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Briefs by the Editor

Although *The Northwestern Lutheran* will devote an entire issue to this matter later in fall, it's too good to keep from you.

This year in which our Wisconsin Synod is observing the 125th anniversary of its founding back in 1850 is also blessed with the opening of more new Christian day schools than any other previous year. As of September, the number of Christian day schools in the Synod has risen from 273 to 289. This, too, is a mark of God's continued GRACE.

Of the 16 new Christian day schools, five were opened by congregations in Wisconsin, three in Michigan, and one each in the states of Maryland, Arizona, Oregon, Nebraska, Minnesota, Connecticut, Florida, and Alaska.

It is obvious that Christian day schools are not just fostered here in the Midwest, by such having a German ethnic background. All of our members, wherever they are, are seriously concerned about the Christian upbringing of the next generation. They therefore gladly make use of that great educational heritage which our Synod by the Grace of God has continued to promote, the Christian day school.

It would be overstating the case if we were to insist that the Christian day school is the only possible way of bringing up our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. However, we are agreed that it is the best way yet devised. Vital, of course, is that our teachers always be mindful to let the Word of God guide them in their work of instructing the children whom we have entrusted to their care. We expect the same of those who volunteer to teach in our Sunday schools or vacation Bible schools.

It must be noted, however, that no form of Christian education established by our congregations can succeed unless it has the full cooperation

of the home. A home that underscores the teachings of the church and school is a must. President I. Frey of the Arizona-California District touches on that point in his editorial, "The Right Thing for the Right Reason." It's worth reading and digesting.

In addition to the 16 new Christian day schools, a new area Lutheran high school also began its operations this fall. The new school is located in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and goes by the name *Huron Valley Lutheran High School*. Its principal is Pastor Karl Peterson, who previously served Our Savior Lutheran Church in Birmingham, Alabama.

Three other items in this issue, all of them related to Christian education, deserve your attention. The one is the brief report on the DMLC Summer School at New Ulm, Minnesota. The summer sessions not only make it possible for some teachers to complete their work toward a degree, but also offer our teachers the opportunity to acquire more advanced training in specialized areas. Perhaps this is a matter which ought to be discussed by your school board and brought to the attention of your congregation's budget committee.

A second matter of interest is the announcement by Wisconsin Lutheran College that it will shortly install its first full-time president. Wisconsin Lutheran College is a two-year school using the facilities of Wisconsin Lutheran High School, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. If your son or daughter is not preparing for public work in the church, give Wisconsin Lutheran College your attention.

Christian education needs your regular support and your continued prayers. Your support need not end with your death and transfer to the congregation in heaven. The example of a departed Christian woman in the San Diego area is one worthy of emulation. Read about her on page 287.

*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

Pictured is a part of the overflow crowd of some 515 WELS youth from Canada and the United States at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Winona, Minnesota, in July. They were attending the Second International Youth Rally and are planning to meet in Saginaw, Michigan, next year. For the story turn to page 284.

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Editorials

A Weakening Of Will Joseph Alsop is a veteran newspaper columnist "who has covered every major conflict and challenge affecting the United States since World War II." In a *Reader's Digest* feature article, "The Challenge America Must Meet," he paints a bleak picture of America's future. He points out that because we are "ducking challenges" to our responsibilities as a great and powerful nation and are renegeing on pledges to friends and allies, the nations of the world are losing confidence in both our will and our strength. If we do not honor our commitment to South Korea, for example, the result will be "international bankruptcy" for us. Rightly or wrongly, powerful enemies will conclude that we will probably duck other challenges too, and they will launch them as Hitler once challenged Britain and France when he occupied the Rhineland in 1936. In a few years an aggressive, determined Soviet Union, sure of its superiority in strategic weapons, could seize direct control of the Persian Gulf, for example, and fix "an iron grip on this country's and the West's jugular." Then America might well be in the position of a "cornered rat."

Of course, not even a skilled observer of the international scene can predict the future accurately, but Alsop's basic concern cannot be disregarded. Unless America strengthens its will — something it has repeatedly failed to do when challenged by aggressive and hostile forces at home and abroad in the last decade and a half — it faces a future that could be grim, both within and without.

We are aboard this great ship of state, whose pilots are putting it on a perilous course. Both as a church body and as individual Christians we are inescapably involved in what happens to our country. We are deeply concerned about its destiny, but we lack the place and the power in government to change that course, except for one sure strength. We can appeal to the Pilot, who alone can overrule those who are threatening to steer this ship into rending rocks and reefs. Americans who know how to pray must pray that the Lord of the nations will undo the weakness and blindness and folly of men.

Carleton Toppe

The Right Thing For The Right Reason It is not unusual for people to do the right thing for the wrong reasons. This can include parents who enroll their children in our Christian day schools.

In recent years interest in parochial education seems to have increased sharply. Contributing to this expanded interest, at least to a degree, is the moral and educational atmosphere of our time. Concerned parents are alarmed by tales of drug abuse, violence, and sexual immorality among children in the sub-teen and early-teen years. They are appalled by attempts at sex education so explicit as to border on obscenity. They are concerned about lack of discipline in the classrooms, the emphasis on frills, and the failure to develop basic skills among the pupils. They

disagree sharply with liberal political philosophies which find a forum in some modern textbooks. Such parents are often high in praise of the Christian day school, and they spread the word among their friends.

Actually, there is nothing uniquely Christian about morality, discipline, good citizenship, and similar virtues. These virtues can be, and often are, fostered even by atheists.

A true Christian day school is what the term implies. It is not just a private school. It is a Christian school, dedicated to the inculcation of the Gospel and to the deepening and strengthening of the Christian faith. Its purpose is identical with that of the Church as set forth in Christ's Great Commission: Go ye, therefore, and make disciples.

Unfortunately, some parents who are so enthusiastic about the Christian day school are not so enthusiastic about the church. They send their children to school during the week; on Sundays they join the ranks of the unbelievers by staying home. Their message to their children, proclaimed by their example, comes across clearly: "The church is not important." The true purpose of the Christian day school is thus effectively frustrated.

Providing a favorable moral and scholastic climate is not the primary purpose of the Christian day school. Its purpose is to assist parents in carrying out the Lord's injunction: "Bring up your children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." When parents enroll their children in Christian day schools with this in mind, they will be doing the right thing for the right reason. At the same time they will hold up before their children the true purpose of Christian education by their own example of attendance upon the divine Word in the church services.

Immanuel Frey

The Kingdom Come You can feel the cutting edge to the question when the Pharisees demanded of Jesus "when the kingdom of God should come?" No doubt there were sly winks all around, for surely they had embarrassed Jesus before the crowd.

The disciples may have become a bit uncomfortable, for there was nothing they could see that remotely resembled a "kingdom." The Master had no elegant headquarters or eloquent press secretary, no following of royal dignitaries and no martial display of pomp and power.

All of which made Jesus' answer the more astonishing: "The kingdom of God cometh not with observation . . . for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you." In other words, "It's already here, for I stand among you!"

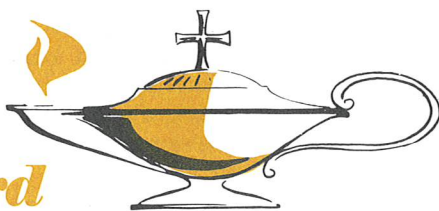
Critics of the Church never get this straight. If the kingdom of God does not fit their fleshly idea of what the kingdom of God should look like, they conclude there is no kingdom of God at all.

Why should we advertise the kingdom to the world on the world's terms, attracting them with religious externals, outward appearances, a visible display of wisdom and power? The kingdom of God is "within," a thing of the heart, of faith, of the spirit. Where Christ is, the kingdom has come.

"God likes to make something out of nothing," Luther liked to say, "and as long as you are something, God can't make anything out of you."

John Parcher

Studies in God's Word



Faith Richly Blessed

Then said Boaz, "What day thou buyest the field of the hand of Naomi, thou must buy it also of Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of the dead, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance." And the kinsman said, "I cannot redeem it for myself, lest I mar my own inheritance; redeem thou my right to thyself" (Ruth 4:5,6).

And the women said unto Naomi, "Blessed be the Lord, which hath not left thee this day without a kinsman, that his name may be famous in Israel. And he shall be unto thee a restorer of thy life, and a nourisher of thy old age" (Ruth 4:14,15a).

"Thy daughter-in-law, which loveth thee, which is better to thee than seven sons, hath born him." . . . And they called his name Obed: he is the father of Jesse, the father of David (Ruth 4:15b,17b).

Boaz had never married. We don't know why not. Being a man of substance and a godly man besides, he must have had any number of opportunities. But the years passed, and he remained unmarried.

Now Boaz was suddenly and unexpectedly faced with an entirely different situation. In the middle of the night he had made a promise that would undoubtedly lead to marriage. Furthermore, he had not made the first move; the woman had made the first move. What had persuaded him?

It was not just a pretty face, not just an amiable disposition, not just a reputation for industry. Boaz was face to face with a word of God. We

can be sure, that if any other woman with any other plea had dared to approach him on the threshing floor that evening, he as a child of God would have done only one thing — sent her packing. But Ruth had said, "Spread therefore thy skirt over thy handmaid, for thou art a near kinsman." Ruth had appealed to God's Word, not to Boaz' manhood. When his faith and trust in God were thus put to a test, believing Boaz took the action that he did. However, as we heard last time, there was a complication, a nearer kinsman.

Boaz at the City Gate

City gates in those days were places of public assembly. Court was held there, and legal decisions made. Witnesses were always available, and sooner or later most residents of the town passed by. That's where Boaz went that morning, with the determination to resolve Ruth's situation that very day.

The nearer kinsman appeared. Boaz summoned him. Before witnesses, he asked him, "Are you ready to redeem the land sold by Naomi?" The kinsman, whose name is not given, declared himself ready.

To understand the next, we must become acquainted with the customs of ancient Israel. Land and real estate were always handed down from father to son. If a man died childless, his widow had the use of the land as long as she lived. In case of dire poverty, she was permitted to sell, not the land, but its productivity. In the year of jubilee, the land was then to be returned to the family. In the meantime, a kinsman was permitted

to redeem it. If the widow was young, the kinsman had another responsibility, namely, the duty to marry the widow, if he was free to do so. The first son of this marriage was then considered the heir of the dead husband. Thus the land would stay in the family.

At first Boaz did not acquaint the nearer kinsman with this complication. But when he declared himself ready to redeem the land, Boaz informed him that it also meant marrying the widow. This man, however, was selfish and self-centered. He did not want to use his own money and then have the land go to a different branch of the family. His heart was not a compassionate heart. Thus, he was perfectly willing to turn his right as kinsman over to Boaz.

Boaz Blessed

"Unselfishly ready to do whatever God requires" — that characterized Boaz. He declared himself ready to redeem the property and ready to marry Ruth "to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance, that the name of the dead be not cut off from among his brethren, and from the gate of his place."

The witnesses recognized his act for what it was — an act of kindness and forbearance, an act of obedience to God. When they responded to Boaz's words, they said nothing about the land, but a great deal about Ruth. "The Lord make the woman that is come into thy house like Rachel and Leah, which two did build the house of Israel; and do thou worthily in Ephratah, and be famous in Bethlehem."

So Boaz and Ruth were married. God blessed them richly in each other. Theirs was a real marriage, not just a formality. In the course of time, Ruth bore Boaz a son named Obed.

A Happy Grandmother

Happiest of all was Naomi, the grandmother. Now life had a purpose again. As she advanced in years, the child became her staff and stay, her support in her old age. Even his name indicated that, for Obed means "the serving one."

When he was born, the women in Bethlehem rejoiced with Naomi.

They spoke of the little boy as "a restorer of thy life and a nourisher of thy old age." It is evident that family responsibilities were taken more seriously in those days than today. Knowing that, we can understand why the day of Obed's birth was a day of real rejoicing for the grandmother, who had lost her husband and both her sons. What was now happening was for her a proof that trusting in God's providence and taking Him at His word were not in vain.

The Mother Honored

If Ruth's reputation was good before, it grew by leaps and bounds after she demonstrated her faith and trust in God by keeping herself to the family of Elimelech and not playing the field. What she had done was an act of faith in the true God for whom she had left her family and her country. The women praised Ruth when they spoke to Naomi after the birth of Obed. They said: "Thy daughter-in-law, which loveth thee, . . . is better to thee than seven sons."

God Himself had even greater honors in store for her. The writer of this book states: "They called his name Obed: he is the father of Jesse, the father of David." Thus her family became a family of kings.

By becoming the grandmother of David, she also entered the family line of our Lord Jesus Christ. No greater human honor could ever have come upon Ruth the Moabitess than this one.

And yet neither Ruth, nor Naomi, nor Boaz, nor Jesse, nor Obed, nor David were saved because their names occur in the genealogy of our Lord Jesus. They were saved alone as we are, through faith in the coming Savior. That's how they were blessed above all else.

With this we leave our study of the Book of Ruth, not to forget it, but to live it. It is a book of faith, of Christian virtue, of divine blessing. Though your names and mine are not written in this book, it is part of our history, "for as many . . . as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ." Through Christ we are brothers and sisters to Naomi, Ruth, Boaz, Obed, Jesse, David.

H. W.



Pastors Carmichael and Schaefer, Organist E. Meyer.

"Grace to Serve"

"Grace to Serve" was the theme highlighting the 12th annual convention of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society at Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota, on Saturday, June 28, 1975. The lovely college buildings and tree-shaded campus provided a most pleasant setting.

The morning worship service opened with the singing of "From Greenland's Icy Mountains." The mission prayer and Scripture portion, read by Pastor E. Carmichael of Fairfax, Minnesota, encouraged us to make no secret of God's Word, but to help spread it throughout the world. The Rev. James Schaefer, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, who has been involved in planning the Synod's Grace 125 anniversary celebration, preached on II Corinthians 8:9.

"God's Grace," he noted, "has preserved our Synod and allowed it to grow over the past 125 years — not our strength. It is not so essentially important where we have been over the past 125 years, or what we have done, or what our founding fathers brought forth. Far more important is what we are doing now and where we are going now. Each generation must identify itself anew. Paul's words, 'You know the Grace of our Lord,' identify the WELS.

"To know and love the Grace of God in Christ," Pastor Schaefer continued, "is the greatest thing in life. The convention theme explains that Grace a little more. Grace given and known is *Grace to Serve*. Where can we serve with it? All God asks of us is that we be faithful; He will take care of the success. Grace to serve is Grace to share with the millions of heathen hungry and thirsty for the word of salvation. Grace to be faithful, Grace to share, comes not from us but from our Lord Jesus Christ. 'Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world' — that is our strength for the next 125 years."

Guest Speaker from Anchorage, Alaska

The mission workshop featured Pastor David Zietlow, Anchorage, Alaska. Using colorful slides, he spoke to the assembly on his missionary experiences in Alaska and described the manner of living in that part of the world.

Pastor Zietlow and his family arrived in Anchorage in 1967. Half of Alaska's population is located in Anchorage, a city of 125,000. These people come from all parts of the world. Hunting and fishing are popular in

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Alaska and help supplement the family's food supply.



Pastor David Zietlow.

Though Pastor Zietlow admitted enjoying these sports, he emphasized that the real trophies are the souls of the unchurched who come to know Jesus. When he and his family came to Alaska, there were no WELS churches there. Today there are missions in both Anchorage and Fairbanks. His own congregation, Faith in Anchorage, will begin a Christian day school this fall, and he anticipates that there will soon be a second congregation organizing in Anchorage. The church in Fairbanks recently received its own pastor and attendance now averages 60 people per Sunday. The mission story of Alaska is a story of God's blessings.

LWMS Growth

A total of 1,082 persons registered for the convention. They represented all 37 LWMS circuits and came from 15 states and two foreign countries. At the business meeting, conducted by Mrs. Clarence Millett, 24 new congregations were accepted into membership in the LWMS, bringing the total LWMS membership to 615 congregations.

Elections

Officers elected were the following: Mrs. Clarence Millett, St. Matthew's, Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, president; Mrs. Leland Nicol, St. Paul's, Stevensville, Michigan, treasurer; Mrs. Irene Schroeder, Mount Olive, Appleton, Wisconsin, Spiritual Growth Committee laywoman; and Pastor Myron Kell, St. Mark's, Wa-

tertown, Spiritual Growth Committee pastor. The newly elected officers were installed in the closing vesper service.

Gifts for Missions

The proceeds of the 1975 Mission Box offerings were distributed as follows: \$8,130 to the Spanish Language Fund and another \$8,130 to the World Seminary Conference Fund. Pastor Norman Berg, executive secretary of the General Board for Home Missions, accepted on behalf of the Spanish Language Fund and Pastor Harold Johnne, missionary in Japan, on behalf of the World Seminary Conference Fund. Delegates voted the morning offering of \$1,742.11 to the Grace 125 Anniversary Fund. The 1976 Mission Box offerings were designated for the Home Mission Equipment Fund and the Books for Missions Fund.

Guests

Special guests, in addition to Pastors Schaefer and Zietlow, included Miss Ruth Vathauer and Miss Gail

Nischke. Both of these women had served as nurses in our missions in Africa, Miss Vathauer in Malawi and Miss Nischke in Zambia. Also present were Mrs. Donald Fastenau from Africa and Pastor and Mrs. Harold Johnne from Japan.

Closing Vesper

Officiant at the closing vesper service was Pastor Marvin Radtke, LWMS pastoral advisor. He impressed upon the worshipers the need for serving in Grace and of being aware of the needs of others to know the Grace of God. He reminded the audience that listening to God's Word and worshipping Him are as much a part of an LWMS convention as the business meeting itself. He urged all to a renewed enthusiasm and zeal for spreading God's Word. What a moving experience it was to join in the closing prayer with a thousand other Christian voices!

Mrs. Frederick G. Model
Ann Arbor, Michigan
Convention Reporter.



FALL PASTORS' INSTITUTE

The 1975 Pastors' Institute at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary will be held, God willing, on five Monday afternoons beginning October 6. Two lectures will be presented on each of the Mondays, from 1:30 to 4:30, in the multipurpose room in the lower level of the Seminary library. The following are the topics and the lectures:

"The Wisconsin Synod's Relations with Other Church Bodies" — Prof. Edward Friedrich.

"Hermeneutical Problems" — Prof. David Kuske.

The registration fee is \$5.00. Registrations are to be sent to President Carl J. Lawrenz, 11831 N. Seminary Dr. 65W, Mequon, Wis. 53092. Pastor Emil G. Toepel, Secretary Seminary Board of Control.

I am Joe's **FLESH**

When I refer to myself as Joe's flesh, I am not referring to the muscles and skin and other soft tissues of Joe's physical body. I am what the Apostle Paul is speaking about in Romans 7:18 when he says: "I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) dwelleth no good thing." Paul also refers to me as "the carnal mind." In Romans 8:7 we read: "The carnal mind is enmity against God." Another term which Christians often use to describe who or what I am is the term "the Old Adam." In fact, when Joe was studying the Sacrament of Baptism in his Catechism, he learned that I am something which is basically evil — something which needs to be "drowned" and needs to "die with all sins and evil lusts." "By the Old Adam is meant our inherited sinful nature known as original sin."

You can be sure that Joe would like to be rid of me once and for all, but as long as he lives in this world of sin he will have me to contend with. Ever since Adam's fall into sin way back in the Garden of Eden, all Christians have their flesh to reckon with. This hereditary corruption of all descendants of Adam is an established Scriptural fact enunciated, for example, by David when he says, "I was shapen in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me" (Ps. 51:5).

I don't mind telling you that I will keep on trying to "take over" in Joe's life with all the power that is in me. I will consistently seek to make Joe do and say and think things that displease God and that please Satan. Surely you all remember what a problem I was to the Apostle Paul. He wrote about me in these words: "To will is present with me, but how to perform that which is good I find not. For the good that I would I do not; but the evil which I would not, that I do" (Rom. 7:18,19).

It's that way with Joe, too. He knows what his God wants him to do, and how He wants him to live, and yet Joe often sins. I'll take the credit for that, for as Joe's Catechism puts it, I keep on showing my ugly face "in all manner of sins and evil lusts." Joe

just cannot live a perfect life here earth, because I am a constant thorn in his side. Just look at a few of the things Joe did recently because of me. He committed idolatry by trusting more in his doctor to cure a recent illness than by *first* placing his trust in God. In a moment of anger, without really thinking about it, he used God's name in vain by cursing, even though he doesn't usually do so. He went to church on Sunday but did not really worship God from his heart because his mind was concentrating on other things. He ignored the 55 m.p.h. speed limit even though he knows that God wants him to obey the laws of the land — even the unpopular ones. Someone cheated Joe the other day, and Joe immediately began thinking of ways to "get even," thus breaking the Fifth Commandment. He read parts of a filthy, pornographic book and entertained impure thoughts as a result of what he had read, proving to himself that he was an adulterer in the eyes of God. He was envious of a neighbor who had just bought a new car. He listened to gossip and did nothing to point out to the gossipier how wrong this vice is. And so on and on. Does it sound familiar? Does it strike home? Does the shoe fit you?

Again, if you should ask, "How does it happen that Christians have evil thoughts and desires, and that they commit sins even though they know they should not?" the Catechism answers: "Because of the fall of man we are conceived and born in sin and have inherited a heart inclined only toward evil." You can thank me for your failure to be perfect.

But Joe is not giving up. In fact, he's giving me a hard time. He's sorry for his sins; he is contrite, and he actually believes in the forgiveness of sins offered him in the Gospel. This is bad for me, because Joe is drowning me by such daily contrition and repentance. He has learned about this powerful weapon against me, and he is using it. If he were fighting alone, with no outside help, I'd have over-

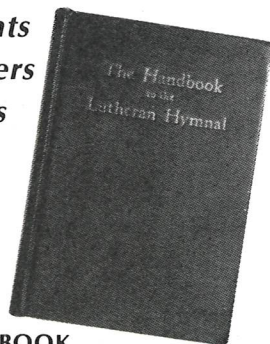
powered him long ago; but he's got God on his side. I don't like that, but I can't do anything about it. The Gospel has given Joe the assurance that his sins have been forgiven, and that he'll spend eternity in heaven — which means that I will have failed in my evil efforts. He believes in Jesus! That means "curtains" for me! Joe is trying, with the help of his God, to lead a new life of love and service to his gracious God as a result of what his God has done for him.

But I don't give up easily! Joe still has me to deal with even after tasting the grace of God. I'll keep on trying to undermine and weaken his new life of faith. Joe will sin again, never fear. But I fear that I'll be drowned again, because Joe knows that forgiveness comes from the Gospel, and with forgiveness comes also the power to overcome sin more and more. Finally Joe will die, but then he will be living forever in heaven! Because of God's grace I will have been foiled again!

Philip R. Janke

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- Organists
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- Pastors



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By W. G. Polack

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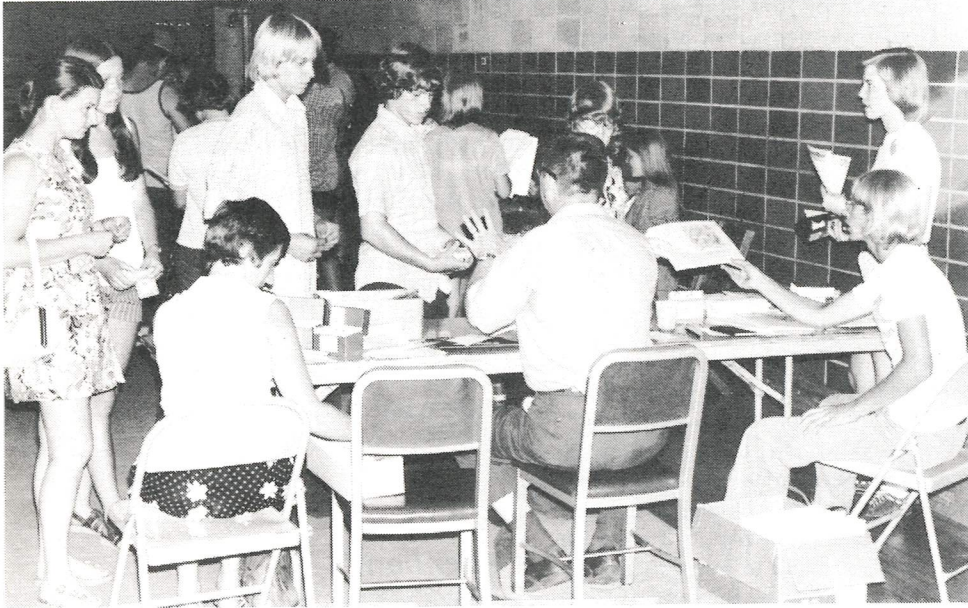
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SECOND International Youth Rally

Monday, July 21, to Thursday, July 24, 1975.



Registering at St. Matthew's, Winona.

"Good News — Share Gospel, preacher urges Lutheran youths" appeared as the heading of an article in the *Winona Daily News* on Wednesday, July 23, 1975. Happily, good news was being reported — good news about the good news. The good news for all men for all time is, of course, the Gospel of salvation for wretched sinners through faith in our Redeemer, Jesus.

This gift of God's grace the Savior wishes all Christians to share with others. The good news in Winona was that 515 young people and adult counselors were gathered to be trained and inspired by God's Word to share God's grace. "Sharing God's Grace" was the theme of the three-day rally sponsored by the WELS churches of the Winona Circuit at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Winona, Minnesota.

The speaker for the opening service was the Rev. Carl H. Mischke, first vice-president of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod. Pastor Richard

Stadler, Hendersonville, Tennessee, then addressed the youth on "Me and the Gospel." He led them to realize that because of their instruction in God's Word and the work of the Holy Ghost they already knew the answer to the question, "What is it that I have to share?" Overcoming obstacles to sharing the good news of Christ freely and eagerly was the next subject addressed. Skits and buzz sessions were used in confronting this problem.

Preparation and training for going out into the community on a canvass-witness was provided by the speaker for the second day, the Rev. Gary Kirschke, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He focused the attention of the youth on our purpose in life, "Knowing Him and Making Him Known." A door to door canvass-witness was outlined as one method to realize this purpose in life.

Canvass-Witness

The young people were given an

opportunity to practice this method of sharing God's grace within a matter of hours. After practice in buzz sessions, under the direction of adult leaders, those youth wishing to participate were bussed to various sections of Winona and about 2,000 doorbells were rung in the city within an hour. Groups of three made from three to a dozen calls each. Delight at sharing the Gospel and enthusiasm for continuing to do so was seen in the faces of many as they returned. This was quickly confirmed as they excitedly exchanged tales of their experiences and opportunities.

"Sharing God's Grace with One Another" was the rally theme treated on the third day. The Rev. Charles Clarey, Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota, was the speaker and discussion leader. He dealt with opportunities to share the strengthening Gospel with one's family, with one's pastor, and with one's friends.

Fun

With the exception of the Wednesday afternoon hour-long canvass-witness, afternoon and evening hours spelled "fun time" for the rally goers. Young people from Canada, Michigan, Illinois, Iowa, Pennsylvania, and many other states laughed and played together as they enjoyed swimming, softball, canoeing, paddle-boating, a talent festival, shopping, rollerskating, a Bar-B-Que, an evening sing-a-long, a ride on a paddle wheel steamer on the Mississippi River, scenic drives in bluff country, picnics and a banquet.

Planning for the Future

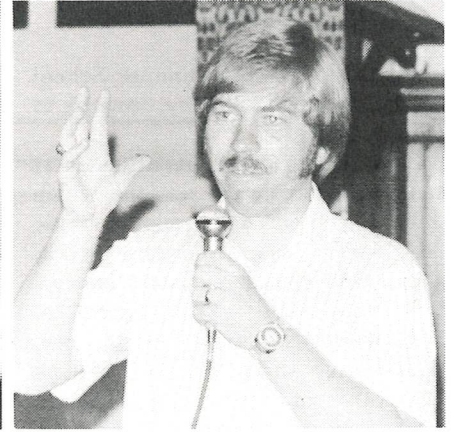
At the business meeting delegates elected a committee which was "charged with preparing a plan of federation for the hoped-for rally in Saginaw." By unanimous vote they also moved "that this committee in-



Pastor Fred Fallen
Toastmaster



Pastor Richard Stadler
"Me and the Gospel"



Pastor Gary Kirschke
"Knowing Him + Making Him Known"

clude a liaison man to work with the Board for Parish Education and the District BPE chairman; that one member of this committee chair a subcommittee assigned the task of collecting and evaluating youth materials and organization used effectively in other church bodies; that one member of this committee chair a subcommittee assigned the task of outlining a 'Youth handbook' which would aid congregations in organizing their youth program and provide a tie that would make a Synodical structure meaningful; that one mem-

ber of this committee chair a subcommittee in charge of publicity (e.g., reports to *The Northwestern Lutheran*, *Lutheran Educator*, pastoral conferences); that one member of this committee chair a subcommittee charged with producing a program for use in youth groups (e.g., a series of six study topics on a theme chosen for the year, a youth songbook, or a clearly outlined service project for adaptation on the local level); that the committee as a whole be responsible for drawing up articles of federation for the following summer, so

that a loosely federated organization can begin to function in preparation for a future structure."

The men elected to this committee were Pastors James Behling, Paul Kelm, Richard Stadler, Allen Zahn, and Mr. Ernest Saar. People willing to work in the subcommittees are asked to get in contact with the above.

The rally ended with the youth sharing God's grace in Holy Communion in a vesper service on the third and final day of the gathering.

Cleone H. Weigand



Youth Choir of St. Paul's, Ottawa, Canada, entertaining on Talent Night.

DMLC Summer School

The 1975 DMLC Summer School sessions ran from Sunday, June 15, to Friday, July 18.

A total of 172 students attended at some time during the sessions, which offered a choice of regular courses, advanced study programs, workshops, and seminars. Guest instructors were Prof. Erwin Scharf of Northwestern College, Watertown, Wisconsin, and Principal Wayne Borgwardt of Fox Valley Lutheran High School, Appleton, Wisconsin. The latter was formerly a member of the DMLC faculty.

Comments like the following show that the courses were well received. At the close of one of the workshops, a participant stated: "This has really been a worthwhile two weeks for me. I've gained much." Another said: "If you can find any way to get more teachers in the field to return, I hope you will do so."

In the closing service on July 18, six students were granted BS in Education degrees. They were Mrs. Karen Black Cibulka, La Crosse, Wisconsin; Mr. Franck D. Geuder, Saginaw, Michigan; Mr. Daniel Leitz, Eaton Rapids, Michigan; Mr. Bruce Meier, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Mrs. Mary Laatsch Richter, New Ulm, Minnesota; and Mrs. Deborrah Scheurell Uecker, Toledo, Ohio. Pastor Lloyd Hohenstein delivered the graduation sermon on I Kings 8:57, the passage which has regularly appeared on the masthead of *The Northwestern Lutheran*. President C. Frey presented the degrees.

Wisconsin Lutheran College To Install First President



Dr. Gary Greenfield

The Board of Regents, faculty, students, and friends of Wisconsin Lutheran College give thanks to our gracious and merciful heavenly Father for having caused His Holy Spirit to move Dr. Gary Greenfield to accept the call to serve Wisconsin Lutheran College as its first called president.

Dr. Greenfield has been serving as the School Coordinator for the Wisconsin Lutheran High School Conference for the past five years. He graduated from Martin Luther Academy in 1955, and received his bachelor's degree in Education from Dr. Martin Luther College in 1959. While teaching at Siloah Lutheran School in Mil-

waukee from 1959 to 1970, Dr. Greenfield continued his education, receiving a master's degree in School Administration in 1962 from the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee. His doctorate in Education from Marquette was earned in 1972.

Dr. Greenfield was married to Sandra Harris in 1959. The Greenfields have four children; James (13), Mark (10), Wendy (5) and Kristyn (1).

Dr. Greenfield will be assuming the responsibilities of his new position with the beginning of the fall term. He says that he is eager to accept the challenges that Wisconsin Lutheran College offers because he is "... convinced that our college-bound Wisconsin Synod laity deserve the option of a Christ-centered college."

The president-elect will be installed in a special service to be held at Woodlawn Lutheran Church on Sunday, September 14, at 7:30 P.M.

May the Lord, who has moved Dr. Greenfield to accept the challenges presented to him in this call, richly bless all those who are involved with the work of Wisconsin Lutheran College to the glory and honor of His holy name!

Kenneth J. Kremer
Chairman, Publicity Committee

Direct from the Districts

California

50th Anniversary in the Ministry

Pastor Frederick G. Knoll was honored on June 22 in Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Thousand Oaks. The occasion was the 50th anniversary of his ordination in 1925 at Valders, Wisconsin.

Pastor Knoll's first pastorate was a

teaching assignment in Town Liberty, Wisconsin. Later he moved to Arizona where he started the first mission in the Mesa-Tempe area and was instrumental in beginning a Christian day school. Wherever the Lord called him, he soon became involved in building programs, guiding the construction of the first unit at Douglas, another church in Warren, and a church and a school in Tucson which was privileged to grow to an

enrollment of 300 pupils. For six years (1942-48) he served as chairman of the Arizona Mission District.

Pastor Knoll was one of the Synod's pioneer missionaries in California. At Tarzana he guided his members in the erection of a church, followed by a relocation project when the freeway forced them to a new site. St. John's of Tarzana, dedicated in June, 1957, was the first church building of the Wisconsin Synod in California. Here Pastor Knoll served until his retirement two years ago. He now lives with his wife Betty in Seminole Springs Mobile Home Park.

Estate for High School

Reformation Lutheran Church of San Diego is the beneficiary of a sizeable estate willed to the congregation by Mrs. Barbara Jenson, who died last January 1, and designated for secondary education in California. Reformation voted to use the estate in a joint California effort. The estate consists of a \$100,000 trust fund and a two-story residence in San Diego valued at about \$75,000.

Pastor Installed at Petaluma

After five years of operating on an impermanent, struggling basis, Living Word Mission moved from Novato to Petaluma. When the Lord blessed the congregation with triple the previous attendance, the Mission Board authorized the calling of a Seminary graduate as pastor. On July 13, Paul Huebner was ordained and installed as first resident pastor by Pastor Robert Hochmuth, chairman of the Mission Board. The new minister's father, Pastor Elton Huebner, chairman of the Synod's Board of Trustees, preached on Matthew 2:1-11: "The Epiphany Star and its Significance on this Day of Ordination." Six other northern California pastors participated. A combined choir of members from Living Word and Gloria Dei in Belmont enriched the worship. In all, 126 worshipers shared in the happy occasion.

Minnesota

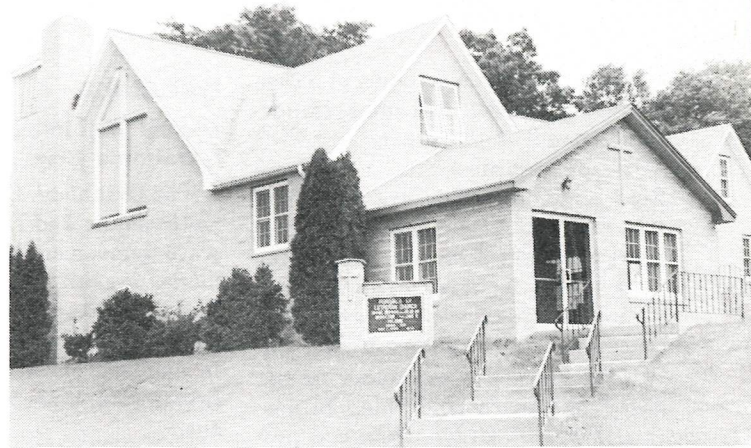
New Parsonage at New Hope

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, New Hope, Minnesota, broke ground for its new parsonage on September 23, 1973. The home was dedicated to the glory of God on November 17, 1974.

The parsonage is a Capp Home, having four bedrooms and a two-car garage. It cost \$39,500. The aluminum exterior, roof, and much of the interior were finished with donated labor by members of the congregation.

Redeemer at Saint Croix Falls Receives New Look

It was at the 1974 October voters' meeting, that Redeemer Congregation, St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin, voted



Redeemer's New Entrance.

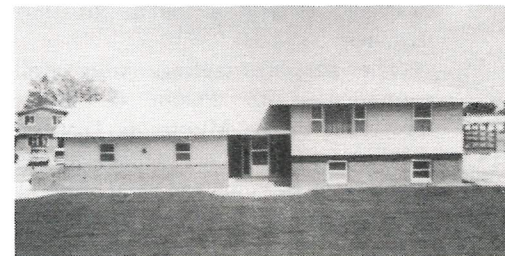


Goodhue Celebrates 100th.

to add an entryway and to mount a larger bell in the existing bell tower. The bell had been held in storage for 12 years.

A few weeks later, the members were able to borrow some heavy equipment, remove the old school bell, and mount the larger bell. At about the same time, the foundation was excavated for the entryway, and the structure erected before the heavy snows came. Though supplies and materials were scarce, they were obtained. Nor did the congregation have to borrow any money for its building project.

For all these blessings, Redeemer's members gave glory to the God of all grace in a dedication service on June 8, 1975. The sermon, based on Hebrews 3:4, again reminded the members that it was indeed the Lord who gave them their new addition. The confirmation of three adults on that day helped to make that Sunday a day to be remembered. Pastor of the congregation is L. L. Kaminski.



New Parsonage at Holy Trinity.

Former Pastors and Teachers Assist St. John's of Goodhue Celebrate Its 100th Anniversary

"Praise God for 100 Years of His Marvelous Grace!" was the theme of the sermon delivered at St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church of Goodhue, Minnesota, on Sunday morning, June 8, 1975. The 628 worshipers were reminded to "praise God that He has abundantly blessed you all these years by His grace and that He promises to keep you in the true faith by His grace." Pastor Roger Vomhof of Fairfax, Minnesota, was the speaker and his brother, Pastor Ervine Vomhof of Watertown, Wisconsin, was the liturgist. Both are sons of the congregation. Miss Bonnie Voth, a daughter

of the congregation teaching at Salem Lutheran School, Stillwater, Minnesota, served at the organ.

In the afternoon the worshipers were reminded, "You are not yet at the goal, so keep your mind and heart open and, with your eyes on the mark, press forward." The speaker, Pastor F. Kosanke of Elkhorn, Wisconsin, served St. John's from 1956-62. The liturgist was another former pastor, W. Henrich of Delano, Minnesota (1963-73). Organ music was provided by two former teachers, Prof. G. Bauer of DMLC, who served St. John's from 1948-1953, and Mr. F. Schultz, principal at St. John's, Juneau, Wisconsin, who taught at Goodhue from 1953-57.

Special music was provided by St. John's Choir, assisted by a chorus of 100 Christian day-school students. Both were under the direction of Principal James Hopman.

Preparing for the anniversary, St. John's recently dedicated a new teacherage, painted the church, put in new sidewalks, and had landscaping done. More significant, however, was that St. John's Christian day-school enrollment topped 100 for the first time and that the congregation was led to add a fourth full-time teacher.

The people's feelings were well summarized by Pastor G. Horn, president of the Minnesota District. In his comments he pointed to the parable of the mustard seed. Just as the mustard seed grows into a mighty tree, so the Lord has caused St. John's, which began with only 17 members, to grow into a tree of over 400 souls. We thank Him for His grace.

Ninetieth Anniversary at Wood Lake

St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church of Wood Lake, Minnesota, celebrated its 90th anniversary on Sunday, February 16, 1975. Pastor Wesley Bruss, a son of the congregation, conducted the 10 A.M. anniversary service. The service was followed by a potluck dinner.

The afternoon anniversary service was conducted by Pastor Carl Henkel, vacancy pastor, with Pastor Paul Schlenner, whose father is a son of the congregation, serving as guest speaker.

Nebraska

Day of Rejoicing in Oklahoma City

The Oklahoma City Congregations, Gethsemane and Holy Cross, will always remember July, 1975. Gethsemane, organized in 1969, voted in July to become self-supporting. Holy Cross, which received mission status in January of 1974, welcomed their first resident pastor, Andrew Domson.

The combined communicant membership of both churches is 168. There are 245 souls. The congregations joined in a worship service at Gethsemane on July 20 to install Pastor Domson. Rev. Paul Knickelbein, who served both congregations, conducted the service which was followed by a fellowship meal.

Gethsemane Christian Day School currently has 76 enrolled. The teaching staff consists of Mr. Rupert Rosin, principal, Mrs. Ruth Rosin, and Miss Marilyn Friebe. A part-time teacher is being sought.

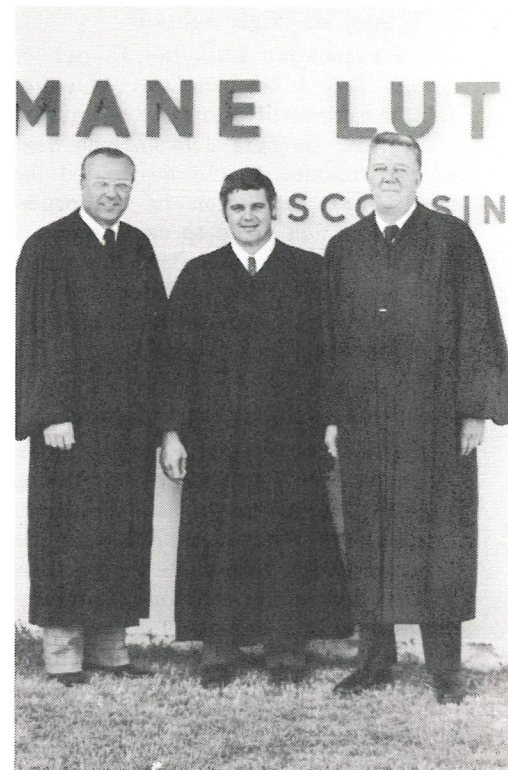
The members of both congregations are most grateful to their Lord for the blessings bestowed upon them and also wish to express thanks to District and Synodical officers for their generous support over the past years. Obviously, the members wish to thank fellow members of the Wisconsin Synod who made the resources available through their CEF and mission contributions.

In 1969 there were only a few Wisconsin Synod people in Oklahoma. Today there are three congregations. In addition to Gethsemane and Holy Cross in Oklahoma City, there is Mount Olive of Tulsa. Services are also being conducted at Fort Sill and Lawton. Thanking God for His bountiful blessings, we look forward to accepting greater responsibilities as the Lord opens avenues to serve Him.

Northern Wisconsin

New Parsonage

The new parsonage at St. Peter Ev. Lutheran Church, rural Appleton, Wisconsin, is more than just the home for Pastor Ronald Ash and his family. It is a symbol of what God can move His followers to do when they learn to appreciate the forgive-



Left to right: Pastor Gary Schapekahn, Mount Olive, Tulsa; Pastor Andrew Domson, Holy Cross, Oklahoma City; and Pastor Paul Knickelbein, Gethsemane, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.



St. Peter's Parsonage, Appleton.

ness of sins through faith in Christ Jesus. What a blessing from God when Christians can come together and personally build such a home!

St. Peter's parsonage was dedicated on Sunday, April 20, 1975. Prof. Wayne Borgwardt, principal of Fox Valley Lutheran High School, Appleton, Wisconsin, preached at the special service, speaking on "Constructing the Peaceful House."

MY TIMES ARE IN THY HAND!

Part I: God, the Author and Authority of Life.

A young addict lies strapped to a hospital bed desperately in need of a "fix." The agony of withdrawal has begun. She screams and curses at the nurses, repeating again and again, "It's my body . . . it's my life . . . I can do what I want with it!"

This has increasingly become the attitude of our "enlightened" society. The Psalmist, however recognizes a divine guidance and authority in life. "My times," the daily circumstances, the whole plan and arrangement of my life, the number of its days and years, seasons of joy and sorrow, strength and weakness, prosperity and adversity, "are in Thy hand." The Psalmist was ready to acknowledge and submit to God's authority over his life, because He trusted his Lord. And that is the cornerstone on which this series of articles will be built, trust in our God. We are saved by faith. We walk by faith.

Author of Life

By faith we know that God is the Author of life, from Eden to this day. "God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that He is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; neither is worshiped with men's hands as though He needed any thing, *seeing He giveth to all life, and breath, and all things*" (Acts 17:24,25). Hanna

knew and acknowledged it (I Sam. 2:6). Job knew and acknowledged it (Job 10:12). The Psalmist knew and acknowledged it (Ps. 31:14). It is true of all mankind.

Authority Over Life

By faith we acknowledge that God is the authority over life. The Lord who gives life and preserves it, protects body and life with His Commandment and establishes that life is precious in His sight. "Thou shalt not kill," He says (Exod. 20:13). "Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed; for in the image of God made He man" (Gen. 9:6). "Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment. But I say unto you, that whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment; and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council; but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire" (Matt. 5:21,22). Clearly He is teaching us that what He has given only He may take away. We have neither the permission nor the authority to take, shorten, or even embitter life. Even in the punishment of crime or the waging of war, God

Life Is Precious

God reveals how precious our body is, as well as our soul, by the price He was willing to pay. Christ died to redeem soul *and body* from death and damnation. Accordingly, the Apostle Paul writes: "What, know ye not that . . . ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's" (I Cor. 6:19,20).

Life A Sacred Trust

As Christians we must look upon our body and life as a sacred trust from God. Of this gift, as well as of all that He gives us, we are only stewards and caretakers. We must safeguard this priceless treasure and use it properly and profitably to the glory of our Creator.

In the articles to follow we shall seek to apply these basic Bible doctrines to several questions dealing with life and death. We shall look at abortion, euthanasia, and suicide. We shall consider some questions that have surfaced due to the spectacular advancements in medical science which make keeping someone alive artificially possible and transplants almost commonplace. Finally we shall take another look at death itself.

In each of these articles the recognition of God as the Author and Authority of life will lead us to His Word for His answers. Humbly we will submit in simple trust, making our reason subject to His Truth. May God bless our efforts!

Pastor Gerald C. Schroer

Districts (Continued)

The new parsonage, which has 2,200 square feet of living area, will long serve the present and future pastors of St. Peter Congregation.

Our Savior's of Two Rivers Adopts "Airwaves Proclaim Christ"

"Airwaves Proclaim Christ" is a one-half hour worship service broadcast over Radio Station WQTC, Two Rivers, Wisconsin, every Sunday at 11:00 A.M. The preacher is Our

Savior's pastor, the Rev. Harmon C. Krause. The program is recorded during the 8:00 A.M. service.

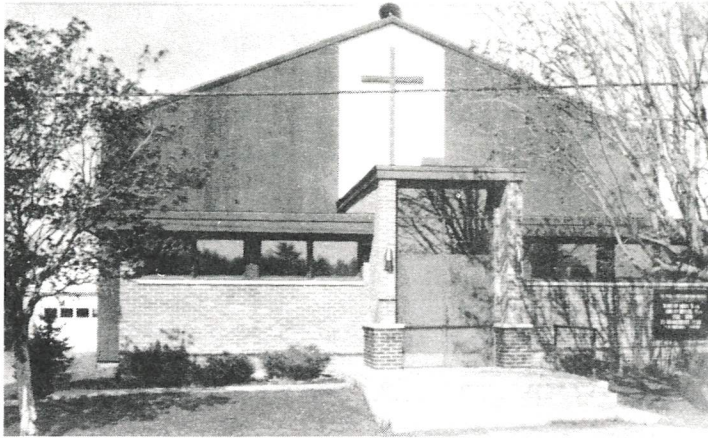
The broadcast was originated in November, 1971, by the Rev. A. L. Schmeling, mission supervisor for the Nebraska District presently located in Alexandria, Louisiana.

During the past years the broadcast was sponsored by Mr. Reuben H. Schneider, a member of Our Savior's. When Mr. Schneider announced that he was retiring from his work as truck driver next year, Our Savior Lutheran Church voted unanimously

to continue the broadcast. Mr. Schneider was recently voted 1974 "Driver of the Year" by the Wisconsin Motor Carriers Ass'n.

Diamond Jubilee at Bark River

St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church of Bark River, Michigan, celebrated its 75th anniversary on June 8, 1975, with the Rev. A. A. Schabow of Algoma, Wisconsin, as guest preacher. A son of the congregation, Pastor J. Edward Lindquist of Menominee, Michigan, offered a special prayer



Bark
River

and gave the benediction. The Reverend Philip W. Kuckhahn, pastor of St. Paul's, served as liturgist.

Although the formal organization of the congregation took place on May 27, 1900, St. Paul's enjoys a rich history dating back to the early 1880's when the first German Lutheran immigrants came into the area. These subsequently influenced relatives and friends in Germany to follow. In some cases they even paid the transportation costs. Religious services were at first held in private homes and then in a public school building. In 1900 the seven charter

members built a wood-frame church with their own hands. This building served the congregation until 1932, when a former dance hall was converted into a roomy church. Through the years many improvements were made to this building, including a full basement, a redwood front, and a brick entrance. In 1971 a pipe organ was installed and in 1972 a 2,000-bell carillon.

St. Paul's presently numbers 140 communicants. Together with Grace Congregation of Powers, Michigan, it has been served by Pastor Kuckhahn since 1961.

STUDENTS INFORMATION

Parents and pastors are reminded to send names of their young people who attend secular or non-WELS affiliated colleges to the *Special Ministries Board*, 3512 West North Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53208. Please include all pertinent information: name, age, name of university, name and address of dormitory or apartment, phone number, grade in school.

You may also send this information directly to one of our campus pastors. The names of colleges and universities served are listed in *Yearbook 1975*, pages 45-48. Represented are 36 states and the District of Columbia.

PEWS

Twenty-two 9-ft.-long pews are offered free of charge to any mission congregation able to supply transportation. If interested, contact Pastor John Willitz, Route 2, Spring Valley, Wisconsin 54767.

APPOINTMENTS

Pastor Paul A. Stuebs has been appointed a member of the District Board of Education. He succeeds Pastor Richard W. Strobel, who has accepted a call to Northwestern College.

Pastor Thomas R. Schmidt has accepted appointment as District Reporter for *The Northwestern Lutheran*. He takes the place of Pastor Gerhard Geiger, who resigned from this position after serving faithfully for a number of years.

Arthur P. C. Kell, President
Dakota-Montana District

Pastor John Schewe, New London, Wisconsin, has been appointed to the Northern Wisconsin District Commission on Evangelism, replacing Pastor Robert Sawall, who has moved to another District. Mr. Harold Oswald, Appleton, Wisconsin, has been appointed as the lay-member of the Commission.

Teacher Robert Moldenhauer, Neenah, Wisconsin, has been appointed to the Northern Wisconsin District Board of Support, replacing Mr. Orlan Dorn, who has moved to another District.

Pastor Harlyn Kuschel, Reedsville, Wisconsin, has been appointed as District Reporter for *The Northwestern Lutheran*, replacing Pastor Paul Kolander, who has requested to be relieved because of press of other duties.

Carl W. Voss, President
Northern Wisconsin District

The Rev. Carroll Sengbusch has been appointed Visiting Elder of the St. Croix South Conference replacing Pastor Allen Zenker who accepted a call into another District.

G. A. Horn, President
Minnesota District

ATTENDING THE U.W. — RIVER FALLS?

You're invited to attend the Sunday worship services at Faith Ev. Lutheran Church, Faith Lutheran, located on Apallo Road, conducts its service at 9:30 a.m. A car will pick up any interested students without a ride in front of Grimm Hall and May Hall at 9:10 a.m. and 9:15 a.m. respectively. Pastor Carl Ziemer, the campus pastor, would like to serve you with the Word while you're away from home.

On Wednesday, September 17, a collegian vesper service will be conducted at church at 7 p.m. This devotional service is conducted every other Wednesday evening. On the intervening Wednesdays, Lutheran Collegians will meet in Room 203 of the Student Center.

ORDINATIONS AND INSTALLATIONS

(Authorized by the District Presidents)

Ordained and Installed

Pastors:

- Aderman, James A.**, ordained and installed as pastor of Trinity, Englewood, Florida, on July 13, 1975, by R. Wendland (S.A.).
- Adrian, Frederick S.**, ordained and installed as pastor of Living Word, Mobile, Alabama, on June 29, 1975, by Joh. P. Meyer (S.A.).
- Alliet, Paul W.**, ordained and installed as pastor of Cross of Glory, Romeo, Michigan, on July 13, 1975, by J. Henderson (Mich.).
- Ferch, George A.**, ordained and installed as pastor of Holy Cross, Withrow, Washington, and of Our Savior's, East Wenatchee, Washington, on July 27, 1975, by A. Valerio (PNW).
- Gurgel, Robert J.**, ordained and installed as pastor of Ascension, Mitchell, South Dakota, on July 20, 1975, by K. A. Gurgel (Dak.-Mont.).
- Haar, Thomas W.**, ordained and installed as pastor of St. Mark, Duncanville, Texas, on July 13, 1975, by G. Durfey, and installed as pastor of Mt. Zion, Hillsboro, Texas, on July 20, 1975, by M. Krueger (Ariz.-Calif.).
- Hartley, Douglas C.**, ordained and installed as pastor of Good Hope, Omaha, Nebraska, on July 20, 1975, by J. Enderle (Nebr.).
- Hoppe, Maurice L.**, ordained and installed as pastor of Divine Grace, Lake Orion, Michigan, on July 20, 1975, by J. Naumann (Mich.).
- Huska, Craig W.**, ordained and installed as pastor of Grace, Casa Grande, Arizona, on July 20, 1975, by C. Found, and installed as pastor of Redeemer, Phoenix, Arizona, on July 20, 1975, by I. Frey (Ariz.-Calif.).
- Jensen, Daniel A.**, ordained and installed as pastor of St. Paul, Manchester, Wisconsin, and St. Paul, Marquette, Wisconsin, on July 20, 1975, by D. Hallemeyer (N.Wis.).
- Kannenberg, Delmer F.**, ordained and installed as pastor of Trinity, Huilsburg, Wisconsin, and installed as pastor of zum Kripplein Christi, Iron Ridge, Wisconsin, on July 20, 1975, by C. Weigel (SEW).
- Kuehl, James P.**, ordained and installed as pastor of Shepherd of the Valley, Arvada, Colorado, on July 20, 1975, by L. Ellenberger (Nebr.).
- Lemke, Paul N.**, ordained and installed as pastor of Trinity, Omak, Washington, on July 20, 1975, by G. Frey (PNW).
- Schweppe, Paul E.**, ordained and installed as pastor of New Mission, Long Island, New York, on July 27, 1975, by D. Pagel (Mich.).
- Stuppy, Donald W.**, ordained and installed as pastor of Our Savior, San Antonio, Texas, on July 20, 1975, by W. Radloff (Ariz.-Calif.).

Installed

Pastors:

- Domson, Andrew R.**, as pastor of Holy Cross, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on July 20, 1975, by P. Knickelbein (Nebr.).
- Holtz, Robert W.**, as pastor of St. Matthew, Freeland, Michigan, on July 6, 1975, by L. Schroeder (Mich.).
- Schwertfeger, Harold W.**, as pastor of Our Redeemer, Grant Park, Illinois, on July 20, 1975, by J. Zickuhr (SEW).

Teachers:

- Haase, Michael**, as teacher at Bethlehem, Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin, on July 20, 1975, by R. Zimmermann (SEW).
- Habermann, William R.**, as teacher and principal of St. John, St. Paul, Minnesota, on July 27, 1975, by M. Petermann (Minn.).
- Helwig, Donald**, as teacher and principal at St. John, Two Rivers, Wisconsin, on July 20, 1975, by M. Scheele (N.Wis.).

CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES

DAKOTA-MONTANA

WESTERN PASTOR-DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: September 16, 1975; 10:00 a.m. (CDT).
Place: Zion Lutheran Church, Mobridge, South Dakota.
Preacher: L. Schroeder (P. Wilde, alternate).
Agenda: Reports by delegates to the Synod Convention.

R. Pless, Secretary

WESTERN PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: October 7-8, 1975; 10:00 a.m. (Central Time).
Place: St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Bowdle, South Dakota; L. Schroeder, host pastor.
Preacher: P. Wilde (C. Lindemann, alternate).
Agenda: Exegesis of I Timothy 6; G. Richmond; Survey of Christology with Reference to Lutheran, Catholic, and Reformed Teaching; F. Brand; Advent Series: C. Lindemann; Legalistic Evidences of our Attitude in the Ministry (round table discussion): A. P. C. Kell, G. Geiger, R. Weimer and P. Wilde.

R. Pless, Secretary

MICHIGAN

NORTHERN PASTOR-DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: September 15-16, 1975.
Place: Grace, Flint, Michigan.
Preacher: N. Pommeranz (P. Press, alternate).
Agenda: Reports on the Synodical Convention; The Preacher and the Twentieth Century — A Study of Ecclesiastes; L. Schroeder; Exegesis of Romans 3; J. Rockhoff; Article IX of the *Augsburg Confession* and *Apology*; R. Diener.

Note: Delegates are to be present Monday only.
 E. C. Schmelzer, Secretary

SOUTHEASTERN PASTOR-DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: September 22-23, 1975; 10:00 a.m. (7:30 p.m. Communion service).
Place: Zion Lutheran Church, Monroe, Michigan, Gerhard Cares, host pastor.
Preacher: K. Vertz (J. DeRuiter, alternate).
Agenda: Exegesis of James 5:1-11; J. Huebner; An Evaluation of the TAS Evangelism Program; L. Koeninger; Book Review of H. Grady Davis' *Design for Preaching*; A. Bloom; Church Discipline; Prof. I. Habeck; Optional: Discussion of *Gesetzlich Wesen Unter Uns*; K. Krauss; convention reports.

E. Fredrich, Secretary

MINNESOTA

ST. CROIX CONFERENCE

Date: September 9, 1975; 9:30 a.m. Communion service.
Place: Shepherd of the Hills, Duluth, Minnesota; R. Schumann, host pastor.
Preacher: W. Kirchner (R. Schumann, alternate).
Agenda: Exegesis of Revelation 20:1-6; J. Martin; Sins of Weakness, Willful Sinning, The Unforgivable Sin, and the Christian's State of Grace; M. Liesner.

D. Buch, Secretary

CROW RIVER PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: September 16, 1975; 9:30 a.m. Communion service.
Place: Salem Ev. Lutheran Church, Loretto, Minnesota.
Preacher: W. Henrich (G. Johnson, alternate).
Agenda: Sermon Study on Daniel 3:19-30; G. Johnson; Exegetical Study of I Timothy 6:12-21; L. Vacarella; Taking and Giving Offense; W. Neumann; (Isagogical Study of the Gospel of St. John: T. Frey, alternate).

M. Birkholz, Secretary

LUTHERAN GIRL PIONEERS DISTRICT VIII LEADERS' MEETING

Date: Saturday, September 20, 1975, 8:30 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.
Place: Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, Delano, Minnesota.
Agenda: Regular district business meeting plus special workshops. — Pastor E. F. Lehninger, executive secretary for the Wisconsin Lutheran Child & Family Service, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, will be the special guest.
A Special Invitation is extended to members of area congregations interested in starting a L.G.P. Caravan.
Reservations, accompanied by a \$2.50 fee, should be sent to: Mrs. Alvin J. Krueger, 13201 North 60th Street, Stillwater, Minnesota 55082.

New Ulm

Pastor-Teacher-Delegate Conference

Date: September 21, 1975; 2:30 p.m.
Place: Zion Lutheran Church, Island Lake Twp.
Agenda: Report on the Synod Convention.
 L. Meyer, Secretary

NORTHERN WISCONSIN

RHINELANDER PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: September 8, 1975; 9:00 a.m. Communion service.
Place: St. John, Enterprise, Wisconsin; D. Fleming, host pastor.
Preacher: M. Radtke (alternate: C. Siegler).
Agenda: Exegesis on Ephesians 6:10-17, (cont.): C. Siegler; Essay on Alcoholism: M. Radtke; (alternate Exegesis: Ephesians 6:18-23: F. Bergfeld).

C. J. Siegler, Secretary

MANITOWOC PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: September 15, 1975; 9:00 a.m. Communion service.
Place: Our Savior's, Two Rivers, Wisconsin; H. Krause, host pastor.
Preacher: K. Haag (K. Haberkorn, alternate).
Agenda: Exegesis of Isaiah 63; N. Kock; Brief Report on the Synod Convention by the Pastoral Delegates; How Our Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod at First Weak, Became Strong: A. Engel.

P. J. Damrow, Secretary

WINNEBAGO PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: September 15, 1975; 9:00 a.m. Communion service.
Place: Grace Lutheran, Waupun, Wisconsin.
Preacher: A. Spaude (W. Strohschein, alternate).
Agenda: Study *Shepherd Under Christ* (continued); J. Hoenecke; Catechism Questions 37-48; W. Weissgerber; II Thessalonians 3; D. Kastenschmidt.

K. H. Gawrisch, Secretary

FOX RIVER VALLEY PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: September 16, 1975; 9:00 a.m. Communion service.
Place: Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church, Waupaca, Wisconsin; J. Diener, host pastor.
Preacher: A. Wood (D. Voss, alternate).
Agenda: I Peter 3; R. Ash (I Peter 4; D. Nimmer); Psalm 8; J. Schroeder (Psalm 9; R. Ehke); Homiletical Study of Gospel for Epiphany; J. Behling (1st Sunday after Epiphany; F. Heidemann); Pastoral Practices Regarding Members Unable to Attend Services; A. Schabow (Sermon Techniques That Turn Listeners On and Off: L. Koenig); Casuistry.

R. Muetzel, Secretary

LAKE SUPERIOR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS' CONVENTION

The 46th Annual Lake Superior Sunday School Teachers' Convention will be held at Grace Lutheran Church, Crivitz, Wisconsin, on September 21, 1975, at 2:30 (CDT). The host pastor is the Rev. William Besler.

Mrs. Don Polzin, Secretary

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN

CHICAGO-SOUTHERN JOINT PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: September 9, 1975.
Place: St. Matthew's, Niles, Illinois; L. Luchterhand, host pastor.
Preacher: G. Boldt; Galatians 5 (J. Braun; Galatians 6, alternate).
Agenda: Exegesis of II Peter 1; L. Nolte (II Peter 2; R. Pasbrig, alternate); Gospel Reductionism: R. Voss (Isagogical Study of Esther; alternate).
Note: Please excuse to the host pastor.
 R. Pasbrig, Secretary

METRO-SOUTH PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: September 15, 1975; 9:00 a.m. Communion service.
Place: Divine Peace Ev. Lutheran, 3203 S. 76th St., Milwaukee, Wisconsin (R. A. Winters, host pastor; phone: 321-1522).
Preacher: R. L. Hoepner (R. Johnstun, alternate).
Agenda: Exegesis on Mark 5:21ff; G. Snyder; A Pastoral Approach to Strengthening the Christian Home: D. Tetzlaff; The Nature and Purpose of the Sermon in Our Worship Service; F. Jungkuntz; Book Review: *I'm OK — You're OK* (transactional analysis); V. Vogel.
Note: Excuses are to be made to the host pastor.
 R. Scharf, Secretary

METRO-NORTH CONFERENCE

Date: September 15, 1975.
Place: Siloah Lutheran, 3721 N. 21st St., Milwaukee, Wisconsin; W. Hoffmann and R. Westendorf, host pastors (Phone: 873-5770).
Preacher: R. Krause (W. Krueger, alternate).
Agenda: Exegesis on I Peter 5:1-7; R. Westendorf; Gambling; M. Otterstatter; Communion and the Fruit of the Vine; R. Zimmermann; Reports; Conference Business; Questions of Casuistry.
Note: Please excuse to the host pastors.
 A. Koepsell, Secretary

WESTERN WISCONSIN

Wisconsin River Valley — Chippewa River Valley Pastoral Conference

Date: September 16, 1975; 9:00 a.m. Communion service.
Place: St. Paul's Lutheran, Ridgeland, Wisconsin (known as Prairie Farm, 2 miles west on County Line Road); Gerald A. Hintz, host pastor.
Preacher: R. Schmidt (R. Schultz, alternate).
Agenda: Exegesis of Isaiah 40; L. Koester (Hebrews 1; L. Zessin); Role of Polemics in Our Preaching and Teaching; R. Hoenecke; Catechism Revision cont'd; G. Schmeling and R. Otto; Reports and Conference business.

D. Dengler, Secretary

SOUTHWESTERN PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: September 23, 1975; 9:00 a.m.
Place: St. Paul's, Wonevoo, Wisconsin.
Preacher: E. Toepel (L. Wendland, alternate).
Agenda: Philippians 1; M. Schwartz; Relating the Sermon to the Modern Hearer: E. Toepel; *Gesetzlich Wesen Unter Uns*; H. Winkel; Catechism, Article II (Q. 171-183); F. Werner.

R. W. Kloehn, Secretary

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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.

Alabama	Mobile
Alaska	Fairbanks
Arizona	Northwest Tucson Paradise Valley*
California	Fremont Petaluma Sacramento Sierra Madre Yorba Linda*
Colorado	Arvada/Westminster Greeley
Florida	Bayonet Point Beverly Hills Daytona Beach* Engelwood Sarasota*
Illinois	Bloomington/Normal Crystal Lake Dundee Springfield* West Chicago
Indiana	Northwestern Corner*
Iowa	Burlington Dubuque Shenandoah*
Michigan	Gaylord* Grand Ledge North Pontiac Romeo Taylor Twp.
Minnesota	Eagan Lakeville* Northfield* Owatonna Columbia
Missouri	North Kansas City N. St. Louis County St. Charles County*
Nebraska	Norfolk* Scottsbluff* Reno
Nevada	Manchester/Nashua*
New Hampshire	Santa Fe*
New Mexico	Long Island Syracuse*
New York	Charlotte* Mansfield* S.E. Columbus*
North Carolina	
Ohio	
Pennsylvania	Altoona* Glenshaw (N. Pittsburgh) Lehigh Valley* Mitchell Beaumont* Lubbock* Temple
South Dakota	E. Wenatchee
Texas	Pullman* Vancouver
Washington	Ashwabenon* Middleton Edmonton* Pembroke*
Wisconsin	
Alberta	
Ontario	

*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
3512 W. North Ave., Milwaukee, Wis. 53208

EXPLORATORY SERVICES

ALLENTOWN (LEHIGH VALLEY), PENNSYLVANIA

Exploratory services in the Lehigh Valley, Pennsylvania, are now conducted every Sunday morning at 8:30 in the chapel of Cedar Crest College, Allentown. Please send names of prospects, or requests for information, to: Pastor Richard MacKain, 352 Sweetbriar Road, King of Prussia, Pa. 19406.

CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

Exploratory services are being conducted in Charlotte, North Carolina, at the Downtowner Motor Inn — Coliseum, 3024 Independence Blvd. (El Cid Room) at 4:00 p.m. Sundays. For more information contact: Mr. Fred Kuekes, 6935 Abbotswood Dr., Charlotte, N.C. 28211. Send names of prospective families living in the area to Pastor Paul Schmiede, 720 Currituck Dr., Raleigh, N.C. 27609 (Ph. 919-782-8327).

TIME AND PLACE

BAYONET POINT, FLORIDA

Grace Ev. Lutheran Church is worshipping in Bayonet Point, Florida, at the Gateway Executive Center, 200 Highway 52 (Room 202A), a half block east of U.S. Highway 19. The time of service is 9:30 a.m. The pastor is Lloyd H. Lemke, 3011 Alpine Parkway, Port Richey, Florida, 33568, phone: (813) 863-3957.

PETALUMA, CALIFORNIA

Living Word Congregation serving Marin and Sonoma Counties is meeting at the SDA church, 2695 Petaluma Blvd., North. Sunday school at 9:00 a.m., worship at 10:00 a.m. The new pastor is Paul Huebner; his residence address is: 1168 Baywood Dr. Apt. 9, Petaluma, California 94952; Phone: (707) 762-5386.

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

Salem Ev. Lutheran Church is now using its new house of worship. The address is 4318 North Chestnut, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80907. The time of service is 10 a.m. Pastor of the congregation is Eugene F. Ahlswede, 22 W. Clover Circle; phone: (303) 576-5814.

MITCHELL, SOUTH DAKOTA

Heading west on Interstate 90? Ascension Ev. Lutheran Church of Mitchell, South Dakota, a WELS mission, is worshipping within a mile of the interstate. Worship with us at 8:00 a.m. in the courtesy room of the Milliken Funeral Home at 805 W. Havens. For information, or if you have names of WELS members or prospects in the area, call (605) 996-9123, or write to Pastor Robert J. Gurgel, 1014 E. 7th, Mitchell, SD 57301.

BOZEMAN, MONTANA

Shining Mountains Ev. Lutheran Church, Bozeman, Montana, is now holding its worship services and Sunday school at the Ramada Inn (N. 7th Avenue, south of the I-90 interchange) in Bozeman. Time of service is 9:00 a.m. Pastor David M. Neumann, 1116 W. Geysler, Livingston, Montana 59047; Phone: (406) 222-3372.

NORTH ST. LOUIS COUNTY

Redeemer Lutheran Church of North St. Louis County, Missouri, is 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 is 9:00 a.m. Rev. Peter Berg, 1830 St. Catherine St., Florissant, Missouri 63033; phone: (314) 837-7489.

WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church of Wilmington, Delaware, is now worshipping at May B. Leisure School, Hwy 7 at Hwy 40, near Newark, Delaware. Time of worship is 9 a.m. with Sunday school and Bible class at 10 a.m. For more information please contact: Pastor Robert O. Balza, 5 Rawlings Dr., Bear, Delaware 19701; Phone: (302) 834-5495.

NOMINATIONS NORTHWESTERN COLLEGE

The following have been nominated for the vacant Greek professorship at Northwestern College, Watertown, Wisconsin:

Rev. Julian Anderson	St. Petersburg, FL
Rev. Gary Baumler	East Brunswick, NJ
Rev. Del Begalka	Belle Plaine, MN
Rev. John Braun	Zion, IL
Rev. John Brug	West Newton, PA
Rev. Daniel Buske	Lansing, MI
Rev. Kenneth Gast	Tomah, WI
Rev. Mark Goggin	Holiday, FL
Rev. Theodore Horneber	Slinger, WI
Rev. Iver Johnson	West St. Paul, MN
Prof. Paul Kuske	Saginaw, MI
Rev. Lyle Luchterhand	Niles, IL
Rev. John Mittelstaedt	Largo, MD
Prof. Darwin Raddatz	New Ulm, MN
Rev. Keith Schroeder	Minneapolis, MN
Rev. Melvin Teske	Yakima, WA
Rev. David Valleskey	San Jose, CA
Rev. Herbert Winterstein	Tschiura, Japan
Rev. Arno Wolfram	Chicago, IL

Pertinent information concerning these nominations should be in the hands of the undersigned no later than September 17, 1975.

W. A. Schumann, Secretary
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MIMEOGRAPH

An ABDick 440 mimeograph is being offered by St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church to any mission congregation willing to pick it up or to pay for the shipping. Please address inquiries to Pastor Thomas Knickelbein, Rt. 2, Mayville, Wisconsin 53050 (Phone: 414-387-4043).

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