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Briefs by the Editor

It's a real privilege to introduce the 10 new Christian day schools that opened their doors in the fall of 1973. Many are one-room schools and some have a very small number of pupils, but all of them are an expression of concern, real spiritual concern, for the next generation. To instruct the next generation in the ways of God is an assignment our Lord laid upon all of His followers when He spoke of feeding His lambs.

Nowhere has the Lord explicitly outlined exactly how His believers should respond to this concern. He has left it completely up to them. Different situations of course demand different answers. Among us the answers differ from one congregation to another. Usually more than one method is employed of communicating the Gospel to the next generation. We have Sunday school, Saturday school, vacation Bible school, summer school, confirmation instructions, released-time classes. And then there is the Christian day school. This not only offers the opportunity to instruct the upcoming generation in the Word of God specifically, but an opportunity to teach all other subjects from the Gospel point of view. Thus it provides our youth a consistent, Christian philosophy of life, something which all of them need if they want to become mature Christians.

That our church believes that the Christian day school is one of the best possible ways, if not *the* best possible way, to meet the spiritual needs of the next generation is demonstrated by the fact that 264 Christian day schools are now being maintained in the 1,000-plus congregations of our Synod. Just as noteworthy is the fact that there are nine area Lutheran high schools in our Synod in addition to our Synodical academies, colleges, and seminary.

Whether the Christian day school is a method that can be adapted to the needs of our foreign missions is a question to which we at present have no answer. Time will tell. But it is to be remembered that even in our own midst our attitude toward and our use of the Christian day school has also changed remarkably during the 125 years of our history as a church body. Most of our congregations did establish schools of a sort from the very start. Most of these, however, were not full-fledged Christian day schools as we have them today. At first, it must be admitted, they were not always looked at purely as a way of sharing the Gospel. Too often they were a way of perpetuating the German heritage. With the gradual passing of the German, the purpose of our Christian day schools became more clearly defined. Our people and our clergy began to put the emphasis where it truly belonged.

In certain areas of our country our congregations face a similar problem today. We must be on our guard lest Christian day schools sink to the level of "private schools," used as a way to escape integration and cross-town bussing. The Christian day school is first and last an agency to instruct youth in the Christian faith as revealed in the Bible and as it is to be lived in the world.

God has granted our church a great gift in its Christian day schools. For those congregations which as yet have not seen their way clear to establish such schools, a review of the problems faced by the 10 congregations which opened Christian day schools last fall should be encouraging.

Let us praise God for the new schools that were established and pray that many other congregations may be granted the desire and the means to follow in their footsteps.

*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

Most pupils are summoned to their classes by a buzzer or an electric bell. The pupils at St. Mark School, Eau Claire, Wisconsin, not only have a real bell, but can get a close-up look at it not enjoyed by pupils at most other schools. — First Lutheran at Prescott, Arizona, provides a ramp to get from one part of its property to another. More important, however, is the Gospel taught in its classroom. That's God's bridge between earth and heaven.

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Editorials

Religious Narcissism Narcissus was a beautiful youth in Greek legend who pined away for love of his own image. Hence the term "narcissism" for love of one's self.

A college professor, commenting on the downward trend in Scholastic Aptitude Tests scores among college youth, attributes this trend to the "pervasive narcissism of our contemporary culture." He suggests that many of these young people, instead of concentrating on mastering the accumulated knowledge of the past, devote their attention to themselves — to finding "the real me" — and to self-serving activism for students rights. Consequently, the acquisition of knowledge and skill is neglected as an academic purpose.

Without passing judgment upon the validity of his observation, one is inclined to wonder whether what the professor suspects in the academic field might not also apply in the religious field. In our church life there is at least a danger that we center our attention upon self rather than upon hearing and learning the truth of God.

Examples of religious narcissism are seen in excuses sometimes offered for not joining with the Christian congregation in worship and in hearing and learning God's Word. A few well-worn ones go like this: "No one comes up to talk to me after church" . . . "The pastor doesn't call on me enough" . . . "The members don't accept my ideas." The first person singular comes into prominence, and the purpose of congregational life recedes into the background.

With this kind of emphasis on self, together with its overtones of hurt pride, Christ would never have completed His work, or even undertaken it, for that matter; nor would the apostles have served so selflessly and sacrificially.

Narcissus pined away for love of his own image. Self-love can have an identical effect upon spiritual life.

Immanuel Frey

Who Wants To Work? Psychologists are having a field day with the so-called "alienated worker," the person in the ranks of Labor or Management who doesn't like his job. The current jargon calls it the Blue-Collar-Blues, or the White-Collar-Woes, or the On-the-Job-Blahs.

Modern man thinks he has discovered the drudgery of work. He madly chases every phantom promising to free him from the toil of labor. He looks to technology, hoping to have machines do all the work. He is taken in by schemes of simply dividing all wealth among the people. A recent bestseller even suggests that everyone should

drop out, encamp on the beaches of California, and enjoy surfing and sunbathing forever.

But the Bible says it cannot be done. "Cursed is the ground for thy sake," the Lord said to Adam, "in *sorrow* shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; in the *sweat* of thy face shalt thou eat bread." Sorrow and sweat, that is what work is. No social reform or political maneuvering can change it.

Technology does not eliminate work; often it makes it only more boring. Laborers in China and Russia, too, grouse about their state-assigned jobs. Even people who freely choose their calling soon discover the drudgery that goes with it. The "new leisure" has not solved people's personal, marital or financial problems either. The Bible is right.

The child of God knows the sorrow and sweat of work, too. But he has a different attitude toward it. Whatever his job may be, he strives for the only thing God asks, that a "man be found faithful" till he reaches his only and eternal rest.

John Parcher

World Court A searchlight is illuminating Russia's national morality, and the Soviet government fumes. Soviet harassment of Russian Jews wishing to emigrate has been drawing harsh censure from Americans who are concerned about justice and human rights. Soviets have been condemned by the documentation that it was Russians, and not Germans, who perpetrated the shocking Katyn Forest Massacre of thousands of captive Polish officers in World War II.

They are also being indicted in *Operation Keelhaul*, the account of the refugee Russians who desperately resisted their forced return to Stalin's terror in their homeland after the war.

Perhaps the most searing exposure of all is being made by their countryman, Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, the world-renowned author of *One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich*, *Cancer Ward*, and *August 1914*. In his latest book, *Gulag Archipelago*, he exposes the sickening atrocities of the Russian prison labor camps since 1917. Himself a victim of these labor camps, he directs his intimate knowledge of Soviet inhumanity, and his penetrating writing skill, against Russian Communist political gangsterism, baring to the world their savagery.

Solzhenitsyn writes about a Russian, now an American citizen, who had declined to confess to crimes he had not committed. Ryumin, second in charge of Soviet security, was resolved to extort a confession. He ordered Dolgun to lie prone on the floor. With a rubber truncheon an inch and a half thick in his hand "the colonel sat down on the prisoner's back. Dolgun had intended to count the blows. He didn't know yet what a blow with a rubber truncheon is on the sciatic nerve. The effect is not in the place where the blow is delivered — it blows up inside the head. After the first blow the victim was insane with pain and broke his nails on the carpet. Ryumin beat away. After the beating the prisoner could not walk, and, of course, he was not carried. They just dragged him along the floor."

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Studies in God's Word

Victory Over Temptation

Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples; and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall. There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man. But God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it (I Cor. 10:11-13).

"To be forewarned is to be fore-armed," states a familiar proverb. To the regular reader of these *Studies* it may have seemed of late that the series has been rather long on warnings. If so, it is because it has been following St. Paul's pattern. Writing to Corinthian Christians, the Apostle time and again reminded them of incidents from Israel's history and warned them that the temptation to commit like sins besets every child of God. Hence they needed to be fore-armed against the sins of idolatry and immorality, against the sins of putting God to the test and of murmuring against Him.

St. Paul's warnings are so numerous and so earnest because he realizes how constant and universal temptation is, even for Christians. Recall his striking statement that

also the Old Testament Israelites were "Christian," for they all "drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ" (v. 4). Yet even they were severely tempted. Paul's readers at Corinth can expect no less.

Temptations are Real

Temptations will come. In fact, St. Paul includes himself in the warnings when he says: "Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples; and they are written for *our* admonition." How serious the Apostle is about the matter of temptation and how real he considers the dread possibility that he himself may fall appears at the close of the preceding chapter. There he tells the Corinthians: "But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection; lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, *I myself should be a cast-away*" (9:27).

No one is immune. Therefore, in order that his readers might be fore-armed, St. Paul forewarns: "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." Let no one look back at Israel and say: "It can't happen to me."

Temptations are Limited

Obviously, to know the power of temptation is absolutely essential. To be asleep at the switch would be fatal. But if all that Paul had to say was: "Watch out; be careful!" that would be small comfort and of limited value. Thank God, he can add a brighter side — brighter because it centers not on us and our weakness, but on the faithfulness and the reliability of a gracious God.

"There hath no temptation (over)taken you," St. Paul states, "but such as is common to man." St. Paul allows the possibility of "inhuman" or "superhuman" temptations. There are such. But God graciously keeps them from us. Not that it is God who sends temptation for evil, but rather God who checks him who does tempt for evil, i.e., Satan. Recall how God set definite limits beyond which Satan could not go when he sought permission to tempt Job. God stated clearly: "Behold, all that (Job) hath is in thy (Satan's) power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand" (Job 1:12; also 2:6).

Temptations are Bearable

Thus there is a gracious limit put upon temptations. "God is faithful, who will not suffer (allow) you to be tempted above that ye are able." But more than that. God not only limits the temptation, but He "will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." The passage might more literally be translated: "He will with the temptation also provide the way out, namely, that you be able to bear it." Temptations can be endured because God Himself has provided the power to withstand them. We need only think of the victory over Satan gained by our Substitute, Jesus Christ. Three times Christ routed the Tempter with the invincible weapon of God's Word (Matt. 4:1-11). It was a conquered foe that He sent on his way with the order: "Get thee hence, Satan."

Temptations are real and they are dangerous, but they can be withstood, for they come from a defeated foe. He may still scowl fierce as he will, but he can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done. One little word can fell him. Only let us never venture out against him on our own. Rather let us use that "one little word," the Word of our faithful God whose angel "encampeth round about them that fear Him." He invites us: "Call upon Me in the day of trouble, and I will deliver thee." Not our resourcefulness but God's Word and promise give us strength in the face of temptations. That is the armor which enables us to stand in the evil day.

Armin J. Panning

Our Response



When St. Paul in his letter to Rome had completed his recital of all the great acts of God done for man and his salvation by the reconciling and redeeming work of Jesus Christ, he began a new section on the Christian's life with the words: "Now I beseech you, brethren — *by the mercies of God* — to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service" (Rom. 12:1). For St. Paul the "mercies of God" (grace) were dynamic, powerfully showing themselves in the Christian's daily life. He was never slow in pointing out, clearly and specifically, how grace was to manifest itself in our lives.

When God's grace has been active in our union of 1,000 congregations for 125 years (not 25 years as in Rome), it is fitting that there be a thankful, grateful response. Such was the conviction of the 1973 convention of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod when it directed that a Grace Thankoffering be gathered at the 125th anniversary of the union, with an approximate goal of \$3 million.

Offering Leaders Meet

The first step in carrying out the convention resolution was taken on February 13 when about 140 leaders of the Grace Thankoffering project

met in Milwaukee to discuss the plans for the offering. The Grace Thankoffering, according to the plans, will be directed by the Synod's visiting elders together with a lay co-chairman selected by the visiting elder from his circuit.

Sharing with President Oscar J. Naumann the chairmanship of the meeting was the national co-chairman, Mr. Max P. Lehninger. Mr. Lehninger is a prominent Milwaukee businessman, chairman of the Synod's Pension Board, a member of the Synod's Coordinating Council, and active in the affairs of his home congregation, Atonement, Milwaukee.

In his opening devotion, President Naumann told the leaders that "money is only the penultimate goal of the Grace Thankoffering. The ultimate goal is to strengthen our appreciation for the grace and mercy of God. If we raise \$10 million and do not learn to love the mercy and grace of God more earnestly, we will have failed."

Individual Response

The leaders were told by Pastor Carl H. Mischke, first vice-president of the Synod and chairman of the 125th Anniversary Committee, that it was the aim of the committee to give

every family of the Synod an opportunity to respond to the 125 years of Grace. "No one should make the response for someone else," he said. "Since grace and salvation are received by individuals — one by one — we want the response to be in the same individual, personal way."

The offering plan calls for Sunday, May 19, 1974, to be a "Great Day of Grace" — a day on which congregations will offer their members by personal visits an opportunity to respond to the 125 years of Grace. Recognizing that most families will want to spread their response over a period of time, the plan sets up a two-year offering period — June 1, 1974, to May 31, 1976, with monthly envelopes.

Near the end of March, each congregation will be receiving a shipment of materials to assist them in carrying out the Grace Thankoffering in the congregation. The materials are carefully designed to involve each member in a deeper appreciation for the grace of God in his life and in the life of the Synod. Every congregation will be encouraged to appoint or elect a Grace Thankoffering project director who will, in consultation with the pastor and others, implement the Grace Offering.

Great Needs

The Grace Thankoffering comes at a most opportune moment. There are great needs in the Synod that must be met. From a chapel at Kitwe, Zambia, to a church center and seminary at Hong Kong; from a worship center in Indonesia to three dormitories to replace obsolete structures at our pastor/teacher training schools, the needs are urgent. As our U.S. missions continue to open at a rate of 20 to 25 each year, the Church Extension Fund must receive constant infusions of new capital to supply them with land and chapels.

Is there a better way to speak our gratitude to God for 125 years of Grace than to determine that His grace will also be shared by us with others? In a world dominated by "I, me, my, mine," what better than to show by word and deed, "No, not Me . . . but You . . . that is my concern."

Rev. James P. Schaefer

INTRODUCING Ten New Christian Day Schools

Prescott,
Arizona

An Ideal Climate — An Ideal Solution



Miss Eileen Hartwig and Pastor John Gaertner.



Thirteen of the fifteen pupils at First Lutheran.

Prescott, Arizona, is a picturesque, pine-cooled community at the northern end of the Bradshaw Mountains. It is also the home of First Ev. Lutheran Church since 1935.

In the late 1960's Prescott began to experience growth because of its ideal climatic conditions. And that led First Lutheran to adopt the ideal solution to a problem that was troubling them and had troubled them since the beginning: How can we bring the Lord's Word to our children in the best possible way? The growth of the community put more children at their doorstep. The problem demanded that it be solved.

In 1971 the church council of First Lutheran discussed the matter repeatedly. In January, 1972, the voters established a committee to investigate the possibility of establishing a Christian day school. Every family was surveyed. The response was very encouraging. On March 4, 1973, the congregation by *unanimous* vote au-

thorized the establishment of its school. It was decided to open with grades one to five, with an additional grade to be added each year. In April, Miss Eileen Hartwig accepted the call to teach the Lord's "lambs" at First Lutheran.

The classroom was ready. When in 1970 the congregation had built a second-story Sunday-school addition, it was planned that the addition might someday serve as a classroom for a Christian day school. Only a minimal amount of remodeling was necessary. There is also another large room on the lower level that can be transformed into a second classroom.

Enrollment is 15 pupils, six of them in the first grade. But as Prescott grows, as First Lutheran grows, this arm of the church will also grow. Responding to the many inquiries of outsiders, the 228-member congregation has accepted a policy that will make First Lutheran School an arm in the mission work of First Lutheran Church in the Prescott community.

Pastor John Gaertner writes: "The 15 lambs who are privileged to sit at the feet of a Christian day-school teacher are, in addition to their daily Bible stories and secular subjects, being taught the importance of carrying on their Lord's command to 'Go and make disciples.' During their Wednesday morning chapel hour, also attended by some parents and other members of the congregation, a mission offering is gathered. Each quarter these gifts will be given to some mission endeavor of our WELS so that at some future date children somewhere else may enjoy the blessing of a Christian day school."

He concludes his account by stating: "We at First Lutheran in Prescott, Arizona, humbly thank God that we were one of the ten who were blessed with a new Christian day school in their midst during 1973. May we, like the other nine, in thanking God for this gift serve as an example to encourage others to enjoy the same." To that we respond with a hearty "Amen."

La Mesa, California 1973, Not 1974

Late in 1972 serious discussions were carried on by the members of Shepherd of the Hills Ev. Lutheran Church, La Mesa, California, concerning the opening of their own Christian day school. The consensus of opinion was that it would be most practical to plan for the fall of 1974. In fact, it was thought that opening the school any earlier would possibly hurt the chance of having a good, stable school.

The Lord, however, had different plans for Shepherd of the Hills. Before we tell you about them, we must, however, fill you in on the situation. From the very time of its organization in 1966, Shepherd of the Hills had been planning for a Christian day school. That's why a good-sized fellowship hall was attached to the church dedicated in 1968. Members were convinced that Christian education was the only possible answer to the critical matter of their children's education. The teaching of evolution was rampant in the California public schools, and it had become evident that the children were becoming confused as to what they ought to believe.

Shepherd of the Hills' first solution was to approach Reformation Congregation of San Diego, seeking permission to enroll their children in Reformation's school. In that way 10 children received daily Christian instruction through the good graces of a sister congregation. Shepherd of the

Hills knew that this was only a temporary solution, but they were hoping it would remain in effect until at least 1974.

It was early in 1973 that Reformation Congregation informed Shepherd of the Hills that, because of the lack of room at Reformation, the La Mesa congregation would have to give serious thought to establishing its own school sooner than anticipated. In fact, the decision had to be made by April, 1973. A number of meetings were held with all families of the congregation present. The final result was a decision to open its own school in 1973, a decision passed by an overwhelming majority. Permission was subsequently also granted by the California Mission Board and the General Board for Home Missions.

The members themselves transformed the fellowship hall into a pleasant classroom. Most of the furnishings were donated by members and friends. Without these generous gifts, the congregation would have faced a severe financial struggle.

When school opened, 15 children enrolled, five of them from a sister congregation at Alpine. Since there was no time to issue a call to the Assignment Committee, the congregation had to appeal to Dr. Martin Luther College for an emergency teacher in the person of Miss Mary Hayes from Ann Arbor, Michigan. The pastor of the congregation, the Rev. Wer-



Pastor Wagner and Miss Hayes busy teaching.

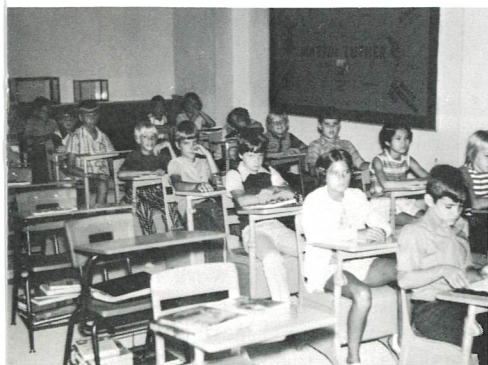
Boys on playground.



nor E. Wagner, assists in instructing grades 5-8, teaching religion, social studies, science, hymnology, current events, German, and physical education. In the afternoon Miss Hayes is assisted by interested mothers in the congregation.

Training children in the way they should go is recognized by the members of Shepherd of the Hills as a loving obligation laid upon them by a loving Lord.

Seminole, Florida *Recipe for Success*



In a meeting during March, 1973, interested families at Bay Pines Ev. Lutheran Church, Seminole, Florida, were handed a questionnaire which read: "If we started a school with kindergarten only, we would send ___ pupils, if K-1, ___ pupils, if K-2, ___, if K-4, ___, if K-6, ___, if grades 4-6, ___, if grades 6-8, ___, if grades K-8, ___ pupils."

When school opened on August 27, 1973, there were 66 pupils in grades

K-8. Today there are 72, taught by four teachers. That's a real success story.

But not man's success. Rather, it's a story of God's blessing, as is clear from an item in Pastor Raymond L. Wiechmann's letter. The item reads:

Recipe for success:

- Importunity in prayer.
- Many hours of volunteer labor.
- Concerned parents.
- The Lord's promised blessings.

The decision to begin a Christian day school was made by the voters of Bay Pines Church in the April voters' meeting. The calling of teachers be-

gan in April. The one-room addition to the existing building was begun on July 1. By August 27 the school was ready to open its doors. What a blessing!

All of the teachers at Bay Pines Lutheran School are experienced teachers with the exception of Miss Donna Schwanke, a 1973 DMLC graduate. She teaches grades two to four. First grade is taught by Miss Elsa Klein. Grades 5-8 are taught by Mr. Mark Boehme, who also serves as principal. Mrs. Mark Boehme teaches the kindergarten.

A breakdown of the enrollment figures reveals that 41 children are members of the congregation, eight are from Faith Lutheran in St. Petersburg, one from Peace Lutheran at Holiday, and 22 from unchurched homes or other Lutheran and non-Lutheran families.



Post-registration faculty meeting: Miss Elsa Klein, Mrs. R. Wetzel (secretary), Pastor R. Wiechmann, Principal M. Boehme, Miss Donna Schwanke.

Bay Pines Lutheran Church was not interested in establishing a so-called private school. Its school is a

Christian day school. That's why applicants are carefully screened to avoid such who are simply trying to escape integration or crosstown bussing.

Since the congregation also looks upon its school as a mission agency, the children from unchurched homes are given a higher priority than those of Lutherans with whom the congregation is not in fellowship. The results to date have been gratifying. Three school children have been baptized, three prospects won for the pastor's Bible information class, and quite a number of unchurched parents regularly attend services with their children.

Just a little aside: a class in German is offered as an elective. It is taught by a member of the congregation.

Overland Park, Kansas *A Christmas Present*

It was on Christmas Day, 1972, that the members of Mt. Olive Ev. Lutheran Church of Overland Park, Kansas, unanimously voted to open a Christian day school. This required a more than usual commitment on the part of the members of this Kansas City area mission, which had been organized in 1966. Perhaps members of our self-supporting congregations are unaware of what this means. Mission board policy requires that mission congregations support the operating expenses of a school entirely on their own.

In the case of Mt. Olive Ev. Lutheran Congregation it meant that in a mission numbering 75 communicants at least 20 families would have to contribute \$25 per month each above their regular contributions. A survey in the fall of 1972 assured the congregation that this support would be forthcoming and that the school would have at least 19 pupils enrolled. The result was the Christmas Day vote. In January the mission board approved the action of the congregation.

The congregation feels it was particularly blessed in having Miss Bever-



Miss Beverly Heine and a portion of her class.

ly Heine accept their call as teacher. She had exactly the qualifications the situation required, having had six years of experience as teacher of a new one-room school in Rapid City, South Dakota.

Though Mt. Olive's original unit had been planned to accommodate a school, a great deal of work needed to be done to set up a classroom. Members of the congregation decided to make all of the school furniture

Dexter, Michigan *A Good Potential*

How would you like to study in a classroom whose walls are painted a warm orange and a bright yellow, and whose floors are completely carpeted? That's the cheerful room shared by seven children at Faith Lutheran Church in Dexter, Michigan. The number may be small, but the potential suggests that at least three times that number will be attending this school in the foreseeable future. As of now the school offers grades K-4. It is planned to add a grade each year until there are nine grades in all.

If you think it a thrill for these children to study in such a colorful classroom, then imagine the thrill the pastor of the congregation experi-

themselves. The oak furnishings which they built gave them a uniquely beautiful classroom.

Opening day found 24 pupils in attendance in eight grades. A unique feature is that six of these were eighth-graders, and that all of these had left the public Junior high school in order to attend this one-room school. This shows a tremendous concern for Christian education on the part of these families. Two of these eighth-graders have already enrolled in Martin Luther Academy, New Ulm, Minnesota. Add to that the fact that two families in the congregation sold their homes and relocated closer to the church in order that their children might attend Christian day school and you have a picture of a congregation sold on Christian education.

It is no wonder that the pastor of the congregation, the Rev. Paul S. Soukop, writes: "What the future holds for us, only the Lord knows, but His track record in blessing us has been absolutely fantastic. We are very hopeful that by next fall we will be able to go to two teachers and that before long we will be able to add a couple of classrooms to our building. It is felt that this will help to enroll nonmembers from the community in our Christian school and thus serve as a very beneficial mission arm for our congregation."

enced one day in September of 1970. The congregation, which was organized in 1944, worshiped in a chapel-parsonage from 1956 to 1972. For many years the chapel was plenty large. Then on that day in September, 1970, people were sitting in chairs on the sidewalk because there wasn't enough room. And soon even two services became crowded. What had happened?

Dexter, Michigan, was experiencing what many areas near larger towns were experiencing. People from Ann Arbor and Detroit were moving to Dexter to get away from the large cities. Faith Congregation also began to grow. Families with young children joined the congregation. A building program became necessary.

In deciding to rebuild, the congregation relocated some five miles north of town. Since then, quite a few new homes have been built in that area and there are always visitors in church. So many, in fact, that the number of worshippers on an average Sunday usually exceeds the 155 communicants who are members of the congregation.

Not only was the decision to build and relocate an important decision, but equally important was the further decision to build in such a way that the lower level of the church would serve as a classroom. The new building was dedicated on September 24, 1972. In the annual meeting during the following January the members of Faith took a step of faith and voted to establish a Christian day school as of the following fall. They



Miss MarySue Pleuss and pupils.
Fourth grade cutting up.



are convinced that the Lord will bless their school. With Him on their side, the potential is not only good, but better and best.

Teaching at the school is Miss MarySue Pleuss, who graduated from Dr. Martin Luther College in 1973. Pastor John Huebner serves as principal and is aided in policy decisions by a Board of Christian Education consisting of Gerald Straub, Tom Abrass, Duane Brassow, and Tom Dittmar. The congregation has been self-supporting since January of 1971.



Gracious Savior, gentle Shepherd,
Children all are dear to Thee;
Gathered with Thine arms and carried
In Thy bosom may they be;
Sweetly, fondly, safely, tended,
From all want and danger free.

Tender Shepherd, never leave them,
Never let them go astray;
By Thy warning love directed,
May they walk the narrow way!
Thus direct them, thus defend them,
Lest they fall an easy prey.

Cleanse their hearts from sinful folly
In the stream Thy love supplied,
Mingled stream of blood and water
Flowing from Thy wounded side;
And to heavenly pastures lead them,
Where Thine own still waters glide.

Let Thy holy Word instruct them;
Fill their minds with heavenly light;
Let Thy powerful grace constrain them
To approve whate'er is right;
Let them feel Thy yoke is easy,
Let them prove Thy burden light.



Bend, Oregon *First WELS School in State*



Mr. Arnold Goodger and twelve of his fifteen pupils.

A 32-communicant-member congregation which has been self-supporting since its organization in 1971 opened the first WELS Christian day school in the state of Oregon. The

date was September 4, 1973; the congregation is Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church of Bend, Oregon. Pastor of the congregation is the Rev. Ethan Kahrs.

The members of Christ Our Redeemer Congregation had in mind the establishment of a Christian day school from the time of their organization as a congregation. That's why they included two classrooms in the church-school complex which they dedicated on August 20, 1972.

Christ Our Redeemer School has 15 pupils and one teacher. Six children are from member homes and nine from the homes of nonmembers. The teacher is Mr. Arnold Goodger, a 1973 DMLC graduate.

At present there are six grades. Plans include adding the seventh grade next year and the eighth grade the following year. As soon as the one-room situation no longer is practical, the congregation will proceed to call a second teacher.

It goes without saying that this small congregation has been willing to make substantial sacrifices to es-



Christ Our Redeemer Church and School.

establish and maintain a Christian day school. How much they appreciate the blessings which the Lord has given them through their teacher was shown when they presented him with a check to cover the cost of a round-trip to his home in Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin, this past Christmas.

The members of the congregation ask the readers of *The Northwestern Lutheran* to join them in praying the Lord of the Church to continue His blessings on their endeavor. It is abundantly evident that the Lord blesses those who take to heart His Word in Matthew 6:33: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness."

Houston, Texas *The Necessary Ingredients*

On September 4, 1973, Abiding Word Ev. Lutheran Church in Houston, Texas, opened the doors of a Christian day school to 18 of the Sav-

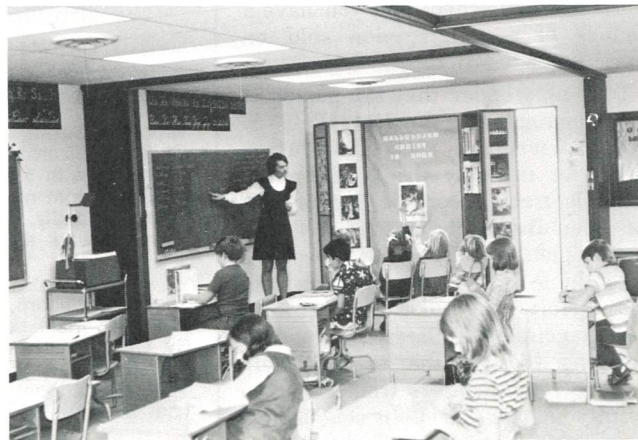
ior's lambs. This blessing was realized only four years after the congregation was organized with three families who felt constrained to es-

establish a truly orthodox congregation on the north side of Houston. Two of these families had been driving some 40 miles across town for about a year to attend Christ the Lord Congregation.

After holding services in an elementary school and in a relocatable chapel, the congregation on June 24,



Mrs. Jim Weisbach and kindergarten pupils.



Miss Virginia Frey and grades 1-5.

Falls Church, Virginia

No Moratorium on Christian Teaching

Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, situated in Falls Church, Virginia, on the doorstep of our nation's capital, expected to begin its Christian day school last fall with a much larger plant than it did. Plans for a four-classroom school, to be completed in time for the 1973 school year, had to be shelved temporarily when Fairfax County placed a moratorium on building permits because of an overloaded sewer system.

The congregation, however, did not let this stop them. Looking about for other possibilities, the members decided to adapt a 43 x 29-foot room in the church basement for classroom use. Since this room is for the most part on ground level, it is serving its new purpose very well. Consequently, the moratorium on building did not involve a moratorium on Christian instruction.

Grace School has five pupils enrolled in kindergarten, three in first grade, one in second grade, and one in third grade. The congregation plans to add the fourth grade next year and a grade each year thereafter

until its school is a full eight-grade school. The school is fortunate to have as its teacher Miss Susan Westendorf, who brought with her the valuable experience of seven years of teaching Christian day schools.

In a brochure prepared for those desiring information about Grace Lutheran School, Pastor Walter Beckmann writes: "Christian parents should consider a Christian education for their children. In this sinful world in which we live, children, as well as adults, face many temptations. Grace Lutheran School will provide a healthy Christian atmosphere which will be free of many of these temptations. It will also offer the children a thorough program of instruction in the Holy Bible for the strengthening of their faith. Furthermore, Grace Lutheran School will instill in its students a respect for authority and the acceptance of discipline."

Considering the political picture today, it is to be regretted that many in authority haven't put these same principles into practice in guiding the affairs of our nation. Such teaching



Miss Susan Westendorf teaching a class in nature study.

in our church's Christian day schools not only helps our children walk ways that are pleasing to God, but also makes for good citizenship. Our schools deserve the wholehearted support of all our members. That is a way in which they can show both their love for the Lord and their love for their government.

1973, dedicated a 40 x 100-foot worship-education facility. The steel-frame building contains a 36 x 40-foot worship area, a 24 x 40-foot classroom which is divided into five Sunday-school teaching stations, an office and a kitchen. The building has a brick-veneer exterior and is fully carpeted and air-conditioned. The total cost of the project was \$57,750.

It was just a year ago that the congregation decided to establish a Christian day school, when the Lord graciously supplied the necessary ingredients: desire, pupils, teachers. The congregation called one of its members, Mrs. Jim Weisbach, to teach the kindergarten class, which numbers eight children, four of whom are from outside the congregation. The 10 children in grades 1-5 are taught by Miss Virginia Frey, a 1973 graduate of Dr. Martin Luther College.

The Lord had also prepared these dedicated teachers for His service at this time and place. Mrs. Weisbach, a

graduate of Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas, taught elementary grades in the public-school system in Arizona and Texas for a number of years, and helped to establish a Christian day school in her former congregation. Miss Frey had the opportunity to gain valuable experience as an emergency teacher for a full year, following her sophomore college year at New Ulm.

The 67 communicants — 108 baptized members — of Abiding Word Congregation have experienced the guiding hand of the Lord in many ways. They would like to share at least the following with you. Two sizable donations were sent to them to be used for their school. One was from the Christian day-school children in a congregation in Milwaukee's inner core. The other was from an anonymous donor whom they wish to thank publicly through this article, for lack of being able to communicate with him in any other way, this side of heaven.

Pastor William R. Gabb concludes by writing: "May the Lord continue to prosper all who teach and preach His Word! May He continue to strengthen our voice with the power of the Gospel of Christ as we walk together, preparing His sheep and lambs for the day of His glorious return!"



Ye parents, hear what Jesus taught
When little ones to Him were brought:
Forbid them not, but heed My plea
And suffer them to come to Me.

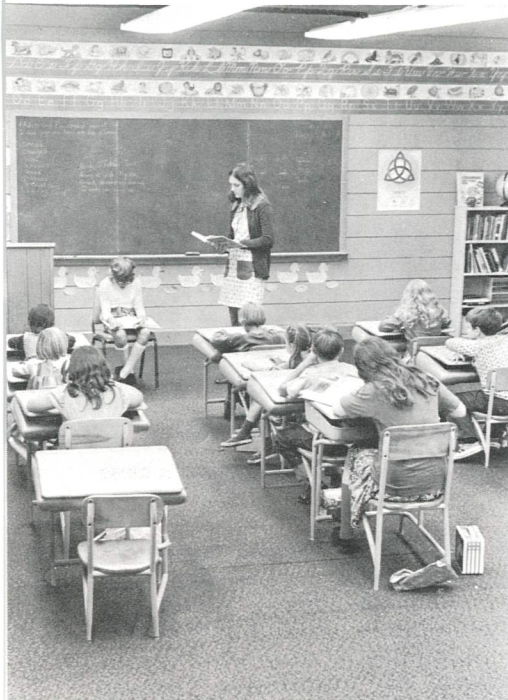
Obey your Lord and let His truth
Be taught your children in their youth
That they in church and school may dwell
And learn their Savior's praise to tell.

For if you love them as you ought,
To Christ your children will be brought.
If thus you place them in His care,
You and your household well shall fare.



Eau Claire, Wisconsin

Newspaper HI LITES School Opening



St Mark Lutheran School at Eau Claire, Wisconsin, received some unplanned publicity when the local paper, the Eau Claire Leader-Telegram, featured the above picture on the front page of its weekly local-interest supplement, the HI LITES. The headlines read:

Lutheran church here opens its own grade school

It's like one big family at St. Mark Lutheran school where 10 students make up the entire enrollment. Here Charlotte Fitschen, the teacher, listens to the reading assignment of one of the youngsters. The parochial school operated by St. Mark Lutheran Church is in its first full year of operation. For more on what it takes to start a school and future plans, see story on inside page.

The first four paragraphs of the writeup are particularly worth quoting:

On the bulletin board is a picture colored by children with the words alongside, "Jesus, friend of little children, be a friend to me, take my hand, and ever keep me close to thee. Amen."

Under certain interpretations of the U.S. Constitution, such a display, even if we think of this country as a Christian nation, is an impossibility in public schools systems.

However, such words are part of the teaching practices at St. Mark Lutheran Church (School), which opened its doors for the first time this school year.

While emphasis is of course on Christian education, it can still be taught along with other subjects and this is the basic philosophy behind the instruction here.

With such publicity, it's no wonder that strangers contacted by Pastor Herbert Prahll often tell him, "Oh, you're from the school we read about in the HiLites!" The Publicity hasn't hurt the cause of St. Mark Lutheran School at all.

The Christian day school was in the thinking and planning of St. Mark Congregation from the very start. Organized in 1967, it adopted a master plan calling for three buildings besides a parsonage on its four-acre tract: church, school, and gym-fellowship. Under the leadership of the congregation's first resident pastor, the Rev. Fred Kogler, it was a multipurpose building that was erected first, dedicated in March, 1970. In 1972 a school fund was established and the target date of August, 1973, adopted. When Pastor Kogler accepted another call in January, 1973, it was dedicated laymen who kept the plans for the school alive. In the months following, members of the congregation converted the rear third

of the fellowship building into a classroom area meeting the state educational code requirements. Opening date was August 24, 1973.

Miss Charlotte Fitschen, a 1973 graduate of Dr. Martin Luther College, is instructing 10 students in God's wisdom and man's knowledge. There are four first-graders, two each in the second and third grades, and one each in grades four and five. God willing, the sixth grade will be added in the next school year.

Since St. Mark Congregation is blessed with many preschoolers, the pastor writes: "We will add kindergarten as soon as it is feasible and practical. Should the Lord's blessings continue, the second building will be the school classroom structure." We rejoice with the 130 communicants of St. Mark Congregation, its pastor, teacher, and pupils.



Let children hear the mighty deeds
Which God performed of old,
Which in our younger years we saw,
And which our fathers told.

Make unto them His glories known,
His works of pow'r and grace;
And we'll convey His wonders down
Through ev'ry rising race.

Our lips shall tell them to our sons
And they again to theirs
That generations yet unborn
May teach them to their heirs.

Oh, teach them with all diligence
The truths of God's own Word,
To place in Him their confidence,
To fear and trust their Lord,

To learn that in our God alone
Their hope securely stands,
That they may ne'er forget His works.
But walk in His commands.

Fox Lake, Wisconsin

Seventy-Year-Old Mother Gives Birth To Third Child

Christian education by means of the day school is no new privilege for St. John's of Fox Lake, Wisconsin. The school begun in September, 1973, is the third offspring of this congregation in its effort to educate its sons and daughters by means of this agency.

From 1924 to 1930 its pastor, the Rev. Edmund Reim, personally conducted classes. The 20-year-old mother had given birth to her first child. From 17 to 36 children attended. Unfortunately, when the pastor accepted another call, the mother no longer was able to support her child.

In 1943, at the age of 39, St. John's, under the leadership of Pastor A. G. Dornfeld, again opened a day school. This time a principal was called. The one-classroom school continued for seven and one-half years, until the school building was condemned. The mother then gave up her second child, even though the enrollment had reached 43.

In its building plans in the early sixties the congregation considered various options. The one finally accepted resulted in the present plant which has two classrooms, a fellowship hall, a kitchen, a multipurpose room, nave, and balcony. This served 18 Sunday-school classes for eight years.

In 1968 the congregation's board of education made a concerted effort to reestablish the school. But even though a questionnaire revealed that 55 per cent of the parents were in favor of starting a school, the voters rejected the proposal. In the following years a number of parents who were committed to Christian education transported their children to St. Stephen's School in Beaver Dam, thus supporting two congregations. However, interest in the Christian day school never died out completely.

It was largely through the sizeable bequest of a member-couple, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pape, that the congregation was emboldened once again to take up its assignment to teach "all things, whatsoever I have commanded you" through a day school. Early in 1973 the congregation began calling a principal. The Lord chose Mr.



St. John's student body in church.



Mr. J. Petermann and Mrs. J. Mielke.



Pastor F. Mutterer.

James Petermann, a member of the 1973 graduating class at Dr. Martin Luther College. Through a District call-assignment he was given assistance in the person of a classmate, Miss Karen Amborn, now Mrs. John Mielke of Waupun. The two-classroom school began with an enrollment of 42.

Pastor Frederick Mutterer reports that because of the school 11 new communicants (23 souls) have been

added to the congregation's roster and that nine students were gained whom the congregation would not have reached through its Sunday school. Under consideration at present is the possibility of adding a kindergarten in the fall of '74. His report closes with the wish: "May God grant other mother-congregations in our Synod the willingness to bring forth spiritual children to strengthen and assist them in their old age!"

Government Aid

The following paragraphs are taken from page 4 of *The President's Newsletter*, January 14, 1974. *The President's Newsletter* is sent out periodically to all pastors and teachers of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod. It is felt that the following merits wider publicity. We quote:

"Since a number of letters have been printed in *Christian News* (November 12, December 3, December 10, 1973 issues) regarding 'government aid' to Wisconsin Lutheran High School and since questions have been raised regarding this program, it might be well to present the facts.

"The letter of Mrs. Wm. R. Kerner quoted THIS WE BELIEVE, Article VIII, The Church and the State, Paragraph 7, 'We reject any attempt on the part of the Church to seek the financial assistance of the State in carrying out its saving purpose,' and then the author concluded that this policy or conviction had been abrogated or broken by an application submitted on behalf of Wisconsin Lutheran High School for ESEA Title II funding of materials on loan to the school by the state.

"We are informed that Wisconsin Lutheran High School 'never saw a cent' in this program, that \$4,000.00 worth of materials such as tapes, transparencies, slides, filmstrips, and books — all clearly identified as property of the State of Wisconsin, ordered by the Wisconsin State Department of Public Instruction — are on loan to the WLHS biology learning resources center, that the 'materials could be returned tomorrow' either by will of WLHS

or by the request of the state, that the materials involve an individualized biological science program conceived solely by WLHS.

"It was the opinion of the WLHS administration and board that this application was not a violation of our Scriptural principles. Mindful of the Synod's statement regarding Church and State Relations adopted in 1967, WLHS regarded the use of this program as an adiaphoron not in conflict with the Scriptures."

Editorial — (continued from page 51)

Such vicious outrages must be exposed. Germany was made to face up to its Dachau and Belsen horrors when these were disclosed to the world after World War II. The court of world denunciation condemned its citizens to acknowledge the crimes their nation had committed against the Jews.

Russia too should have to stand naked in the tribunal of civilized and outraged peoples and plead guilty to more than five decades of ruthless atrocities, of which she has not repented.

Bloody-handed nations are not dealt with on Judgment Day; only individuals are. God deals with nations here in time. The God who, in Solzhenitsyn's words, once told Joseph Stalin "to depart from his rib cage" the night before he is supposed to have determined to doom Russia's Jews to Siberia, is still just and He is still omnipotent.

Carleton Toppe

Direct from the Districts

Michigan

25 Years in the Christian Ministry

On September 23, 1973, the members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Stevensville, Michigan, celebrated the 25th anniversary of Pastor Herbert Kuske in the office of the Christian ministry. Pastor W. Nommensen of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, a classmate, preached the sermon in the special afternoon service. At the reception in the school, Pastor Kuske was presented with a colored TV set and various other gifts.

During his 25 years in the ministry Pastor Kuske has served as tutor at Michigan Lutheran Seminary, as assistant pastor of Friedens Lutheran Church, Kenosha, Wisconsin, as pastor of Zion Lutheran at Mobridge, South Dakota, and as pastor of Christ Lutheran at Saginaw, Michigan. Since May of 1970 he has been

associate pastor at St. Paul's in Stevensville. Presently he is also a member of the Michigan District Mission Board.

May our gracious Lord continue to bless his work in the Christian ministry!

Southeastern Wisconsin

Pastor and Mrs. H. Shiley Honored on Anniversaries

On Sunday afternoon, August 5, 1973, members and guests of Calvary Congregation of Milwaukee, honored Pastor and Mrs. Harry Shiley in a special service and reception. The occasion was Pastor Shiley's 45th anniversary in the Gospel ministry and Pastor and Mrs. Shiley's 45th wedding anniversary.

Prof. Eldor Keibel of Wisconsin Lutheran High School addressed the jubilarians, choosing as his text the words of Paul in I Thessalonians 5:12,13. "Esteem the Lord's Laborers

Very Highly in Love for their Works' Sake" was the theme of his sermon. One of the Shiley sons-in-law, Pastor G. Schapekahn, served as liturgist.

Pastor Shiley had both a varied training and a varied ministry. He attended Concordia Seminary at Springfield, Illinois, but graduated from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, then in Milwaukee. He was the first pastor of Woodlawn Ev. Lutheran Church of West Allis, also serving as teacher in its school for 12 years. From 1940 to 1956 he was pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Waukesha. In 1956 he accepted a call from the mission board to organize Calvary Congregation in Milwaukee and has been pastor of that congregation ever since. Also to be noted is that he served as chairman of the Board for Home Missions for 15 years and of the Executive Committee for the Japan Mission for 10 years.

The reception following the service was in the form of a dinner. Featured entertainment was a pictorial review of the past 45 years in the lives of Pastor and Mrs. Shiley.

NEW SPANISH PUBLICATIONS

La Historia de la Pasión y la Muerte de nuestro Señor Jesucristo — This 12-page pamphlet, as the title states, is the history of the suffering and death of our Lord Jesus Christ in modern Spanish. It is written in 12 short lessons. The pamphlet is available from the Northwestern Publishing House for 20 cents per copy with a regular bulletin cover and 30 cents per copy with a special heavy white paper cover.

Sermones Serie Conferencia Sinodal, Antigua Testamento — This book of sermons in Spanish was prepared by Pastor V. H. Winter. The 68 sermons are written in such a way that with the hymn verses, text, and prayers included in this book, they can serve as a devotional book. The texts are based on the Old Testament Synodical Conference series. This 398-page book is available through Northwestern Publishing House at a cost of \$4.00 for the soft-cover edition and \$5.50 for the hard-cover edition.

PUERTO RICO English Language Services

Visitors and WELS residents in the San Juan, Puerto Rico, area are invited to contact Lt. Col. Keith Colson, Office 670, Ft. Brooks, San Juan, for date and time of English services (WELS). Telephone 783-2424 and ask for extension 7246. Don't be surprised or discouraged if the switchboard operator answers in Spanish; she is bilingual.

YEARBOOK CORRECTIONS

The following names of congregations and individuals were inadvertently omitted from the 1974 Yearbook. Please make the additions on the proper pages.

Page 70:

The name of the pastor of Trinity Congregation, 10003N Cedarburg Rd. 46W, Mequon, Wisconsin, should be:
John J. Sullivan, not A. J. Mittelstaedt.

Page 72:

Oconomowoc, (Wis.)..... St. Matthewt
818 W. Wisconsin Ave. 8, 10:15
N. E. Paustian

Page 76:

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Page 80:

Lau, Theodore F.
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INSTALLATIONS

(Authorized by the District Presidents)

Pastors:

Clement, Arthur J., as pastor at Alpine Lutheran, Alpine, California, by W. Wagner, on January 13, 1974 (Ariz.-Cal.).
Kingsbury, Jerome R., as pastor at Daggett, Michigan, by P. Kuckhahn, and as pastor at Wallace, Michigan, by J. Lindquist, on January 6, 1974 (N. Wis.).
Shook, Durant P., as pastor at Bethlehem and St. John's, Watertown, South Dakota, by E. Habermann, on January 13, 1974 (Dak.-Mont.).
Wolffgramm, Arno, as pastor at St. Andrews, Chicago, Illinois, by R. Kom, on January 13, 1974 (SEW).
Zarling, Thomas F., as pastor at Our Savior, Brookings, South Dakota, by R. Roth, on January 13, 1974 (Dak.-Mont.).
Ziemer, Paul C., as principal at Luther High School, Onalaska, Wisconsin, by F. Mueller, on January 6, 1974 (W. Wis.).

Teacher:

Corona, Frank, as teacher at Jerusalem school, Morton Grove, Illinois, by G. Boldt, on December 31, 1973 (SEW).

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

(Submitted through District Presidents)

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ONALASKA PASTORS' INSTITUTE

A Pastor's Institute will be held at Luther High School, Onalaska, Wisconsin, June 17-21, 1974. Two series of lectures will be presented: *Martin Luther on Faith and Reason* (Dr. S. Becker) and *Liturgy in the Lutheran Church from 1517 to Present* (Prof. M. Albrecht). The sessions will run from 9:00 to 11:45 A.M. daily. A fee of \$10 will be requested of each participant. Dinner will be served promptly at 11:45 at a cost of \$1.25. If you plan to attend we would appreciate your registration now for the sake of planning. Send your registration to: Pastors' Institute, Luther High School, Onalaska, Wisconsin 54650.

REAL ESTATE MANAGER

The Board of Trustees is seeking a man to fill the position of Real Estate Manager in the Fiscal Office.

Applicants should be mature Christians and must be members in good standing of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Qualifications call for knowledge in administering purchases, sales and financing of real property. The Real Estate Manager would assist in the management and maintenance of properties which the Synod owns or in which it has an interest. He would conduct negotiations for CEF mortgages and contracts and also coordinate the real estate activities of the Synod.

Kindly submit a complete resume of educational background, business experience, positions held, including place and date of birth, marital status, condition of health, church membership, salary and fringe benefits expected. Four references (other than relatives) should be included.

Applications with all pertinent information should be sent by March 8, 1974, to: Rev. Harold H. Eckert, 3512 West North Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53208.

Harold H. Eckert
Executive Secretary, BOT

SUSPENSION

Pastor Richard Shekner, Gloria Dei Ev. Lutheran Church, Tinley Park, Illinois, was suspended from the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod on January 15, 1974, and therefore is no longer in our fellowship nor eligible for a call.

Pastor Shekner refused to rescind charges of error against the Synod because it does not agree with him that all modern Bible translations are "devil's brew of truth and error," and that anyone who publicly uses a modern Bible translation, even though the translation of the passage is faithful to the original, should be denounced as disloyal to the Word of God.

Our Wisconsin Synod position has been to discourage the indiscriminate use of modern translations in the pulpit, has always denounced wrong translations, but nevertheless recognizes that passages correctly translated are the Word of God, and therefore can be used. Although our Synod has always had the highest regard for the King James Version as a good translation, it has consistently refused to take the extreme view that modern translations are "devil's brew of truth and error," and that all who may use them on occasion become disloyal to the Word of God.

George W. Boldt, President
Southeastern Wisconsin District

NWLA — NOMINATIONS

The following have been nominated for the Science-Biology and Athletics position at Northwestern Lutheran Academy, Mobridge, South Dakota.

Kenneth Ahlmann, Milwaukee, WI
Paul Bruss, Denmark, WI
John Eggert, Pompano Beach, FL
Richard Everts, Grand Island, NE
Jerry Gronholz, Onalaska, WI
John Gronholz, Lake Mills, WI
Paul Hartwig, Mobridge, SD
Lawrence Hollenbeck, Ithaca, MI
LeRoy Klavetter, Brookings, SD
Carl Lemke, Mankato, MN
Henry Meyer, Westland, MI
Joel Mischke, Owosso, MI
Lester Mull, Milwaukee, WI
Theodore Nommensen, Rhineland, WI
Rev. David Redlin, Tucson, AZ
Roger Sievert, Phoenix, AZ
Raymond Spangenberg, Malone, WI
Paul Swain, Mobridge, SD
David Toepel, Fond du Lac, WI
Arthur Westphal, Fort Atkinson, WI
Richard Winter, Manitowoc, WI

The Board of Control of Northwestern Lutheran Academy, Mobridge, South Dakota, will meet on Tuesday, February 26, 1974, at 10:00 a.m. Correspondence concerning the nominees should be in the hands of the secretary before this time.

Rev. Dennis A. Hayes, Secretary
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NEW STORE HOURS NORTHWESTERN PUBLISHING HOUSE

Effective February 1, 1974 the new hours for the retail store will be as follows:

Monday through Friday - 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday - 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The retail store will no longer be open on Friday evenings. However, to provide weekend service to our customers, the store will be open on Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Thank you for your continued patronage.

Treasurer's Report

PREBUDGET SUBSCRIPTION PERFORMANCE

Twelve months ended December 31, 1973

	Subscription Amount for 1973	Subscription and Pension Offerings	Per Cent of Subscription
Arizona-California	\$ 254,122	\$ 265,891	104.6
Dakota-Montana	191,770	216,007	112.6
Michigan (B)	994,460	1,064,548	107.0
Minnesota	992,412	1,115,494	112.4
Nebraska	186,352	220,712	118.4
Northern Wisconsin	1,108,983	1,147,976	103.5
Pacific Northwest	69,325	76,666	110.6
Southeastern Wisconsin (B)	1,353,982	1,383,764	102.2
Western Wisconsin	1,265,467	1,343,298	106.2
Total — 1973	\$6,416,873(A)	\$6,834,356	106.5
Total — 1972	\$5,891,735	\$5,969,622	101.3

Note (A) — The subscription amount for 1973 has been increased \$1,650.00 to include all revisions received by the Stewardship Department as of December 31, 1973.

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

CURRENT BUDGETARY FUND

Statement of Income and Expenditures

Twelve months ended Dec. 31, 1973 with comparative figures for 1972

	Twelve months ended December 31		Increase or Decrease*	
	1973	1972	Amount	Per Cent
Income				
Prebudget Subscription Offerings	\$6,729,441	\$5,876,641	\$852,800	14.5
Pension Plan Contributions	102,167	92,981	9,186	9.9
Gifts, Memorials and Bequests	78,140	52,676	25,464	48.3
Earnings from Fos Estate	72,836	—	72,836	—
Income from NWPH	—	6,562	6,562*	—
Other Income	5,800	2,297	3,503	—
Transfers from Other Funds	32,251	—	32,251	—
Total Income	\$7,020,635	\$6,031,157	\$989,478	16.4
Expenditures				
Worker-Training — Expenses	\$3,592,740	\$3,375,077	\$217,663	6.4
Worker-Training — Income	1,533,279	1,494,830	38,449	2.6
Worker-Training — Net	2,059,461	1,880,247	179,214	9.5
Home Missions	1,126,720	965,042	161,678	16.8
World Missions	1,039,061	899,563	139,498	15.5
Benevolences	813,012	807,924	5,088	0.6
Administration and Services	510,272	419,379	90,893	21.7
Total Operations	\$5,548,526	\$4,972,155	\$576,371	11.6
Appropriations — Building Funds	237,859	264,994	27,135*	10.2*
Appropriations — CEF Program	790,330	783,659	6,671	0.9
Total Expenditures	\$6,576,715	\$6,020,808	\$555,907	9.2
Operating Gain	\$ 443,920	\$ 10,349	\$433,571	—

Norris Koopmann, Treasurer & Controller
3512 West North Avenue
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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.

CALENDAR CHANGE NORTHWESTERN GRADUATION

Northwestern College and Northwestern Preparatory School commencement exercises, originally scheduled for Thursday, May 23, 1974, have been rescheduled for Wednesday, May 22, 1974, because of Ascension Day.

The Alumni meeting and the commencement concert will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 1974.

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NOMINATIONS — MLS

The following have been nominated as candidates for the 16th professorship at Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Saginaw, Michigan, by the members of the Synod. The man called will work in the social studies area and possibly assist in athletics.

Walter Bock, Appleton, WI
Thomas Dobberstein, Kenosha, WI
David Fein, Bay City, MI
Warren Hartman, Saginaw, MI
Lawrence Hollenbeck, Ithaca, MI
Frederick Mahnke, Inver Grove Heights, MN
Thomas Martin, Yakima, WA
Keith Moore, Vassar, MI
Robert Ness, Taipei, Taiwan
Dennis Riebe, Prairie du Chien, WI
Werner Roekle, Saginaw, MI
Richard Scharf, Milwaukee, WI
John Schwertfeger, Mankato, MN
Mark Sprengler, San Jose, CA
George Steffen, Platteville, WI
Gerald Thompson, Clatonia, NE
Terry Vassold, Sleepy Eye, MN
Rev. Richard Wiechmann, Milwaukee, WI
Richard Winter, Manitowoc, WI
Clyde Wobeck, Kenosha, WI
William Zeiger, Kenosha, WI
Donald Zimmermann, Stevensville, MI
Nelson Zimmermann, East Fork, AZ

The Board of Control of Michigan Lutheran Seminary will meet at 1:00 p.m. on March 29, 1974, to call a man from this list. Correspondence should be in the hands of the secretary by March 25, 1974: Milton Bugbee, Secretary, MLS Board of Control, 206 S. Alp, Bay City, MI 48706.