

# *The Northwestern Lutheran*

*June 13, 1976*



## **In This Issue —**

- The 1976 Seminary Graduates .....page 181
- President G. E. Bergemann .....page 186
- Where Are Our Future Pastors? .....page 189



## Briefs by the Editor

Pastors and teachers are a gift of the Lord to His Church. In the past few weeks He has permitted our Synod to place a large number of pastors, vicars, and teachers in the congregations and missions that belong to our fellowship. In this issue we present the graduates of our Seminary, as well as the names of the vicars who will be receiving a year of in-service training before their final year at the Seminary. Both graduates and vicars were given their assignments on May 17 and 18. The teacher assignments will be brought to your attention in one of the next issues.

When it met, the Assignment Committee had at its disposal 60 Seminary graduates and 67 vicars. It will be interesting to note the places where these men were assigned.

One graduate pastor was assigned to congregations in each of the following states: Arizona, Missouri, Massachusetts, South Carolina, New York, Louisiana, Georgia, Montana, Pennsylvania, Alabama, California, Illinois, Nevada, Indiana, New Jersey, Tennessee, New Mexico, and North Dakota.

The following received two graduates: Iowa, Nebraska, and Washington. Three were assigned to congregations in South Dakota, seven in Michigan and Minnesota, and 15 in Wisconsin.

Graduates were also assigned to Antigua (West Indies), Canada, Brazil, and Central Africa.

The 67 vicars will assist at four of our Synodical schools and in congregations in Alaska, California, Canada, Washington, Arizona, Florida, Nebraska, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and the Latin American Mission field.

Studying these figures gives a person a taste of what the Lord meant when He said, "Go ye into all the world." We are grateful that the Lord is giving us openings to preach His

Word in so many places as we round out our 125th year. This too is undeserved grace!

The above 127 men have been prepared to preach the Lord's Word. The ministerial education offered to our young men is based fully on God's Word. We recognize Jesus' word, "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you," not only as a mission directive, but also as a directive to the church in the preparation of God's ministers. The thrust of our Synodical education system is to make these men able ministers of the Word.

Not only is this in accordance with the will of our Lord, but it is also a matter of utmost urgency. These young men are going out into a world that is aging and, for the most part, into a nation which is showing the signs of age, as so many nations have before. There may be but little time left before "the night comes when no man can work."

A hint is to be found in a paragraph that appeared recently in one of our metropolitan newspapers. It stated: "Destructive earthquakes have rocked five different parts of the globe in the last two weeks, but scientists say they appear to be unrelated and apparently do not signify something unusual. The rash of tremors is the second such series this year."

Perhaps it does not signify anything unusual, since it has happened before. But everytime it happens, Christians think of Christ's words concerning "earthquakes in divers places" as a sign of the coming end. Our ministry is an urgent ministry.

In this connection, I would urge all parents and young men to read the article on page 189: "Where Are Our Future Pastors?" As the world and the nation age, we need more pastors not less. Mankind needs the saving Word. Please give this your prayerful consideration!

*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*

## The Northwestern Lutheran

Volume 63

Number 12

June 13, 1976

Official Publication

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

Published *biweekly* by

Northwestern Publishing House  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

All BUSINESS CORRESPONDENCE

is to be directed to:

Northwestern Publishing House  
3624 W. North Avenue  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53208

Subscription rates, payable in advance:

One year, \$4.00 Three years, \$10.50

Five years, \$16.25

\$2.75 per subscription if 25 or more unaddressed copies are sent in a bundle to one address. Blanket subscription at \$3.25.

Second-class postage paid at  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Allow *four weeks* for change of address and renewal order. Give your old address as well as the new. Send stenciled address from a recent issue or an exact copy.

The *deadline* for submitting materials intended for publication in **The Northwestern Lutheran** is *five weeks* before the date of issue. Address items intended for publication to:

Rev. Harold E. Wicke, Editor  
The Northwestern Lutheran  
3512 W. North Avenue  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53208

— THE EDITORIAL BOARD —

Rev. Harold E. Wicke, *Editor*  
Rev. Walter W. Kleinke, *Assistant Editor*  
Prof. Wilbert R. Gawrisch  
Prof. Armin W. Schuetze

— CONTRIBUTING EDITORS —

C. Toppe R. Lauersdorf I. G. Frey  
P. Janke T. Franzmann J. Gerlach  
A. Panning E. Fredrich J. Parcher

### THE COVER

St. John's Church at Juneau, Wisconsin, was dedicated on September 14, 1969. In 1975 St. John's observed the centennial of its organization (see page 187). Pastor of St. John's is the Rev. Carl H. Mischke, first vice-president of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod and president of the Western Wisconsin District. St. John's Christian day school has an enrollment of 175, with a staff of six teachers.

THE NORTHWESTERN LUTHERAN

# Editorials

**Prevailing Winds** A certain Dr. Sasse, I think it was, once told a story about the lady lawyer from Switzerland who requested an audience with Pope John. She wanted to discuss ordaining women into the priesthood.

Pope John, famous for his kindly manner, seems to have lost his composure completely and exploded: "Tell that suffragette that I shall never receive her. She should go back to her homeland."

Too bad the pope didn't declare, "It's against God's Word." But he did know enough not to dignify error with discussion. And he put his finger on a sore spot when he used the word "suffragette."

The movement to change the divinely appointed role of women comes not from within the Church, but from without. It is part of the whole political, economic, and social struggle of women for improved status.

It is just another area in which worldly influence has made an impression on the Church, along with current trends in education, social activism, psychological double-talk, and Church-State relations.

It is debatable whether these movements have been a bane or blessing in the world. But "in the Church" the role of Christian women, and men, simply is not up for debate. Human cunning cannot make the Bible say what it does not say, nor pervert what it plainly does say.

With us it is not a matter of political strategy or expediency or "keeping up with the times." It is a matter of faith, an attitude of heart toward our Lord, to seek our blessings by His standards, not our own.

John Parcher

**Is Churchgoing Optional?** Judging solely by the lives of many self-professed Christians and church members, one would be led to believe that churchgoing is optional. If some of them went to work as irregularly as they go to church, it is doubtful that they could hold a job. The words in one of Jesus' parables concerning the response of those who were invited to the great supper often come to mind: "They all with one consent began to make excuse."

Is churchgoing really optional? Not if you read the Bible instead of drawing your conclusions from the example of the unbelieving world or from that of delinquent church members. When Jesus visited Nazareth during His public ministry, He went to church — "as His custom was," Luke adds. The Christians in Jerusalem who had been brought to faith on Pentecost "continued steadfastly . . . in fellowship." Paul on his missionary journeys not only preached but gathered people into churches and "ordained elders (pastors) in every place" to lead them in common worship and study. The Epistle to the Hebrews

admonishes Christians, "not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is." Churchgoing could be looked upon as optional only by those who ignore these and many other examples and admonitions in the Bible.

Few church members would dispute this point. They will usually become quite defensive and apologetic when confronted by their pastor about their nonattendance (for example, "I didn't *get* to church," rather than, "I didn't *go* to church," thus implying lamely that in spite of heroic efforts on their part their good intentions were frustrated through no fault of their own).

In an era when churchgoing is becoming less and less a custom of the general populace and when even many church members are very irregular in their attendance at church, it is time for those who profess to believe the Bible to ask themselves the question, "Is churchgoing really optional?" and to give themselves an honest answer, lest they fall into the category of hypocrites.

Immanuel Frey

## What Will Happen To Reverence For Life?

As reported in *Psychology Today*, a doctor planned to operate on a woman for cancer. The night before the surgery, the woman's son-in-law called, reminded the doctor that he had performed approximately the same operation on the woman several years earlier, and asked him to cancel the surgery. If the physician operated the next day, the family's savings would be wiped out, and they would have to go without a color TV, a second car, and a larger home. The physician canceled the woman's operation. He explained that "the few extra years she would gain from the operation would hardly justify the privation to which this young family would be subjected."

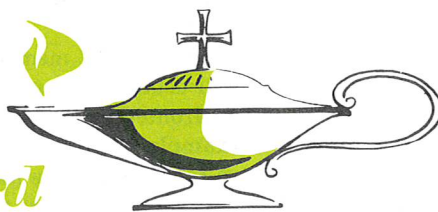
Admittedly, our ability to prolong life is becoming sacrificially expensive. To keep terminal patients alive often costs tens of thousands of dollars a year. Karen Ann Quinlan's medical costs had topped \$100,000 at the time her case was first heard. In 1982 the annual cost of kidney machines is expected to reach one billion dollars. Modern medicine's marvels, once hailed as the salvation of mankind, are turning out to be Frankenstein monsters insatiably devouring our resources.

Resistance against paying such astronomical medical costs is building up. Except for powerful labor unions that can force employers and the public to pick up the health-care tab, millions of Americans are genuinely alarmed about the disastrous effect health-care costs will have on their finances. They are becoming increasingly reluctant to pay these exorbitant costs.

Couple this growing resistance with the heartless attitude of the son-in-law who would not give up his color TV, his second car, and his larger home, and we can see that euthanasia is upon us. Unwillingness to give up the good life, and the intolerable burden of medical care, will only deepen the growing indifference and callousness toward terminating human life. Add to that the abortion

(Continued on page 190)

## Studies in God's Word



### John, the Apostle of Love

The Apostles James and John form a virtually inseparable pair in the account which the Gospels give us of them. Hence much that was said last time in treating James will be applicable to John also. John was one of the first disciples called. Like others, he too was at one time a follower of John the Baptist, but upon the Baptist's urging he became a disciple of the "Lamb of God" and soon won his brother James to that same conviction. Thereafter both James and John left their father Zebedee's nets to become "fishers of men."

#### Sons of Thunder

With James, John shares the same unfavorable traits that characterized his emotional and tempestuous brother. John was equally ready to call down fire upon the Samaritans who refused to give hospitality to Christ (Luke 9:54). He thus shares the nickname *Boanerges*, for he too was a "son of thunder." Like James, he also was something of an opportunist who sought to gain the advantage over his fellow disciples by petitioning Jesus for a place of honor in His kingdom (Mark 10:37).

In fact, Luke records an additional instance of intolerance when he reports John as saying on one occasion, "Master, we saw one casting out devils in Thy name; and we forbade him, because he followed not with us." Jesus countered that intolerance with the words: "Forbid him not, for he that is not against us is for us" (Luke 9:49,50). Thus John comes

across as a temperamental and intolerant disciple. How could such a disciple ever be useful to the Master? John himself gives us the answer in his Gospel.

#### The Disciple Whom Jesus Loved

John never mentions himself by name in his Gospel. He refers to himself rather as "the disciple whom Jesus loved." And in that title lies the secret to John's transformation. Christ's love for John changed his rash and impetuous emotions into warm but disciplined support of his Savior. John benefited tremendously from his Master's training — from being a member of the "inner circle" who witnessed the raising of Jairus' daughter; who were edified by His Transfiguration; who gained an insight into the price of salvation as revealed by His agony in the Garden. John recognized himself as the object of Christ's special love. Hence he five times in his Gospel includes incidents in which he acknowledges himself as "the disciple whom Jesus loved" (John 13:23; 19:26; 20:2; 21:7; 21:20). Such love could not be without effect.

#### A Disciple Who Loved Jesus

John's new love and properly motivated zeal become evident in his activity after Pentecost. Together with Peter he went to the Temple where they healed a lame man and preached Christ so powerfully that they were imprisoned and forbidden

to continue such preaching (Acts 3f). The old zeal, the original "thunder," is still there, but it is now properly channeled when John respectfully but firmly tells the authorities that people who have experienced Christ's love "cannot but speak the things which (they) have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20).

We find a significant change also in John's attitude toward the Samaritans whom he had been all too willing to burn up before. When Philip preached in Samaria and won converts for the Word, it was Peter and John who went and "prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Ghost" (Acts 8:15). Now that he had himself received the Savior's love, it was unthinkable for John not to show love also toward others.

#### A Witness of God's Love

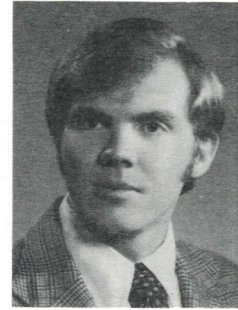
In fact, John spent his whole life telling people of God's love. Tradition and history place his ministry in the important city of Ephesus in Asia Minor, where he served until he was almost a hundred years old. We are told that even when he became too old and feeble to preach, he was still carried to his church, where he repeatedly urged his members, "Little children, love one another."

In his writings, John is still proclaiming a message of love. In his Gospel he tells us: "God so loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son" (John 3:16). His Epistles (in which he used the term *love* over 50 times) show the believer's reaction to God's love: "We love Him, because He first loved us . . . . And this commandment we have from Him, that he who loveth God, love his brother also" (I John 4:19,21). In his *Revelation* he describes the crown of glory that is laid up for all who cling to Christ and love His appearing.

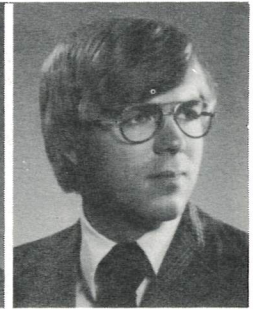
John is a most encouraging figure! He had flaws and excesses that might well have kept him from serving in the kingdom, and yet Christ's love transformed those traits into a warm and ardent zeal for his Savior and directed his energies into effective service. Therein lies hope also for us. We too can be "profitable servants," if only we let the love of Christ constrain us as it did the Apostle of love.

Armin J. Panning

Presenting  
the 1976 Graduates  
of  
Wisconsin Lutheran  
Seminary



**Richard A. Agenten**  
Malvern, AR  
To: St. Paul, Batesland;  
Our Redeemer, Martin, SD



**Bruce E. Ahlers**  
Naper, NE  
To: Rock of Ages,  
Kansas City North, MO



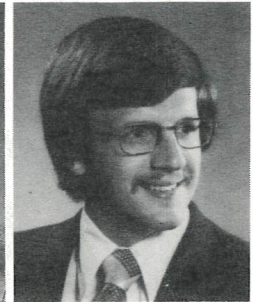
**Kenneth R. Arndt**  
Oshkosh, WI  
To: Faith,  
Pittsfield, MA



**Randall J. Bartelt**  
Beaver Dam, WI  
To: New Mission,  
Charleston, SC



**Timothy W. Bauer**  
Bismarck, ND  
To: King of Kings,  
Alexandria, LA



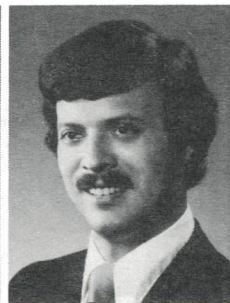
**David J. Beckman**  
New London, WI  
To: St. John,  
St. John's, Antigua,  
West Indies



**Roy M. Beyer**  
Neenah, WI  
To: St. Peter's,  
St. Albert, Alberta,  
Canada



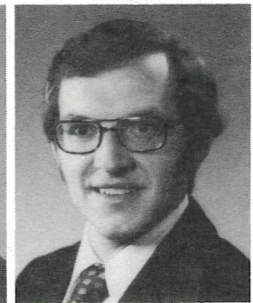
**Robert D. Bushaw**  
St. Paul, MN  
To: Good Shepherd,  
Cedar Rapids, IA



**James T. Cloute, Jr.**  
Fort Atkinson, WI  
To: Redeemer,  
Pierre, SD



**Scott J. Dummann**  
Thiensville, WI  
To: Bethlehem,  
Lakeville, MN



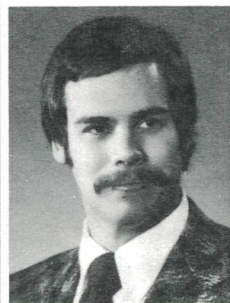
**Richard S. Durow, Jr.**  
Stephenson, MI  
To: St. Paul,  
Prescott, WI



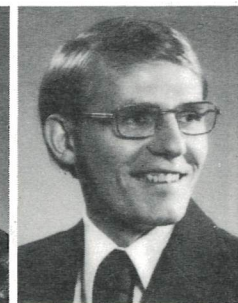
**Wayne L. Fischer**  
Clear Lake, SD  
To: Sola Scriptura,  
Atlanta (Decatur), GA



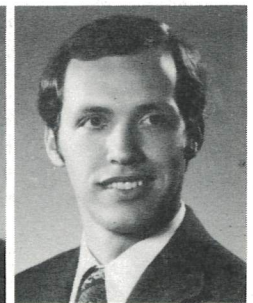
**James A. Gorsegner**  
Caledonia, WI  
To: Trinity,  
rural Appleton; St. Paul,  
rural Hortonville, WI



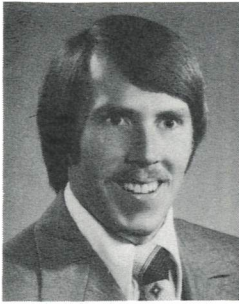
**Gary A. Griep**  
Livonia, MI  
To: Calvary, Glenwood;  
St. Paul, Alexandria, MN



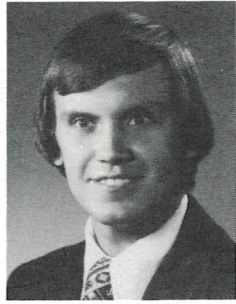
**Glenn H. Groth**  
Hastings, WI  
To: Redeemer,  
Ann Arbor, MI



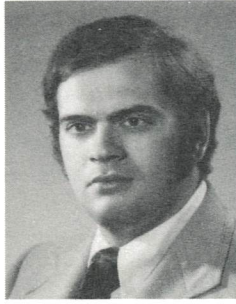
**Eric S. Hartzell**  
East Fork, AZ  
To: Church of Central  
Africa, Mwembezi,  
Zambia, Africa



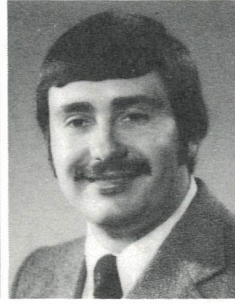
**Lance A. Hoff**  
Bison, SD  
To: St. John, Ixonia;  
St. Mark, Ixonia, WI



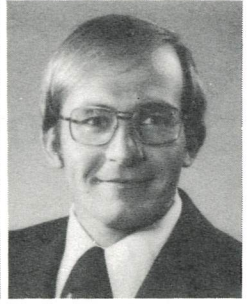
**Daniel C. Hrobsky**  
Fort Atkinson, WI  
To: Messiah, Glendive;  
Trinity, Terry; Trinity,  
Ekalaka, MT



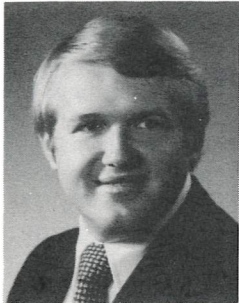
**Paul R. Johnston**  
Milwaukee, WI  
To: Trinity,  
Wabeno, WI



**Ralph L. Jones**  
Woodruff, WI  
To: Trinity,  
Merrill, WI



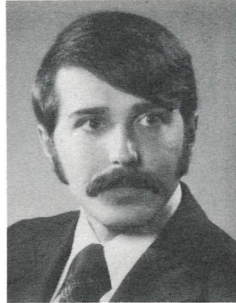
**Kenneth A. Kappel**  
Milwaukee, WI  
To: New Mission,  
Syracuse, NY



**James R. Kleist**  
Milwaukee, WI  
To: Assistant,  
St. Stephen,  
Beaver Dam, WI



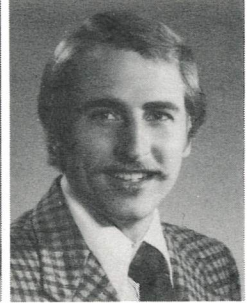
**Daniel J. Kolosovsky**  
Cudahy, WI  
To: St. Paul,  
Platteville, WI



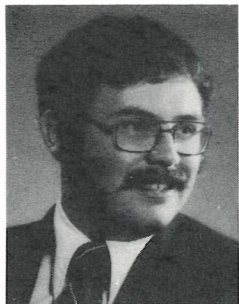
**James F. Korthals**  
Chaseburg, WI  
To: Assistant,  
St. Paul's,  
Stevensville, MI



**Kenneth R. Kratz**  
Kewaunee, WI  
To: Mount Olive,  
Monroe, WI



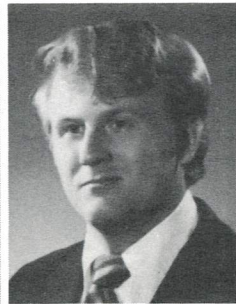
**Peter H. Kruschel**  
Menomonee Falls, WI  
To: Grace,  
Milwaukee, WI



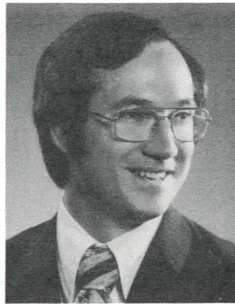
**Randall L. Kuznicki**  
Saginaw, MI  
To: Cross,  
Charles City, IA



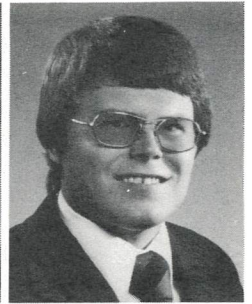
**Stephen J. Lawrenz**  
Mequon, WI  
To: Mount Olive,  
Shakopee, MN



**Charles L. Learman**  
New London, WI  
To: Assistant,  
St. John,  
Jefferson, WI



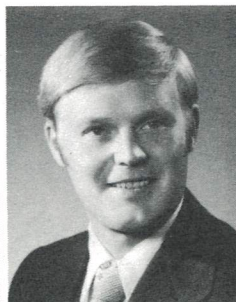
**John L. W. May**  
Fort Atkinson, WI  
To: Zion, Alma; Grace,  
Clear Lake, WI



**Jerome D. McWaters**  
Zumbrota, MN  
To: Prince of Peace,  
Thousand Oaks, CA



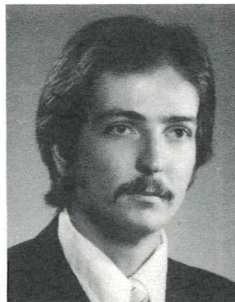
**Timothy A. Meier**  
Ogema, WI  
To: Messiah,  
Shiocton



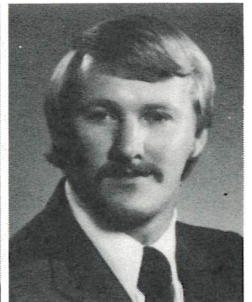
**Dallas C. Miller**  
Gary, SD  
To: St. Paul,  
Morris, MN



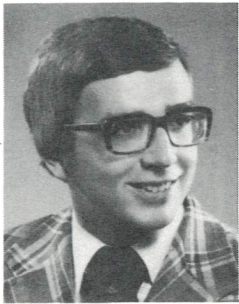
**William R. Neumann**  
Menomonee Falls, WI  
To: Faith, Elizabeth, IL;  
Prince of Peace,  
Dubuque, IA



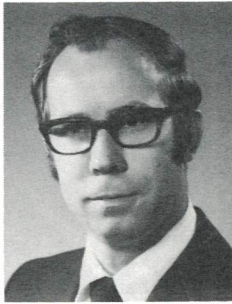
**Earl W. Noffsinger**  
Flint, MI  
To: Faith,  
Prior Lake, MN



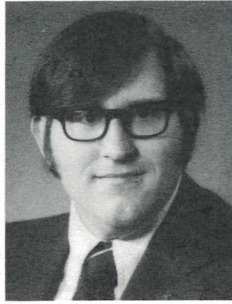
**David A. Palmquist**  
Clark, SD  
To: Shepherd  
of the Mountains,  
Reno, NV



**Ronald H. Raddatz**  
New London, WI  
To: Zion,  
St. Louis, MI



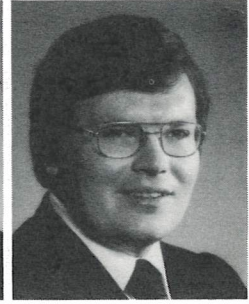
**Kenneth D. Rahn**  
Minnesota City, MN  
To: Rural Immanuel,  
Watertown; Rural St. Mark,  
Watertown, WI



**Paul N. Reede**  
Madison, WI  
To: Grace,  
Seward, NE



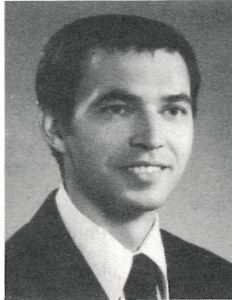
**Erich E. Reinhold**  
Santa Monica, CA  
To: Exploratory Mission  
Assignment,  
Porto Alegre, Brazil



**August K. Ristow**  
West Allis, WI  
To: St. John,  
Brewster, NE



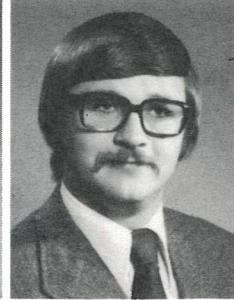
**Richard H. Schleicher**  
Saginaw, MI  
To: Our Shepherd,  
Merrillville, IN



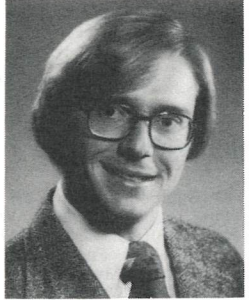
**James A. Schmidt**  
Saginaw, MI  
To: Zion,  
Morgan, MN



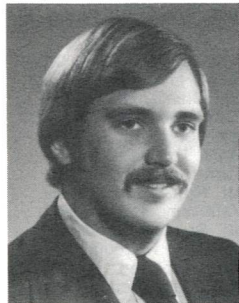
**Carl A. Schomberg**  
West Salem, WI  
To: Grace,  
Zillah, WA



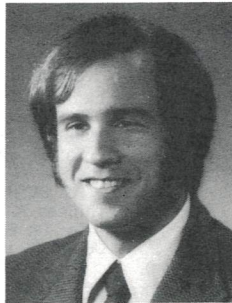
**Joel B. Schroeder**  
Watertown, WI  
To: Rock of Ages, Nashville  
(Hendersonville), TN



**Marc D. Schroeder**  
New Ulm, MN  
To: Graduate Study



**James P. Seelow**  
Milwaukee, WI  
To: St. Paul's,  
Mayville, MN



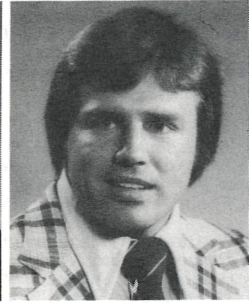
**Douglas M. Semenske**  
Ripon, WI  
To: St. Matthew,  
Iron Ridge, WI



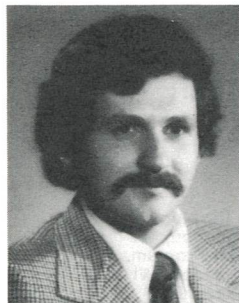
**Gary T. Stawicki**  
Milwaukee, WI  
To: Assistant,  
Salem, Owosso, MI



**Christian E. Sulzle**  
Mobridge, SD  
To: Divine Savior,  
Pullmann, WA



**Morton P. Swanson**  
Morton Grove, IL  
To: New Mission,  
Los Alamos, NM



**James W. Tauscher**  
West Salem, WI  
To: Our Savior,  
E. Brunswick, NJ



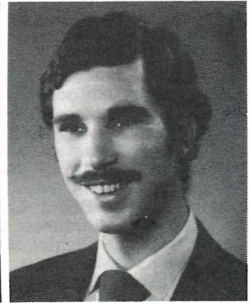
**James P. Tiefel**  
Oshkosh, WI  
To: Assistant,  
St. Paul's, Saginaw, MI



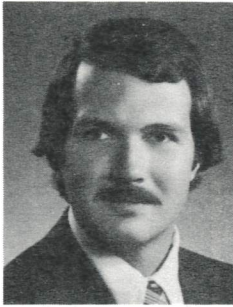
**Dale R. Tollefson**  
Vassar, MI  
To: Redeemer,  
Huntsville, AL



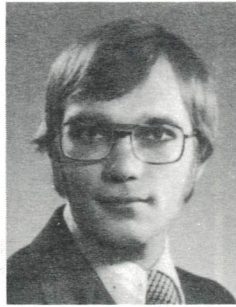
**Dennis J. Valleau**  
New Berlin, WI  
To: New Mission,  
LeHigh Valley, PA



**Roger D. Wahl**  
Kenton, OH  
To: Zion, Mission;  
St. Peter, Wood, SD



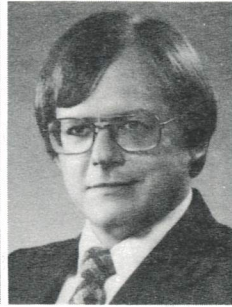
**Thomas B. Westendorf**  
Bay City, MI  
To: Trinity, Buffalo;  
St. Paul, Montrose, MN



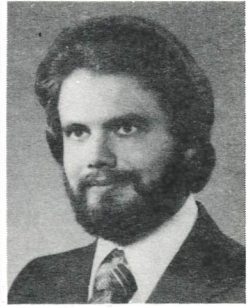
**Lynn E. Wiedmann**  
Helenville, WI  
To: Prince of Peace,  
Howell, MI



**Terry L. Yahr**  
Milwaukee, WI  
To: Redeemer, Hettinger;  
Zion, Reeder, ND;  
Christ, Bison, SD



**Thomas R. Zahn**  
Wild Rose, WI  
To: St. Andrew, Medford;  
St. Peter, Rib Lake, WI



**John W. Zarleng**  
Benton Harbor, MI  
To: New Mission,  
Verde Valley, AZ

## Seminary Vicar Assignments

### Senior Vicars

David D. Babinec, Cudahy, WI  
To: First Lutheran, Racine, WI  
Paul R. Baldauf, St. Charles, MI  
To: Emanuel, St. Paul, MN  
James P. Becker, Mequon, WI  
To: Bethlehem, Oshkosh, WI  
Mark R. Bitter, Howards Grove, WI  
To: Good Shepherd, Benton Harbor, MI  
Marcus R. Bode, Saginaw, MI  
To: Bloomington Lutheran, Bloomington, MN  
Mark E. Braun, Mequon, WI  
To: New Mission,  
Eagle River/Wasilla, Alaska  
W. Paul Brinkman, Oak Creek, WI  
To: Resurrection, Milwaukee, WI  
Rick N. Curia, Redwood City, CA  
To: Christ, Zumbrota, MN  
Walter C. Davidson, Milwaukee, WI  
To: Grace, St. Joseph, MI  
John H. Dolan, Zion, IL  
To: St. Stephen, Adrian, MI  
Mark W. Fischer, Brookfield, WI  
To: First German Lutheran, Manitowoc, WI  
Michael A. Frick, Hokah, MN  
To: Trinity, Mt. Carroll; St. Peter,  
Savanna, IL  
John W. Gawrisch, Mequon, WI  
To: Peace, Hartford, WI  
Beck H. Goldbeck, Appleton, WI  
To: Good Shepherd and Zion, Phoenix, AZ  
Roger A. Grosnick, Hortonville, WI  
To: Bethany, Kenosha, WI  
Mark S. Grubbs, Evansville, IN  
To: St. Matthew, Benton Harbor, MI  
William E. Herrmann, Brown Deer, WI  
To: California Mission District  
Wayne C. Hilgendorf, Mequon, WI  
To: St. Paul, Lake Mills, WI  
Michael L. Hintz, New London, WI  
To: Martin Luther Academy,  
New Ulm, MN (tutor)  
Lynn S. Hukee, Santa Ana, CA  
To: St. John's, Redwood Falls, MN  
Kenneth R. Jahnke, Markesan, WI  
To: Salem, Stillwater, MN  
Robert Q. Jensen, Brainerd, MN  
To: New Mission, Hudson, WI  
Mark A. Jeske, Mequon, WI  
To: World Mission Board: Latin America  
Mark J. Johnston, Milwaukee, WI  
To: South Atlantic District Mission Board  
Peter R. Kassulke, Milwaukee, WI  
To: New Mission, Plymouth, WI  
Dennis A. Kleist, Watertown, WI  
To: Jerusalem, Morton Grove, IL  
David W. Laabs, New London, WI  
To: St. Paul, Ft. Atkinson, WI  
Paul D. Lehninger, Wauwatosa, WI  
To: Friedens, Kenosha, WI  
Allen L. Lindke, New Ulm, MN  
To: Martin Luther, Neenah, WI

James W. Lindloff, Neillsville, WI  
To: Grace, South St. Paul, MN  
Joel T. Luetke, New Ulm, MN  
To: St. Paul, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada  
Matthew T. Majovski, Newberg, OR  
To: Zion, Lansing, MI  
Marcus P. Manthey, New Ulm, MN  
To: St. John's, Bay City, MI  
John Mattek, Kaukauna, WI  
To: St. John's, Wauwatosa, WI  
Paul S. Naumann, Milwaukee, WI  
To: Northwestern Lutheran Academy,  
Mobridge, SD (tutor)  
Terry B. Nuckolls, Upper Marlboro, MD  
To: St. Paul's, Wisconsin Rapids, WI  
Charles W. Papenfuss, Dakota, MN  
To: St. John, Juneau, WI  
Mark R. Porinsky, Wauwatosa, WI  
To: Campus Ministry, Oshkosh, WI  
Dale L. Raether, Lake Mills, WI  
To: Zion, Rhinelander, WI  
Jonathan E. Rimmert, Madison, WI  
To: St. Matthew, Appleton, WI  
Jonathan H. Rupprecht, Milwaukee, WI  
To: Bay Pines Lutheran, Seminole, FL  
Paul A. Scharrer, Hemlock, MI  
To: Grace, Oshkosh, WI  
Paul M. Schmeling, Alexandria, LA  
To: St. John, Baraboo, WI  
John C. Schneidervin, West Allis, WI  
To: St. John's, Milwaukee, WI (Forest Home)  
Gregg P. Schoeneck, Rhinelander, WI  
To: St. John's, St. Paul, MN  
Gary F. Schult, Freeport, IL  
To: St. Peter, Plymouth, MI  
David F. Schultz, Juneau, WI  
To: Good Shepherd, Omaha, NE  
Roger W. Schultz, Mayville, WI  
To: St. Paul, North Mankato, MN  
Thomas A. Schulz, Redwood Falls, MN  
To: Grace, Glendale, AZ

Robert J. Schumann, Duluth, MN  
To: Martin Luther Academy,  
New Ulm, MN (tutor)

Philip L. Schupmann, Moline, IL  
To: Zion, South Milwaukee, WI  
Mark L. Schwertfeger, Grant Park, IL  
To: St. Peter, Schofield, WI  
Stephen A. Smith, Oakfield, WI  
To: North Trinity, Milwaukee, WI  
Gregory D. Stahlecker, Rapid City, SD  
To: St. John, Redwing, MN  
Richard D. Starr, Saginaw, MI  
To: St. Paul's, Norfolk, NE  
Jonathan D. Stern, Wauwatosa, WI  
To: Northwestern Preparatory School  
Watertown, WI (tutor)

David H. Sternberg, St. James, MN  
To: St. Paul's, Hales Corners, WI  
Elton C. Stroh, Steele, ND  
To: Zion, Columbus, WI  
Mark K. Toepel, Saginaw, MI  
To: St. John's, Westland, MI  
Michael A. Turriff, Oak Forest, IL  
To: St. Paul, Round Lake, IL  
Thomas A. Valleskey, Detroit, MI  
To: St. Paul, St. James, MN  
Duane R. Vanselow, Franklin, WI  
To: Mt. Olive, Appleton, WI  
Neil R. Varnum, Davenport, IA  
To: St. Paul, Tacoma, WA  
John E. Warmuth, Thiensville, WI  
To: St. John, Waterloo, WI  
Glenn E. Wenzel, Menasha, WI  
To: Trinity, Waukesha, WI  
David C. Wilken, St. Joseph, MI  
To: Trinity, Crete, IL  
James G. Witt, Oshkosh, WI  
To: New Mission, Cambridge, MN

### SUMMER VICAR VOLUNTEER ASSIGNMENTS — 1976

#### MIDLERS

To: Youth Program Development,  
Emanuel, New London, WI  
To: Youth Evangelism Program,  
Emanuel, New London, WI  
To: Apostles, San Jose, CA  
To: Ocean Drive Church, Pompano Beach, FL;  
Canvassing, YPS, Preaching in FL

#### JUNIORS

To: Eastern Texas  
To: Northern Kansas  
To: Colonial Conference

Michael L. Hintz

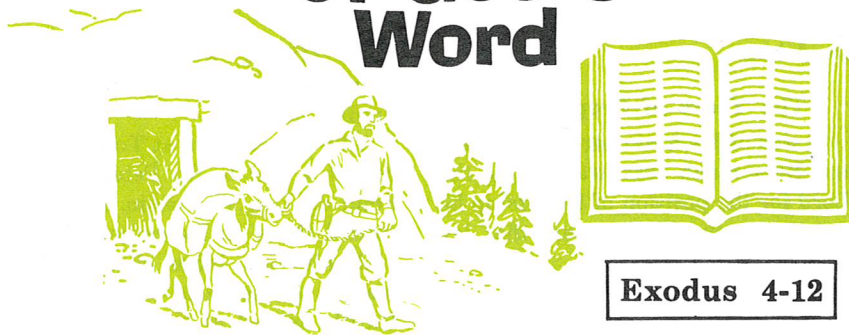
David W. Laabs

Thomas A. Valleskey  
James G. Will

George R. Pavia  
Glen F. Schmiede  
David G. Spietz



# Mining the Treasure of God's Word



## Exodus 4-12

Be sure that you are thoroughly familiar with the basic "skeleton" of the Old Testament. The broad outline is given in Genesis 3:15, where we find the first promise of a Savior, and the more detailed outline is given in Genesis 12:1-3, in the covenant God made with Abraham. If there are any doubts on these points, review these sections in the past lessons. Then review carefully the last lesson, where we began the Book of Exodus, noting particularly Exodus 3:8. Now we're ready to dig.

### Read Exodus 4:29-5:10

We didn't mention Aaron in the last lesson. He enters the story at 4:14-16. Note what his job was to be. Verses 29-31 in Exodus 4 record the first step in the process. The important thing is the reaction of the people (verse 31).

What follows records the extended "contest" with the pharaoh (the Egyptian word for "king" — Moses doesn't give his actual name). First notice the request Moses was instructed to make (5:1), and how many times it was repeated (6:11; 7:2 and 16; 8:1 and 20; 9:1 and 13; 10:3). Then note the pharaoh's response (5:2), his subsequent action (5:7-9), the disappointment of the people of Israel (5:15-21), and God's answer (6:1).

Exodus 6:2-8 is a most interesting section. Here God restates His purpose and plan. Note verses 3 and 4, and then verses 5-8. Verse 7a announces a new thought (underline). In 7:3,4 God foretells the difficulties Moses will have, and His plan of action. These "great judgments" (7:4)

are also called "plagues" (disasters). Notice that the first and ninth are supernatural disasters; the other seven were all natural disasters. Note also how the pharaoh's behavior is described. Sometimes he simply refuses (7:13, 8:19, 9:7, 9:12). In other cases he gives his permission (8:8, 8:25-28, 9:27 and 28, 10:8, 17, and 24), but then, when the plague is removed, he refuses again (8:15 and 32; 9:34; 10:11, 20 and 27).

### Now Read Chapters 11:1-12:20

Notice how God introduces this section in 11:1a, and foretells the result (verse 1b). The final plague is described to the pharaoh in 11:4-6. But note verse 7.

Look back carefully at God's instructions in 12:1-14. Here we find some rich nuggets. Hi-lite the word "lamb" in verses 3 and 5; "without blemish" and "first year" in verse 5; "kill" in verse 6; "blood" in verses 7 and 13; "passover" in verses 11 and 13. Then underline verse 5a; the phrase "kill it in the evening" (verse 6); and all of verse 13.

Now look back to the closing phrase in Genesis 3:15, and note what was said about it (second lesson). In a vague way it says that the coming Savior will be wounded. Then look at Genesis 22:13 and 16 (lesson for April 4), and the explanation (correct Matthew 20:26 to 20:28). Note that this was symbolic, or picture language.

As we put all these hi-lited and underlined key words and phrases in Exodus 12 together, we have another beautiful type or symbol, giving us

the first really clear picture of the work of the promised Savior, that is, what He was to do to set men and women free (redeem them) from the devil. As indicated in Genesis 22, He was going to die, or more specifically, be killed (verse 7). And as Genesis 22 and Matthew 20:28 indicate, He was going to give His life as a sacrifice (lamb), a ransom to set men free. In this section (Exod. 12) His work is pictured as saving the lives of men and women (the firstborn in verse 12), saving them from eternal death (compare II Tim. 1:10, I Cor. 15:55 and 57, John 5:24). This work of the Savior is brought into the clearest focus by the word "blood" (verses 7 and 13). Here compare Acts 20:28, Romans 5:9, Ephesians 1:7 and 2:13, Colossians 1:20, Hebrews 9:12 and 14, I Peter 1:2 and 1:19, Revelation 1:5, 5:9, 7:14, 12:11 and, of course, Matthew 26:28. This is one of the great themes of the Scriptures.

Then notice how the Apostle Paul interprets this whole concept in I Corinthians 5:7, noting the significance of the word "passover," that because of the blood of the Passover Lamb God's wrath passes over us.

Note also the requirements of this lamb in Exodus 12:5. He must be "without blemish." Here compare Peter's interpretation in I Peter 1:19. And he must also be "of the first year," that is, a young lamb. Here compare Jesus' age at the time of His death. He was 33.

And finally notice the time of day the lamb was to be killed — "in the evening." For the Hebrews "evening" was the twilight hours just before sunset, from 3-6 p.m. After dark, they did no work (no electric lights).

Exodus 12:15-20 gives God's instructions for the observance of the passover festival. Note that it lasted seven days (actually eight, verse 18). The removal of the leaven (yeast) was also a symbolic act (compare I Cor. 5:7, 8). Note that in the New Testament leaven is always a symbol of sin. It must be removed from our lives, as God's children, completely and permanently.

Sorry, but we'll have to quit work today, and see how it all turned out next time.

Julian G. Anderson

## Our President — G. E. Bergemann

The fourth parish pastor to become president of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, Pastor G. E. Bergemann, was a person whom to meet was never to forget. He will be remembered by those who knew him as a man who sported a goatee and dressed immaculately. Wire-rimmed glasses completed his outfit. In his younger years he was a skilled horseman, who prided himself in his showmanship. At 83 he still drove a car, until friends and relatives persuaded him to sell it. Throughout his life he prided himself on being punctual. Those whom he taught in his instruction classes learned to know him as a strict disciplinarian. It was to be expected that he would give the Synod energetic, dynamic leadership. He was indeed no ordinary man.

Gustave Ernst Bergemann was the first of the Synod's presidents to be both Wisconsin born and Wisconsin Synod trained. He was born on August 9, 1862, in Dodge County near Hustisford, Wisconsin. His parents were Ludwig Bergemann and his wife Wilhelmina Schulze. In 1885 he graduated from Northwestern College in a class of six. He received his theological training in Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, then housed in a remodeled building in Eimermann's Park near 13th and Vine Streets, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Director of the Seminary at that time was Dr. Adolph Hoenecke.

Because of the urgent need for pastors in those days, Seminary students were often sent out before the close of the customary three-year training period. So with Bergemann. At the close of his second year at the Seminary, at the age of 25, he was asked to accept the call to a newly founded congregation on the south side of Bay City, Michigan. He was ordained and installed there as pastor of Trinity Church on June 26, 1887. In October of that same year he was united in marriage with Miss Emma Anger in Watertown. Their marriage was blessed with two sons and two daughters. Only the daughters out-

lived him.

### The Years of Preparation

It was at his first charges that Pastor Bergemann was trained by the Lord for the position of leadership he was to occupy in the years that lay



ahead. Particularly did he grow in a love for missions and Christian education. In part this was due to the fact that Trinity Congregation itself was a mission venture. A daughter congregation of Bethel Church, it was organized by 30 families in order to keep pace with Bay City's population growth. Here young Bergemann served both as pastor and as teacher in the Christian day school. When in 1892 he was stricken with illness, he was compelled to discontinue his work for six months. Upon the urgent advice of his physicians to seek a change of climate, he accepted a call to St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Tomah, Wisconsin.

At Tomah Pastor Bergemann pursued his work at a steady pace. But the field was a large one. Besides serving St. Paul's, he also took care of subcharges in the towns of Sparta, Lincoln, Knapp, Goodyear, Babcock, and Shennington. It was while he was pastor at Tomah that his talents became known among his brethren. More and more frequently he was asked to serve as essayist at conventions and as preacher at special occa-

sions. Mission work and Christian education continued to be his consuming interest.

After seven years at Tomah, he accepted a call to St. Peter's Church, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. He was installed there on December 10, 1899.

Despite his large charge, Bergemann's mission zeal was unflagging. Hardly settled at St. Peter's, he became instrumental in organizing the church at North Fond du Lac. As others had done before him, Pastor Bergemann used the pages of the *Gemeinde-Blatt* to appeal to the congregations of the Synod for special financial assistance for the North Fond du Lac group. This was with the approval of President von Rohr who in the following Synod session included an appeal in his presidential report for the beginning of a Church Extension Fund (CEF).

The 1901 convention of the Wisconsin Synod, meeting at Winona, nominated Pastor Bergemann as candidate for the Indian Mission Committee. At the meeting of the General Synod at Mankato in August of that same year he was elected as a member of this committee. To gain first-hand knowledge of the needs of the Apache Mission, the committee decided that a visitation to the Arizona field was in order. In the fall of 1904 the committee asked Pastor Bergemann to undertake that visitation. His reports at the next conventions paved the way for greater efforts on the part of our Synod in the support of this mission. When three years later, in 1907, the Wisconsin Synod held its convention at St. Peter's in Fond du Lac, Pastor Bergemann was elected first vice-president.

### His Years as Synod President

Vice-President Bergemann was unexpectedly called on to conduct the Synod convention at Milwaukee in 1908 when President von Rohr could not attend because of severe illness. He was destined to assume the presidency when that post became vacant through von Rohr's death on Decem-

ber 22, 1908. When the Wisconsin Synod was divided into Districts and merged with the Minnesota and Michigan Synods in 1917 to form the Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Wisconsin and Other States, Bergemann was elected president of the merged body. He continued to serve the Synod as president until 1933.

President Bergemann's administrative abilities and innovations left an indelible mark on the Synod's life. In 1912 he appointed the committee to plan the division of the Wisconsin Synod into Districts and to define the powers each District would possess. In 1913 he suggested that instead of a longer doctrinal essay, three shorter papers be presented, each to be concluded in one session. In 1919 he urged the creation of one-day delegate conferences to be held soon after each Synod session so that the delegates might give their reports to the pastors and lay representatives of all congregations. This arrangement is being followed to this day. Beginning in 1923 the business of the Joint Synod was outlined by the president and presented in advance to the delegates in a "Book of Reports and Memorials." Somewhat later the Synod adopted the plan to have the representatives of the Districts, the Synod's boards, commissions, and institutions meet at least once a year to coordinate their work. Such were the beginnings of today's Synodical Council and Coordinating Council. In 1925 President Bergemann pointed out the need for a Statistical Handbook, something which has become an annual event. During his incumbency the "new" gymnasium was erected at Northwestern, the Administration Building at Dr. Martin Luther College, and the present Seminary building. As president he considered it important to attend District meetings, the board meetings of our Synodical schools, and all mission board meetings. For example, during the first two years after the merger he rode over 20,000 miles by train.

At that time already the question came up of separating the president's office entirely from parish work. But the Synod was not ready as yet to take this step. Instead, the vice-presidents were asked to take on more of

the work and an arrangement was worked out with St. Peter's to call another full-time pastor, thus relieving Pastor Bergemann of some of his parish responsibilities.

#### An Active Retirement

In 1933, at the age of 71, President Bergemann read his last biennial report and then turned the Synod over to his successor, Pastor John Brenner. However, he continued to serve the Synod as chairman of the Seminary Board of Regents for another 14 years. He was pastor of St. Peter's Congregation for almost half a century, from 1899 to 1947. On Thursday, June 26, 1947, he retired from the public ministry to enter a well-deserved rest. That Thursday was the 60th anniversary of his ordination.

Missions and Christian education were always his two great loves. Quite a number of pastors in our Synod today must admit that they are in the ministry because Pastor Bergemann urged them. He built Christian day schools at Bay City, Tomah, and two at Fond du Lac. He was also one of the prime movers in the creation of the Winnebago Lutheran Academy in Fond du Lac back in 1925. It stands today as a memorial to his interest in Christian education on all levels.

Pastor Bergemann was in demand as a preacher throughout his ministry. His favorite texts were taken from the Psalms. A special favorite was Psalm 93:1: "The Lord reigneth!" Using these words to address the Academy students on an opening day, he told them: "Here then we have the answer to every perplexing problem, the solution of every troublesome difficulty: The Lord reigneth!"

Pastor Bergemann, a man of keen mind and firm will, remained remarkably well up to his 91st birthday. The years of his life tell a mighty story of God's grace. Under God's favor and never-ending mercy this servant of His grew slowly as a Wisconsin sapling into good presidential timber, from the proverbial acorn into a mighty oak. God supplied him with eminent gifts, especially that of leadership. His spiritual influence reached out in many directions. During his official service

in the Synod, he often had to face the fire of strong opposition. He sought and always found comfort in the pure Gospel of the Crucified, and would permit no one to attach any condition to its offer of free grace. It was in firm faith in the Gospel that he had proclaimed for so many years that he closed his eyes in peaceful sleep on May 13, 1954. The burial service was conducted from St. Peter's on Saturday, May 15. May his memory continue to be cherished among us!

## St. John's Centennial

St. John's, Juneau, Wisconsin, is another of the Synod's old-line congregations which observed its centennial this past year. Organized with nine charter members in 1875, it today numbers over 1,200 souls in a city of 2,000 people.

Also somewhat unusual is the fact that the congregation has had but four resident pastors during its entire history. The present pastor, Carl H. Mischke, has served the congregation since 1954. From its very beginning St. John's has maintained a Christian day school which today has almost 100 per cent of its children enrolled. Mr. F. W. Schultz, Jr., is the principal.

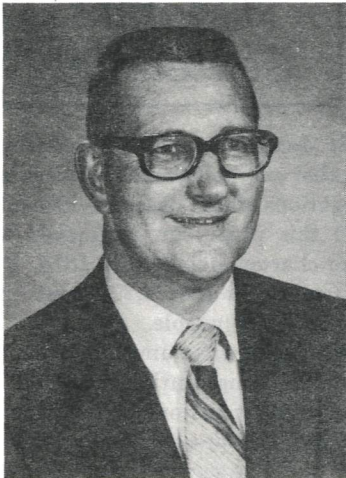
Sixteen of the congregation's young men and women are currently enrolled in the Synod's worker-training schools preparing for the preaching and teaching ministry.

The anniversary was observed in twelve special services, one during each month of the centennial year.



## The Synod's Board of Trustees Installs Pastor Elton H. Huebner As Executive Secretary

The Rev. Elton H. Huebner was installed as executive secretary of the Synod's Board of Trustees in a service at Grace Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on Sunday evening, May 2, 1976.



Rev. Elton H. Huebner

Bringing God's Word to the attention of the assembly was Pastor Carl H. Mischke, first vice-president of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Pastor Mischke used I Corinthians 15:14,17-20 to pose the question, "Since Christ is Risen, What Now?"

"The Apostle Paul," Pastor Mischke stated, "points out the tragic consequences that would prevail if there were no resurrection; but since Christ is risen from the dead we no longer need concern ourselves with the question, 'If Christ were not risen, what then?' The question is rather, 'Since Christ is risen, what now?' And since Christ is risen it means that Jesus is the Son of God, that our sins are forgiven, and that we, too, shall rise from the grave to live with Jesus forever in glory."

The speaker pointed out that in Pastor Huebner's unique ministry he would be occupied with dollar signs; but these dollar signs were not a thing apart, not something unrelated to the church's mission. They were to

be translated into souls, souls redeemed by the blood of Christ.

Pastor Huebner was indeed forfeiting the privilege of sharing the Word of Life with a specific flock on a regular basis, Pastor Mischke added. However, as agent and representative of almost 400,000 believers in the Wisconsin Synod, he would have an active part in proclaiming the Gospel to people wherever the Lord calls us. In a sense the scope of his ministry was being broadened. No longer would he be restricted to the saints in Beaver Dam, but would now be reaching souls in such widely scattered places as Fairbanks and Fort Worth, Medellin and Malawi, Pittsfield and Petaluma.

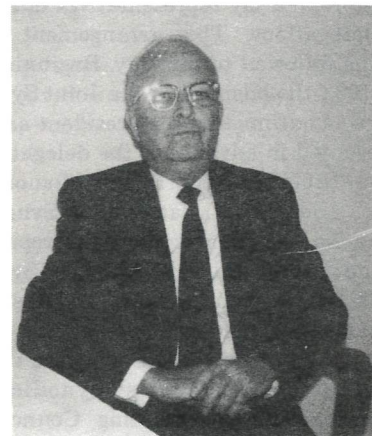
Liturgist for the service was Pastor Carl S. Leyrer, the newly appointed chairman of the Board of Trustees. Pastor Norbert E. Paustian, vice-president of the Board of Trustees, read the rite of installation.

Pastor Huebner's new position brings with it a heavy responsibility. As chief executive officer of the Board of Trustees, he will supervise an annual cash flow of \$14 million and assets in excess of \$26 million. He comes to his new position with a great deal of experience, both as parish pastor and as chairman of the Board of Trustees from 1965 to 1976.

Pastor Huebner is a native of Manitowoc, Wisconsin, having been born there on September 22, 1920. His training for the holy ministry was received at Northwestern College and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. His ordination took place on April 15, 1945. For the past 31 years, he served at Mt. Zion Congregation of Kenosha, Wisconsin (1945-51), Grace Congregation of Milwaukee (1951-61), and St. Stephen's of Beaver Dam (1961-76).

Pastor Huebner is married to the former Helene Grosnick of Watertown, Wisconsin. The Huebners have six children.

Pastor Huebner succeeds the Rev. Harold H. Eckert as executive secretary of the Board of Trustees. Pastor Eckert served the Board of Trustees since 1951, first as executive chairman on a part-time basis (1951-61), then as executive chairman on a full-time basis (1961-63), and for the last 13 years (1963-76) as executive secretary. His long tenure witnessed extensive growth and change in the work, organization, and outreach of the Synod. He can truly be said to have been the pioneer in his office, in which he served faithfully and well. Last fall, after 24 years of service, he submitted his resignation effective upon acceptance of the call by a new executive secretary. In the interest of a smooth transition, Pastor Eckert will continue to serve as a consultant to the Board of Trustees until September 1, 1976.



Rev. Harold H. Eckert

Members of our Synod have reason to thank the Lord fervently for the many years the Lord permitted Pastor Eckert to serve the Synod and reason to ask His blessings upon the new executive secretary, Pastor Huebner. The Lord be with both of them and bless His church through them!

### LUTHERANS ON JULY 4, 1776

The July issue of the *Wisconsin Lutheran Quarterly* will contain an article entitled "The Lutheran Church in America on July 4, 1776," by Prof. Edward Fredrich. In the Bicentennial year this article may be of special interest also to many of our lay people. For \$1.25 you may order a copy of this issue of the *Wisconsin Lutheran Quarterly* from Northwestern Publishing House, 3624 W. North Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53208.

## Where Are Our Future Pastors?

When we read of the 61 graduates of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary who were assigned to their first parishes this year, and of the 67 vicars who are also going out into our parishes, we are reminded of the seven good years of Joseph in Egypt. Our Seminary is crowded with students, and large classes are still being graduated from Northwestern College. But the seven good years in Egypt were followed by seven lean years. Leaner years are also in the offing for us in the production of pastor candidates for our congregations.

Next fall only 55 freshmen are expected to enroll at Northwestern College. A head count at the Synodical academies and the area Lutheran high schools indicates that the enrollment in the fall of 1977 may be no higher. Two years ago between 85 and 90 freshmen enrolled, an average that had been maintained over a number of years.

The majority of college freshmen at Northwestern College has been and will continue to be graduates of our Synodical academies. The largest

single contributor has been Northwestern Preparatory School. But with the expansion of the area Lutheran high-school system Northwestern Preparatory School is being restricted to fewer and fewer areas from which it can actively recruit its students. At the same time it happens that a number of area Lutheran high schools with pastor-training programs will be sending no students to Northwestern College this fall. Northwestern Lutheran Academy, at Mobridge, will be the only bright spot in this dim picture. It will be surpassing its "quota"; six members of its small graduating class will enter Northwestern this fall.

It is time for our entire Synod to rouse itself to action in order to increase the enrollment of pastor-training students at our secondary schools and at Northwestern College. You young men who have graduated from high school, give serious consideration to doing the most worthwhile thing you can do with your life; let the Lord use you to proclaim His saving truth as ministers of the Gospel.

If you have not followed the course of studies preparing you for the language program at Northwestern College, the college has a program for you that will take care of any subject deficiencies. You parents of recent confirmands, encourage those able sons of yours to enroll in pastor-training programs at our Synod's preparatory schools and at area Lutheran high schools. Area Lutheran high schools and Synodical academies, give the training and counseling and retention of your pastor-training students your highest priority. Pastors and principals of our day schools, seek out young boys and young men and urge them to become pastors; and after they have embarked on their training, continue to encourage them to pursue their goal. Many of those who have dropped out of the program have expressed the desire for more encouragement from their home congregations.

If we join our efforts — parents and pastors and principals, Synodical academies and area Lutheran high schools, congregations and the Conference of Presidents — we shall, with God's blessing resting on our endeavors, again see the surge in enrollments that made the last decade a memorable chapter in the history of our training of ambassadors for Christ.

Carleton Toppe

### Teacher Arnold Wilbrecht 1898 - 1976

Arnold Friedrich Wilbrecht was born to Edward Wilbrecht and his wife Paulina, nee Hackbarth, in New Ulm, Minnesota, on August 29, 1898. He was received into Christ's Kingdom of Grace through Holy Baptism on September 4, 1898, and received into communicant membership through the rite of confirmation on March 31, 1912.

Mr. Wilbrecht attended Dr. Martin Luther College in New Ulm to prepare himself for full-time work in the church as a Christian-day-school teacher. He graduated on June 15, 1920. He served as teacher in St. Paul's Lutheran School, Stevensville, Michigan; St. Matthew's Lutheran School, Iron Ridge, Wisconsin; and

St. Paul's Lutheran School, Brownsville, Wisconsin. He served St. Paul's of Brownsville for 36 years, from 1926 to 1962.



On June 13, 1925, he was united in holy wedlock with Caroline Marose. The Lord blessed their marriage with two sons and one daughter.

On Saturday, April 17, 1976, the Lord called him to Himself at the age of 77 years, 7 months, and 18 days. He is survived by his wife; his two sons, Carl and John; two brothers; four sisters; and 11 grandchildren.

St. Paul's words in I Corinthians 6:20, "Ye are bought with a price," were used to bring comfort to the family and friends. Although congregation, friends and family feel indebted to him, as a child of God he felt indebted to the Triune God. The Father had created and preserved him; the Son had redeemed him; and the Holy Spirit had sanctified him. These were truths he knew, believed, lived, and taught. And because of them he considered himself indebted to God. His he was, His he is now, and His he shall ever remain.

A. P. Zenker

# Direct from the Districts

## Nebraska



### Groundbreaking at Geneva

After a service of worship and praise on Sunday, March 14, 1976, the members of Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, Geneva, Nebraska, drove in a body to the site of their future church building. Pastor Chalmer Westhoff officiated at the groundbreaking ceremonies for the first phase of a building project which will eventually, by God's grace, also include a two-room Christian day school.

Grace numbers 125 communicants and is self-supporting. Besides maintaining their church and school, the members have brought \$75,000 in offerings for this project since 1967.

While construction starts this spring, no completion date is set.

### Parsonage Dedication at Alexandria, Louisiana

King of Kings Lutheran Church, way down south in Alexandria, Louisiana, dedicated its parsonage on April 25, 1976. The parsonage, located at 396 Windermere Blvd., is the first unit of the building complex planned by King of Kings Congregation.

"Built by God!" was the theme of the dedication address given by Rev. James Werner, pastor of Crown of Life Lutheran Church, New Orleans and Abita Springs. The dedication rite was read by Rev. A. L. Schmeling, Nebraska District missionary who began exploratory services in Alexandria in November, 1972.

The parsonage features three bed-

Above: Pastor Chalmer Westhoff turns the first shovel. Awaiting their turn ate Grace's building committee: Delfs Gehrke, Fred Mundt, Harlen Domeier, Waldo Schinzel, and Dennis Gehrke.

Left: Pastor and Mrs. A. L. Schmeling in front of the new parsonage at Alexandria, Louisiana.

rooms, a study, a formal living-dining room, a kitchen-family room, utility and storage rooms, a double garage, and a front porch with traditional pillars. A great deal of time and labor was donated to help keep the cost of the building down. The total roofed area is 2,416 square feet. A church and fellowship hall will be built adjacent to the parsonage, possibly later this year.

Building committee members include: Emmett Albright, Jerry Bertsch, Charles Dykes, Joel Nitz, Stuart Smith, Arthur Evans, Ronald Simmons, and John McGoldrick.

The congregation, which numbers 75 souls, greatly rejoices in its task of proclaiming the message of God to a sinful world.

---

### Editorials (continued)

mentality, and one can see that reverence for life will wane.

Here too, as in the abortion issue, it is vitally important that the Christian church provide guidance, owing no responsibility to any man but to God alone. It must speak for reverence for life. If it does not, those who look to it to hear the voice of God in these matters will in their disillusionment accept the misguided pronouncements of men who have substituted expedience for morality, convenience for reverence for life.

Carleton Toppe

---

### OFFER

St. John's Lutheran Church, Lake City, Minnesota, offers to any mission congregation for the cost of transportation a three-part Communion rail with padded kneeler, white with gold trim, 18 feet long. Please contact Pastor Ralph Goede, P. O. Box 178, Lake City, Minnesota; phone: (612) 345-3523 or 345-3929.

### INSTALLATIONS

(Authorized by the District Presidents)

#### Pastors:

**Hein, William**, as pastor of Grace, Muskegon, Michigan, on May 23, 1976, by A. Ruddat (Mich.).

**Huebner, Elton H.**, as executive secretary of the Synod's Board of Trustees at Grace Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on May 2, 1976, by N. Paustain (authorized for WELS by President O. J. Naumann).

**Weiser, Douglas P.**, as pastor of Trinity, Aberdeen, South Dakota, on May 2, 1976, by L. Schroeder (Dak.-Mont.).

**Zuleger, Chester W.**, as pastor of Trinity, Lake City, Minnesota, on April 25, 1976, by D. Gosdeck (Minn.).

#### APPOINTMENT

Pastor Adolph C. Buenger of Kenosha, Wisconsin, has been appointed to the Pension Board of our Synod. The vacancy on the board was caused by Pastor Carl Leyrer's resignation, which was submitted after he accepted the appointment to become chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Oscar J. Naumann, President

## NAMES REQUESTED

### KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

Please forward names of WELS people and prospects living in the Knoxville, Tennessee, area to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Burke, 105 Edinboro Lane, B-22, Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37830, or to Pastor John Guse, 429 Shag Bark Trail, Lexington, South Carolina 29072.

## CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES

### DAKOTA-MONTANA

#### DISTRICT CONVENTION

**Date:** June 22-24, 1976.  
**Place:** Northwestern Lutheran Academy, Moberge, South Dakota.  
**Opening:** Communion service on June 22 at 10:00 a.m., C.D.T., at Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, West 5th Avenue and 9th Street.  
**Preacher:** Pastor Wayne I. Schulz, Rapid City, South Dakota.  
**Essay:** *Humanism*: Prof. Joel C. Gerlach, Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, Wisconsin.  
**Agenda:** Report to the Ten Districts and reports of the standing committees.  
**Notes:** Pastors and delegates are reminded to bring their own bedding for lodging in the N.L.A. dormitories.  
J. M. Engel, Secretary

### MICHIGAN

#### DISTRICT CONVENTION

**Date:** June 15-17, 1976.  
**Place:** Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Saginaw, Michigan.  
**Opening Session:** Tuesday, June 15, 9:00 a.m.  
**Communion Service:** Wednesday, June 16, 7:30 p.m., at St. John's Lutheran Church, Bay City, Michigan.  
**Essays:** The Blessings of God Upon Our Fathers: Prof. Conrad Frey; Exegesis of Romans 13:1-7: Prof. Edward Fredrich.  
J. Westendorf, Secretary

### MINNESOTA

#### MANKATO DELEGATE CONFERENCE

**Date:** June 13, 1976; 2:00 p.m.  
**Place:** Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, Le Sueur, Minnesota.  
**Agenda:** Matters Germaine to the Minnesota District Convention.  
V. Voss, Secretary

#### RED WING

#### PASTORAL — DELEGATE CONFERENCE

**Date:** June 15, 1976; 9:00 a.m. Communion service.  
**Place:** St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Lake City, Minnesota; R. A. Goede, and D. M. Gosdeck, host pastors.  
**Preacher:** W. A. Meier (H.F. Muenkel, alternate).  
**Agenda:** A Study of the Second Draft of the Revised Enchiridion of Luther's Catechism: G. A. Horn; A General Discussion of the Report to the Ten Districts of the Synod.  
**Note:** The congregations of the Red Wing Circuit are requested to send along their three-dollar conference dues.  
W. A. Meier, Secretary

#### SOUTHERN PASTOR-DELEGATE CONFERENCE

**Date:** June 15, 1976; 9 a.m. Communion service.  
**Place:** Grace Lutheran, Oskaloosa, Iowa; W. A. Wietke, host pastor.  
**Preacher:** C. Palenske (M. Stuebs, alternate).  
**Agenda:** Discussion of the Report to the Ten Districts: The circuit pastor will be assigning each pastor a portion of the report to present; Elders Use Talk About the Savior: V. Voss, chairman of the District Commission on Evangelism; Conference elections.  
**Note:** Please excuse to the host pastor.  
L. H. Lohert, Secretary

#### REDWOOD FALLS DELEGATE CONFERENCE

**Date:** June 22, 1976; 2:00 p.m.  
**Place:** St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Wood Lake, Minnesota.  
**Agenda:** Report to the Ten Districts; Conference Business.  
**Note:** Please excuse to host pastor: Rev. David D. Meyer, Box 156, Wood Lake, 56297.  
L. A. Hohenstein, Secretary

### ST. CROIX PASTOR-TEACHER-DELEGATE CONFERENCE

**Date:** June 22, 1976; 9:00 a.m. Communion service.  
**Place:** St. John's Lutheran, Hastings, Minnesota; G. Backus, host pastor.  
**Preacher:** D. Waage (J. Zeitler, alternate).  
**Agenda:** An Evaluation of Transcendental Meditation and Various Other Cults on the Campus: A. Backus; An Exegetical Study of Revelation 21:9-22:5: W. Kirchner; Conference and Circuit Elections; Dues and "Lutheran Educator" Subscriptions.  
D. Buch, Secretary

### CROW RIVER PRE-DISTRICT DELEGATE CONFERENCE

**Date:** June 24, 1976, 9:30 a.m.  
**Place:** Petra Ev. Lutheran Church, Sauk Rapids, Minnesota; P. Naumann, host pastor.  
**Agenda:** Discussion of the Report to the Ten Districts led by the Western Circuit.  
M. Birkholtz, Secretary

### BIENNIAL DISTRICT CONVENTION

The Thirtieth Biennial Convention of the Minnesota District will be held at Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota, June 29 to July 1, 1976.

#### OPENING SERVICE

A Communion service will be conducted on the opening day, June 29, at 9 a.m., in the chapel of DMLC, with Pastor Emil Peterson delivering the sermon. Pastor Samuel Kugler will be the alternate.

#### ESSAY

Prof. Paul Eickmann of Northwestern College will present an essay on "What Is the Prophets' Message to Us as We Enter Century III?"

#### BUSINESS

Applications for membership, overtures, or other communications relative to the business of the Convention should be addressed to the District president (and a copy of same to the secretary) in due time. Congregations which have translated or changed their constitutions are asked to submit sufficient copies to the proper committee before Convention dates. All conference secretaries are to bring their conference minutes to the Convention.

#### HOUSING

Requests for housing, costs, and a detailed schedule will be mailed to all active pastors and teachers of the District at a later date. Registration forms and fees are to be returned to the Housing Committee by June 12, 1976.  
Warren J. Henrich, Secretary

### NORTHERN WISCONSIN

#### LAKE SUPERIOR DELEGATE CONFERENCE

**Date:** June 22, 1976; 9:30 a.m. (CDST) Communion service.  
**Place:** Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Daggett, Michigan.  
**Agenda:** The Report to the Ten Districts; Selection of Delegates to the Synod Convention; Election of Circuit Pastors; Other Conference Business.  
**Note:** Excuse to host pastor.  
A. Klessig, Secretary

#### RHINELANDER DELEGATE CONFERENCE

**Date:** Sunday, June 27, 1976, 2:30 p.m.  
**Place:** Grace Lutheran Church, Monico, Wisconsin; D. Fleming, host pastor.  
**Agenda:** "Report to the Ten Districts."  
C. J. Siegler, Secretary

### PACIFIC NORTHWEST

#### DISTRICT CONVENTION

The 30th biennial convention of the Pacific Northwest District will be held June 22-24, 1976, at Grace Lutheran Church, Portland, Oregon; Rev. Warren Widmann, host pastor.

The opening service begins at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday. The convention service, with Holy Communion, will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. Pastor Daniel Sabrowsky will be the preacher.

Pastor Karl Krauss will be the guest essayist, his essay being entitled: "The Ideal Congregation in the Light of Holy Scripture."

The agenda will be "The Report to the Ten Districts." Credentials of lay delegates, as authorized by their respective congregations, should be brought to the convention. Excuses for pastors, teachers, and lay delegates are to be sent to the secretary prior to the convention.

Meals and lodging will be provided by the host congregation. The first meal will be served at noon on Tuesday.

Ethan Kahrs, Secretary

### SOUTH ATLANTIC

#### DISTRICT CONVENTION

**Date:** June 14-16, 1976; convenes at 1:00 p.m. Monday.  
**Place:** International Inn, 4800 W. Kennedy Blvd., Tampa, Florida.  
**Communion Service:** Tuesday, June 15, at 7:30 p.m. at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, Tampa, Florida.  
**Preacher:** Joh. P. Meyer (R. Busch, alternate).  
M. Goeglein, Secretary

### SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN

#### DISTRICT CONVENTION

**Date:** Tuesday and Wednesday, June 15 and 16, 1976.  
**Place:** Wisconsin Lutheran High School, 330 North Glenview Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

**Opening Communion Service:** Tuesday, June 15, 1976, at 9:00 a.m. in St. John's Lutheran Church, West Forest Home Avenue and South 68th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; H. Lichtenberg, host pastor. President George W. Boldt will preach for this service.

**Essay:** Consistent Application of the Scriptural Injunctions Concerning the Role of Women in the Church: K. Kruck.

**Notes:** Noon meals on Tuesday and Wednesday and the evening meal on Tuesday will be served in the high-school cafeteria. The cost of the meals has been included in the registration fees announced in the president's letter. Please send the fees in advance to the secretary. Lay delegates' credentials must be signed by the president and secretary of the congregation.

Wisconsin Lutheran High School is located in the first block south of Bluemound Road (Highway U.S. 16 and Wis. 18) on the east side of Glenview Avenue (84th Street) approximately three blocks north of the 84th Street exit from the east-west freeway, I-94. Parking lots are behind the school.

Delegates desiring overnight accommodations are asked to contact the business manager of the high school no later than June 8, 1976. He will be helpful in making reservations at nearby motels.  
M. Kujath, Secretary

### CALL FOR NOMINATIONS SECRETARY OF PUBLICATIONS

The Synod's Board for Parish Education invites the members of the Synod to submit in nomination the names of men qualified to serve as Secretary of Publications of the Board for Parish Education. The men nominated for this position should be qualified to plan, write, and promote educational materials intended primarily for the Synod's Christian day schools. Nominations should be in the hands of the undersigned no later than June 21, 1976.

Mr. Ferdinand Schultz  
363 Lincoln Dr.  
Juneau, WI 53039

### VACATIONERS TO THE BLACK HILLS

If you are planning a Bicentennial tour of Mt. Rushmore and the northern Black Hills, you are invited to attend services at St. Paul's in Rapid City, South Dakota (located at Ninth and Fairview; services at 8:00 and 10:15 a.m.); Trinity in Sturgis (located at 2109 Baldwin; service at 9:00 a.m.); or Hope in Spearfish (located at Jackson and Yale; service at 10:45 a.m.).

#### CHAPLAIN E. C. RENZ

#### HOME ADDRESS

6501 Gau-Bischofsheim  
Bahnhofstrasse 92  
West Germany  
Telephone: 06135-3249

#### MAILING ADDRESS

398-12-3568  
Box RY  
APO NY 09185

### ADDRESSES

(Submitted through the District Presidents)

#### Pastors:

Goehring, William C.  
1405 W. Tamarack Road  
Salt Lake City, UT 84107  
Hanke, Arthur, am.  
2746 S. Cevland Pk. Dr.  
West Allis, WI 53219  
Tel. (414) 321-2486

Moldenhauer, John V.  
Rt. 1  
Johnson, MN 56250  
Tel. (612) 748-7625  
Zuleger, Chester W.  
Rt. 1  
Lake City, MN 55041

# Treasurer's Report

## PREBUDGET SUBSCRIPTION PERFORMANCE

Four months ended April 30, 1976

	Subscription Amount for 1976	4/12 of Annual Subscription	Subscription and Pension Offerings	Per Cent of Subscription
Arizona-California .....	\$ 351,776	\$ 117,259	\$ 136,808	116.7
Dakota-Montana .....	218,873	72,958	68,154	93.4
Michigan .....	1,115,796	371,932	323,667	87.0
Minnesota .....	1,177,243	392,414	463,452	118.1
Nebraska .....	221,420	73,807	70,487	95.5
Northern Wisconsin .....	1,247,301	415,767	427,946	102.9
Pacific Northwest .....	99,040	33,013	36,731	111.3
Southeastern Wisconsin .....	1,542,708	514,236	491,197	95.5
Western Wisconsin .....	1,465,523	488,508	464,838	95.2
South Atlantic .....	71,860	23,953	29,141	121.7
Total — 1976 .....	\$7,511,540	\$2,503,847	\$2,512,421	100.3
Total — 1975 .....	\$7,041,663	\$2,347,221	\$2,404,856	102.5

## CURRENT BUDGETARY FUND

### Statement of Income and Expenditures

Twelve months ended April 30, 1976 with comparative figures for 1975

Twelve months ended April 30

	1976	1975	Increase or Decrease*	
			Amount	Per Cent
<b>Income</b>				
Prebudget Subscription Offerings .....	\$7,191,204	\$6,884,281	\$306,923	4.5
Pension Plan Contributions .....	80,614	84,877	4,263*	5.0*
Gifts, Memorials, and Bequests .....	212,283	231,582	19,299*	8.3*
Earnings from Fox Estate .....	43,114	100,623	57,509*	57.2*
Other Income .....	14,135	15,625	1,490*	9.5*
Transfers from Other Funds .....	93,659	59,055	34,604	58.6
Total Income .....	\$7,635,009	\$7,376,043	\$258,966	3.5
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Worker-Training — Expenses .....	\$4,502,738	\$4,134,768	\$367,970	8.9
Worker-Training — Income .....	1,859,720	1,666,005	193,715	11.6
Worker-Training — Net .....	\$2,643,018	\$2,468,763	\$174,255	7.1
Home Missions .....	1,481,570	1,340,577	140,993	10.5
World Missions .....	1,176,781	1,231,761	54,980*	4.5*
Benevolences .....	931,383	849,242	82,141	9.7
Administration and Services .....	702,952	564,707	138,245	24.5
Total Operations .....	\$6,935,704	\$6,455,050	\$480,654	7.4
Appropriations — Building Funds .....	197,832	192,832	5,000	2.6
Appropriations — CEF Program .....	597,225	819,968	222,743*	27.2*
Total Expenditures .....	\$7,730,761	\$7,467,850	\$262,911	3.5
Operating Gain/Deficit** .....	\$ 95,752**	\$ 91,807**		

Norris Koopmann, Treasurer & Controller  
Donald E. Wilke, Assistant Treasurer  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53208

Note: Future cutoff dates of PBS receipts in the Synod's Post Office Lock Box are as follows:

For the Month of:	Cutoff Date:
June	July 7
July	August 6
August	September 7
September	October 7

### REQUEST FOR COLLOQUY

Mr. Harry Gudmundson, a professor at Concordia Lutheran Junior College of Ann Arbor, Michigan, has requested a colloquy with a view to entering the teaching ministry of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod. Correspondence relative to the request may be addressed to the undersigned.

W. J. Zarling, President  
Michigan District

### REQUEST FOR COLLOQUY

Mr. Ralph O. Wood, Marengo, Illinois, who has come to the conviction that he can no longer for doctrinal reasons serve as a teacher in The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, has requested a colloquy preparatory to entering the teaching ministry of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod. Any correspondence pertaining to him should be addressed to Rev. Carl H. Mischke, president of the Western Wisconsin District.

## FALL PASTORS' INSTITUTE

The 1976 Pastors' Institute at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary will be held, God willing, on five Monday afternoons beginning October 4. Two lectures will be presented on each of the Mondays from 1:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. in the multipurpose room in the lower level of the Seminary library. The topics will be:

"The Occult" — Dr. Siegbert Becker.

"Review of Homiletical Theory" — Prof. Joel Gerlach.

The registration fee will be \$7.50. Registrations are to be sent to President Carl J. Lawrenz, 11831 N. Seminary Dr. 65W, Mequon, Wisconsin 53092

Paul A. Manthey, Secretary  
Seminary Board of Control

### NOTICE

The next regular plenary session of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for

June 21-22, 1976.

Business to be acted on is to be submitted to the executive secretary of the board, with copies to the chairman of the board, no later than ten days prior to the meeting date.

Norval W. Kock, Secretary  
Board of Trustees