment as the area high school representative on the Western Wisconsin District Board of Education. He succeeds Prof. David Kuske, who accepted a call to Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary.

Carl H. Mischke, President  
Western Wisconsin District

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## NEW W.E.L.S. CHURCHES

### Names Requested

In recent months the Wisconsin Synod began work in the states and cities listed below. Please send all names of members who moved into the general area of these cities, as well as names of people, who may be interested in a Wisconsin Synod mission, to the Synod's Membership Conservation office. Names as well as pertinent information regarding members referred will be forwarded to the nearest pastor and/or mission board chairman. Pastors who want stations included in this list are to inform the respective District mission board chairman. Area names are dropped from this list after appearing in the Yearbook for one year.

Arizona	Litchfield Park*
	Paradise Valley*
California	Alameda County*
	Arcadia*
	Mission Viejo
	Novato (Marin County)*
Colorado	Colorado Springs*
Delaware	Wilmington*
Florida	Gainesville*
	West Palm Beach
	Winterhaven*
Idaho	Boise*
Illinois	Champaign-Urbana*
	Jacksonville
	Rockford
	Springfield*
Indiana	South Bend
Iowa	Dubuque*
Louisiana	Alexandria*
Michigan	Grand Blanc
	Holland*
	Indian River
	Marquette
	Midland
	Taylor Twp.
Minnesota	Bemidji*
	Forest Lake
Missouri	Columbia*
	St. Joseph*
	Bozeman
Montana	Bergen County
New Jersey	Albany/Schenectady
New York	Cherry Point*
North Carolina	Raleigh*
	Youngstown*
Ohio	Bend
Oregon	Providence
Rhode Island	Columbia
South Carolina	Huron*
South Dakota	Memphis*
Tennessee	Clear Lake City
Texas	Corpus Christi*
	Weslasco*
Washington	Spokane Valley (East)*
	Wenatchee*
Wisconsin	Hubertus
	River Falls
	Suamico*
Wyoming	Cheyenne*

\*Denotes exploratory services.

(New Missions in cities already having a WELS church are not listed.)

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

WELS MEMBERSHIP CONSERVATION  
10729 Worden, Detroit, Mich. 48224

## EXPLORATORY SERVICES

### WEST CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Exploratory services are being conducted at 7:45 a.m. every Sunday in West Chicago, Illinois, at the Indian Knoll Elementary School, located on Indian Knoll Road (one mile east of Rt. 59 on Washington Street, which is also known as Geneva Road). Please send all pertinent information regarding prospective members in the West Chicago, Wheaton, Winfield, and Warrenville area to: Pastor Terry A. Deters, 1910 W. Richard Street, Aurora, Illinois 60506; Telephone (312) 896-0664.

### Mansfield, Ohio and Area

The Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran mission at Mansfield, Ohio, is holding exploratory services in the community room of the First National Bank, Richland Mall Branch, 688 N. Lexington-Springmall Rd., Mansfield, Ohio, located between highways 30N and 30S. Sunday worship is conducted at 7:30 p.m. every Sunday. A family Bible-study hour begins at 6:45 p.m. Send names of prospective members or requests for detailed maps or further information to: Pastor John C. Ibsch, 1032 Leith Street, Maumee, Ohio 43537.

### Bloomington-Normal, Illinois

Exploratory services of the WELS mission are now being held each Sunday morning at 8 at "The Guest House," located at 803 E. Emerson in Bloomington. Names of WELS people in the area and pertinent information should be sent to Pastor D. N. Rutschow, 122 State St., N. Pekin, Illinois 61554.

### CRYSTAL LAKE, ILLINOIS

Worship services are being conducted weekly at 8:30 Sunday mornings at Lake Manor Motel at the corner of U. S. Hwys 31 and 14 near Crystal Lake, Illinois. This is about 50 miles NW of the Chicago Loop and 20 miles south of the Wisconsin State line.

Interested parties may contact one of the following: Mr. Allan Schubring, 108 Lake Dr., Algonquin, Ill. 60102, Ph. 312-658-7845; Mr. Paul Grass, 615 So. McHenry Ave., McHenry, Ill. 60050, Ph. 815-385-8208; Pastor Norman Paul, 134 Cambridge Lane, Hoffman Estates, Ill. 60172, Ph. 312-882-1876.

## TIME AND PLACE

### Peoria (Marquette Hts.), Illinois

Sunday services at Beautiful Savior's are now being held at 10:00 a.m. with Sunday school and Bible class at 11:00. This schedule goes into effect immediately and will apply year around. David N. Rutschow, pastor.

### Raleigh, North Carolina

Gethsemane Evangelical Lutheran Church is holding Sunday morning services in the Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge, located at 1174 U.S. Hwy. 1 North at the intersection of By-pass U.S. Hwy. 1-64 (Belt line). Bible class and Sunday school at 9:00 a.m., worship service at 10:30 a.m. Please send contact information to Pastor Paul Schmiege, 720 Currituck Drive, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609. Phone (919) 782-8327.

### HOLLAND MICHIGAN

Christ Ev. Lutheran Church, the WELS mission in Holland, Michigan, is now meeting at the Waukazoo Elementary School, 1294 Lakewood Blvd. Worship service is held on Sunday mornings at 10:30, with Sunday school at 9:15 a.m. Please send names of prospects to Pastor Arnold Ruddat, 1711 W. Lakewood Blvd., Holland, Michigan. Telephone (616) 335-9014.

### JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

Our Savior Ev. Lutheran Church of Jacksonville, Florida, now meets at its new chapel at 2140 St. John's Bluff Road. Sunday school and adult Bible class meet at 9:15, with the worship service following at 10:30. As you travel to Florida this year, you are invited to visit. For further information, call or contact Pastor John F. Vogt, 2142 St. John's Bluff Road, 32216. Telephone: 904-725-0230.

### ASCENSION, DETROIT — RELOCATING

Since Ascension Lutheran Church, Detroit, has sold its church property and is relocating to the City of Roseville, services of that congregation will be held temporarily in the Temrowski Funeral Home, 30008 Hoover Road (at Common or 12-1/2 Mile Road) at 10:00 a.m. every Sunday. Sunday school precedes. Ascension will now be able to serve an area including Roseville, St. Clair Shores, E. Detroit, E. Warren, Fraser, and Mt. Clemens. Correspondence may be directed to Pastor A. H. Maaske, 27517 Larry Street, Roseville, Michigan 48066.

### ST. OLAF COLLEGE AND CARLETON COLLEGE Northfield, Minnesota

Wisconsin Synod students at St. Olaf College and Carleton College, both in Northfield, Minnesota, are being served by Pastor Richard Stevens of Cannon Falls. Anyone knowing of students attending either of these colleges is asked to remit their names and other pertinent information to Pastor Stevens at the following address: Pastor Richard P. Stevens, P. O. Box 361, Cannon Falls, Minnesota 55009.

## NAMES REQUESTED

Illinois State University,  
Normal, Illinois  
Wesleyan University,  
Bloomington, Illinois

Names of WELS students at either of these universities should be sent to Pastor D. N. Rutschow, 122 State St., N. Pekin, Illinois 61554. Exploratory services are being held in Bloomington, and members of the exploratory group will provide transportation for students both to and from services.

### MLA CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Martin Luther Academy, New Ulm, Minnesota, has been authorized to fill a vacancy on its staff which was caused by the departure of Mr. Max Radloff from the MLA music department at the end of the 1972-73 school year.

The man replacing Mr. Radloff will hold full faculty status as the 15th professor on the MLA staff. He will be asked to assume responsibility for instructing the more advanced piano students, teaching one or two music classes, and possibly doing some chorus and/or band work.

All nominations and pertinent information should be in the hands of the undersigned by January 1, 1974.

Mr. Paul Litzer, Secretary  
Martin Luther Academy  
Box 46  
Nicollet, Minnesota 56074