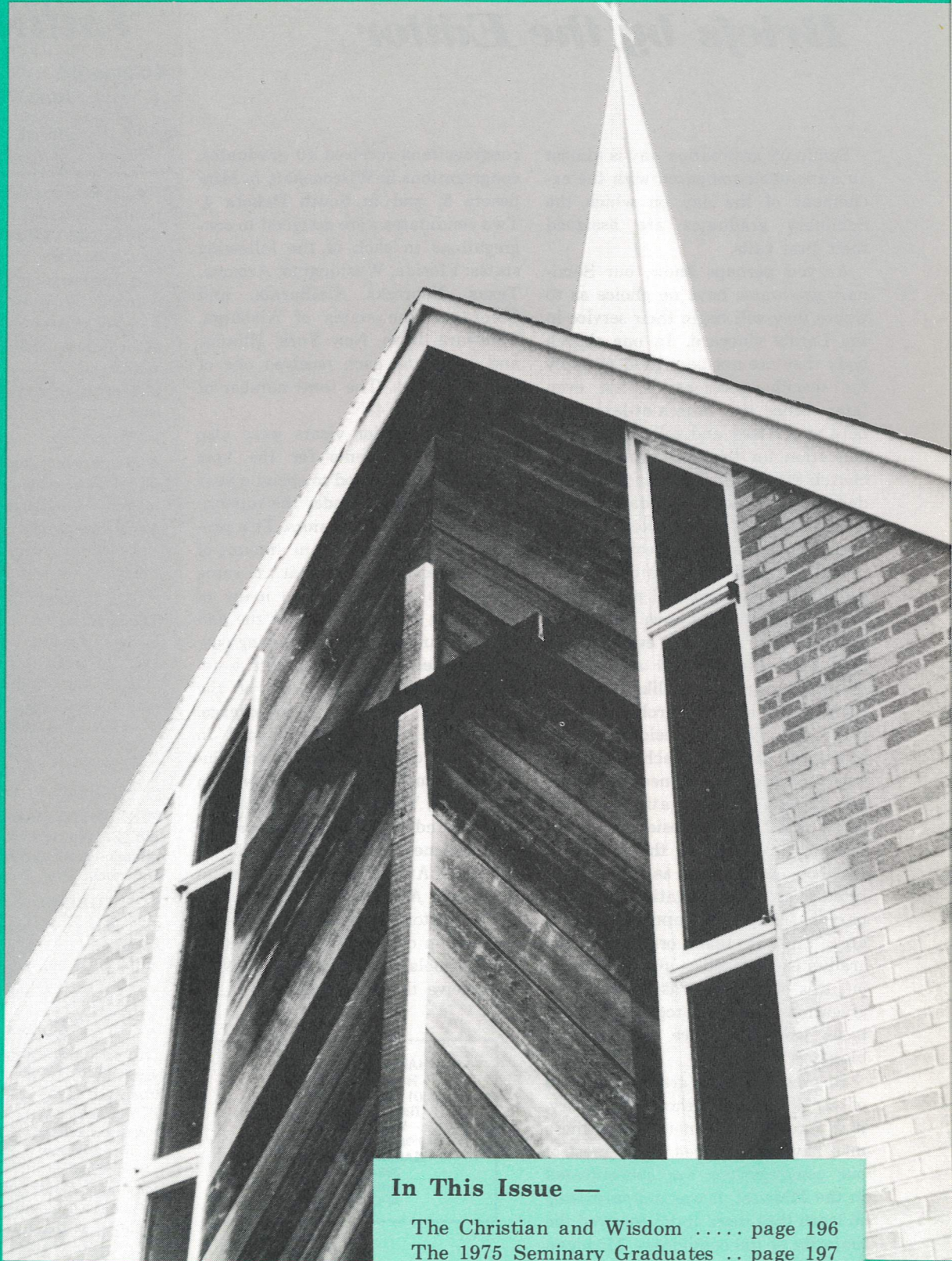


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Briefs by the Editor

Seminary graduation day is almost an anticlimax compared with the excitement of the day on which the Seminary graduates are assigned their first calls.

As you perhaps know, our Seminary graduates have no choice as to where they will begin their service in the Lord's vineyard. In our church body they are not permitted to apply for specific positions — not even later. Since the church-at-large has both supervised and subsidized their education for the holy ministry, the church through its District presidents decides where each candidate is to be placed. Taken into consideration are both the needs of the congregation and the special strengths of the candidate. Neither ordained pastors nor Seminary graduates have all talents in the same measure, even though they are acknowledged as "apt to teach." Congregations likewise have their own special problems and needs. The District presidents therefore seek to place each candidate where he is especially needed. Above all, however, congregations, candidates, and District presidents are interested in this that the means of grace be administered as Christ instituted them. This obligation the Seminary has impressed upon its graduates, and at their ordination the graduates themselves pledge to carry out this obligation. Pastors and congregations that work together on that basis will experience the gracious blessings of God.

In presenting the graduating class of our Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, it is interesting to note where these men have been placed. Since most of our congregations are concentrated in the Midwest, it was not surprising to learn that these states received the majority of the candidates. Michigan

congregations received 10 graduates, congregations in Wisconsin 9, in Minnesota 5, and in South Dakota 4. Two candidates were assigned to congregations in each of the following states: Florida, Washington, Arizona, Texas, Nebraska, California, and Colorado. The states of Alabama, Delaware, Iowa, New York, Illinois, and Louisiana each received one of the candidates. The total number of graduates was 48.

Fifty-one Senior vicars were also placed. All students for the holy ministry are expected to spend a year as vicars, working under the supervision of experienced pastors. This provides them with a certain amount of practical experience and at the same time gives needed help to many of our larger congregations. At the end of the vicar year, the supervising pastor provides the Seminary with a detailed report on the work of the young man who was in his charge. Twenty-five vicars were placed in Wisconsin congregations, 11 in Minnesota, 7 in Michigan, and one each in Florida, Washington, Arizona, Nebraska, and California. A vicar was also assigned to Ottawa, Canada, to our Latin American Missions, and to the South Atlantic District.

Our pastors, even as the Christian teachers in our day schools and area high schools, are gifts of God. May we receive them as such!

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The Cover

An architectural detail of Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church, Willmar, Minnesota. Prominent is the cross, even as Christ crucified and risen again is the essence of the Gospel preaching at Immanuel. The building was dedicated in 1970.

Organized in 1964 with four families, Immanuel Congregation today numbers 180 baptized members. Pastor of the congregation is the Rev. David Koeplin.

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Editorials

"Amen" The best sermons are not only those soaring spiritual proclamations from a lofty pulpit on Sunday morning. There is great value, too, in those homely little one-liners a person resented hearing as a child but now finds himself repeating to his own children —

"No, you can't do everything other kids do . . . Yes, you must share . . . Money doesn't grow on trees . . . Idle hands are the devil's workshop . . . You got what you deserve . . . Children are starving in the world, and you won't clean your plate off . . . Now say 'Thank you' . . ."

There is good theology behind these timeless precepts. They are timeless because the human heart does not change in spite of changing times and fashions, technology and environment.

On the way to the Promised Land the Children of Israel did not quarrel in the back seat of a Plymouth over whose turn it was "to sit by the window" or "stand on the hump." They didn't complain over cooked carrots or TV restrictions. But they did plenty of complaining about the rough road, the monotonous ration of manna, and the "good life" they left behind in Egypt.

St. Paul pointed to Israel of 15 centuries earlier and warned his own people, "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man." Do not assume that you are "above" the coarse, vulgar sins of idolatry, lust, fornication, murmuring, and unbelief that kept them from reaching home.

Our personal problems are not new on the face of the earth and neither is the solution. The truly good sermons don't change from age to age but keep right on reminding us, "God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able."

John Parcher

Something For The Youth

There is a beautiful tree-lined avenue which runs through the center of our city. Fronting the avenue on either side for a distance of about three miles are many attractive modern buildings. Near one end of this strip there are a number of drive-ins which dispense hamburgers, hotdogs, and soft drinks. At the other end there is a public building with a parking lot which makes a sort of automotive roundhouse in which to turn cars around.

On any given night, and especially on weekends, there is an erratic stream of cars, driven by youth of high-school and college age, moving up and down the avenue, jockeying for position. The name of the avenue is Central. The

practice is known as "cruising Central." In view of the fact that nearly all young people are high-spirited and not all are disciplined, this practice naturally constitutes somewhat of a public nuisance.

The director of youth ministries of a large church on the avenue has conceived a plan to "reach the youth" who are "cruising Central." He plans to offer soft-rock concerts as an alternative to their present activity.

We have no criticism of his plan as a civic-minded effort to reduce the traffic and confusion on Central Avenue and to keep the young people from making a nuisance of themselves. But as an effort in the direction of fulfilling the God-given purpose of the Church with respect to its youth it is bound to be a failure. It is not the purpose of the Church to supply attractive alternatives for fun-loving youth but to direct sinners to eternal salvation through Jesus Christ.

The only means by which this can be accomplished is the Word of God. The lack of this is what makes people, including the youth, so aimless in their pursuits. The Word of God alone supplies a worthy purpose and goal in life — something which fun and games are powerless to accomplish. It is hoped that the youth programs of our own congregations will continue to be structured with this in mind.

Immanuel G. Frey

Our Bicentennial During its bicentennial year our country will be remembering its beginnings and its founders' plans and labors, and their hopes and dreams of a better country than those they left to seek our shores. As a nation we do well to remind ourselves of our forefathers' strength, their industry, their determination, their ideals, and their sacrifices.

This bicentennial is also *our* bicentennial — we members of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. We believe in the separation of Church and State, but that does not mean that we must stand aloof and unconcerned when our country remembers its past with admiration and gratitude. This land is also our land — we Wisconsin Synod Lutherans.

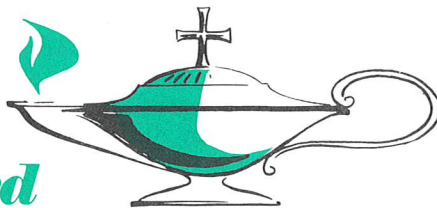
If it had not been the land of freedom and opportunity, it is not likely that many of our ancestors would have left their homelands to come here. Had the ancestors of most of our people remained in their homeland of Germany, for example, we could well have abandoned our Lutheran faith long ago, along with tens of millions of hollow-shell Lutherans in Germany today.

The freedom we enjoy, which permits us to found our churches and to maintain them with no real let or hindrance, is a part of our nation's God-given liberties. The material well-being nearly all of us still possess, even if the recession has reduced some of us to a plainer standard of living (but which is still a light year away from the near destitution of billions), is still enabling us to expand our church's work.

And all of us, individually and as a church body, would be guilty of disloyalty if we did not make our nation's bicentennial year a year of prayer. Forces imperiling our

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Studies in God's Word



The Christian and Wisdom

Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? Let him show out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom. But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not and lie not against the truth. This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace (James 3:13-18).

One of God's great gifts is true wisdom. "Better than rubies," Proverbs 8:11 values it and adds, "All things that may be desired are not to be compared to it." Yet so few truly possess this treasure. A man may have much knowledge, but little wisdom. He may have a wall full of diplomas and a head full of data, but if he doesn't know who he is, why he is here, and where he is going, he is not wise.

How can you tell whether a man, regardless of his knowledge, is wise? In his clear, concise way James answers. With the sharp shears of spiritual insight he separates the two types of wisdom which govern the hearts and thus also the lives of men. "Which wisdom do *you* follow?" James asks us as in his *Course on Concrete Christianity* he writes about "The Christian and Wisdom."

Ruinous Wisdom

The wisdom we follow quickly shows in our "conversation," or daily life. Look at the wisdom which the world promotes. "Bitter envying and strife" are its chief characteristics; pushing one's own views and promoting one's own self its chief concerns. At work in the affairs of a community or congregation, a family or a factory,

such wisdom is powered by jealousy and produces strife. Wisdom which is used to deflate others and to inflate oneself is no cause for glory, but cause for grief against the Gospel we claim to be concerned about.

Let's face it, this type of wisdom seems to be what makes our world go round. Zeal and ambition are the way to make your mark in the world. Well, James doesn't question that the world operates this way. In fact he describes such wisdom as "earthly." It's confined to earthly objects, conformed to earthly standards, connected with earthly motives. Regardless how dignified or artistic, such wisdom is still "sensual," limited to the narrow world of the unbelieving mind. And it is "devilish." Despite its splendid surface and sparkling success, it's source is the devil. Where such wisdom rules, only confusion and every evil work follow. The world's history with its wars and rumors of wars, its modern morality and Playboy philosophy, proves James right. So does the history of the Church at times. When pew and pulpit follow worldly wisdom, it's not long before the task of winning souls is slowed, the voice of Christian testimony stilled, the relationship with God stunted.

Do we follow such earth-bound and hell-bent wisdom? It can happen. In our daily life it can happen that we become selfish and shortsighted, seeing only ourselves and the here and now. If we at times have followed such ruinous wisdom, we don't want to glory. Rather we have cause to fall on our faces before our God, confess our sins to Him, and seek true wisdom from Him.

Wondrous Wisdom

True wisdom comes only from above, from the Father of lights, and is to be asked of Him. Also it is closely connected with meekness. Meekness is that lowliness of heart which accepts God's Word without doubt or dispute and applies that Word to self and neighbor. That man is truly wise who in meekness knows that only in Christ are "hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge" (Col. 2:3), that only Christ's blood can cleanse from sin, that only Christ is to rule heart and life. Such a man meekly and wisely examines his every attitude and action under the clear microscope of Christ's Word.

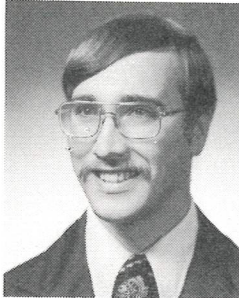
This wisdom is pure, coming from a holy God through His holy Word. It also purifies our contacts with others. When the Gospel has made a man wise unto salvation, it also makes him peaceable toward his neighbor. Instead of bitter envy and strife, there is gentleness and submissiveness toward others. God's glory and the neighbor's welfare are constant concerns; mercy and good fruits are the result. The lives of the truly wise have more than the foliage of words; they hang heavy with the good fruits of compassion and love.

Strengthened by God's wisdom, Christians devote their lives to the making of true peace. They love the peace they have in Christ and labor to bring it to others. By word and deed they preach Christ, "who of God is made unto us wisdom and righteousness and sanctification and redemption" (I Cor. 1:30). Then fruits will follow in the hearts and lives of more men.

In Christ and His Word is wondrous wisdom, wisdom we and our world need much more of.

Richard E. Lauersdorf

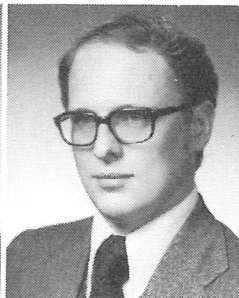
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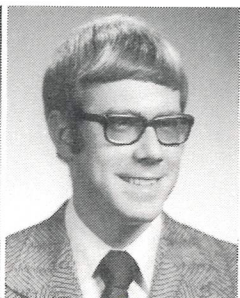
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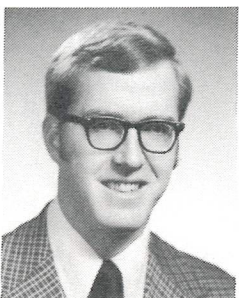
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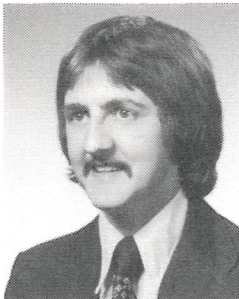
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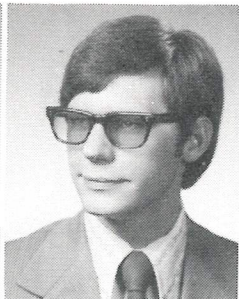
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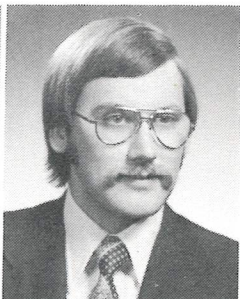
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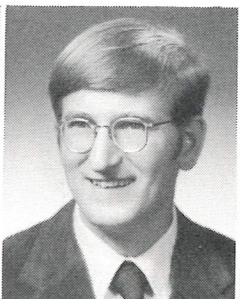
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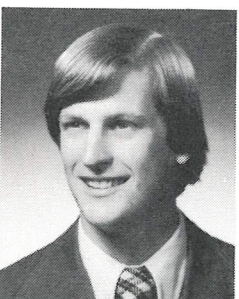
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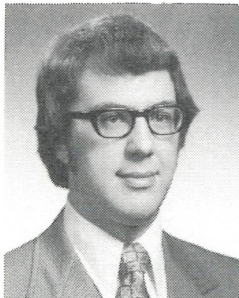
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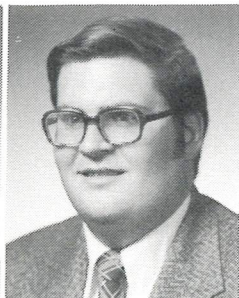
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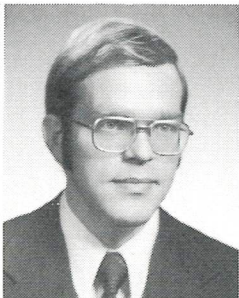
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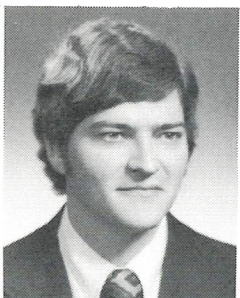
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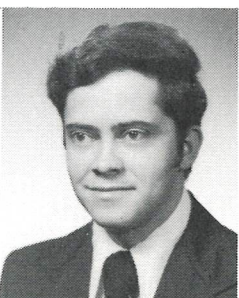
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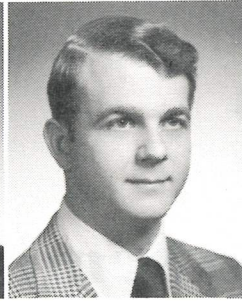
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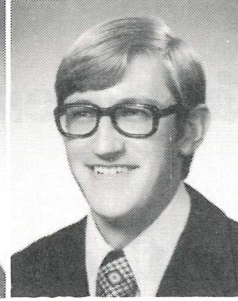
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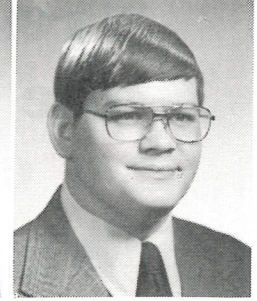
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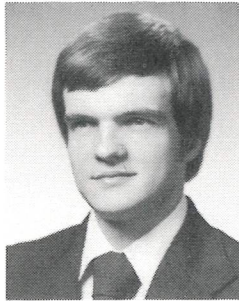
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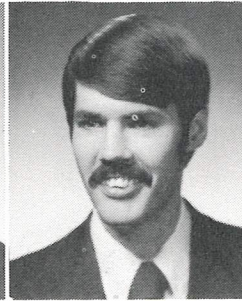
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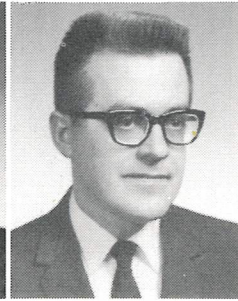
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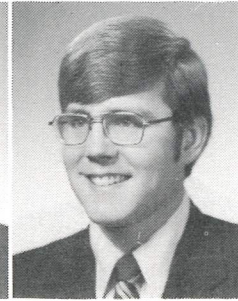
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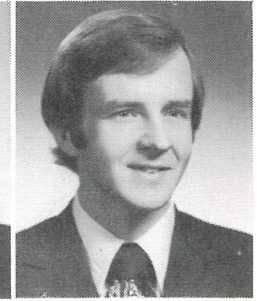
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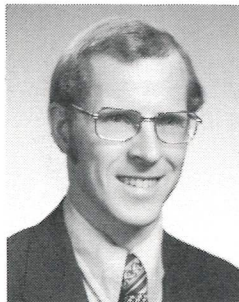
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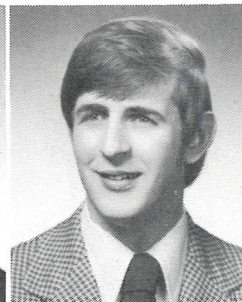
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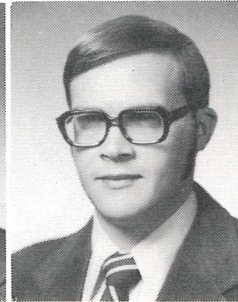
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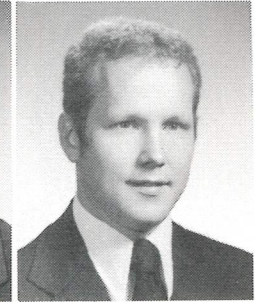
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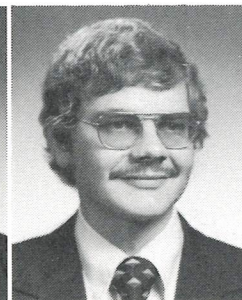
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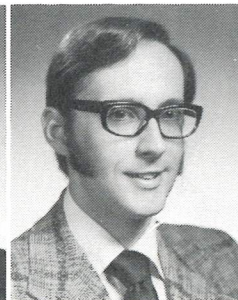
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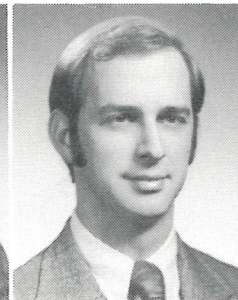
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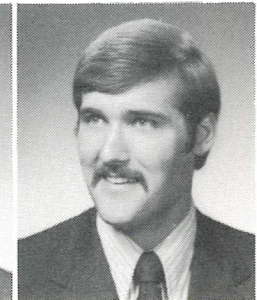
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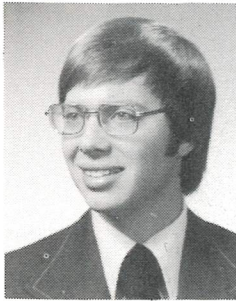
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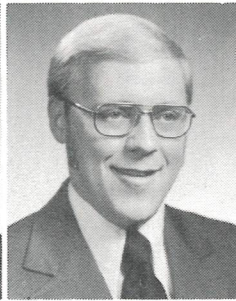
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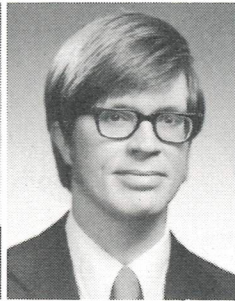
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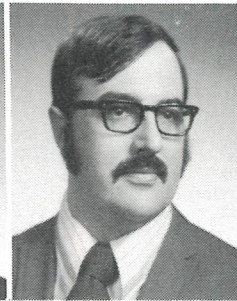
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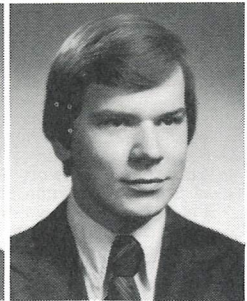
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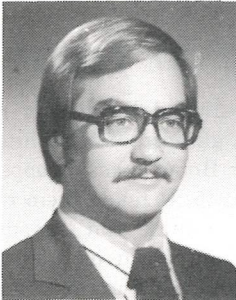
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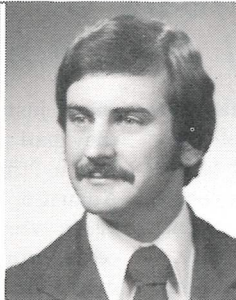
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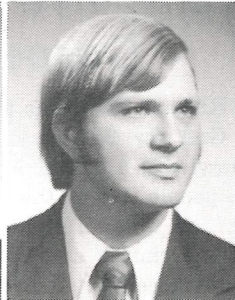
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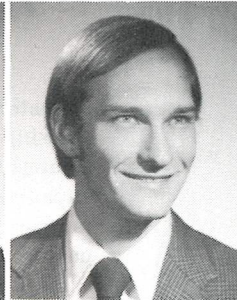
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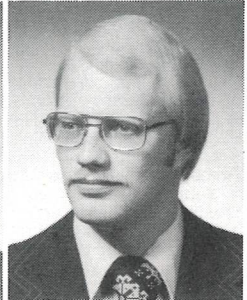
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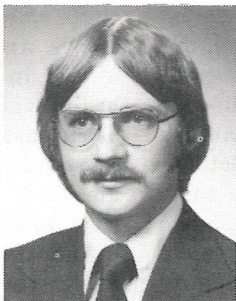
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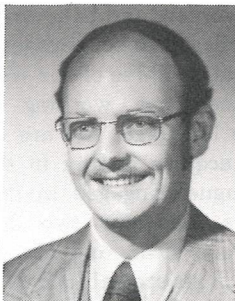
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Menomonie;
St. John, Colfax, Wis.



Theodore L. Wendt
Hoskins, Nebr.
To: St. Paul,
Broken Bow, Nebr.



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Schofield, Wis.
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New Orleans;
Trinity,
Abita Springs, La.

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To: St. Paul, Appleton, Wis.
Norris H. Baumann, Lomira, Wis.
To: St. Matthew, Appleton, Wis.
Mark J. Cares, Monroe, Mich.
To: North Trinity, Milwaukee, Wis.
Richard A. de Ruiter, Westland, Mich.
To: St. John, Waterloo, Wis.
Lloyd A. Fager, Lake Villa, Ill.
To: Trinity, Waukesha, Wis.
Thomas C. Fischer, Beaver Dam, Wis.
To: Mt. Olive, Appleton, Wis.
Daniel P. Garbow, Edmore, Mich.
To: Good Shepherd & Zion, Phoenix, Ariz.
Robert E. Gerke, Tomah, Wis.
To: Zion, Columbus, Wis.
William H. Hartmann, Milwaukee, Wis.
To: First German Lutheran, Manitowoc, Wis.
Thomas W. Horton, Lansing, Mich.
To: St. John, Bay City, Mich.

Burgess A. Huehn, Big Lake, Minn.
To: St. Peter, Schofield, Wis.
Herbert C. Huhnerkoch, Redwood Falls, Minn.
To: Latin American Missions
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To: Good Shepherd, Omaha, Nebr.
Robert W. Jordan, Wauwatosa, Wis.
To: St. Stephen, Adrian, Mich.
Siegfried R. Koehne, South Africa
To: St. Matthew, Benton Harbor, Mich.
Kenneth R. Kolberg, St. Joseph, Mich.
To: St. Paul, North Mankato, Minn.
Steven L. Korth, Juneau, Wis.
To: St. Paul, Tacoma, Wash.
Philip E. Krieger, Saginaw, Mich.
To: St. Paul, Ottawa,
Ontario, Canada
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To: Zion, Rhinelander, Wis.
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Roger L. Kuerth, Juneau, Wis.
To: St. Peter, Plymouth, Mich.

Thomas C. Kutz, Fort Atkinson, Wis.
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To: Salem, Owosso, Mich.
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To: St. Matthew, Winona, Minn.
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To: St. John, Forest Home, Milwaukee, Wis.
Loren L. Lucht, West Allis, Wis.
To: St. Paul, Wisconsin Rapids, Wis.
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To: Grace, Oshkosh, Wis.
Michael G. Mullinix, Maumee, Ohio
To: St. John, Minneapolis, Minn.
Daniel M. Nitz, New Ulm, Minn.
To: Christ, Zumbrota, Minn.
John M. Nolte, New Ulm, Minn.
To: St. John, Wauwatosa, Wis.
James H. Oldfield, New Ulm, Minn.
To: St. John, Juneau, Wis.
Gordon J. Peters, Maumee, Ohio
To: Emanuel, St. Paul, Minn.
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To: California Mission District,
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Pieter G. Reid, Clear Lake, Wash.
To: St. Paul, Fort Atkinson, Wis.
Daniel L. Schaller, Manitowoc, Wis.
To: Good Shepherd, Benton Harbor, Mich.
Mark L. Schlenger, Watertown, Wis.
To: St. John, Westland, Mich.
Dale W. Schlieve, Beaver Dam, Wis.
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To: St. Paul, Lake Mills, Wis.
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To: Bay Pines, Seminole, Fla.
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To: District Vicar, South Atlantic
District Mission Board
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To: Bethany, Kenosha, Wis.
Ronald C. Szep, Omro, Wis.
To: St. John, Jefferson, Wis.
Donald L. Thompson, Watertown, Wis.
To: St. John, Baraboo, Wis.
Michael J. Traudt, Clatonia, Nebr.
To: St. Paul, St. James, Minn.
Thomas L. Wilsman, Two Rivers, Wis.
To: Grace, South St. Paul, Minn.
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To: Friedens, Kenosha, Wis.
Richard T. Zahn, Mayville, Wis.
To: Trinity, Neenah, Wis.
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Missionary
and
Mrs. Poetter
and son

Twenty-five Years of Gospel Preaching in Japan

Pastor Richard Poetter is this year praising God for 25 years of continuous service as a missionary to the Japanese people. He is the superintendent of our mission in Japan and pastor of the church at Mito City.

He writes recently: "Let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually. To do good and communicate forget not. The Gospel of Salvation in Christ is still the one, great need of our Japanese people. All our workers and believers are indeed privileged to be engaged in this salutary task. Three of our Wisconsin Synod men are working in the Japanese language; two are working hard to acquire facility in that difficult tongue. Engaged in the same work are also our two Japanese pastors, one vicar, and Mr. Ryuichi Igarashi in his special field of literary consultant and vicar. There is also a fine staff of workers in our office and print shop without whom this operation would be unthinkable. There are now elders, delegates, committee members, Sunday-school teachers, Bible-class teachers, and many volunteers who all help to make up a team for our Savior, all dedicated to getting the Good News to their people. When I think of the progress and blessing showered upon us since 1950, my heart and mouth exult in praise and thanksgiving. Indeed, the poor have the Gospel preached unto them!"

For this unusual occasion Pastor and Mrs. Poetter visited Kyushu, the southern island of Japan. They had always wanted to get there, but the

years just slipped by. Flying home, they had a glimpse of Hiroshima on which "the Bomb" was dropped on August 6, 1945. It made them realize again what a curse and tragedy has come into this world as a result of man's sin and what urgency there is to bring the only remedy for sin to men who are still in spiritual blindness and despair. Then the plane winged over beautiful, majestic, snow-clad Mt. Fuji, rising in all its white splendor and purity above the clouds. And they thought of the grace of God in Christ and how the Lord has provided hope for all the world, as He said, "Look unto Me and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is none else" (Isa. 45:22).

And this makes us rejoice with Pastor and Mrs. Poetter — this that God has prepared the means of escape, and that God has moved people like Dick and Iku Poetter to dedicate their lives to the task of bringing the Good News to those who would be lost without its saving knowledge.

As of June 6, Pastor and Mrs. Poetter are on furlough in Wisconsin. May the Lord give them joy during this time of rest and recuperation, and grant them a happy reunion with their two children who are now living here! May He also give them joy when they return to Japan and keep them in good health and spirits so that they may carry out their important work for many years to come!

Edgar Hoenecke

A Parish Pastor's

Perspective

"Why Me?"

"Why me? I can't believe this is happening to me! What have I done to deserve this?" Up to that moment Jim had been sure it was nothing — just a few stomach cramps. How could it have been anything serious — he had been feeling as strong as an ox. Why, just the week before he had mowed and trimmed the lawn at church. He remembered telling Ann, when he got home, how good it felt to get the exercise.

But now! How things had changed! He could still hear Dr. Campbell's firm footsteps fading down the hospital corridor. The bedspread was still wrinkled where the doctor had sat a few moments before. His quiet words still echoed in his ears: ". . . cancer, Jim . . . a malignancy in the colon . . . got to get it out . . . without delay . . . already informed Ann . . . a brave woman, Jim." Slowly the facts made their impact upon his consciousness. Why me?

The jangling of the bedside telephone pulled him back to reality. It was Ann. Her voice, concerned but steady, was good to hear. Even while they were talking about Dr. Campbell's recommendation for surgery on Friday and were deciding to go ahead with it, he was thinking of Ann and the children. How would they get on if he didn't make it? They depended on him. They needed him. How could

God let this happen? Hadn't he tried his best to be a loving husband and a faithful father? Hadn't he served the Lord in His church? "Why me?" he said aloud.

"What did you say?" questioned Ann from the other end of the line. "Who are you talking to?" Jim changed the subject, asking, "Ann, would you call Pastor Jonas and ask him to come? I think I better have a talk with him." Before he said good-night he added, "I love you, hon."

The next afternoon Pastor Jonas visited Jim at his bedside. In their conversation Jim asked the question that had been bothering him. "Why me, Pastor? What have I done to deserve this?" Pastor Jonas hesitated, but did not take his eyes away from Jim's. As he opened his Bible he said slowly, "Jim, let me share with you some thoughts from Lamentations, the third chapter."

The Pastor read: "I am the man that hath seen affliction by the rod of His wrath . . . Surely against me is He turned; He turneth His hand against me all the day . . . He hath filled me with bitterness." Pastor Jonas pointed out that the writer of Lamentations was asking in effect, "Why me? Why is God doing this to me?" Pastor Jonas went on to show that the writer then remembered something else. He read: "This I re-

call to mind, therefore I have hope. It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not." The writer had realized that, if God were to measure out what he deserved, he would be totally consumed. That he was alive at all was an undeserved gift of God's grace.

Jim felt an inner peace after Pastor Jonas had been there. He smiled. "Wise Pastor Jonas," he thought to himself, "he didn't come right out and say that I was being selfish and self-righteous; but I was. Why me? — Indeed! Surely, I try hard to be a good father, husband, and church member. But God doesn't owe me anything for that. I am still a miserable sinner. I should be amazed that I am not consumed by the wrath of God. Instead of whining, 'Why me?' when something unpleasant happens, I should whisper, 'Why me?' when something good happens to me. That's what is most remarkable — that God has been so merciful and gracious to me!"

As he drifted toward sleep, Jim realized that his surgery was coming up the next day. Would the doctors be able to get the whole thing? Would he be able to be husband and father much longer? He thought of the verses Pastor Jonas had read at the end: "His compassions fail not. They are new every morning. Great is Thy faithfulness. The Lord is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in Him." He and his family and all that was important to him were in the protective hands of the Lord, the gracious Father in Christ.

He slept quietly.

Thomas B. Franzmann

You Are Invited to Attend

LAITY DAY

Saturday, August 9, 1975

Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod Convention

Northwestern College

Watertown, Wisconsin

Schedule

Registration at Music Hall
8:30 — 9:30 A.M.

Sessions in Gymnasium
10:00 — 11:45 A.M.

Displays and Tours
11:00 — 1:00

Box Lunch at Cost
Program in Gymnasium
2:15 — 4:00 P.M.

Lutheran Girl Pioneers

Twentieth Convention

"Don't get tired of reaching out!"

That was the message, based on Galations 6:9-10, which Pastor Kurt Koeplin delivered to the more than 500 delegates assembled at Wisconsin Lutheran High School, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for the 20th annual convention of Lutheran Girl Pioneers, Inc. on May 3, 1975.

"Reaching out" is exactly what LGP has been doing. In her message to the delegates, Mrs. Jean Masewicz, the National Counselor, stated: "From our first caravan, we have now progressed to 343 with some 6,000 girls. From our original two, we now have over 1,000 ladies working

in one capacity or another with and for Lutheran Girl Pioneers. From wondering how we were going to pay for our postage in the beginning, we are now on a firm financial basis. Twenty-seven new caravans are receiving charters today with many more groups already active who will be chartering within the coming year."

During the morning session the delegates elected officers to the national council and heard reports on the national camp and on a canoe trip for the older girls into the Boundary Waters Canoe Area of northern Minnesota. After dinner the con-

vention held workshops on a number of topics, among them fire prevention, burn prevention and care, block printing, cooking, sewing, music, handling children, the Christian view of sex, and handicraft.

The National Chaplain, Pastor D. Clark, closed the convention with a message based on Psalm 95:1-6, in which he reminded the delegates to thank and praise God for all the blessings He has showered upon them.

Information concerning Lutheran Girl Pioneers, Inc. may be obtained by writing to: Lutheran Girl Pioneers, Inc., National Headquarters, 1419 South 19th St., La Crosse, Wisconsin 54601.

Public Relations Director
The Rev. Fred Fallen

Looking at the Religious World

Fare for the Fourth

Remember Georgi Vins

As you unfurl your flag to celebrate the 4th of July in this bicentennial year, remember Georgi Vins. If you don't know who he is, permit me to introduce him to you. Once you've met him, you won't be inclined to take the 4th for granted.

Georgi Vins, 46, father of four, is a leader of an evangelical group of Baptists in Soviet Russia. Last year Vins was arrested for religious activities injurious to the welfare of the Soviet state. The charges fabricated against him were of the kind Soviet authorities have repeatedly used to harass Christians.

In January of this year, a Soviet court in Kiev found Vins "guilty of using religion to cloak illegal activities." The court sentenced him to five years in prison plus five years of exile. Several members of Vins' family were able to attend the five-day trial. His mother, Lydia, provided a correspondent for *Christianity Today* with a report of the court proceedings.

Six prominent Norwegians, three members of Parliament, and a judge accredited to represent the Geneva-based International Commission of Jurists, requested permission to attend the trial. Their visa applications were returned without comment. Another Norwegian, Alf Haerem, offered to serve as Vins' defense attorney. He was likewise refused a visa. Vins refused the services of a court-appointed attorney because the lawyer was an atheist. Vins considered him to be incompetent to defend a Christian against the state's charges.

In an 18-point petition which Vins presented to the court on his own behalf, he stated, "I could be at home today. During the first month of my arrest, I was offered a position as a coworker with the KGB. I would be allowed to remain in the Council of Churches and to live at home with my wife and children, but this I refused." (The Council assumes a measure of central control over the affairs of local churches, thus depriving congregations of their autonomy. It

recognizes congregations legally registered by the state — a device which gives the government a determining role in church life.)

Before the verdict was announced by the court, Vins was offered an opportunity to say a final word. He declined, saying, "My Lord will say the last word, He who said, 'I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end.'"

After the verdict was announced, the judge asked Vins if he understood the action of the court. Vins replied, "I understand. Praise be to Jesus Christ!"

At that moment relatives and friends in the courtroom began to throw flowers at the defendant. One of his sons cried out, "Daddy, this is for your courage." His wife exclaimed, "Georgi, you have won this trial." His daughter, Natasha, stood on a chair and shouted, "Daddy, with Christ in prison it is freedom, but without Christ in freedom it is prison."

Outside the courtroom, almost 500 Christians who had stood for days in freezing temperatures, began to sing. "To live with Christ and to die with Him, can you find a better part?" Traffic on the street was paralyzed. The singing continued, "Fruitless land, empty plains, grim region, cold Vorkuta, you received in iron shackles the witnesses of Christ who were driven out of the south."

When you hang your flag on the 4th of July, offer a prayer of thanks to God that in America there is still freedom of worship in fact, not just in theory. Thank God too for Christians like Georgi Vins. Their witness is an inspiration to the rest of us.

Missouri's Freedom Struggle

The 4th of July this year marks the beginning of another round in the "freedom struggle" in The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The battleground is the Convention Center in Anaheim, California, site of the biennial convention of the synod.

Missouri leaders have cited several issues of crucial importance for the divided church body. One is the problem of Seminec, the rebel seminary established in opposition to Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. A second is the problem of Evangelical Lutherans in Mission (ELIM), an opposition synod within the synod. The issue which underlies both problems involves the authority of the Bible. The question before the convention is this: "Can one deny the inerrancy of Scripture and still uphold the authority of Scripture? Does the Bible speak with authority if it contains errors?" One side says yes, the other no.

Many in Missouri seem to think that if the conservatives prevail over the moderates at Anaheim the struggle will be practically won. They need to rethink their position. Following the theological convocation in St. Louis in April, the conservative synod president, J.A.O. Preus, saw no barrier to communion with Seminec president, John Tietjen, the man ousted from the presidency of Concordia Seminary for teaching and tolerating false doctrine. Members of the faculty of Concordia Seminary refused to participate in the same Communion service for reasons of conscience.

If President Preus was not prevented by the same principles from communing with President Tietjen, then the synod's president apparently does not hold to the same fellowship principles which the faculty members espoused and practiced following the convocation. And therein lies a clue to Missouri's real problem.

We believe Missouri lost the crucial battle when she abandoned her Scriptural principles of fellowship more than 20 years ago. That opened the door for the current struggle. Missouri may settle the conflict on authority at Anaheim, but she will not really be free again until she returns to and confesses anew the Scriptural principles Missouri led us to appreciate and espouse before she established fellowship with us over 100 years ago. They are the principles of altar, pulpit, and prayer fellowship still confessed by Missouri in 1947 in its centennial essays entitled, "The Abiding Word." They are the same principles for which President Preus formerly contended when he was a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod on the faculty of Bethany College in Mankato, Minnesota.

The president leads the way. He sounds the trumpet. But "if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself for battle?" The real battle to be fought in Missouri is

one its president apparently has neither the will nor the conviction to wage. That is why we are not as hopeful as many in Missouri that Anaheim will resolve the Synod's internal conflict.

Missouri may pass fine sounding resolutions on the authority of Scripture together with resolutions condemning the historical-critical method of misinterpreting Scripture. But if Missouri's leaders continue to tolerate and to commune with those in her midst who work to undermine the historic Christian faith as Missouri once professed it, she will have compromised herself. Those in a compromised position are in no position to triumph in the ongoing struggle for the truth of God's Word.

Nonetheless we still hope and pray that the 4th of July will signal the beginning of a real freedom struggle in Missouri. The world will be watching for fireworks at Anaheim. We will be watching for signs of a change of direction.

Joel C. Gerlach

NPH Installs Associate Editor

Pastor John A. Trapp began his work as Associate Editor of Northwestern Publishing House on February 17, 1975. He replaces Pastor Lyle E. Albrecht, who accepted a call to teach English at Wisconsin Lutheran High School. The editorial staff of Northwestern Publishing House is again complete with three men: Pastor Mentor Kujath, Editor-in-chief; and Pastors Siegfried H. Fenske and John A. Trapp, Associate Editors.

The associate editor was born in Milwaukee while his father, Professor Cornelius J. Trapp of Dr. Martin Luther College, was an instructor at the old Milwaukee Lutheran High School. He graduated from St. Paul's Lutheran School, New Ulm, Minnesota, and from Martin Luther Academy of the same city. He received his BA from Northwestern College in 1966, and his BD from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in 1971. His vicarage year was spent at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Benton Harbor, Michigan. He also did postgraduate work at the University of Athens in Greece during 1970.

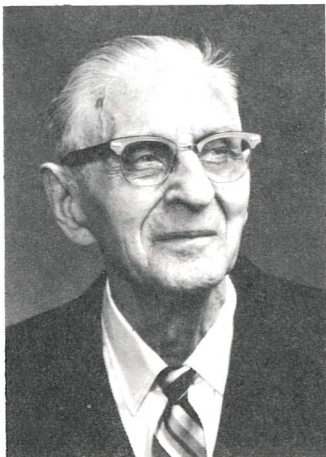
Pastor Trapp was ordained and installed at Calvary Lutheran Church, Sheboygan, Wisconsin, on August 8, 1971. He served there until coming to the Northwestern Publishing House.

In 1968 he was married to Gail Ann Peterson of Greendale, Wisconsin. Pastor and Mrs. Trapp, returning to Milwaukee, live at 3128 South 43rd Street and are members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Cudahy.

It was in their home church that Pastor Trapp was installed as Associate Editor of Northwestern Publishing House on Sunday, June 1, in a 7:00 P.M. service. Pastor Gordon Snyder of Nain Lutheran Church, West Allis, a member of the NPH Board of Directors, served as liturgist. Pastor Mentor Kujath, editor of Northwestern Publishing House, preached the sermon. Pastor D. H. Kuehl of Peace Lutheran Church, Hartford, chairman of the NPH Board of Directors, officiated at the installation. He was assisted by the other clergy members of the board, the other editors, the local pastor, and the new associate editor's father.

**Pastor Louis W. Baganz
1888-1975**

Louis W. Baganz, son of Gustav Baganz and Caroline Lemke, was born in the Town of Forest, Fond du Lac County, Wisconsin, on March 29, 1888, and baptized on May 27. He was confirmed in St. Peter's Church, Fond du Lac, in 1902 by the Rev. G. E. Bergemann.



Louis W. Baganz

To prepare for the holy ministry, he enrolled in Northwestern College in 1904 and graduated from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Wauwatosa in 1913. He was ordained on June 29 of that year, and on July 8 he was united in marriage with Miss Rosalina Zimmermann.

From 1913 to 1939 he served congregations in the following Wisconsin localities: Dale (1913-17), Ridgeville (1917-24), Kewaunee (1924-28), and Burlington (1928-39). While at Dale, Wisconsin, he also served Waupaca for a time and, while at Kewaunee, the congregations at Carlton and Sandy Bay.

In December, 1939, he resigned his pastorate because of ill health and impaired speech. Until 1970 he and his wife lived in Milwaukee. In that year both of them entered the Dorchester Nursing Home in Sturgeon Bay. They were privileged to observe their 60th wedding anniversary in 1973. Pastor Baganz died on April 25, 1975, at the age of 87 years.

Surviving are his wife; three sons: Pastor Theophil Baganz, Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin; Paul, Fort Worth, Texas; and Carl, Vernon Hills, Illinois. A son Reuben was killed in World War II. There are seven grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, three sisters, and two brothers.

Funeral services were held on April 29 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Sturgeon Bay. The sermon, on II Timothy 4:6-8, was delivered by Pastor Joel Ehlert, and the liturgy was read by Pastor Darald Gruen.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord!"

**THE FORTY-THIRD BIENNIAL
CONVENTION OF THE WISCONSIN
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD**

The Forty-third Biennial Convention of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod will meet, God willing, August 6 to 13, 1975, at Northwestern College, Watertown, Wisconsin.

The opening service with Holy Communion will be held Wednesday, August 6, at 10 a.m. in St. Mark's Ev. Lutheran Church, N. Sixth and Jones Streets. Professor Irwin J. Habeck, former first vice-president, will preach the sermon. The closing service will be held Tuesday, August 12, at 7:30 p.m. in Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, 601 S. Fourth St. Pastor Karl F. Krauss, former second vice-president, will deliver the sermon.

The opening session will be held Wednesday, August 6, at 2 p.m. in the gymnasium on the NWC campus. Delegates are asked to arrive early enough so that they will have time to register before the beginning of the opening session. Registrations will be made in the lobby of the gymnasium.

The theme for the Forty-third Convention in this 125th anniversary year of the Synod is GRACE. Pastor Victor Prange will read an essay entitled: "By grace: God's people." Prof. Edward Fredrich will read an essay entitled: "By grace: Confessional in Doctrine." Prof. Armin Schuetze will read an essay entitled: "By grace: Confessional in Practice."

Housing for the delegates will be provided in the dormitories of the college. Detailed instruc-

tions pertaining to housing will be mailed to each delegate together with reservation cards. All voting and advisory delegates must make reservations for housing. Reservations should be made no later than July 15, 1975. Kindly address all communications to The Convention Housing Committee, 1300 Western Avenue, Watertown, Wisconsin 53094.

Meals will be served to all bona fide delegates in the college cafeteria. Meal tickets will also be available to visitors.

Mail sent to delegates during the convention should be addressed in care of Northwestern College, 1300 Western Avenue, Watertown, Wisconsin 53094. Delegates may be reached by telephone by calling 1 (414) 261-4352.

Heinrich J. Vogel, Secretary

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convention. It also requires the publication of
all floor committees appointed by the Praesidi-
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committees is being published here in addition
to a few advisory delegates. No list of voting
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Insure Your Gifts ... Give Insurance



Talk to an average citizen today and chances are that you will find him convinced that he runs a pretty tight financial ship. Despite this optimism on the part of most people, a trained counselor will always be alert for those "forgotten assets" that frequently pop up during an estate planning review. One of the assets most often overlooked is life insurance — probably because we tend to think of insurance as a *death* benefit and not a *life* benefit.

Consider this . . .

* Do you still have a small, perhaps paid-up, policy that your parents bought for you when you were a child?

* Are you one of those who was wise enough to use insurance for special protection for a business, or a mortgage, or some other specific need?

* Did you use insurance as part of your estate plan to protect children and or other dependents?

* How about endowments? Education policies?

Do this . . .

* Review your present insurance program to see if you really need your existing coverage or if, perhaps, the special need has ceased to exist, the children are no longer dependent, loans are paid-up, or your business is self-sufficient.

Many of us experience changes in our circumstances as time passes and most of us do nothing about it. Yet these "forgotten assets" can build a church or school. They can support a missionary. They can provide education, medical aid, or shelter for people in need.

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Rock of Ages Ev. Lutheran Congregation (Nashville) is meeting in the 7th Day Adventist Building, 162 Old Hickory Blvd., Madison, Tennessee. Sunday School meets at 9:00 a.m., with Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. For directions and additional details, visitors in the area are asked to contact Pastor Richard Stadler, 124 Elnora Drive, Hendersonville, Tennessee 37075; phone: 1-615-824-3894.

ISLE ROYALE NATIONAL PARK

Vacationers embarking for Isle Royale National Park and summer visitors to Michigan's Keweenaw Peninsula are invited to attend WELS services at University Lutheran Chapel in Houghton, Michigan. Services are held every Sunday at 7:00 p.m. at the Christian Science Church, 209 W. Montezuma in Houghton. Pastor Thomas H. Trapp is in charge. His address is 421 4th St., Stambough, Michigan 49964.

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rights and liberties as a church body are gathering strength. Under the banner of "equality" and "human rights" they are edging closer to a direct challenge, not only to our church's privileges but also to our confessional principles. There are indications that the days when exemptions and prerogatives could be expected as an expression of government courtesy may be numbered. Not to pray for the preservation of our religious principles and self-determination, and also for our privileges, will mean to lose them.

Our country is celebrating its bicentennial. We are also celebrating our bicentennial.

Carleton Toppe

NORTHERN WISCONSIN

WINNEBAGO DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: June 30, 1975; 7:30 p.m.

Place: Martin Luther Church, Oshkosh, Wisconsin.
K. H. Garwisch, Secretary

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN

DODGE-WASHINGTON DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: July 27, 1975; 7:30 p.m.

Place: Emmanuel Ev. Lutheran Church, 10N—Hwy. 33, Hartford, Wisconsin.

Agenda: Study of the BoRAM.

J. N. Kieselhorst, Secretary

APPOINTMENT

The Reverend John Braun of Zion, Illinois, has been appointed to the Southeastern Wisconsin District Mission Board to replace Pastor Paul Huth.

George W. Boldt, President

CALL FOR CANDIDATES MICHIGAN LUTHERAN SEMINARY

Prof. Joel Sauer, dean of students at Michigan Lutheran Seminary, has accepted a call into the parish ministry. The board of control requests the members of the Synod to submit names of theologically trained men in nomination for this office. The man called will be in charge of all students and will be asked to teach a course in religion. Nominations should be in the hands of the secretary no later than July 18, 1975.

Mr. Milton Bugbee, Secretary
206 South Alp Street
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ESSAY AVAILABLE

A printed copy of "Eschatological Prophecies and Current Misinterpretations" is now available. This is a series of essays delivered by Prof. Wilbert Gawrisch of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, Wisconsin, to several pastoral conferences and institutes. There are five sections: 1. A Brief History of Millennialism; 2. A Brief Survey of the Bible's Eschatological Prophecies; 3. Millennialism Examined in the Light of Holy Scripture; 4. Antichrists and the Anti-Christ; and 5. A Devil's Brew of Eschatological Heresies. The essays are bound in book form. A single copy may be procured for \$1.65 postpaid. Two copies are available at \$3.00 postpaid. Please send check or money order with your order to: Rev. Lyle W. Lange, 1100 N. Midway Drive, Escondido, California 92027.

NEW WELS CHURCHES

Names Requested

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

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*Denotes exploratory services.

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

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

WELS MEMBERSHIP CONSERVATION
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TIME AND PLACE

COLUMBIA, MISSOURI

Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, Columbia, Missouri, is now holding services at the community room of the Citizens Savings Building, one mile south of I-70 on Stadium Blvd. at W. Broadway. Summer schedule: worship at 8 a.m., Sunday school at 9 a.m. Tentative winter schedule: Sunday school at 6 p.m., worship at 7 p.m. Check beforehand with the pastor, the Rev. LeRoy H. Lothert, 3500 Spring Hill Road, Columbia, MO 65201. Phone: (314) 474-2168.

BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA

Vacationing in Northern Minnesota? Come visit us. St. Mark's Ev. Lutheran Church, a WELS mission, worships at 824 America Ave. (3 blocks West of Highway 2 on 9th Street) in Bemidji, Minnesota. The time of service is 9:00 a.m. from June to August. From September to May, the time of service is 10:15 a.m., with Sunday school at 9:00 a.m. For information contact: Pastor Lee Vaccarella, 1209 Bemidji Ave., Bemidji, Minnesota 56601 (Ph. 218-751-6334).

MIDDLETON, WAUNAKEE, CROSS PLAINS, WEST MADISON, WISCONSIN

The WELS mission congregation, Saint Andrew Lutheran Church, is presently meeting at the Affiliated Bank of Middleton, 6300 University Ave., Middleton. Worship service is at 8:30 a.m. Please send names to Mr. Frantz Heise, 7214 Hubbard, Middleton, Wisconsin 53562 (Phone: 608-836-6193) or to Pastor Loren Fritz, R. 1, Prairie du Sac, Wisconsin 53578 (Phone: 608-643-4050).

LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

Hope Ev. Lutheran Church, 730 Locust Lane (Ins. Building), Louisville, Kentucky, has recently adopted the following time changes: Sunday school and Bible class at 9:30 a.m. (EST), Sunday worship service at 10:15 a.m. (EST). Serving the congregation is Pastor James A. Castillo, 4003 Fern Valley Rd., Louisville, Kentucky 40219 (phone: 502-968-9735).

NORTH ST. LOUIS COUNTY

Redeemer Lutheran Church of North St. Louis County, Missouri, is now holding its worship services at Black Jack School, 11230 Old Halls Ferry Rd., North St. Louis County (1/4 mile north of I-270). Time of service remains at 9:00 a.m. Rev. Peter Berg, 1830 St. Catherine St., Florissant, Mo. 63033; phone: (313) 837-7489.

TULSA, OKLAHOMA

Mount Olive Ev. Lutheran Church, the WELS mission in Tulsa, Oklahoma, is now worshipping at 9:00 a.m. at the Ninde Chapel, 3841 S. Peoria. It is served by Pastor G. Schapekahn, 12435 E. 31st St., Tulsa, OK 74145; phone (918) 663-2356.

EXPLORATORY SERVICES

LAKEVILLE, MINNESOTA

Exploratory services are being conducted in Lakeville, Minnesota, at the Lakeville Elementary School District Office Building, 8670 210th St. West. Services are held at 9:15 p.m. For more information, to submit names of WELS members or prospects in the Lakeville-Farmington, Minnesota area, please contact: Pastor Richard L. Weeks, 1301 E. County Road 42, Burnsville, Minnesota 55337; Phone: (612) 432-5527.

BURLINGTON, IOWA

Exploratory services of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod are now being held on a regular basis in Burlington, Iowa. The location of these services is the Banquet Room of the Burlington Memorial Auditorium. Any further information, as well as the exact time of the services, may be obtained by contacting Mr. Gilbert McKenzie (319/753-1491), Mr. Richard Phillips (319/752-0048), or Pastor David Rutschow. Names of and pertinent information about WELS and other interested people in Burlington and the entire southeast sector of Iowa should be sent to: Pastor David N. Rutschow, 111 Grant Rd. — Marquette Hts., Pekin, Illinois 61554, Ph: 309/382-2670.

P. A. SYSTEM AVAILABLE

St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Algoma, Wisconsin, has a P. A. system available for transportation costs to any WELS mission congregation. It is a 35-watt system consisting of three speakers and one clip-on mike. Please address requests to: St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, 406 Fourth Street, Algoma, Wisconsin 54201.

INSTALLATIONS

(Authorized by the District Presidents)

Pastors:

Michel, Robert H., as Public Relations Manager of the Wisconsin Lutheran Child and Family Service at the WLCFS chapel, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on May 4, 1975, by E. Lehninger (SEW).
Sommer, Galen W., as pastor of Immanuel Ev. Lutheran, St. Joseph, Missouri, on May 25, 1975, by W. T. Niermeier (Minn.).

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