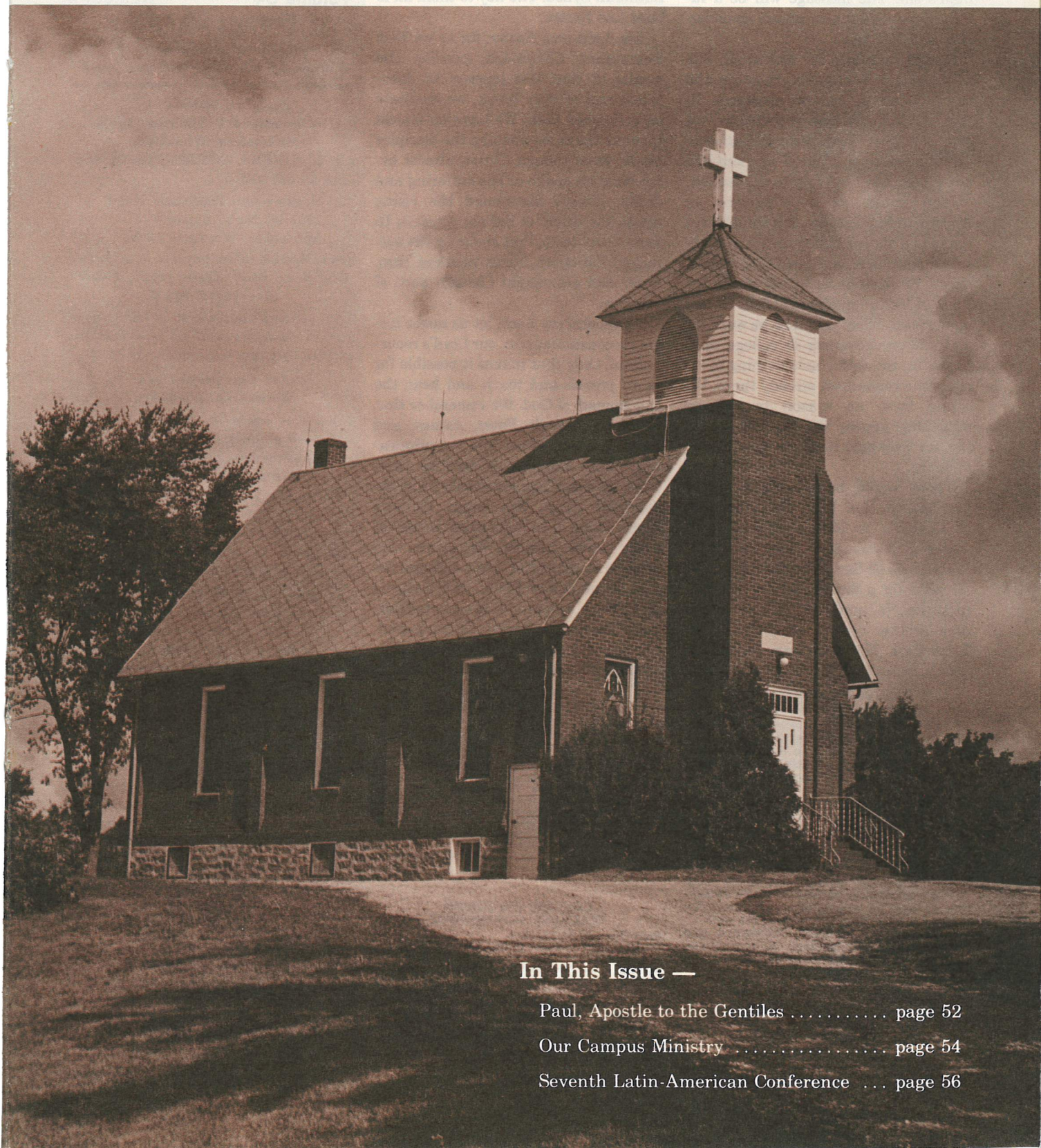


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# Briefs by the Editor

Lent is upon us again. Again there will be special midweek services. Again the hallelujahs will be omitted from the liturgy, the liturgical colors will be somber, and the texts will speak of man's sin. The message will be a familiar one, and the emphasis no different than last year.

Should that bore us? Not at all. The message is as contemporary as sin and as up-to-date as our own existence. In fact, not a single item reported in this issue of *The Northwestern Lutheran* would have taken place if our Lord had not made that final trip to Jerusalem.

Paul would not have become an Apostle to the Gentiles, but would have pursued a distinguished career in Jerusalem, and then have been forgotten. It would be useless for us to study the Book of Ruth, for without Christ it has no purpose. There would be no work for us to do on university or college campuses, for we would have nothing to replace the humanism already there. We would have no reason to support preaching among the Spanish-speaking, for we would have no "good news" to share.

There would be no school of the prophets at New Ulm. No dedications at Centuria or Monroe. No anniversaries at St. James or Palos Heights or Watertown or San Antonio or Houston. No need for a Sunday-school teachers' institute. No comfort when a sister dies or a brother retires. No planning for Estes Park. No exploratory services at

Kansas City, Kettering, Clinton, Lima, Pocatello, or Placer County. No "Time and Place" reports for Pittsburgh, Scottsbluff, or Antigo. No *Northwestern Lutheran*, and no Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod. The key to them all is Lent and Easter.

Yes, *Lent and Easter*, for as we New Testament Christians ponder the events of that last journey to Jerusalem and of Holy Week, we meditate on a finished task. We have no reason to make the same mistake the disciples made. Even though Christ, almost every time He spoke of His suffering and death, always mentioned His rising again, the disciples did not grasp it. In fact, when Jesus first spoke of His suffering and death, Peter rebuked Him. Peter had not caught Christ's word of promise.

As we observe Lent, let us never forget its consummation, our Lord's resurrection. Only that makes it possible for us to preach and teach and hear the full counsel of God. We remember that our Lord forbade Peter, James, and John to speak about His transfiguration "until the Son of man be risen from the dead." No one would have understood them. But today Christ's resurrection is an indispensable part of every Lenten sermon. His resurrection assures us that what Jesus suffered before Caiaphas and Pilate, and endured on Calvary, achieved God's eternal purpose. Death, the enemy, is conquered; our sins are paid for. "It is finished."

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The Board of Directors of Northwestern Publishing House has authorized the calling of an Associate Editor to replace Rev. S. Fenske, who has retired, and requests the members of the Synod to nominate men qualified for this position.

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**Date:** February 24-25, 1977.  
**Place:** Friedens Lutheran Church and School, 5043 20th Avenue, Kenosha, Wisconsin 53140.

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**Date:** February 24-25, 1977.  
**Place:** Eastside Lutheran School, 2310 Independence Lane, Madison, Wisconsin 53704.

**Agenda:** In the World, But Not of the World: Pastor P. Kelm; and the following workshops: Counseling in the Elementary School: Mr. J. Juern; Art: Miss M. Manthey; Motivational Materials for Language Arts: J. and G. Lanphear; Social Studies: Mr. E. Bartsch; The Metric System: Prof. H. Yotter.

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*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 St. Matthew's Church, four miles southwest of Warrens, Wisconsin, in the cranberry country. St. Matthew's is a congregation of 215 souls and is part of a tri-parish together with St. Luke's and St. John's, also rural Warrens. Pastor of the congregation is the Rev. Henry Klug. St. Matthew's was founded in 1894.

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# Editorials

**Viewpoints That Bear Watching** A parish pastor felt that he was caught between two fires. His church, located in a rapidly expanding suburban area of a large city, was increasing steadily in membership. Some of his parishioners voiced the opinion that the church was growing too fast. Others complained that it was growing too slowly. Pushed to extremes, both of these viewpoints can be dangerous, and they can be perverted by Satan to serve his own purposes rather than to promote the welfare of the church.

Those who feel that the church is growing too fast can make it their mission to carry on a perpetual inquisition into the person and activities of the pastor — to view everything with suspicion and to point to every development with alarm. This is a tempting position in that it can give the inquisitors the self-satisfied feeling that they are on the side of righteousness, whereas they can in fact become a divisive force in the congregation and an unsettling influence in the life of a conscientious pastor.

On the other hand, those who think that the church is growing too slowly can fall into the trap of seeking growth for growth's sake. They may seldom lift a finger to spread the saving Word. They may not even be particularly interested in sharing the Good News. They may merely want the church to grow since growth is much admired in America and tends to be looked upon as the infallible yardstick by which success can be measured.

In the work of the church it is vital that the truth be preserved. It is at the same time the aim of the church to bring in an increasing number of lost souls to share the blessings of Christ's kingdom. But it should be borne in mind by concerned members that the purpose of the church is not accomplished by forcing a pastor who faithfully proclaims the Word to labor under a cloud of suspicion. As for growth, God has made that His business, not ours.

Immanuel Frey

**The Christian's Case Against Gambling** Like the Teton Dam, the earthen dike that has been holding back the floodwaters of gambling is crumbling. New Jersey has voted to become the Las Vegas of the East. Thirteen states have lotteries; jealous neighboring states are giving this form of gambling serious consideration. Forty-four states now have some kind of legitimized gambling; 37 of them are considering expansion.

Expansion is almost assured because the citizenry favors it. A poll reveals that 80 per cent approve of at least some form of gambling, and 67 per cent indulge in gambling either legitimately, or illegitimately.

In the face of this popular support, no sober and rational arguments seem to avail. Public-spirited citizens point to the social problems that accompany gambling. Compulsive gamblers deprive their families of grocery money. Gam-

bling "contributes more than any other single enterprise to police corruption . . . and to the well-being of the nation's criminals." The revenue that states gain from lotteries is very limited. The illegal numbers racket pays no taxes and squeezes out legal gambling, where winnings are taxed. But who heeds these arguments?

If Christians are not to succumb to the gambling contagion, they need more than such rational arguments to sustain them. As children of God they want to use their earthly goods as God wills.

The unbeliever does not even know what covetousness is, but the Christian recognizes it and will beware of it; he will not seek to get something from another without paying for it in goods or services.

The worldling acknowledges no stewardship obligations toward God, but the Christian does. The gambler says: "My money is mine to do with as I please; if I want to gamble it away, that's my affair." The Christian knows that his money is not his; it is God's, and he is only the trustee. He may not do with it as he pleases; he is to use it in a constructive, brotherly way, and to God's glory.

The gambler attempts to get a return from society without making a contribution to it. The Christian knows that in his stewardship of life he has a service to render to society. He gains the fruits of his honest toil not only for himself but also for others.

The Christian will not lend his support to the kind of morality that holds that gambling is right because people want it.

Carleton Toppe

**Spare Midwives** When some new agency is aborning, a predictable chain of events seems to occur. It is tactfully, but pointedly told that the Christian congregation is inadequate and in dire need of help.

The church cannot cope, we are told, with the "specialized needs" of today's aged or young, single folks or married, intellectual or unlearned, despondent or delinquent, hardship case or handicapped.

The terminology that accompanies this complaint is also predictable. Present efforts are "obsolete," or "narrow," or "ineffective" in today's "changing racial-social-geographical-cultural climate."

These "critical times" are a "challenging frontier" calling for "contemporary awareness" and "sensitivity" which is "progressive" in "thrust" as well as "realistic" and "relevant."

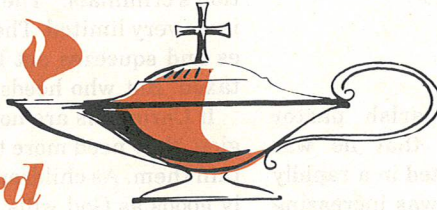
Predictable statistics, charts and graphs are trotted out at this point, along with an opinion poll which generally reflects whatever answer the interviewer had in mind to begin with.

Only later we discover that the new agency doesn't work without the old congregation it claimed was inadequate. Application is made for congregational personnel and manpower, facility and publicity, and, of course, money.

After awhile it may come to thoughtful people to spare themselves the midwifery of another agency, and simply be up and doing that which God has already promised to make of them through His Word, "thoroughly equipped for every good work."

John Parcher

## Studies in God's Word



# Paul, Apostle to the Gentiles

No discussion of the Twelve would be complete without at least some mention of the thirteenth Apostle, Saint Paul. There have been those who have felt that the Church's choice of Matthias to replace Judas was a mistake, and that the Lord quietly displaced him by calling Paul instead. But the Twelve are a unit, and Paul is in a class by himself. By the grace of God he was permitted to "labor more abundantly than they all" (I Cor. 15:10).

### Early Life

From the Book of Acts and Paul's own Epistles we know more about Paul than any other New Testament personality except our Lord. He was born in Tarsus, a prominent city in the Roman province of Cilicia in Asia Minor (Acts 21:39). How Paul's parents obtained their Roman citizenship we do not know, but they were able to pass that blessing on to their son, for Paul asserts, "I was free born" (Acts 22:28).

Valuable as that citizenship was, Paul had yet another loyalty. He was "of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews" (Phil. 3:5). Paul's close connection with Judaism shows itself also in that he terms himself "a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee" (Acts 23:6). Not only did Paul's father teach his son the trade of tent-making, but he gave him the very finest Pharisaic training available, enrolling him under the eminent teacher Gamaliel (Acts 22:3). Here Paul became passionately devoted to seeking after righteousness, but a righteousness to be obtained by keeping the Law and by protecting that Law against all who seemed to be undermining it.

### A Persecutor of Christians

Chief among those who seemed to him to be dishonoring the Law were the Christians, for they taught a salvation *by grace* through faith in Jesus of Nazareth. We first see Paul's opposition to Christianity in his approval of Stephen's stoning (Acts 7:58; 22:20). But passive approval soon turned into active persecution as Paul, "breathing out threatenings and slaughter," hunted the Christians from house to house in Jerusalem (Acts 8:3) and even obtained warrants to seek them out and arrest them in outlying areas (Acts 9:1,2).

It was in the course of a planned "raid" on Damascus Christians that Paul was met on the road by the risen Christ, who confronted him with the question, "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou Me?" (Acts 9:3-19; 22:6-21; 26:12-18.) In a moment Paul was made to see that the Jesus whom he was persecuting was none other than the true God, the only Savior of sinners. As zealous as Paul had previously been to *earn* righteousness by keeping and defending the Law, so zealous was he now to *share* the righteousness won by that Savior who had shown mercy to him.

### A Missionary to the Gentiles

Paul became *the* missionary to the Gentiles. Not that he neglected his Jewish countrymen. Rather, they rejected him and his testimony. In a series of three great mission expeditions, extending over about 10 years, Paul traversed not only the whole of Asia Minor, but crossed over into Europe also and founded congregations in such

cities as Philippi, Thessalonica, Berea, and Corinth. On these expeditions Paul traveled an estimated eight or nine thousand miles. For a catalog of the "perils" that beset him daily we need only turn to II Corinthians 11:19-12:9, the Epistle reading for Sexagesima Sunday.

### A Prisoner of the Lord

A special aspect of Paul's sufferings were his imprisonments. Already at the time of writing *Second Corinthians* Paul tells us he had been imprisoned frequently (11:23), though we know only of his imprisonment in Philippi (Acts 16:23f). Later, at the close of his third missionary journey, he was arrested in Jerusalem and transferred to a prison in Caesarea where his case remained unresolved after two years (Acts 24:22). Hence Paul appealed to Rome and apparently languished there another two years (Acts 28:30) until he finally was set free. What Paul did during the three or four years of freedom now granted him we do not know with certainty. He may have realized his ambition to preach the Gospel in Spain (Rom. 15:24-28). At any rate, he was arrested again and this time suffered a martyr's death under the Roman emperor Nero. Significantly, Paul never speaks of himself as a prisoner of the Romans. Always he is "a prisoner of Jesus Christ."

### A Prolific Writer

Of the New Testament books, half are Epistles of Paul — 13 letters, if one does not include *Hebrews*. There are no writings on earth that have had a greater impact than these letters of the Apostle. They have been instrumental not only in establishing the Christian Church but also in maintaining and reforming it. Think of the input that *Romans* had into Luther's thinking, and of *Galatians* the Reformer said, "I have betrothed myself to it; it is my wife."

Also to us the Apostle should be a familiar correspondent. Three-fourths of the Standard Epistles read on Sundays are from Paul's pen. Week after week he instructs us, admonishes us, encourages us. It is a debt that we can repay only by accepting his message in faith and then heeding his encouragement, "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ" (I Cor. 11:1).

Armin J. Panning

# Mining the Treasure of God's Word

Ruth +  
I Samuel



By Julian G. Anderson

Before we begin our next book there's an interesting feature of the Book of Ruth that we didn't have time to cover two weeks ago. First of all, then, reread the book and also the last lesson, noting in particular all the names of the people involved. These names help

## Teach Us a Lesson.

As you read your Bible dictionary you should notice that every Hebrew name has a meaning. And quite often the meaning of these names is a significant part of the account. The Book of Ruth is a good example of this.

First, then, make a list of the names and their meanings from your Bible dictionary, keeping in mind that some of the meanings are open to more than one interpretation. There's no doubt that Elimelech means "my God is (my) King," and we think that the best choice for Naomi is "my sweetness" or "my delight." In the Old Testament Israel is often spoken of as God's chosen *bride* (Exod. 19:5,6) and therefore His sweetness and delight. And when He made His covenant with her, Israel confessed God to be her King.

It was a marriage, however, which Israel often violated, as became clear in the days of the judges. The results were often tragic. For example, Israel's unfaithfulness brought on a famine, as we read in Ruth 1:1, and soon Naomi was forced to leave her land. The names of her sons reflect other such times, for Mahlon means

"sickly" and Chilion means "wasting away." Whenever Israel rebelled against God, it meant that Israel had really lost faith in Him and could no longer say, "my God is my King."

Naomi soon lost everything; her husband died and so did both her sons. From this time on her life was no longer "sweetness and delight," but was full of bitterness (see 1:20 — the name Mara means "bitter").

Ruth, her daughter-in-law, whose name means "beauty" or "comeliness," was a Moabitess, a heathen or Gentile. That she was accepted into the people of God finds its parallel today in the New Testament Church, which is made up in large part of Gentiles who have come to faith in God and become true believers.

As we learned, Ruth accompanied Naomi and went to Canaan moved only by her love for God and seeking "rest" (safety and security). When she arrived, God in His gracious providence lead her to Boaz, whose name means "in him is strength." Boaz as the near kinsman brought Ruth the safety and security God had chosen for her.

## Our Near Kinsman

For us the Strong One is our Lord Jesus Christ. He is also our "near kinsman," for He was born a true man, with a true human body. As our Savior He ransomed us from sin and set us free. He saved us, for He paid the ran-

som price, His death on the cross. We who belong to Him are His bride and have found rest and salvation. In a similar way, Ruth and Naomi shared with Boaz his life, his home, his wealth, and his happiness. This is a beautiful picture of the whole Church, Jews and Gentiles, enjoying the salvation and eternal joys won by Christ.

Ruth and Boaz became ancestors of our Lord Jesus Christ (see Matt. 1:5). Both of them were also true believers. We, too, are members of Jesus' family, but unlike Boaz and Ruth we are members by adoption only. We are children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

## A New Period

With the history of Boaz and Ruth, Naomi and Elimelech, we come to the end of the first era in the history of Israel, the period called the "theocracy," when God governed His people directly as their King through certain chosen leaders, like Moses, Joshua, and the judges. When we turn the page to the next book, I Samuel, we are stepping over the threshold into a new era, the period of the monarchy, the time when the people of God were governed by kings.

The transition figure between these two periods is Samuel, who may have been the author of the Book of Ruth. He is the man whom God raised up to serve as the last judge and the first prophet in the official sense of the word. Next to Moses he stands as the greatest figure in the early history of Israel, and with him begins what we know as the prophetic office separate from that of the leader or judge. Samuel's importance in this respect is reflected in the New Testament in Acts 3:24 and 13:20 and Hebrews 11:32.

However, since our allotted space is all filled up, we won't have time today to meet this interesting man. It has been a little different kind of digging today, but we hope you have enjoyed it. And now we'll have to stow our tools away and wait until our next outing.

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## Our Campus Ministry

One of the responsibilities of the Special Ministries Board is the supervision of the Synod's campus ministry. The board is assisted in this work by its Student Services Committee.

### Caring

The purpose of the campus ministry is to provide spiritual care to WELS students who are studying at secular and private colleges and universities. This is done through campus pastors who are called by the District mission boards to labor in campus fields. The great majority of our campus pastors serve congregations in addition to their campus work. The two fields where we have full-time campus pastors are Milwaukee and Madison. A third, Minneapolis, will become a reality during 1977. Whether full-time or part-time, the campus ministry provides our WELS students with opportunities for worship, Bible study, Christian service, and fellowship.

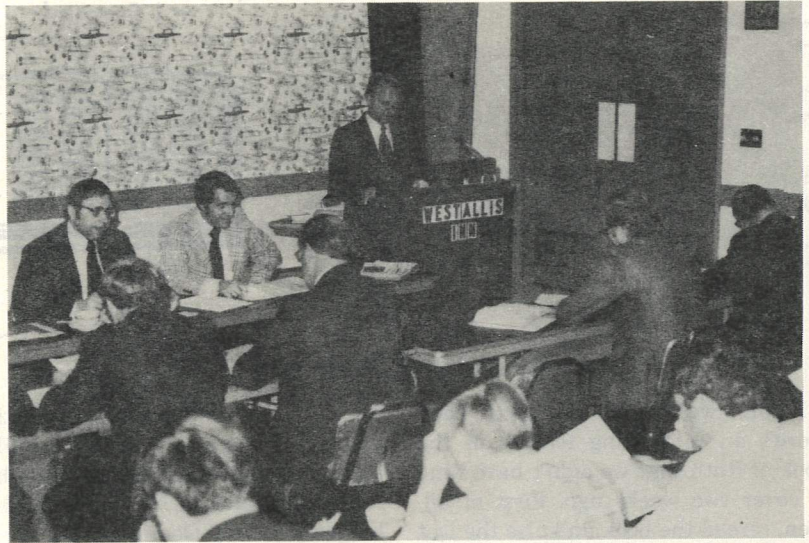
### Finding

One problem faced by the board and the campus pastors is knowing who and where our WELS students are. Our parish pastors are regularly reminded to send the names of students from their congregations to the Special Ministries Board office in Milwaukee. These names are forwarded to the appropriate campus pastors so that contacts with the students can be made.

In addition, the Special Ministries Board carries on a mailing program for all students whose names have been submitted. *Meditations*, *The Lutheran Communicator*, which is the newsletter of the Lutheran Collegians, and *The Northwestern Lutheran* (upon request of the student) are sent to all on a regular basis.

### Sharing

Our campus ministry is also mission oriented. More and more we realize that the campuses across our country are "fields white unto the harvest." The Lutheran Collegians organization,



The most recent Campus Pastor Institute was conducted at the West Allis Inn on Nov. 3-4, 1976.

consisting of many local chapters of WELS and ELS students, have maintained a keen interest in evangelism. The Collegians conduct annual Christmas evangelism seminars, where God's Word is studied and evangelism techniques are presented and put into practice through canvass-witnessing. The students who take part return to their campuses better prepared and more enthused to carry on the Savior's great commission with their fellow Collegians under the campus pastors' guidance.

### Training

The Special Ministries Board also assists the campus pastors in their ministry. Campus Pastor Institutes have been conducted in the fall of the past several years. Campus pastors from all over the United States, but especially from the midwest, gather to study the Word and their work, share their problems and solutions, and suggest programs and pursuits. The Student Services Committee has attempted to assist them by preparing the *Handbook For Campus Pastors* and the *Evaluation Form* for analyzing campus ministries.

What is our campus ministry? It is

many things. It is our students, our sons and daughters, our young men and women who need the Gospel ministry while they are away from their home congregations and pastors. It is also other students to be reached, invited, gained.

Our campus ministry is sending in student names; it is the Synod's program of mailing Christian literature; it is gathering young saints around the Word and Sacrament; it is guiding and encouraging them in serving the Savior; it is assisting pastoral brothers in their challenging call. Our campus ministry is a vital program for our youth today and for their and our Synod's welfare in the future.

May our prayers and efforts be commensurate to this work which the Savior has given us!

L. L. Pautz

Student Services Committee



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# *A Parish Pastor's Perspective*

## **The Story of a Great Church**

When the last stone had come to rest and the broken body of Stephen began its rest in sleep, there remained little rest for the Christians in Jerusalem. The persecutions that broke out drove many of them out of the city and scattered them far and wide. Some settled as far away as Antioch, Syria, 300 miles north.

Antioch was a prominent city, the capital of the province of Syria and the third most populous city in the Roman Empire. It was a city of high culture, dotted with spectacular buildings. But it was an immoral city, given to the sensual religious rites conducted in the name of Daphne and Apollo.

### **They Took Their Faith Along**

The Christian immigrants to Antioch did not leave their faith back in Jerusalem. In their new home they witnessed the Good News of Jesus Christ to the Jews who lived there. They also shared their joy in Christ with the Gentiles of the city. The Holy Spirit blessed their testimony, bringing many to faith in Christ. When the Jerusalem church heard about it, the Christians there sent Barnabas to minister to the newly formed church. He in turn found Paul at Tarsus and invited him to help in the work. Together they worked for a year in Antioch.

The work of Christ's kingdom expanded so rapidly at Antioch that soon there were five pastors working there. The congregation was noted for its great zeal and dedication. This was seen in the contribution which was sent to the mother church in Jerusalem to give relief in a time of famine. It was seen also in its love for missions.

### **Missions Their Mission**

The Christians at Antioch responded to the need for Gospel preaching in

Asia Minor and beyond. They commissioned two of their five pastors to go and share the Good News in those lands. It must have been an emotion-filled occasion when the emissaries of the Gospel left Antioch, for the two were Paul and Barnabas, the first co-pasters of the church. The Holy Spirit brought wonderful fruits to bear as a result of the missionary journeys that began and ended at Antioch. And with each success the Christians in the church at Antioch rejoiced with the angels in heaven. No wonder the Antioch church is known by history as the Mother of Christian Missions!

The church grew in Antioch. Archeologists have unearthed the ruins of at least 20 church buildings dating back to the first three centuries after Christ. Antioch became one of the strongest centers of Christianity in the ancient world. Thirty major church conventions met there within 400 years of Christ's death.

### **Sound Theology**

In the fourth century after Christ a strong school of theology developed which was named the School of Antioch. At its height the Antioch School was noted for its sound principles of interpreting the Bible. It was devoted to a practical, vigorous proclamation of Christ during an age when the strength of many Christians was being sapped by internal wranglings.

The most famous member of the Antioch School was John Chrysostom (golden-tongue), one of the greatest Bible preachers of all time. At that time people had the disgusting custom of stomping and clapping when they liked a sermon. Chrysostom preached a scathing sermon against that custom, pointing out that it was out of keeping with the dignity of God's Word to respond to its preaching as at a sideshow. The people were so moved by the ser-

mon that they — you guessed it — stomped and clapped all the louder.

The church in Antioch was not afraid to stand up for the truth. It sent representatives to the Council at Jerusalem to express its stand against the Judaizers who wanted to take away their freedom in Christ. Later the church fought valiantly against paganism and the Arian heresy, at a time when many Christians had given up fighting for the truth.

### **Its Downfall**

After Chrysostom came a sad turn of events — rationalism set in. Instead of learning from the plain words of Scripture, some leaders at Antioch used human reason to explain the miraculous nature of Christ. The golden age of the Antioch church was over. God permitted the Mohammedans to overrun the city, either destroying the churches or turning them into mosques. The year was 636 A.D.

The Christian church today can learn much from the church at Antioch. Like that church we are gathered together by the grace of God and the blessing of the Holy Spirit. Like that church the way to greatness is through a sound theology that is based on thoroughly Biblical principles of interpreting God's Word. Like that church a great church today will demonstrate love for Christian brothers and sisters and a willingness to share with them in their needs. Like that church a church that desires to be great in God's sight will share its resources for evangelizing the heathen and the unchurched. Perhaps 40 per cent of its resources for work away from the home congregation would still be a good goal. Like the Antioch church a great church today must continue to struggle for the truth of God's Word, no matter how unpleasant that task is and no matter how many voices are pleading for an end to differences.

But the Antioch church also sounds a clear warning — when human reason no longer is servant to the Word of God, then deterioration and ruin will set in. God has no need to preserve from its enemies a church that has compromised His truth.

God grant that our churches may serve the Lord as did the church in Antioch during its years of greatness!

Thomas B. Franzmann

# Teaching them to observe all things ...

## SEVENTH LATIN AMERICAN CONFERENCE

The seventh Latin-American Conference convened on November 3, 1976, under the warm and sunny skies of Guadalajara, Mexico. Christian warmth was also evident throughout the conference, as national and expatriate pastors worked together to carry out Jesus' great commission, "Teach them all things."

### International in Scope

The international make-up of the conference was evident from the moment Pastor David Chichia, president of the Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Church (CELC) in Mexico, opened the conference on the basis of God's Word in Ephesians 2:20-22, until Vicar Juan Rubio, a student from El Salvador, three days later, closed the conference in the name of our God and with prayer.

Pastor Rupert Eggert of El Paso, Texas, presided at the conference sessions, and Pastor Daniel Perez of Cristo Rey Lutheran Church in Guadalajara served as secretary. Pastor Ralph Martens of Guayama, Puerto Rico, and Pastor David Haeuser of San Juan Lutheran Church in El Paso, Texas, were elected as president and secretary of the next Latin-American Conference to be held in 1978.

### Jesus' Great Commission

Pastor Venus Winter of Tucson, Arizona, set the tone of the conference with a thorough study of Jesus' great commission to His disciples, as recorded in Matthew 28:15-20. Special emphasis was placed on the words, "Teaching them all things whatsoever I have commanded you." This is always the work of such who are Jesus' followers. And in this respect, the work of the Latin-American missionary is no different from that of the typical pastor in the United States. We all desire to carry out a complete ministry.

At times this is more difficult in a new mission field because of the lack of materials. The work of the Latin-American missionary is done completely in Spanish. The number of acceptable religious books which have been writ-

ten in Spanish would probably fit on a three-foot shelf.

The conference concerned itself especially with the "Escuela Dominical" (Sunday school). Here too, almost the only materials available are our own.

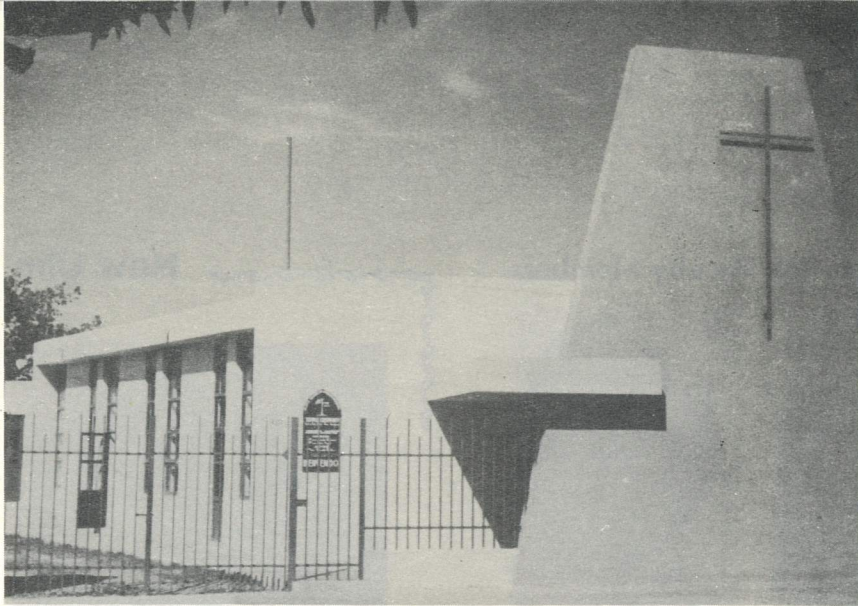


**Our Ten Expatriate Workers** (left to right): Pastor Gary Pieper, Field Counselor Roger Sprain, Pastor Charles Flunker, Friendly Counselor Rupert Eggert, Vicar Mark Jeske, Pastor Venus Winter, Pastor Ernest Zimdars, Pastor Ralph Martens, Pastor David Haeuser, and Pastor Lawrence Retberg.



**Staff of Mexican Mission** (left to right): Vicar Jesu Saucedo, Juarez; Friendly Counselor R. Eggert, El Paso; Pastor Daniel Chichia, Mexico City; Pastor Daniel Perez, Guadalajara; Pastor Lorenzo Perez, Puebla; Pastor Gary Pieper, Guadalajara; and Pastor Vincent Guillen, Juarez.





Christo Rey — Christ the King Lutheran Church, Guadalajara, Mexico — Site of the Seventh Latin-American Conference

Conference papers dealt with the basic problems facing the Latin-American Sunday school: courses of study, avail-

ability of Sunday-school materials in Spanish, administration of the Sunday school, use of the audio-visual aids,

organization and training of Sunday-school teachers.

It was a joy to attend this conference. The Lord has richly blessed our Synod in the short time we have been doing work in Spanish. From a humble beginning by Pastor V. Winter in Tucson in 1948, to the expansion into Puerto Rico in 1964, through the open doors into Mexico in 1968, and onward to rich blessings in Colombia in 1974, our Latin-American missionaries now number 16. These men are scattered from Tucson, Arizona, east to the island of Puerto Rico, and south to the mountains around Medellin, Colombia. We pray that you who read these words will rejoice with us who are privileged to serve the Lord in our Synod's Latin-American Missions "teaching them to observe all things," and doing so by means of Spanish.

Pastor Gary Pieper  
El Paso, Texas

Missionary Gary Pieper writes on

## Learning Spanish at Guadalajara

The mission of the Church can be compared in many ways to nature's most precious gem, the diamond, for its sheer beauty, its durability, and its superlative value. We are privileged to share this treasure with our fellow men in all the world.

Before we are sent out into new fields and to new people, we must prepare ourselves to understand the strange culture and to speak in the language which they use. In our case it is Spanish.

This language and culture training is being received in Mexico's second largest city, Guadalajara, where one gets the true, unspoiled flavor of old Mexico. The altitude here is 5,000 feet above sea level. The food is strange and exciting, but it also has its hazards, as everyone knows who has visited Mexico.

The new world-missionary and his family miss the familiar surroundings of family and friends, the comfortable housing, the customary clothes on men and woman, the lack of a car, and many other luxuries one takes for granted in the United States. Family devotions become even more impor-

tant where there is no Lutheran church one can go to, and the training of the children becomes one's exclusive responsibility, not shared by the school and Sunday school, as at home.

### Cristo Me Ama Bien Lo Se

Gradually the new words take on a warm meaning, as we pray *Padre Nuestro* and our children learn to sing, *Christo Me Ama, Bien Lo Se* (Jesus Loves Me, This I Know). Increasingly the beauty of the Gospel shines forth in the beauty of another beautiful tongue, the Spanish. What we learned to treasure in English we are privileged to transmit to others in their mother tongue, and find it just as beautiful as our own.

No longer are we just hearing a sermon about God's children in another land; we have become a part of this moving scene. We are riding on the same bus with people whom God wants to win through our witness. We can speak to them, we can visit them in their homes, we can tell them about our Savior in their own way of understanding.

This work of breaking down superstition and ignorance is very important, this work of bringing light, faith, hope, and life. Praise God that we are here; praise God that you have sent us! Pray God that we will bear much fruit!



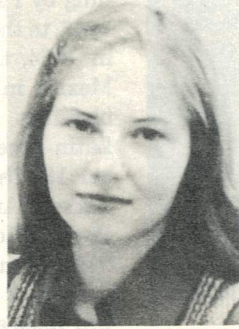
The Pieper family at Guadalajara

# DMLC News

## Three New Faculty Members



Mr. Schutters



Miss Motchek



Miss Troge

The Dr. Martin Luther College family was increased by the addition of three new faculty members at the beginning of the current school year. They are Miss Christine Troge, Miss Karen Motchek, and Mr. Edward Schutters. Both Miss Troge and Miss Motchek are members of the college's music division. Mr. Schutters teaches science.

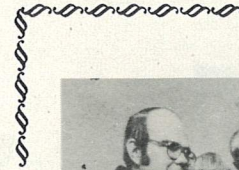
Miss Troge, a native of Appleton, Wisconsin, is a graduate of Dr. Martin Luther College. Prior to accepting the call to teach organ at DMLC, she taught grades one through six at Abid-

ing Word Lutheran School in Houston, Texas, and served as organist of the congregation.

Miss Motchek, who also teaches organ, earned a Bachelor Degree in Music at Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan, her hometown. She previously was organist at Emanuel Lutheran in Lansing.

Mr. Edward Schutters, born in Chicago's inner city, holds a degree from the University of Illinois. At DMLC he is active in the biological and physical sciences, both in the classroom and in the laboratory.

## New Ulm



Early Evening, Dec. 31

Until New Year's Eve, Tom and Judy Kuster had three normal, healthy children.

About 10:30 Friday night, Tom and Judy Kuster had nine normal, healthy children . . .

The new Kusters, who arrived at Twin Cities airport on a flight from Seoul, are brother and sisters; their

## 155 Years of Teaching

As reported in the January 23 issue of *The Northwestern Lutheran*, five members of the DMLC faculty were recognized last November 14 for a combined total of 155 years in the teaching profession. We are happy to bring you their picture in this issue. Their dedication and long years of service are indeed a blessing to our school. Through their students, their influence for good has also been felt throughout our Synod.



Prof. Waldemar Nolte      Mrs. Adelia Sievert      Prof. Glenn Barnes  
Prof. Martin Schroeder      Prof. A. Kurt Grams

## family of 5 grows to 11 overnight



Late Evening, Dec. 31

parents both died of cancer about a year ago.

The oldest child — a 13-year-old girl — insisted that the children be kept together, and that is why they are coming to New Ulm.

An uncle in Seoul tried to keep the youngsters but simply couldn't afford it, and he apparently decided that the only way to keep the children together would be for them to come to affluent America.

So an item appeared in a magazine put out by OUR, a Minnesota-based agency that provides information on adoptions. The item said, "Needed: Home for 5 beautiful girls, 3½ to 13." The boy wasn't offered for adoption initially.

Mrs. Kuster saw the item — they were thinking about adopting another child — and showed it to her husband.

"Sounds interesting," he responded. "Let's look into it." . . .

The Kusters already have two adopted children, including Kymarie, who is Korean and will soon be 2 years old. . . . Matthew is a blond, blue-eyed 6-year-old of Indian, black, and white descent. He was adopted when the Kuster's natural son, Andy, 7, was about 1½. . . .

The Kusters initially didn't expect the 2-year-old boy, Soo-man, to come with the girls. . . . "We learned that he was coming, too, after it was already decided that we could have the girls."

The Kusters know that things are going to change around the house. . . . "It'll work out, I'm sure," said Mrs. Kuster. "A bit crowded at times. But there are times when Matthew — he's our live wire — is going full throttle and I think we already have 15 or 20 people in the house." . . .

They expect a lot of adjustment problems. A letter they received from 13-year-old Zung-ei (Leanna) was an indication that it will take some adjusting for children who have just lost their parents and are losing their country and relatives.

"When I first called you, 'Mother, Father,' I felt very strange," Zung-ei wrote, "but I feel OK now." . . .

None of the children speak English (the letter was translated), but local school officials already have decided to make a special effort to teach the school-age youngsters English.

The Kusters' "first" three children are pleased about the whole thing. Kymarie already has started learning the names of her new brother and sisters.

Andy says, "It's good." Why? "Just because."

And Matthew says it's "good," too, "because then we'll have a lot more love here."

Professor Thomas A. Kuster is instructor in English and Speech at Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota, since 1971. The above account, written by staff writer Jim Parsons, appeared in the **Minneapolis Tribune** on January 1, 1977. Permission for excerpting and printing was granted by the **Minneapolis Tribune**. The pictures, taken by staff photographers Donald Balck and Bruce Bisping, are also used by permission.

## AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS

He Cares . . . We Care (FS-65-HCWC)

1976 35 minutes Cassette only Color

This filmstrip describes the varied activities of the Wisconsin Lutheran Child and Family Service, a Wisconsin Synod agency serving congregations throughout the state of Wisconsin. There are three main areas of activity: convalescent care for the disabled, a secure retirement home for the elderly, and counseling and adoption service for families with special needs. Since the agency is prohibited by law from serving outside Wisconsin, this filmstrip will interest chiefly the congregations who can and do make use of these services. Order from Audio-Visual Aids, c/o Northwestern Publishing House, 3624 W. North Ave., Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53208. The filmstrip may also be obtained directly from the Wisconsin Lutheran Child and Family Service, and from the contact pastors in various parts of the state.

Talk about the Savior (F-13-TAS)

1975 26 minutes 16mm Color

The marital problems of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thomas have reached a bitter climax. Charles storms out of the house and heads for the airport to get away, anywhere, hoping to leave his troubles and sins behind.

On the plane he meets Peter Stone, a lay witness for Christ. Peter strikes up a conversation with Charles, gives him a chance to tell of his troubles, and then, alert to the golden opportunity for Christian witnessing, speaks of sin and grace to this sin-burdened soul. Charles is encouraged by Peter to confess his sins and is shown that Jesus is his Savior and the supplier of eternal life as a free gift.

The film should help Christians recognize witnessing opportunities and can be used as a training tool with the evangelism program bearing the same title as the film, "Talk about the Savior."

This film was produced by the WELS Commission on Evangelism and can also be obtained from your District Evangelism Committee chairman.

Follow Me (S-14-FLM)

1976 12 min. T & M Color

Produced by our Synod's Stewardship Office, this filmstrip carries out the "Follow Me" theme in dialogue form. Originally designed to accompany the 1976 stewardship materials, the narrators discuss the meaning of the Savior's invitation to follow Him to the fields, to freedom, to fulfillment, and to forever, emphasizing the fact that stewardship is much more than giving money. This presentation uses slides rather than a filmstrip so that pictures of local programs can be included. Since the commentary moves rapidly at times, a mechanized slide projector is a must. — These slides may also be purchased from the Stewardship Office.

Grace to Share (FS-64-GTS)

1975 18 min. T & M Color

This unique presentation on Christian stewardship uses a series of special effects not usually found on filmstrips. Produced by our Stewardship Office, it was originally intended to accompany the 1975 stewardship program, but may be used by congregations for a general discussion of stewardship. It asks the Christian to reconsider his personal sharing in the light of all that God has given us. Since it is aimed at adults who have some grasp of current social problems, it is not well suited for grade-school children. — This filmstrip may also be purchased from the Stewardship Office.

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## Direct from the Districts

### Minnesota

#### Groundbreaking at Bethany, Granite Falls, Minnesota

On September 12, 1976, members of Bethany Lutheran Church, Granite Falls, Minnesota, broke ground for a new house of worship.

The special service, conducted at 3:00 P.M., began at the Granite Falls Area Vo-Tech School, where the congregation has been meeting for services, and were continued at the building site on the corner of 8th Avenue and 16th Street. Using I Corinthians 3:11, the pastor of the congregation, Paul J. Werner, urged the worshipers to build on the solid Rock which is Christ. Guest organist was Prof. James Engel of Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm. The service was followed by a potluck fellowship-picnic.

Plans call for completion of the building early in 1977, the Lord willing. Bethany Congregation is part of a dual parish together with St. John's of Omro Township, Boyd, Minnesota.

#### Dedication at Centuria, Wisconsin

Members of St. John's Lutheran Church, Centuria, Wisconsin, dedicated a number of improvements to their church edifice in a dedication service on November 7, 1976.

The largest part of the project was the building of a new entryway to the church, a new entryway to the church basement, and a multipurpose room. Construction began on June 15, 1976. During the summer months, members of St. John's worked on the addition, doing most of the work themselves. In the November 7 service, Pastor LeRoy L. Kaminski and the congregation joyfully dedicated the new addition to the glory of the Triune God. Also included in the improvements were a new Communion rail and new carpeting.

The 180 souls of St. John's have discovered that their work for the Lord has brought them countless blessings, both temporal and spiritual. Theirs is a

living example of "Blessed are they that put their trust in Him" (Ps. 2:12).

#### St. Paul's of St. James Observes Ninetieth Anniversary

During the month of October, 1976, the members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, St. James, Minnesota, were privileged to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the founding of their congregation. Special services were conducted on October 10, October 16, the date of the anniversary, and October 17. A fellowship hour and fellowship dinner followed the two latter services.

Guest speakers included Seminarian David Sternberg, vicar at Hales Corners, Wisconsin, and a son of the congregation; Pastor Karl S. Peterson, principal of Huron Valley High School, Ann Arbor, Michigan, and son of the congregation's pastor; and Pastor Martin Birkholz, Mankato, Minnesota, also a son of the congregation.

The congregation, which numbers 772 baptized members, has chosen the erection of a new educational unit as its anniversary thankoffering. Pastor of the congregation is the Rev. Emil F. Peterson.

### Southeastern Wisconsin

#### Palos Ev. Lutheran Church Celebrates 30th Anniversary

"Thirty Years of Grace" was the theme of the 30th anniversary celebration of Palos Evangelical Lutheran Church of Palos Heights, Illinois. The anniversary was commemorated by landscaping the church grounds to improve its visibility within the community. Also a church historical record and pictorial directory were published in observance of the event.

The celebration was highlighted by a banquet on October 16, 1976. In attendance were former members, teachers, and pastors. Displays of photographs, newspaper articles, and letters depicted the past 30 years. The program for the evening included songs, reminiscences, and a talk by the guest speaker, the Rev. George Boldt, president of Southeastern Wisconsin District.

On Sunday, October 17, Prof. Harris Kaesmeyer of Michigan Lutheran Seminary, the second pastor of the congregation, served as the guest speaker for both morning services, and the Rev. John Schewe, also a former pastor, served as liturgist.

An anniversary festival service was held on that afternoon, with the Rev. Irwin Weiss, first pastor of the congregation, as the guest speaker.

The first worship service of Palos



St. John's new entryway — Centuria, Wisconsin

Lutheran Church was conducted on January 2, 1944. In June of 1946, the congregation formally became a member of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod. During the first years, services were held in a storefront at the corner of 124th and Harlem Ave. The present church, at 125th and Harlem Ave., was dedicated on May 15, 1949. A parsonage was constructed in 1954. A Christian day school was established in 1955, the school building being dedicated in 1956. In 1963 the church building was extensively remodeled. During the last 30 years, the congregation has been served by seven pastors, four principals, and 15 teachers. It numbers about 400 souls.

Palos Lutheran has indeed been richly blessed by God's Grace during the past 30 years. With His enduring Grace and renewed dedication on the part of the congregation, Palos Lutheran will continue to grow both spiritually and physically.

Ken Liesener  
Stewardship Chairman

#### **Mrs. D. Kuehl of Hartford Dies**

"We will not mourn for Hulda Kuehl." Why not? Because our merciful God through the Holy Spirit brought her to faith and kept her in that grace. Through His Son He has now given her a "crown of righteousness." The moment came December 27, 1976. The fight had been fought and the race run not by human strength, but by the grace of God. Based on II Timothy 4:6-8, these words still ring in our ears.

On August 27, 1920, God blessed Mr. and Mrs. John Potratz of Westgate, Iowa, with the ninth of their 10 children, Hulda Clara. Baptized into God's family at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, she was privileged to confirm her faith in the same church.

While living in Wauwatosa, she met Pastor D. H. Kuehl, who was then teaching at St. John's Lutheran School. On June 17, 1944, they were married in Westgate. God blessed their union with six children.

Mrs. Kuehl served her Lord selflessly in the parsonages of Clear Lake, South Dakota, and McMillan, Slades Corners, Lake Mills, and Hartford, Wisconsin. She worked in the kingdom ceaselessly as a faithful wife and mother, Sunday-

school teacher, and member of the Ladies' Aid, Mission Society, Altar Guild, Sewing Circle, and Girl Pioneers.

She is survived by her husband; two sons, Thomas of Milwaukee and Daniel at home; two daughters: Carol, Mrs. V. Dobberstein of Sheboygan, and Rachel, New Carlisle, Ohio. Two sons preceded her in death, Dennis in infancy in 1958 and Paul in Vietnam in 1968. Four brothers and four sisters survive.

Her funeral was conducted in Peace Lutheran Church, Hartford, Wisconsin, on December 29. Pastor George Boldt, president of the Southeastern Wisconsin District and longtime friend of the family, comforted the mourners with God's Word. The altar service was read by Pastor D. R. Baumler. Vicar John Gawrisch conducted the graveside service.

No, we whom God blessed by knowing her will not mourn for Hulda Kuehl, but we will thank our Lord and Savior, comfort the family, and joyfully await an eternal reunion.

D. R. Baumler

#### **Sunday School Teachers' Institute Meets**

On December 5, 1976, the Ev. Lutheran Sunday School Teachers' Institute held its annual fall conference at Resurrection Ev. Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Mr. Paul T. Ruege, an instructor at Wisconsin Lutheran High School and Wisconsin Lutheran College, gave a very interesting and valuable talk on "Teaching the Way the Master Taught." The Rev. William T. Fischer, the Synod's Secretary of Part-Time Education, was also on hand to discuss the age levels that make up our preschool classes.

During the business meeting, it was voted to return to the system of having an Executive Board to handle the functions of the organization. Elected as officers of the board were the following: Mr. Greg Bork of Resurrection as president, Mr. Ken Becker of Resurrection as vice-president, and Mrs. Dan Kolosovsky of St. Paul's, Cudahy, as secretary-treasurer.

The Institute is composed of Sunday-school teachers from the WELS churches in the Milwaukee area. The purpose of the Institute is to train and edify Sunday-school teachers through offering them solutions to their com-

mon problems and through exchanging ideas and reporting on practices as used in the various member churches.

Any WELS church that is not a member of the Institute and would like to be may write for information to: Sunday School Teachers' Institute, c/o Mr. Greg Bork, 4373 So. Lennox St., Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53207. The Institute encourages churches to join the organization for the enrichment of their Sunday-school teachers, for their instruction in teaching methods, and so that together we may further our work in the Lord's service.

The Executive Board

## **Texas Conference**

### **Two Texas Congregations Each Ten Years Old**

On December 12, 1976, Our Savior Ev. Lutheran Church of San Antonio, Texas, observed the 10th anniversary of the founding of the congregation. Pastor Vilas Glaeske served as the guest speaker.

Pastor Glaeske was the first pastor to serve Our Savior Congregation. Other pastors who have served the congregation are James Neffendorf and William Krueger. Pastor Donald Stuppy is presently serving the congregation.

On January 16, 1977, Christ The Lord Ev. Lutheran Church, Houston, also observed its 10th anniversary. Prof. Arnold Koelpin, who teaches religion and social studies at Dr. Martin Luther College, was the guest speaker.

Christ The Lord Congregation is served by Pastor Vilas Glaeske, who initiated services there 10 years ago while serving a congregation in Edna. The congregation became self-sustaining seven years ago. In 1972 it established a Christian day school, which presently numbers 50 students and three teachers: Mr. Gordon Vetter, principal, Miss Connie Loeschen, and Mrs. Ruth Glaeske.

## **Western Wisconsin**

### **Monroe Congregation Dedicates First Building**

Mount Olive Ev. Lutheran Church of Monroe, Wisconsin, had the privilege of dedicating a new parsonage on October 10, 1976. For this congregation of 120

souls it was a special day of thanksgiving because this parsonage was the first new structure to be dedicated in its 27-year history.

The Rev. William Russow, Freeport, Illinois, reminded the worshipers that it is the Lord who had led and guided them to take this step. Using I Corinthians 3:9-11, he developed the theme, "God's Building, God's Bricks, God's Builders." An open house and a congregational dinner followed the service of thanksgiving and praise.

The new home is located at 3030 11th Street. The first occupants of the parsonage are the Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Kratz.

### Miss Schlueter Observes 50th Year As Christian Day School Teacher

On Sunday, October 10, 1976, St. John's Lutheran Church, Watertown, Wisconsin, hosted a surprise 50th anniversary celebration in honor of Miss Viola Schlueter. Miss Schlueter taught at St. Paul's Lutheran, Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin, for 26 years, and is now in her 24th year at St. John's School.

Pastor D. F. Bitter of Ft. Atkinson was guest speaker at the anniversary service, at which Miss Schlueter was presented with a commemorative plaque. Following the service, a "This Is Your Life" program was presented in the school gymnasium. Giving glimpses of her past life were her sisters, Mrs. Dorothy Kujawski of Wauwatosa and

Mrs. Ruth Merrill of Beloit. Former co-workers and friends at Ft. Atkinson were represented by Mrs. Bless, Mrs. Hanson, Mrs. Rindfleisch, and Miss Lillian Quandt. Representing St. John's



Mr. A. Oestreich presenting Miss Viola Schlueter with commemorative plaque. Pastors K. Weber, D. Bitter, and E. Kauffeld, observing.

were Miss Marie Taras, a former fellow teacher, Joan Schilling, a former pupil, Mr. Peter Westermeyer, president of the congregation, and Mr. Carl Bartels, principal.

Miss Schlueter's response is summarized in the following words, part of the inscription on the plaque presented to her: "I thank Thee, Lord, for these years — Golden have they come to be. Let the fold yield to Thy light, to Heaven's glory bring Thou me."

### Retired after 62-Year Ministry

Last July, Pastor Arthur H. Werner retired after 62 years in the Christian ministry of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod. Members of the Southwestern Conference marked his retirement with an informal farewell party at Zion Lutheran Church, Elroy, Wisconsin, on July 20. On July 25, Pastor Werner preached his farewell sermon. The ladies of Zion Congregation honored the retiree with a special dinner to which members of his family as well as the members of Zion and St. Luke's congregations had been invited. Pastor Werner is now making his home with his oldest daughter, Mrs. Ruth Hall, in Bloomington, Illinois.

Pastor Werner served the following congregations, all in Wisconsin: Christ, Pewaukee (1914-18); St. Matthew's, Appleton (1918-20); St. John's, Town Center (1920-46); St. Matthew's, Twelve Corners, and St. Paul's and Peace, Cataract (1946-56); Zion, Elroy, since 1956 and St. Luke's, rural Elroy, since 1960 — both until his retirement. While serving St. John's, Town of Center, Pastor Werner also taught Christian day school six months of every year for 25 years. His has indeed been a long and fruitful service in the Lord's kingdom!

### LIST OF NOMINATIONS — MLS

The following men have been nominated for the 17th professorship at Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Saginaw, Michigan. The candidate chosen for this professorship should be qualified to teach in the field of Latin and English. The Board of Control of MLS will meet on Thursday, March 3, 1977, at 1:30 p.m. to call a man from this list. Correspondence concerning the nominees should be in the hands of the secretary no later than Wednesday, March 2, 1977.

Pastor Norman Berg	Milwaukee, WI
Edward C. Frederick III	Morenci, MI
Pastor Mark Goeglein	Maitland, FL
Pastor Ronald H. Gosdeck	Kenosha, WI
Pastor John Graf	Sturgis, MI
Pastor Ronald Kaiser	Appleton, WI
Teacher Robert Koch	Redwing, MN
Mr. Steve Hintz	Neanah, WI
Pastor Kent Schroeder	Antioch, IL
Pastor Lynn Schroeder	Saginaw, MI
Pastor Erhardt Schultz	Durand, MI
Pastor John Seifert	Midland, MI
Pastor Alan Siggelkow	Fort Wayne, IN
Prof. Martin Toepel	Saginaw, MI
Pastor Alvin Werre	Cataract, WI
Pastor James Westendorf	Brookfield, WI
Mr. Rollin Westendorf	Wales, WI

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### ADULT CORRESPONDENCE COURSES

Persons wishing information about the non-credit adult correspondence courses on cassette-tape available from Wisconsin Lutheran College should write the college at 407 North Glenview Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53213, to receive a course brochure.

## Getting Ready for Estes Park?

The weekend of Friday, June 24, to Sunday, June 26, 1977, promises to be a source of inspiration for delegates and visitors to the national convention of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society. The setting will be a superb one: the facilities of the YMCA of the Rockies, Estes Park, Colorado, on the edge of the Rocky Mountain National Park.

Registration will begin Friday afternoon at 3:00. Unlike other years, the inspirational service will be held on Friday evening rather than Saturday morning. Pastor Edgar Hoenecke, executive secretary of the Board for World Missions, will be the keynote speaker. Saturday will begin with

matins and close with a service of rededication.

The theme of the convention is the word of Isaiah 52:7: *How Beautiful Upon the Mountains*. The remainder of the verse, though written to people living in a different age, identifies the purpose of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society. It reads: "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good; that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!"

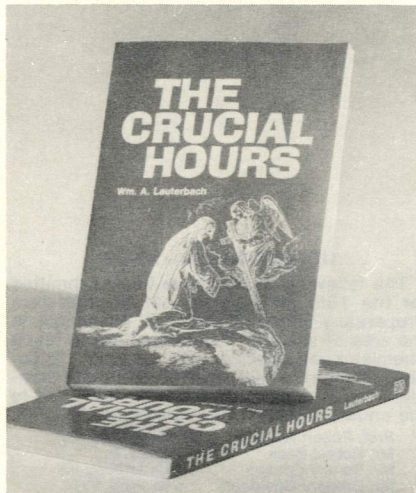
The Lutheran Women's Missionary Society is represented in 667 of the Synod's congregations.

**THE LUTHERAN HOME  
BELLE PLAINE, MINNESOTA**

The Lutheran Home, Belle Plaine, Minnesota, is now receiving applications for resident participation in its mental retardation care program for mildly to moderately retarded persons over the age of 18 years. It is also receiving applications for house parents and other personnel. Please direct all requests for applications or information to: The Lutheran Home, 611 West Main St., Belle Plaine, Minnesota 56011.

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**KETTERING/SOUTH DAYTON,  
OHIO AREA**

Exploratory services are being held every Sunday at 7:30 p.m. at the Kettering Recreation Center, 3201 Marshall Street. Sunday school and adult Bible study meet at 6:30 p.m. For information, call or write: Mr. Jess Miller, 5325 Oakbrook Drive, Dayton, Ohio 45440, phone: (513) 434-1786; or Mr. Fred Lueck, 950 Sharewood Court, Dayton, Ohio 45406, phone: (513) 293-4453; or Pastor F. C. Knueppel, 1025 Cliffside Drive, New Carlisle, Ohio 45344, phone: (513) 849-9374.

**CLINTON, IOWA**

Exploratory services are being held at 11:15 Sunday mornings in the Blue Room at the Village Manor (formerly Schick Hospital) in Clinton, Iowa. For local information call Mr. Arnold Paasch at (319) 242-2208. Please submit names of WELS members or prospects, along with their addresses, to Pastor M. W. Dietz, 2414 East 32nd Street, Davenport, Iowa, 52807, or phone (319) 359-0144.

**PLACER COUNTY, CALIFORNIA  
NEW MEETING PLACE**

Exploratory services are now being conducted at Hope Chapel, 1300 Taylor Road in Newcastle. Sunday school and Bible class at 9:15 and worship at 10:30. From I-80 eastbound take Penryn off-ramp; westbound take Taylor off-ramp. For information contact Pastor Paul Heyn, 2760 S. Whitney Blvd., Rocklin, CA. 95677; Tel.: (916) 624-0817.

**LIMA, OHIO**

Exploratory services are being conducted every Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m. at the Seventh Day Adventist Church, on Spencerville Road, across from Woodlawn Cemetery, in Lima, Ohio. Please submit names to Pastor Donald D. Laude, 305 N. Main St., Jenera, Ohio 45841, phone (419) 326-5331.

**POCATELLO, IDAHO**

WELS exploratory services are being held Sunday afternoons at 3:00 p.m. in Grace Lutheran School, 1250 Pershing, in Pocatello. For local information, call the Ken Walters family, (208) 233-0799. Please submit names to Pastor Ron Mehlberg, 534 West Indiana Ave., Nampa, Idaho 83651.

**TIME AND PLACE**

**PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA  
(BETHEL PARK)  
CHANGE OF WORSHIP LOCATION**

Divine Charity Ev. Lutheran Church is now conducting its worship services in its new modular chapel on the congregation's permanent site at 700 McMurray Road, Bethel Park, Pennsylvania. Services begin at 9:30 a.m., followed by Sunday school and Bible class at 10:30 a.m. For information, or if you have the names of WELS members or prospects in the area, please contact Pastor Duane Erstad, 700 McMurray Road, Bethel Park, Pennsylvania 15102, phone: (412) 835-6212.

**SCOTTSBLUFF, NEBRASKA**

King of Kings Lutheran Church is worshipping at the Scottsbluff Inn, Hwy. No. 26 at 21st Ave., Scottsbluff, Nebraska. Worship services begin at 10:00 a.m., followed by Sunday school at 11:00 a.m. To submit names of people moving into the Nebraska panhandle area and for information please write or call: Pastor A. L. Schmeling, 2917 Park Lane Road, Scottsbluff, Nebraska 69361; phone (308) 632-8174.

**NORTH SUBURBAN PITTSBURGH, PA  
CHANGE IN WORSHIP LOCATION**

Bethany Lutheran Church of the North Hills (WELS mission formerly meeting in Glenshaw) is now holding its worship services in the community room of the People's Savings Association at 4773 Route 8, Allison Park, one mile south of Exit 4 of the Pennsylvania Turnpike. Worship services are at 9:30 a.m. and Bible classes for all ages at 10:45 a.m. For more information, or if you have names of WELS members or prospects in our area, contact Pastor Harry K. Bartels, 206 Circle Drive, Glenshaw, PA 15116; phone (412) 487-2396.

**ANTIGO, WISCONSIN**

Ascension Ev. Lutheran Church of Antigo, Wisconsin, announces that its worship services are held on Saturday evenings at 7 p.m.; children's class and adult Bible class at 6 p.m. The location remains at the Production Credit Association building, 713 Sixth Avenue, one block south and 1/2 block west of the traffic light on US 45 and 64. For information contact Pastor Dean Fleming, Route 1 Box 402, Pelican Lake, Wisconsin 54463; phone (715) 487-5484.

**DMLC NOMINATIONS — ART**

The following have been nominated by the members of the Synod as candidates for the professorship in education with emphasis in Art at Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota:

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|------------------------|-------------------|
| Robert Averbeck        | Milwaukee, WI     |
| Elroy Bartsch          | Manitowoc, WI     |
| Frederick Biedenbender | Westland, MI      |
| Donald Dobberstein     | Medford, WI       |
| Peder Dressel          | Rochester, MN     |
| David Farstad          | Loretto, MN       |
| Jack Frank             | Ripon, WI         |
| Jerome Harders         | West Allis, WI    |
| Lance Hartzell         | Anchorage, AK     |
| Darrel Knippel         | Minneapolis, MN   |
| Gerald Lanphear        | Whitefish Bay, WI |
| Robert Moldenhauer     | Kaukauna, WI      |
| Timothy Pietsch        | N. Mankato, MN    |
| James Schmidt          | Menasha, WI       |
| Clyde Wobeck           | Kenosha, WI       |

The DMLC Board of Control will meet on March 7, 1977, to call someone from the above list. Correspondence concerning these nominees should be in the hands of the secretary no later than March 5, 1977.

Darrel Knippel, Secy.  
DMLC Board of Control  
4818 Garfield Ave. S.  
Minneapolis, MN 55409

**DMLC NOMINATIONS — MUSIC**

The following have been nominated by the members of the Synod as candidates for the professorship in education with emphasis in Music at Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota:

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| Rodney Bauer      | Onalaska, WI     |
| William Birsching | Mobridge, SD     |
| Carole Gorz       | Oshkosh, WI      |
| Harry Gudmunson   | Ann Arbor, MI    |
| Roger Hermanson   | Appleton, WI     |
| Marvin Koch       | Morton Grove, IL |
| James Rupprecht   | Winona, MN       |
| Terry Treuden     | Milwaukee, WI    |
| Wayne Wagner      | St. Paul, MN     |

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# Treasurer's Report

## PREBUDGET SUBSCRIPTION PERFORMANCE

Twelve months ended December 31, 1976

	Subscription Amount for 1976	Subscription and Pension Offerings	Per Cent of Subscription
Arizona-California	\$ 351,776	\$ 378,963	107.7
Dakota-Montana	218,873	236,737	108.2
Michigan	1,115,796	1,122,484	100.6
Minnesota	1,177,243	1,300,218	110.4
Nebraska	221,420	237,203	107.1
Northern Wisconsin	1,247,301	1,317,454	105.6
Pacific Northwest	99,040	112,375	113.5
Southeastern Wisconsin	1,542,708	1,564,761	101.4
Western Wisconsin	1,465,523	1,465,405	99.9
South Atlantic	71,860	80,606	112.2
Total — 1976	\$7,511,540	\$7,816,206	104.1
Total — 1975	\$7,042,363	\$7,164,252	101.7

## CURRENT BUDGETARY FUND

### Statement of Income and Expenditures

Twelve months ended December 31, 1976 with comparative figures for 1975

Twelve months ended December 31, 1976

	1976	1975	Increase or Decrease*	
			Amount	Per Cent
<b>Income</b>				
Prebudget Subscription Offerings	\$7,736,354	\$7,081,471	\$654,883	9.3*
Pension Plan Contributions	79,851	82,781	2,930*	3.5
Gifts and Memorials	89,237	309,336	220,099*	71.2*
Bequests	154,880	—	154,880	—
Earnings from Fox Estate	48,871	47,981	890	1.9
Other Income	16,909	16,218	691	4.3
Transfers from Other Funds	96,882	72,649	24,233	33.4
Total Income	\$8,222,984	\$7,610,436	\$612,548	8.1
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Worker-Training — Expenses	\$4,698,958	\$4,332,296	\$376,662	8.7
Worker-Training — Income	2,024,291	1,781,545	242,746	13.6
Worker-Training — Net	\$2,674,667	\$2,540,751	\$133,916	5.3
Home Missions	1,535,618	1,436,780	98,838	6.9
World Missions	1,296,677	1,211,536	85,141	7.0
Benevolences	962,827	900,886	61,941	6.9
Administration and Services	740,188	629,951	110,237	17.5
Total Operations	\$7,209,977	\$6,719,904	\$490,073	7.3
Appropriations — Building Funds	200,000	193,496	6,504	3.4
Appropriations — CEF Program	552,301	687,261	134,960*	19.6*
Total Expenditures	\$7,962,278	\$7,600,661	\$361,617	4.8
Operating Gain/Loss*	\$ 260,706	\$ 9,775		

Norris Koopmann, Treasurer & Controller  
3512 West North Avenue  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53208

Note: Future cutoff dates for the Synod's Post Office Lock Box are as follows:

For the month of	Cutoff Date:
February	March 7
March	April 7
April	May 6
May	June 7

### REQUEST FOR COLLOQUY

Pastor Edward Marcotte, Macnutt, Sask., Canada, has requested a colloquy preparatory to entering the preaching ministry of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod. Correspondence may be addressed to the undersigned.

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

### APPOINTMENT

Mr. Gib Mattes of Billings, Montana, has been appointed as an additional member of the District Evangelism Committee.

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

### REQUEST FOR COLLOQUY

Mr. Ronald Herman of Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania, a teacher in the LCMS, has been interviewed by a committee of the Michigan District and has requested a colloquy with a view to entering the teaching ministry of WELS. Correspondence relative to the request may be addressed to the undersigned.

W. J. Zarling, Michigan District

### AVAILABLE

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church of Pound, Wisconsin, is offering used communionware (minus flagon) to any congregation for the cost of postage. Please contact: Mr. Ellsworth Zeitler, Route 1, Pound, Wisconsin 54161.

### NOMINATIONS — NWPS

The following names have been submitted for the 13th professorship at Northwestern Preparatory School, Watertown, Wisconsin, in the area of science. Candidates are to teach chemistry and physics, with the ability to assist in the basketball program desirable. Comments on the nominees are to be submitted to the undersigned no later than March 5, 1977.

Prof. Robert Adickes	Lake Mills, WI
Mr. Robert Bock	Crete, IL
Mr. Ronald Ericson	Cedarburg, WI
Mr. Gregory Gueldner	St. Paul, MN
Mr. James Huhn	Watertown, WI
Mr. Theodor Nommensen	Slinger, WI
Prof. Daryl Raabe	New Berlin, WI
Mr. Lyle Schneider	Neeah, WI
Mr. Peter Schumacher	Milwaukee, WI
Prof. Robert Sievert	West St. Paul, MN
Prof. Luther Spaude	Wauwatosa, WI
Prof. Paul Willems	Manitowoc, WI

W. A. Schumann, Jr.  
612 S. Fifth St.  
Watertown, Wis. 53094

### PUBLIC NOTICE

It has come to the attention of responsible officials of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod that members, and others, are being urged and solicited to support an effort to secure a legacy that will, purportedly, benefit the Apache Indian Mission of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

The Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod hereby serves notice that it has not, and does not now, authorize the solicitation of gifts, loans, contributions or other financial support to aid, in any way, in securing the aforementioned legacy or any other gift, bequest, devise, or mineral claim.

Members of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod are urged to consult with their pastors and their financial advisors prior to investing in, or supporting, any activity that promises or infers that such investment or support will provide benefits for the church. The Wisconsin Synod assumes no liability or responsibility for financial support of such unauthorized activities.

Elton H. Huebner  
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