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Briefs by the Editor

In this issue Pastor James Schaefer, WELS Stewardship Counselor, introduces a subject that will be on our hearts a great deal of the time over the next two years — the 125th anniversary of the founding of our Synod. None of us were around when God brought our Synod into being. Most of us, however, were brought to the Lord in one of the congregations of this Synod. Thus we have real reason to be grateful.

The grace of God toward us and our Synod is not only evident in the fact that our Synod has grown from 18 congregations to over a thousand and from proclaiming the Word in one state to proclaiming it in 12 nations. Though this blessing is one that we can see, we are mindful that the Lord's spiritual blessings are much more glorious. Among them are the forgiveness of sins through Jesus Christ, the gift of peace with God, a concern for true doctrine and Christian life, a desire to share the Gospel, and the sure hope of heaven.

To remind us that these spiritual blessings are to be shared with others, the Lord at this time in our history has permitted us to experience a remarkable growth. This issue is one of many that brings this fact to our attention and thus reminds us that God has not dealt with us according to our sins but according to His grace.

As you undoubtedly know, the pioneer members of our church body for the most part emigrated from Central Europe. Today, after the passing of almost 125 years, we have sent a chaplain back to that area to serve the spiritual needs of the WELS military and civilian members living in Europe. Chaplain Renz reports that our members deeply appreciate the Word and Sacrament which it is his privilege to bring to them. Through his efforts the Lord's church, as represented by our Synod, is also growing overseas.

The article on Missouri is part of a continuing state-by-state description of the way the Lord is blessing our

Synod's home mission program. In the earlier days of our history our major concern was the gathering together of the German-speaking immigrants of Lutheran background. In this way, according to God's plan, a home base was established from which our pastors could thrust out in other directions, whether to Missouri or to any of the other 49 states of the Union.

God's long-range plans for our Wisconsin Synod people also involved those of other languages and of different cultural backgrounds. As a result we now have a WELS member representing us in the ELS mission in Peru (see page 28). Chinese believers trained by us in the Seminary at Hong Kong are bringing the message of Jesus to children and adults in Taiwan (see page 26). In a more direct way our Synod has now begun the work in Colombia, South America (see whether you can find new evidence for that on page 30).

All of this, of course, took time — 125 years of it. Time too is a gift of God, as was certainly realized by the 91-year-old pastor whose obituary is printed in this issue and whom the Lord granted good health to the very end. In *Direct from the Districts* there's the account of a congregation whose history goes back 120 years. A distinct contrast is the mission pictured on our cover. It dates back to 1970.

The Lord during these next two years will be speaking to us as He once did to ancient Israel through Isaiah (chapter 12): "In that day thou shalt say, O Lord, I will praise Thee." He would also have us invite others, for He said, "And in that day shall ye say, Praise the Lord, call upon His name." And throughout these two years and those to come, He would have us personally "draw water out of the wells of salvation."

If that spirit prevails, then our celebration will be a celebration of God's grace, not of our accomplishments. Only so will it please God.

*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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THE COVER

Would you believe that more than 53 persons could comfortably attend church in a chapel that is a relocatable unit? That's our count of the people pictured worshipping in Divine Word Ev. Lutheran Church on the occasion of its dedication. Actually there were twice as many. The rest could not be pictured because of the angle at which the photograph was taken. Page 14 will tell you more about this new mission venture in Plover, a suburb of Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

THE NORTHWESTERN LUTHERAN

Editorials

Timeless Tidings By this time many children already have their Christmas toys bent, broken or totally wrecked. In our house some toys scarcely last out the day.

But in our boyhood home there was a girl who could keep in near perfect condition every gift she ever got. The others of us could not figure out how she managed it, and it irritated us no end that she still had her playthings long after we had nothing left.

The girl grew up, married, had daughters of her own, and one day returned to claim for her own children the dolls she had carefully stored in the attic. Alas, it was a disappointment to her to discover that the dollies had all melted and decomposed.

This is not to defend reckless stewardship of property. But the fact remains, no matter how careful we are, nothing on earth endures, not toys, nor possessions, not even people. Jesus told us not to fix our hearts on "treasures upon earth," nor seek abiding joy in them.

The "good tidings" given us at Christmas are not seasonal. The "great joy" that God gives is not tied to earthly goods, economic goals, social structures, or political programs. All these change, decay, and pass away — every one!

As time passes and the years roll by, the toys and trinkets of Christmas are forgotten. On come adversity, infirmity, and the inevitable end. The only "good tidings" that bring us joy from childhood to old age are still: "Unto you is born . . . a Savior, which is Christ the Lord."

John Parcher

Unused Counselors Another item in the survey of 26,000 high-school leaders, recently released by "Who's Who Among American High School Students," engages our attention: "Only 41 percent say that they discuss problems with their parents, and a minuscule 1 per cent consult a minister about them."

If the results of this survey are representative of high-school students generally, the pastor's doorbell is seldom rung by young people who want to talk to him. Even if he is reaching some of them in young people's groups, and even if he is keeping them in mind in his Sunday sermons, his influence on them during their post-confirmation years, when they need a great deal of counsel and guidance, is disappointingly small.

The responsibility for ongoing counsel and guidance rests on the parents — almost to the exclusion of the pastor. But three out of five young people either seek counsel elsewhere, perhaps from their friends or from their teachers, or they do not seek it at all.

One can only speculate about their reasons for not discussing problems with their parents, but not all the fault may lie at the door of the young people. Are the parents there when their children want to talk to them? Or are both parents working or moonlighting, and are they too pressed for time at home to hear their children's questions out? Or can't the merry-go-round of entertainment, sports, and social events, and even church activities be slowed down to give the children time to voice their concerns? Or even if the time and place are there, do the parents keep to another room and another age because the ways of young people upset them?

Young people, prone to ill-considered acts, need wise and sympathetic words to guide them. If the parents do not speak them, it is not likely that the pastor will have the opportunity to do so.

Carleton Toppe

One Fits All According to an old story, the lady of the house asked her housemaid what size shoes she wore. The maid replied, "I wear size nines, but tens feel so good I wear elevens."

It is not unusual for people to evaluate religion by similar standards — as a matter of personal preference. Recently a prominent television personality, referring to religion on a late night talk show, commented, "You choose the one that does it for you." Like a pair of shoes, so to speak.

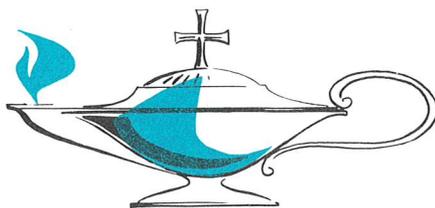
This remark was made in an aside, and the studio audience did not applaud. But it is safe to assume that many who heard it shared the speaker's viewpoint. It came across as being very broadminded, and it championed the principle of religious freedom, which we all cherish. Furthermore, no one will dispute the fact that some people feel more comfortable in one religion than in another.

But is there really a choice of religions which can "do it for you"? Not if you respect the word of Jesus Christ. He declared, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life; no man cometh to the Father but by Me." If that is not true, then His incarnation, public ministry, passion, and crucifixion were totally unnecessary. And as for the apostles, they should have stayed home. The people to whom they preached already had a religion which in their opinion did it for them.

However, there are two basics which moved Christ to do what He did and which motivated His apostles to preach. They are set forth by the Apostle Paul in the memorable words, "There is no difference, for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus." These two basic truths — the sinfulness of mankind and redemption through Christ Jesus — apply to the whole human race, regardless of nationality, culture, or personal preference.

This pinpoints the religion that does it for all.

Immanuel Frey



Studies in God's Word

A Warning Against Tempting God

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Brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers . . . did eat the same spiritual meat, and did drink the same spiritual drink, for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them; and the Rock was Christ. But with many of them God was not well pleased; for they were overthrown in the wilderness. Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted. . . . Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents (I Cor. 10:1-9).

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There's an old saying that "a new broom sweeps clean." When people use that proverb, they aren't actually referring to brooms, of course. They're talking about people. The point is that if you get a new foreman on the job, a new supervisor in the office, or a new teacher in the classroom, things seem to run more efficiently — at least for a while. Why is that? No doubt many things play in, but the main factor seems to be that while the man is new, no one knows exactly what he will demand. So at the start the only safe thing is to do everything that he says. But meanwhile human nature is busy probing for "soft spots." Does the coffee break last for exactly ten minutes, or can that be extended a bit? Is quitting time exactly 5:00 o'clock, or may one start putting equipment away and moving toward the door a little earlier? The way to find out, human na-

ture reasons, is to put the new man to the test, to "try him out."

Putting God to the Test

It is precisely in this sense of "trying God out" to see if He is serious about what He says that St. Paul warns: "Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents." Israel again serves as an illustration. Though God had given Israel glorious assurances that He would lead them out of bondage to the Promised Land, Israel continued to doubt His sincerity. Bitterly they complained to God's leaders: "Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness?" (Num. 21:5.) When Israel thus put God to the test, God showed clearly that He is very much in earnest both in His threats and in His promises. That the Lord will not hold the sinner guiltless was graphically shown by a plague of serpents He sent among the people, "and they bit the people; and much people of Israel died" (Num. 24:6).

At the same time the Lord also gave Israel ample opportunity to see that He is very much in earnest about His promises, for He offered them a remedy for their plight. He directed Moses to raise up a serpent of brass on a pole, promising: "And it shall come to pass, that everyone that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live." This brazen serpent had in itself no medicinal value. Its power lay rather in the promise God attached to it. Here was the cure not just for snake bite in the body, but for the deadly venom of doubt that poisoned the soul. Though Israel didn't deserve it, yet God once more showed

them that He is in dead earnest about everything He says, His promises no less than His threats.

A Temptation Also for Christians

The world around us constantly puts God to the test. It lives as though He weren't serious about what He says. Of judgment day it scoffs: "Where is the promise of His coming?" But it is not to the world that St. Paul was writing this letter. It was to Corinthian Christians. To them and to us he sounds the warning: "Neither let us tempt Christ." There is that danger. Perhaps it is over against the Lord's promises rather than His threats that we are the more inclined not to take Him seriously. In an age of shortages and inflation, we too find ourselves wondering: "Can we make ends meet? Will we be able to meet family obligations? Can we continue to support the Lord's work as we have in the past? Or is this the time to curtail mission contributions and cut back on Christian day schools?" When such thoughts beset us, let us beware of tempting a gracious God who has promised: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Mt. 6:33). If God "clothes the lilies" and "feeds the sparrows," will He not take care also of the temporal needs of His children?

But even more serious is the matter of tempting God in regard to His promise of spiritual blessings. Unlike temporal blessings which we generally can see and recognize, spiritual blessings are accepted wholly by faith — sight unseen. Yet even these promises our Lord conveys to us in graphic illustrations. He assures us: "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up; that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life" (John 3:14,15). As surely as Christ was "lifted up" on the cross, so sure can we be of our salvation. Christ's death has earned it for us. God's Word promises it to us. His Sacraments seal it to us. Let us not tempt God by demanding even greater assurances.

Armin J. Panning

GRACE - 125 Years of It!

On Monday, May 27, 1850, five pastors representing 18 congregations and preaching stations — all within a radius of 50 miles of Milwaukee — met at Salem Lutheran Church, Granville, Wisconsin, to organize the *German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Wisconsin*. And also present was one layman.

In May 1975, over 1,000 congregations of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod (its name now) will commemorate the 125th anniversary of that day. Through the years the 50-mile radius has expanded to 12 countries of the world where the voice of the Lord is heard, carried by about 900 missionaries and pastors of that Synod.

Years of Miracles

That the tiny Synod of five pastors (all German emigrants poorly trained for their task) and 18 congregations (many not really knowing they were Lutheran) should have survived at all is a miracle. That the Synod should have so multiplied is a miracle. That the Synod — deeply and tragically wounded in the course of its history — should today be a moving force in confessional, evangelical Lutheranism is yet another miracle.

The 125th Anniversary Committee, appointed by the 1973 convention, could think of no other word to describe these miracles than the word it chose as the anniversary celebration theme — GRACE. The theme proclaims, loud and clear, that what the Wisconsin Synod is or ever hopes to be is a pure gift of God, free and unearned. It affirms that the focus of the celebration will be what **God** has done for us, not what **we** have done for God. It declares that the orchestration of events will sing the praises of God, not of us.

The actual celebration of the anniversary will cover two years, one year on each side of May 1975. The first significant step will be taken in May

1974 with the gathering of a thank-offering in honor of the anniversary. The 1973 convention resolved that such a thank-offering be received with a goal of about \$3 million.



Selfless Giving

If God has so unselfishly lavished His grace upon us, what better response than to unselfishly give of ourselves? The entire thank-offering has been designated to undergird our task of proclaiming the love of God in Christ to the world. Three dormitories at our schools to house the future messengers of that grace — cost: \$2 million. A gift to our Church Extension Fund to help shelter the people of God gathered round that grace in our missions — the gift: \$750,000. Another gift to our World Mission Building Fund to aid our missionaries in bringing that grace to those who know it not — the gift: \$250,000.

We know that such an offering does not **automatically** happen with the announcement of it. St. Paul knew it too. So as St. Paul shared with his churches a plan for individuals and churches to gather the offering (I Corinthians 16:1-4 and II Corinthians 8 and 9), there will also be a

plan for gathering the 125th anniversary thank-offering.

The plan recommends that every household of the Synod be personally told the story of God's grace to us. As a fitting response, it is hoped that over the following two years God's people will include a monthly gift for the thank-offering in their stewardship plans.

To begin implementing the plan, there will be a meeting of all visiting elders and their lay cochairmen in Milwaukee on February 13. In the weeks following, each congregation will be visited by the visiting elder/layman team and asked to participate in thankful recognition of God's 125 years of grace. A plan will be suggested so that each individual member of our congregations might participate in the thank-offering. It is suggested and urged that opportunity for individual participation be given during May 1974.

Many Things Happening

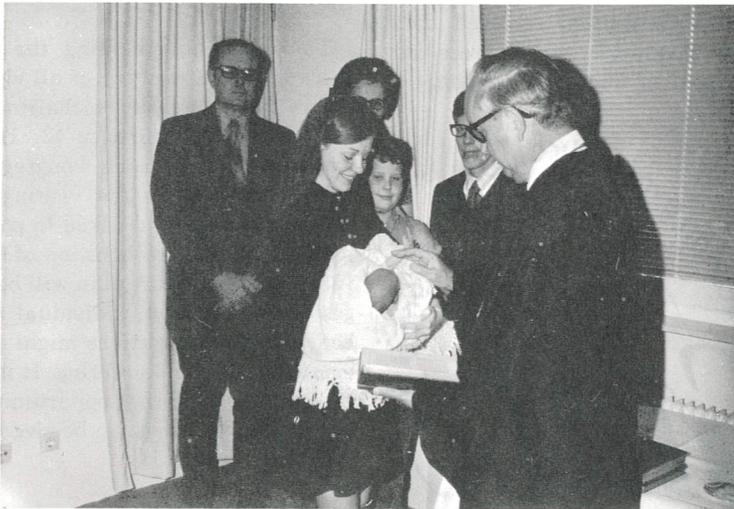
The thank-offering will not end the celebration. Throughout the two-year anniversary period, there will be many things happening — in our schools and Sunday schools, in our worship services, at area rallies, at the Synod's 1975 convention, in our publications. Everything that is done, it is hoped, will lead all of us to a deeper understanding of the grace of God. We want not only to talk the talk of grace, but also walk the walk of grace.

Members of the Anniversary Committee, appointed by the convention to guide the anniversary celebration, are Pastor Carl H. Mischke, Juneau, Wisconsin, the Synod's first vice-president and chairman of the Committee; Pastor Norval W. Kock, Manitowoc, Wisconsin; Pastor Robert P. Mueller, Owosso, Michigan; Professor Irwin J. Habeck, Mequon, Wisconsin; Pastor Robert J. Voss, Brookfield, Wisconsin; and Pastor James P. Schaefer, Milwaukee. Pastor Herman W. Cares, Milwaukee, also served on the Committee until his retirement from the ministry in September of this year.

Rev. James P. Schaefer

The Special Ministries Board has called a full-time chaplain to serve our WELS personnel stationed in Europe. The following is a recent report.

Our Civilian Chaplain for Europe



Mrs. Robert Weimer holding Sarah Lynn Jochem, baptized by Chaplain Renz at Kaiserslautern on September 30, 1973.



S/Sgt. and Mrs. Bill Singleton receive the Lord's Supper at Dexheim.



P.F.C. Garry Giese and Chaplain Renz in front of the Dexheim chapel.

Our Overseas Congregation

"How did you ever find me? Every place I go the Wisconsin Synod follows me. I was stationed in California and a pastor found me. Now I'm in Germany and you found me. That's just great!" — "It's been a long time since I've had Communion. It's sure good to see you." — "It's certainly good to know that you are here with us."

Such are the expressions of joy and appreciation with which your Civilian Chaplain for Europe has been

greeted by our people stationed here. And then there are the many wonderful letters!

Typical of reactions to a recent newsletter are words such as these: "It was a real pleasure to receive your address this week . . . and to learn that you are living relatively close by. My husband is a member of the Air Force and is stationed at a detachment west of Cologne. Although we have a military chaplain, who visits once a month, we have found the service totally lacking in

the spiritual enrichment characteristic of our Wisconsin Synod services. Please let us know when your services are held." — "Hello, I was so glad to hear from you. I would like very much to see you. My stay in Germany is now going on 16 months. I would appreciate your coming here if at all possible. May God bless you in every way!"

Or a mother writes from the States: "Dear Pastor Renz: Our son is stationed in Frankfurt so am sending his address to you. Hope you can get in contact with him. Wishing you every success in Christ's service and the wonderful work you are doing. Thank you."

We Leave for Europe

It's almost a year now that your chaplain and his wife made final plans for their departure for Europe, following the commissioning service at the Seminary on March 18, 1973. Members of the Military Services Committee, together with fellow pastors and friends, saw us off at the Milwaukee airport, assuring us of their prayers and expressing their best wishes.

We stopped briefly in Washington, D.C., to pay our respects to members of the Military Chaplains Board and to certain congressmen from Wisconsin and Indiana. Pastor Walter Beckman served as our contact man. Congressman Earl Landgrebe of Indiana later made a trip to Germany with his wife and we were able to reciprocate his kindness by showing them some of the scenery along the Rhine and in the Taunus Mountains.

Beginning in Germany

Coming to Europe as a tourist is a real treat. However establishing a home and living here does present problems. Since we are guests in Germany, we must naturally make every effort to adapt ourselves to the German ways of life. Some of these customs and practices are rather

strange. For example, rental properties usually have no light fixtures, no closets, no built-in stoves, and many times not even a kitchen sink. We were told that since each family has its own tastes, they bring everything along when they move in.

It took us three weeks to find a place to live. Housing is at a premium because of the many military families living here. After scouring the area from Heidelberg to Wiesbaden, we finally found quarters in the village of Gau-Bischofsheim, about a 10-minute drive south of Mainz. We are renting the first floor of a home in which the landlord and his wife occupy the upper floor.

Our location is quite advantageous. We are centrally located as far as the military bases in Germany are concerned, and are near the autobahn and only 25 minutes from the Frankfurt airport. By the way, Mainz is the city where Gutenberg was born. Its museum contains a copy of the famous Gutenberg Bible.

There were many other adjustments also. Since we were *Auslaender* (foreigners), we had to be registered. That took a great deal of time and paper work. The schedules are totally different. Stores close from 12:00 to 2:00 P.M., hours during which meals are served in the *Gasthaeuser*. No stores are open after 2:00 P.M. on Saturdays, except on the first Saturday of the month. Meat is purchased by kilograms and eggs by weight, not count. Gas comes by the liter. Distance is measured by kilometers. Prices in Europe are extremely high, and the devaluated dollar is no help. But one adjusts.

Our Assignment

Your chaplain was called to serve the WELS military personnel and civilians in Europe. The first pressing need was to make personal contact with them. This meant visiting the bases and installations round about Mainz and then reaching out to the outlying areas.

A first visit to the bases meant gathering the APO's on a card and then making a trip from Mainz. On arrival at a city, we would look for signs with the American flag listing the bases and installations in the area. For example, in Darmstadt there are three large bases plus sev-

eral housing areas and in Hanau there are six bases and depots. If we found it difficult to locate a base, we would simply follow a car with a green license plate — a sign that it belonged to a member of the U.S. Armed Forces. In all, there are about 100 bases and installations in Germany.

Once we arrived at a base, we always located the base chapel. The military chaplains and their assistants have always been most gracious in helping us to locate our people. When contacting our people in person or by telephone, we always ask whether their schedule would allow time for a visit and Holy Communion. Sometimes groups get together, at other times it's individuals. We meet in chapels, barracks, offices, laboratories, hospital rooms, and private homes. It is a joy and satisfaction to me to see how our WELS people welcome the Word and the Sacrament. When we are guests in a home, the ladies are always pleased that Mrs. Renz is along, so that they can discuss their common joys and problems connected with living in Europe.

The Lord Gives Direction

As time passed, we could see the necessity of conducting church services in areas where there were concentrations of our people. By mid-summer services were being held in Kaiserslautern, Frankfurt, Wiesbaden, Neu-Ulm, Nuerenberg, and Kitzingen. Because of the distances some of our people must travel, the services usually are scheduled for 2:00 P.M. Our largest attendance to date has been 36 and the largest offering at a single service \$80.00 — designated for missions.

More Blessings

By the close of November, four infants had been received into the kingdom of God's grace by Holy Baptism, with several more scheduled. Three young people in the Frankfurt area are meeting with me every Thursday for instructions. Following the services at Frankfurt, an adult Bible information class meets to study and review what the Bible says about our salvation in Christ.

The worship services usually are followed by fellowship hours. Fre-

quently servicemen who were in basic training together meet again. Or people discover that they have mutual friends and acquaintances in the States. New friendships are also made as these fellow Christians have an opportunity to worship together in our Overseas Congregation.

Future Plans

Although I as your chaplain have so far concentrated my ministry in central Europe, I will soon begin serving some of our people in other areas. At the time this is being written, I am corresponding with families in England and Italy to arrange for services. Other contacts are being made with people in West Berlin and in the Sixth Fleet stationed in Greece and Turkey. It is my intention to make every effort possible to bring them the Word and Sacrament, too.

Appreciation

Mrs. Renz and I thank the Lord of the Church that through our Synod He has given us the opportunity of bringing the Word and Sacrament to our people, separated as they are from their home congregations. Many individuals and groups in the States have assured us of their prayers. Others have even sent donations to the Civilian Chaplaincy Fund. This fund supplies the chaplain with the necessary materials for his work, such as hymnals, Communion ware and supplies, service books, postage, and the like. We much appreciate the interest and concern of our people, both state-side and overseas.

Should your plans include a trip to Europe, a warm welcome awaits you at our services. Please call the chaplain for time and location (telephone: 06135-3249).

And now may the blessings of our gracious Lord attend you in your labors for Him in the new year of grace!

Pastor E. C. Renz
Civilian Chaplain for Europe

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We're from Missouri!

Take a drive with me through the beautiful state of Missouri. On our drive we could look at the beautiful hills and quiet farms, but we want to see people, especially the members of our Wisconsin Synod churches, and the many unchurched who have not yet come to faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

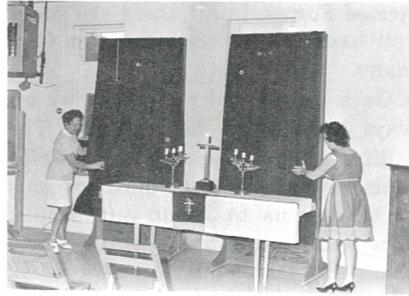
St. Louis County

We begin our journey by crossing the Mississippi River into St. Louis. As we drive south to St. Louis County we stop briefly at Martin Luther Church. This was the first mission in Missouri established directly by our mission board. With financial assistance from you through your mission offerings and with loans from the Church Extension Fund, the congregation organized in 1967 and dedicated a beautiful church building in 1970. On July 1, 1972, this family of Christians assumed self-support. Pastor Roger R. Zehms serves this group.

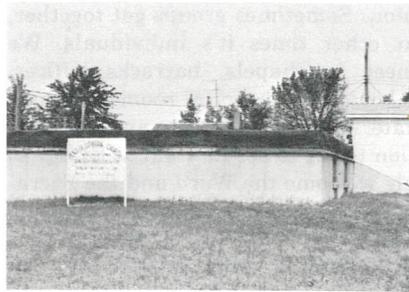
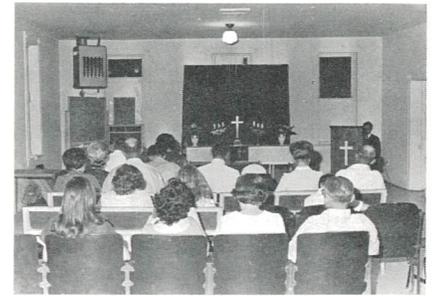
One of the blessings in any family is children. The General Board for Home Missions has granted permission to the pastor and members of Martin Luther to explore the possibility of a daughter congregation in North St. Louis County — to serve people with the everlasting Gospel of salvation.

Cape Girardeau

Another daughter has been born just recently. As we continue our drive 100 miles south we come to Cape Girardeau. Our mission here is ready to organize and to call its own pastor to serve the 50,000 people of Cape Girardeau County. The group organizing this mission has held membership in Martin Luther and Pastor Zehms has conducted the weekly Sunday evening services at 421A Broadway, upstairs above a Pizza parlor. These faithful Christians left their former congregations



Cape Girardeau — Preparing for worship, and worshipping



Owensville — Basement church and Sunday Bible class



Columbia

Above: Mrs. Floyd Sloan and Pastor L. Lothert recording the organ music for Sunday service.



Right: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Decker, Anna and Wendy, drive 70 miles for the 8:30 service.

Harrisonville — Church entrance and confirmation class



because of false doctrine and practice and sought out our Synod. There is work to be done here — people to be reached — for a recent survey showed that only 15 per cent of the people of the area were in church on any given Sunday.

Owensville

From Cape Girardeau we travel 150 miles northwest. We drive through the city of Rolla and find three faithful families but no congregation; these people drive 45 miles to Owensville. Peace Lutheran of Owensville is the oldest Wisconsin



Confirmation class girls welcome worshipers at St. Joseph, Missouri

Synod congregation in Missouri, organized some 20 years ago by a group who left The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod because of its liberal doctrine and practice. The congregation joined the Wisconsin Synod in 1963 and is served jointly with Columbia, Missouri. This mission consists of a small but faithful group of Christians who cherish their Bible faith. On Sundays 50 to 75 per cent of the membership is present for Bible study. Their basement church is beautifully paneled and carpeted; they have no debt and are able to support the Synod mission program very well. The congregation is served by Pastor LeRoy Lothert who lives at Columbia, 86 miles away.

Columbia

As we drive from Owensville to Columbia we pass through the state capital at Jefferson City. Three WELS families live here and attend church at Owensville or Columbia. This is a prime mission area for the future. The drive through the hills and over the winding roads is beauti-

ful, a drive taken by Pastor Lothert each Sunday morning.

Arriving at Columbia we find that we are in the center of the state. This is a university town with 50,000 local residents and 25,000 students. Pastor Lothert began services in Columbia last summer at the Holiday Inn East. Some of the families drive great distances in order to worship with fellow Christians. The Charles Decker family drives 70 miles one way each Sunday for the 8:30 A.M. service. Since there is no organ, the music is recorded on a tape recorder the day before at the home of a member. The group in Columbia has prospects for an initial membership of 15 communicants and 26 souls when mission status is granted. In this growing community there will be many more who will be making our mission their church home.

Harrisonville

We now drive straight west, another 100 miles, toward Kansas City. As we look in all directions we see people: many of them who want and all who need the saving Gospel of Christ. We turn south 40 miles to the east side of Harrisonville, just off Highway 7, and find Our Savior Lutheran Church. The Missouri Synod Mission Board began services here in March, 1965, and the congregation organized with 46 communicants. The first pastor, W. T. Niermeier, arrived in July, 1966. The church building was dedicated in 1967. The sanctuary seats 175 and the building has a full basement with Sunday-school facilities. The congregation became increasingly aware that the Missouri Synod was abandoning its former position on God's Word and Scriptural practice. On September 19, 1971, by an 85.7 per cent vote, the congregation voted to withdraw from the LC-MS and join the WELS. The congregation numbers 127 communicants, 171 souls. Since the church was built, the town has doubled in size, and the congregation has tripled. Our God has been very rich in His blessings to Our Savior Lutheran. They are happy to be members of the WELS, worshipping with brothers and sisters who likewise seek with all their hearts to be faithful to the Savior and His Word.

St. Joseph

After the Sunday service in Harrisonville we drive with Pastor Niermeier 98 miles north through Kansas City with its 1,000,000 people. Along the way we see other areas where mission work should begin — fields white unto the harvest! About 55 miles north of Kansas City we come to St. Joseph, a city of 79,000. We arrive at Immanuel Lutheran just in time for the Sunday evening service in the Seventh-Day Adventist Church. In 1967 two WELS and three LC-MS families requested exploratory services. The group grew to 12 communicants. Then two families moved away leaving only five communicants. The group continued to have services at its own expense and by the end of 1972 there were 17 communicants. The congregation recently adopted a constitution and has received mission status. All present members were once members of the LC-MS and are happy and grateful to the Savior for having led them to the Wisconsin Synod.

Our tour is complete. We find your mission dollars being used to preach the Gospel, your CEF gifts and loans being used to erect the needed facilities — not in every town, not in every area, but in many strategically located places. We thank you for the opportunity of serving in your stead!

Roger R. Zehms

The Author . . . Pastor Roger R. Zehms is a native of Green Bay, Wisconsin. He graduated from Northwestern College in 1961 and from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in 1966. After Seminary graduation he was assigned to the dual parish of Trinity, Ballwin, and Peace, Owensville, Missouri, serving Ballwin until 1967, and Owensville until 1972. Since 1967 he has been pastor of Martin Luther Church, St. Louis County. He has assisted the mission board in beginning missions in Jacksonville, Illinois, Columbia, Missouri, and Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Pastor Zehms is married to the former Elisabeth Hartwig. They have three children.

TAIWAN

The Final in a Series of Eight Articles on
JESUS' LITTLE ONES IN OUR WORLD MISSION FIELDS

“My Word shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it,”
Isaiah 55:11.

On the island of Taiwan our mission program from the beginning was placed into the hands of our Chinese pastors who were trained at our Hong Kong Seminary. When Pastor Timothy Lee was transferred to the work at Hong Kong, his colleague, Pastor Victor Cheung, took complete charge of the work in the three congregations on Taiwan. The Lord blessed his labors. In November Mr. Daniel Lee began serving as vicar at Our Savior Church.

	Church Attendance	Sunday School	Bible Class
Peace Lutheran Taipei	20	35	16
Our Savior Lutheran Taipei	18	21	13
Holy Trinity Lutheran Taichung	45	30	18



The Youth Fellowship group at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church of Everlasting Happiness Village (Taichung).



Children's Christmas Eve service at Peace Lutheran Church, Taipei. Taken in 1972.



Bible class students at Peace Lutheran in Taipei. The Rev. Victor Cheung is the pastor.



Bible class and Youth Fellowship at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Taipei.



A Bible student, member of Our Savior Lutheran Church, telling the story of Jesus to outsiders.

In the Year of Our Lord . . .

Service and Sanctification

Service and sanctification review things suitable for bringing these studies of the Lord's Year to a close. This Year's first service: through every twelvemonth it guides us on a constantly changing, constantly the same pathway of worship, of communion with God, of living with our Lord Jesus. Walking this way through the week with Christ and in Christ is the holy life, the "set apart" or sanctified life. Walking the way of the Lord's Year pays rich dividends in exercising sanctification.

Just how is the walking done? Most simply, by pondering the weekly message of the Lord's Year. Ponder it in the family devotions. Ponder it in private devotion. Or, in our schools, let its message ring through the week like a theme to be "played on" with hymns, or Scripture-study games, or art works, posters, banners, or whatever else the teacher's ingenuity might devise — perhaps even a religious play.

What does a person ponder? For answer, the Sunday nearest at hand will do as well as any other. This January 27 in the Lord's Year of 1974 happens to be the third Sunday after Epiphany. Which are its treasures for pondering? People's choices will vary, and that for various reasons. The times and circumstances in which one finds oneself will make a difference. Perhaps you are impressed by the word in the Epistle: "Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves"; or this word from the same source: "You shall heap coals of fire on his [the enemy's] head." Both statements are worth pondering; both give opportunity for exercising sanctification. Or, if your attention is caught by the Gospel, you might ponder the amazing faith of the leper who preferred to leave what he wanted to the better judgment of what the Lord Jesus wanted; or the equally remarkable faith of the Roman army captain who had implicit confidence in the power of the Lord Jesus' spoken word. What fine models of

trust for us to take with ourselves through the entire week in whatever circumstances of life we happen to be, whether in sickness or in health, whether riding the crest of happiness or wasting away on the deathbed — and with the help of these models from God's precious Word to add length and breadth and depth to our sanctification.

Over the years the Lord's Year has performed (and keeps on performing) a notable service to enhance Christian life and Christian worship. It has inspired people to creative effort in expression of their personal faith-life and for making the church's worship more meaningful and beautiful. At the head of such work we put the hymns. Of course, God's men and women have composed hymns for reasons that bear no relation to the Lord's Year. Some of our finest hymns were inspired directly from the Old Testament Psalms. Many of our best loved hymns were born amid the dark times and trials of a terrible war that raged on and off in Europe for 30 years. But we do also have a treasury of hymns orbiting around the Lord's Year, made for celebrating the Sundays and festivals of the Lord's Year, chiefly the Lord's birth, His Passion, and His resurrection.

On the foundation of these hymns, and to blend with the Lord's Year, men specially gifted by God have built superstructures of musical works, with devotional text and without; for organ and for other instruments; for solo voice, for chorus, and for combinations of instruments and voices. In the field of church music, of music for Christian worship, our Lutheran heritage is second to none. And our Lutheran practice of using the traditional Lord's Year for worship — and giving it meaning and beauty — has contributed no small part to securing this rich musical treasure to us.

From music one can turn to other fields of creative activity inspired by the Lord's Year. Particularly instruc-

tive would be the artistic works of all kinds, in architecture, sculpture, painting, and glass-making, by which God has been glorified, Christians edified, and houses of worship beautified. More than any other factor the Lord's Year determined the choice of Bible stories for illustration through sculpture and art glass in the glorious churches of the Middle Ages that still excite the awe of us moderns. And such artistic endeavor, made to blend with the Lord's Year, still goes on today.

There are other activities to which one might reach for further illustrating this Year's service. How well it can assist the pastor, for example, in choosing a suitable text, in preparing an appropriate message, for a wedding, or an anniversary, or a funeral. What a pleasing way to celebrate these special occasions, yes, to celebrate Christian burials also, simply by relating them to the Lord's Year. How well this Year serves to add a larger dimension to the occasions that mark our personal lives.

In the light of these various considerations surveyed here and in previous studies, one might legitimately ask in closing: Is the Lord's Year worth continued use? Is it worth keeping as we have received it from the past? It seems safe to answer with an unqualified Yes.

Theodore J. Hartwig

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.

Bemidji State College

Names of WELS or ELS students attending Bemidji State College should be sent to Pastor Roy H. Rose, 813 Quince St., Brainerd, Minn., 56401. Transportation to WELS services in Bemidji will be provided.

WELS Member Serves ELS Mission



Vicki Miller

Miss Vicki Miller was chosen last year by Lutheran Collegians as their representative worker in the ELS mission in Peru. In case you're wondering, the ELS is the Evangelical Lutheran Synod with which the Wisconsin Synod is in fellowship. And Lutheran Collegians is the national organization of WELS, ELS, and

FAL students on state-school campuses. For the last several years Lutheran Collegians has been supplying one worker for the ELS mission effort in Peru.

Miss Miller's home church is Good Shepherd Ev. Lutheran Church of Burnsville, Minnesota, whose pastor is Richard L. Weeks. She attended Bloomington Lutheran School at Bloomington, Minnesota, St. Paul's Lutheran School at Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin, and in 1969 graduated from Lakeside Lutheran High School at Lake Mills, Wisconsin. Her college work was done at the University of Wisconsin, Whitewater. While a Junior there, she taught Spanish at Lakeside Lutheran High on a part-time basis.

Vicki, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Miller of Burnsville, will work in Peru for two years, God willing. Her assignment is to instruct Sunday-school and vacation-Bible-

school teachers, to teach in the Christian day school, and to help train Peruvians to take over this work. Induction services were held at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on August 26, 1973, with Pastor Weeks officiating. Vicki arrived in Lima, Peru, on September 3, 1973.

By November she was deeply involved in her work at the mission. In addition, she is also teaching a number of literacy classes in Huascar, a neighboring village. Since the village is predominantly Roman Catholic and Miss Miller is a Protestant, she had difficulty in getting a foothold. She was first promised, and then denied, a meeting room and so had to conduct her first class in a private home. Only two of the 10 women who had promised to come showed up for the first lesson. But Miss Miller is not one to lose courage. Speaking about this incident in a recent letter, she wrote: "It's a beginning, and as the Peruvians say, things move poco a poco (little by little)."

The last sentence in her letter is directed to you and me as she writes: "Please continue praying for our work in Peru."

Direct from the Districts

Michigan

New Salem Celebrates Double Anniversary

"Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy name give glory, for Thy mercy, and for Thy truth's sake." Mindful of these words of the Psalmist, New Salem Lutheran Church of Sebewaing, Michigan, together with over 100 guests observed the 120th year of its founding and the centennial of its present church building.

Two festival services were held on October 14, 1973. In the forenoon the pastor of the congregation, Phillip Huebner, preached the sermon. In the afternoon service, the preacher was Pastor John Brenner of Bay City, second vice-president of the Michigan District. He spoke on "A Grateful Congregation of Christians."

Appropriate choir anthems were sung at both services. Mr. Gary Heckman, a son of the congregation and presently teaching at St. Matthew Lu-



New Salem Lutheran Church

theran School, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, served as guest organist.

Toastmaster for the festivities following the fellowship supper was

Pastor Philip Press of Berne, Michigan. Students from Michigan Lutheran Seminary provided entertainment. Among the messages of congratulations brought were those by Pastor Lyle Hallauer of the mother congregation, Salem Lutheran Church, Scio (Ann Arbor), Michigan, and Pastor John Huebner of Faith Lutheran Church, Dexter, Michigan, the area where the founding fathers of New Salem worshiped before coming to Sebewaing.

New Salem is a daughter congregation of Salem Lutheran at Scio. It traces its origin back to the time when the Rev. Fred Schmid, the first Lutheran pastor in Michigan, urged some of his younger members to leave the Scio area and establish a new home and congregation in the Sebewaing area. The congregation was organized in the fall of 1853. The first log church was built in 1855. The present church building was dedicated on October 12, 1873, and was moved intact to its present site in

Pastor Henry C. Haase 1882-1973

On Sunday afternoon, having attended worship in the morning, Pastor Haase enjoyed an open house in honor of his 91st birthday. On the succeeding days he appeared to be in good health, but in the early hours of Thursday, October 18, the Lord called His faithful servant home peacefully in his sleep.

Pastor Henry C. Haase was born October 15, 1882, in Cleveland, Wisconsin, the son of Pastor and Mrs. Julius Haase. From this family came eight church workers, six pastors and two women teachers.

Upon graduation from the Seminary in Wauwatosa in 1904, Pastor Haase served our Apache Indian Mission for three years. After serving a year and a half in Stillwater, Minnesota, Pastor Haase was installed as pastor of St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Congregation, Benton Harbor, Michigan, on December 13, 1908. With his retirement on December 31, 1948, 40 years of service as pastor of St. Matthew's and an active ministry spanning over 44 years came to an end.

The Benton Harbor area was one of the areas to which German Lu-

therans who were dissatisfied with conditions in southern Russia immigrated. Besides serving these Lutheran Christians with Word and Sacrament through St. Matthew's Congregation, Pastor Haase was instrumen-



Pastor H. C. Haase

tal in the founding of our Synod congregations in Dowagiac, Sodus, and Eau Claire. During his ministry a daughter congregation, Grace, now of St. Joseph, was also founded.

Filling vacant pulpits and preaching for mission festivals kept the first

20 years of retirement relatively active. Living in a convalescent home for the last few years provided opportunity for a personal ministry to fellow residents, something which Pastor Haase enjoyed.

On January 5, 1909, Pastor Haase was united in holy wedlock with Caroline Jung of Randolph, Wisconsin. The Lord blessed their union with two sons, Elmer and Edgar, and a daughter Antoinette (Mrs. Paul Schlender). Preceded in death by his wife and his son Edgar, Pastor Haase leaves to mourn his death besides his two children, seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at St. Matthew's on October 20, 1973. The undersigned addressed the mourners on the basis of Pastor Haase's confirmation text, John 6:68: "To whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life." Those words, coincidentally, are also carved on the front doors of the church where Pastor Haase served. Pastor Waldemar J. Zarling, president of the Michigan District, addressed the mourners on behalf of the District. "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life" (Rev. 2:10).

K. W. Biedenbender

1935. During its 120 years New Salem Congregation has been served by 17 pastors.

Northern Wisconsin

25 Years at North Fond du Lac

On Sunday, November 25, 1973, the members of St. Paul's Congregation of North Fond du Lac gathered to thank the Lord of the Church for the Gospel ministry which He has carried out in its midst for the past 25 years through Pastor Bernard G. Kuschel. The Rev. H. J. Kuschel of Reedsville, a son, brought the Word of God to the assembled congregation. He preached on the subject, "Our Sufficiency for the Ministry," based on II Corinthians 3:4-6. Kieth Kuschel, another son who is a student at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, was the liturgist.

The members of St. Paul's asked the Lord graciously to preserve the Gospel ministry in its midst and to

continue to give His servant, their pastor, the strength to remain faithful to his calling as a steward of the mysteries of God.

Recognition Dinner

Members of St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Hurley, Wisconsin, and friends gathered on the evening of November 11, 1973, to show their appreciation to Mrs. Harvard Meyer for more than one-third of a century of faithful service to her Lord as organist of the congregation.

As a token of their appreciation the members of St. Paul's presented her with a wrist watch and a monetary gift.

Western Wisconsin

Altura Church Celebrates 75th

"75 Years of Grace" was the theme as Jehovah Lutheran of Altura, Minnesota, sang her Maker's praises on Sunday, August 19, 1973. A joint fes-

tive service with her sister congregation, Trinity of Rollingstone, was held at 10:30. Speaker was the present pastor, Harold W. Sturm. He reminded the congregation that even after 75 years its mission still remains the same. A noon meal for members and friends was served by the ladies of the congregation.

At the 2:00 P.M. service, WELS Stewardship Counselor, Pastor James Schaefer, in an inspiring message pointed out that Jehovah should both thank God for His past blessings and look forward to serving Him zealously in the future.

During her history, Jehovah Congregation has been served by 15 pastors. A real highlight in her history took place when she dedicated a new church to God's glory on June 4, 1972. Indeed, Jehovah Congregation has much to be thankful for. She prays that God would continue to bestow His grace upon her in the future.

Stevens Point, Wisconsin

Plover Mission Dedicates Chapel

On December 2, 1973, Divine Word Ev. Lutheran Church dedicated its first chapel to the glory of the Triune God. It is a relocatable unit similar to those you have read about in *The Northwestern Lutheran* before. Located in Plover, Wisconsin, just outside Stevens Point, Divine Word Congregation is a Wisconsin Synod mission in the heartland of Wisconsin.

Guest speaker for the morning dedication service was the pastor who conducted the first WELS service in Stevens Point on September 13, 1970. He is the Rev. William Lange of St. Paul's Church, Wisconsin Rapids. Choosing Psalm 84:1-5 as the dedication text, he spoke on the theme, "Your Church." Addressing the 104 members, university students, and guests present for the occasion, Pastor Lange first explained what a church is not and, then, what it is. He reminded the hearers that the church is there where the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity and the

Sacraments are administered as they were instituted by the Lord of the Church, the Lord Jesus Christ.

In two afternoon services about 150 members, students, and guests heard the Rev. Norman Berg speak on Exodus 40:34-38, using as his theme the words, "The Pilgrim's Place of Worship." In his sermon he pointed out that it is somehow fitting for Christians to worship in temporary structures, for these serve as a constant reminder that the Christian's life on earth is but a pilgrimage, only temporary. He concluded with the thought that though this building and others are only temporary, they still serve God's pilgrims as a place of refuge in this world.

"It is the Lord who hath made us and not we ourselves." Over the past months, this thought has time and again been impressed on the hearts and minds of the members and pastor of Divine Word. The pastor, can-

didate Roger Kobleske, was ordained and installed as the first resident pastor of the new mission in Stevens Point on August 1, 1971. On September 13, 1971, exactly one year to the day after the first exploratory service was held, Divine Word Congregation was formally organized.

During the first two years of its existence, the congregation met in a little one-room schoolhouse, known now as the Whiting Town Hall. Like most missions, we soon began looking for land. In October, 1972, a beautiful 3.6-acre site was purchased in the "Golden Sands" area of Plover, for \$9,000. Acting upon the recommendation of the various mission boards, Divine Word requested and received a new relocatable chapel. It arrived on the site in August. On September 2, 1973, the first service was held in the building, even though there was still much work to be done.

We, the members of Divine Word Congregation, would like to express our thanks first to the Lord Jesus Christ for His countless blessings, for without Him we would be nothing, and then also to all you mission-minded Christians without whose prayers, aid, and support it would not have been possible for us to enter the new church year and celebrate the birth of our Savior in our own beautiful little church. Thank you, one and all!

Divine Word Lutheran Church

MLA — MUSIC PROFESSOR

Members of the Synod have nominated the following men for the professorship in music in Martin Luther Academy, New Ulm, Minnesota:

Robert Bame, New Ulm, MN
Frederick Biedenbender, Kenosha, WI
William Birshing, Mobridge, SD
Willard Engel, Bay City, MI
David Fehlauer, Kewaunee, WI
John Jenswold, Watertown, WI
Jerome Kieselhorst, Hustisford, WI
Allen Krause, Watertown, WI
Edward Krause, New London, WI
Kermit Moldenhauer, Beaver Dam, WI
Carl Nolte, Chicago, IL
John Nolte, Tomah, WI
Kenneth Ottenbacher, Fort Atkinson, WI
Philip Otto, Rhineland, WI
Gordon Pape, Fond du Lac, WI
Max Radloff, Minneapolis, MI
Alan Ross, Manitowoc, WI
Otto Schenk, New Ulm, MN
Arnold Strehler, Monticello, MI
Franklin Zabel, Watertown, WI

The Board of Control of Martin Luther Academy, New Ulm, Minnesota, will meet on Monday, February 18, 1974, at 4:30 p.m. in the faculty meeting room to call a man from this list. The man called should be able to assume responsibility for instructing the more advanced piano students, to teach one or two music classes, and possibly do some chorus and/or band work. Correspondence concerning the nomi-

nees should be in the hands of the secretary before the call meeting.

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NOTICE

The next regular plenary session of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for
February 18-19, 1974.

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

AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS

SOWING AND REAPING IN LATIN AMERICA (FS-58-SRLA)

1974 15 min. CL. 7 1/2 Ips Tape
and Printed Commentary

The sub-title gives the reason for and the contents of this filmstrip very succinctly: 25 years of Gospel preaching in Spanish. The filmstrip was produced to tell the story of our Latin American missions where Spanish is the language of the people. The work began in Tucson, Arizona, then branched out to Puerto Rico, to El Paso, Texas, to Mexico and in 1974 to Medellin, Colombia. Produced by Audio-Visual Aids, WELS.

ARIZONA-CALIFORNIA

GADSEN PASTOR-TEACHER-DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: February 4-5, 1974; 10 a.m. opening service.
Place: Holy Cross, Tucson, Arizona (R. Paustian, host pastor).

Preacher: H. Hagedorn (R. Paustian, alternate).
Agenda: Feb. 4: (pastors, teachers, delegates): Article II of the Formula of Concord: R. Eggert; Isagogical Study of a Minor Prophet: S. Krueger; Practical Essay: R. Paustian.

Feb. 5: (pastors only): Eschatology: The Bible's Teachings about Conditions and Events Just Prior to the Return of Christ, with special reference to the Fulfillment of Prophecies: E. Sitz; Exegesis of Revelation 3:14-22: D. Redlin; Exegesis of I Peter 1:1-12: M. Hallemeyer; Essay: D. Halvarson.

D. Redlin, Secretary

DAKOTA-MONTANA

WESTERN WINTER PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: February 19, 1974.

Time: 10:30 a.m. (E. River Time) Communion service at Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Moberge, SD.

Agenda: The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, Articles VII and VIII: Of the Church (pp. 227-245); C. Lindemann.

T. Schmidt, Secretary

MICHIGAN

NORTHERN PASTOR-TEACHER CONFERENCE

Date: February 18-19, 1974; 9 a.m.

Place: Mt. Olive, Bay City, Michigan.

Preacher: O. Maasch (W. Oelhafen).

Agenda: Exegesis of Malachi: K. Plocher; Article II of the Augsburg Confession and Apology: J. Brenner; Home Study Groups: J. Kurth; A Biblical Examination of Millennialism: R. Welch; Church Discipline — Its Practice in WELS Congregations: R. Carter.

E. C. Schmelzer, Secretary

MINNESOTA

REDWOOD FALLS PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: February 19, 1974; 9:00 A.M. Communion service.

Place: St. John's Lutheran, Redwood Falls, Minnesota (E. O. Schulz, host pastor).

Preacher: G. Mass (W. Oelhafen, alternate).
Agenda: Genesis 4:16-26: E. Carmichael; Luther's Large Catechism: Ninth and Tenth Commandments: A. Geiger; Divorce in the Light of the Scriptures: W. Ziebell.

L. Hohenstein, Secretary

NEW ULM PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: February 20, 1974; 9:30 a.m.

Place: St. John's, New Ulm, Minnesota.

Preacher: H. Bittorf (B. Backer, alternate).

Agenda: I Corinthians 5: R. Buss; Catechism Review: T. Olsen; Article VIII of the Formula of Concord: J. Braun.

L. Meyer, Secretary

NEBRASKA

ROSEBUD DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: February 12-13, 1974; 10 a.m. Communion service.

Place: St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church, Batesland, South Dakota (L. Sievert, host pastor).

Preacher: D. Meyer

Agenda: What is the Relation Between Life and Soul in Man? R. Tischer; Review of the Basic Philosophy and Beliefs of the Lodge and Scouts: D. Mayhew; Implication of "Let Your Women Keep Silent in the Church": L. Sievert (alternate paper).

Note: Those desiring lodging should announce as soon as possible to the host pastor.

David D. Meyer, Secretary

NORTHERN WISCONSIN

FOX RIVER VALLEY PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: February 12, 1973; 9 a.m., Communion service.

Place: St. Paul Ev. Lutheran, Green Bay, Wisconsin; A. Voigt, host pastor.

Preacher: F. Thierfelder (S. Johnson, alternate).

Agenda: James 5: H. Pussehl (I Peter 2: F. Brandt); Psalm 4: A. Voigt (Psalm 5: C. Schlei); Preaching on the Gospel for New Year's Day: R. Ehke (Sunday after New Year: I Boettcher); Keeping Young People Close to the Church: D. Gruen (Modern Bible Translations — Assistance or Hindrance: J. Diener); casuistry; dues.

R. Muetzel, Secretary

WINNEBAGO TEACHERS' CONFERENCE

Place: Emanuel Lutheran School, New London, Wisconsin.

Thursday, Feb. 14, 1974

9:00 Opening Service
10:00 Announcements, Elections, District President
10:45 Involving Children in the Mission Program: Pastor Marvin Radtke

1:30 Devotions and Business Meeting

2:00 Workshop Areas:

1. What's Really Important in Math: W. Radue
2. Overheads, A Practical Tool: Mrs. W. Fuhrman
3. Musical Instruments in Singing: Dr. Klemish
4. Art Projects: Mrs. L. Schoeneck
5. Coordinating Social Studies: J. Juern
6. Kindergarten Workshop: Mrs. G. Ehler
7. Practical Science Experiments: R. Oemig

Friday, Feb. 15, 1974

9:00 Devotions
9:15 Board for Parish Education Reports
10:00 Return to same workshop attended Thursday afternoon
1:30 Devotions
1:45 Trends in Education: J. Tank
3:00 Business and closing

E. Bartsch, Program Chairman

WINNEBAGO CONFERENCE

Date: February 18, 1974; 9:00 a.m. Communion service.

Place: Grace, Neenah, Wisconsin (A. Kienetz, host pastor).

Preacher: Prof. J. Petrie (L. Ristow, alternate).
Agenda: II Thessalonians 1 (cont.): R. Maurice; Catechism Questions 23-26: N. Mielke.

P. Kolander, Secretary

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN

METRO NORTH PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: January 28, 1974; 9 a.m. Communion service.

Place: St. John's, 620 W. Division St., Newburg, Wis. Dale W. Arndt, host pastor.

Preacher: G. Hoenecke (J. Jeske, alternate).
Agenda: Exegesis of I Peter 2:18-25: H. Kaiser; Discussion of the New Pastor's Companion: M. Albrecht.

Note: Please excuse to the host pastor.

T. C. Spiegelberg, Secretary

WESTERN WISCONSIN

MISSISSIPPI RIVER VALLEY PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Place: Grace Ev. Lutheran, Ridgeway, Minn.

Date: January 29, 1974.

Preacher: L. Schalow (H. Sturm, alternate).
Agenda: An Evaluation of the Proposed Catechism Revision: F. Mueller; Gaining and Instructing the Adult: J. Mahnke; James 3: J. D. Liggett; alternate essay: Talk About the Savior: D. Fischer.

G. Sommer, Secretary

CENTRAL PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: February 18, 1974; 9 a.m. (please note: a Monday meeting).

Place: Northwestern College, Watertown, Wisconsin.

Preacher: M. Sordahl (R. Kettenacker, alternate).
Agenda: Exegesis of I Corinthians 1:17-31: W. Balza; The Jesus Movement and Campus Crusades: R. Balge.

R. Ehler, Secretary

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.

HAVELOCK, NORTH CAROLINA

WELS exploratory services are being held on the second and fourth Sundays of the month at 4 p.m., with Sunday school and Bible class following at 5 p.m. Services are held at the Fellowship Chapel on the Cherry Point Marine Corps Air Station. Please send contact information to: Pastor Paul A. Schmiede, 720 Currituck Drive, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609; phone: (919) 782-8327.

PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, WISCONSIN MARQUETTE, MCGREGOR, IOWA

WELS exploratory services are now being held in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin. The services are held every Sunday at 12:30 p.m. in the Prairie du Chien Convalescent Center, 1150 S. 15th Street. Please send names of interested persons to: Mr. Dan Kapanke, 900 E. Brunson St., Prairie du Chien, WI 53821; telephone: (608) 326-6767.

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.

Pontiac-Lake Orion, Michigan

WELS exploratory services are being conducted at First Federal Savings, 471 Broadway (M-24), Lake Orion, Michigan. Worship is at 8:00 Sunday, and Sunday school at 9:00. Please send names of interested parties to: Pastor James Naumann, 11063 E. 16-1/2 Mile Road, Sterling Heights, Michigan 48077.

TIME AND PLACE

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.

SERVICES AT FT. CAMPBELL, KY

Monthly Communion services are being conducted on the first Sunday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in Chapel No. 8 at Ft. Campbell, Kentucky. Names of WELS people in the area should be sent to: Pastor R. H. Stadler, 124 Elnora Dr., Hendersonville, Tennessee 37075 Telephone: (615) 824-3894.

TEXAS LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY

If you or acquaintances will vacation or winter in Texas, Abiding Savior Lutheran Church of Weslaco invites you to Sunday services at 10 a.m. and family Bible study at 9 a.m. at the Weslaco Civic Center, 520 S. Kansas Ave. We are located in the center of the Valley serving also McAllen, Mission, Pharr, Alamo, Edinburg, Donna, Mercedes, Harlingen, San Benito, Brownsville, Port Isabel, etc. Direct inquiries and referrals to Pastor G. Scheuerlein, 1600 Orchid, McAllen, Texas 78501; telephone (512) 686-6818.

LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

The WELS mission in Louisville, Kentucky, conducts worship services at 10 a.m. and Sunday school and Bible class at 10:45 a.m. at the Jefferson County Farm Bureau Ins. Building at 730 Locust Lane. For information and referrals contact Pastor John Raabe, 1080 Alfred Street, Brookfield, Wisconsin 53005; or call: (414) 782-5852.

HURON, SOUTH DAKOTA

Faith Ev. Lutheran Church, the WELS mission in Huron, South Dakota, is worshipping in the Seventh Day Adventist Church, 244 6th Street S.W. The time of service is now 9:30 a.m. Sunday school and Bible Class meet at 10:30 a.m. For information and referrals please contact: Pastor John M. Engel, Box 215, Huron, South Dakota 57350.

Treasurer's Report

PREBUDGET SUBSCRIPTION PERFORMANCE

Eleven months ended November 30, 1973

	Subscription Amount for 1973	11/12 of Annual Subscription	Subscription and Pension Offerings	Per Cent of Subscription
Arizona-California	\$ 254,122	\$ 232,945	\$ 230,955	99.1
Dakota-Montana	191,770	175,789	185,004	105.2
Michigan (B)	994,460	911,589	908,185	99.6
Minnesota	992,412	909,711	931,210	102.4
Nebraska	186,352	170,823	191,142	111.9
Northern Wisconsin	1,108,983	1,016,568	965,916	95.0
Pacific Northwest	69,325	63,548	61,863	97.3
Southeastern Wisconsin (B)	1,353,982	1,241,151	1,175,648	94.7
Western Wisconsin	1,265,467	1,160,012	1,137,265	98.0
Total — 1973	\$6,416,873(A)	\$5,882,136	\$5,787,188	98.4
Total — 1972	\$5,892,435	\$5,401,399	\$5,265,800	97.5

Note (A) — The subscription amount for 1973 has been increased \$1,650.00 to include all revisions received by the Stewardship Department as of September 30, 1973.

Note (B) — The subscription and offering totals includes the congregations that constitute the South Atlantic District as of October 1, 1973.

CURRENT BUDGETARY FUND

Statement of Income and Expenditures

Twelve months ended November 30, 1973 with comparative figures for 1972

	Twelve months ended November 30		Increase or Decrease*	
	1973	1972	Amount	Per Cent
Income				
Prebudget Subscription Offerings	\$6,396,170	\$5,961,315	\$434,855	7.3
Pension Plan Contributions	94,841	99,526	4,685*	4.7*
Gifts, Memorials and Bequests	66,999	53,164	13,835	26.0
Earnings from Fox Estate	72,549	—	72,549	—
Income from NWPB	—	6,562	6,562*	—
Other Income	4,011	357	3,654	—
Transfers from Other Funds	27,993	—	27,993	—
Total Income	\$6,662,563	\$6,120,924	\$541,639	8.8
Expenditures				
Worker-Training — Expenses	\$3,614,536	\$3,274,370	\$340,166	10.4
Worker-Training — Income	1,488,352	1,479,650	8,702	0.6
Worker-Training — Net	2,126,184	1,794,720	331,464	18.5
Home Missions	1,110,477	951,419	159,058	16.7
World Missions	1,019,509	905,319	114,190	12.6
Benevolences	811,487	799,922	11,565	1.4
Administration and Services	500,132	408,708	91,424	22.4
Total Operations	\$5,567,789	\$4,860,088	\$707,701	14.6
Appropriations — Building Funds	239,944	267,993	38,049*	10.5*
Appropriations — CEF Program	789,340	781,898	7,442	1.0
Total Expenditures	\$6,597,073	\$5,909,979	\$687,094	11.6
Operating Gain	\$ 65,490	210,945	—	—

Norris Koopmann, Treasurer & Controller
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CONFERENCE PAPERS AVAILABLE

New: "The Treatment of Elders and Prospective Elders in the Church," R. Rose: \$0.22; "The Descent of Christ Into Hell," M. Zehms: \$0.27; "Sheep-Stealing: What Is It and When Does It Occur?" E. Lindemann: \$0.20; "College Campus Organizations," H. Wackerfuss: \$0.35. For a listing of papers previously offered see the issue of October 7, 1973.

All the above papers may be ordered from: Martin Luther Women's Circle, 10151 Sappington Road, St. Louis County, Missouri 63128.

Synodical Certification

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.

ANNUAL MISSION SEMINAR

Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary at Mequon, Wisconsin, is conducting its annual mission seminar from January 28 to January 30, 1974. All pastors, teachers, and laymen are invited to attend.

Schedule: Morning Evening
Monday, Jan. 28 9:15-12:30 7:30-9:00
Tuesday, Jan. 29 9:20-12:30 7:30-9:00
Wednesday, Jan. 30 9:20-12:30

Kieth B. Kuschel, publicity

YEARBOOK 1974

The Official Directory of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod

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.

Price: \$1.40