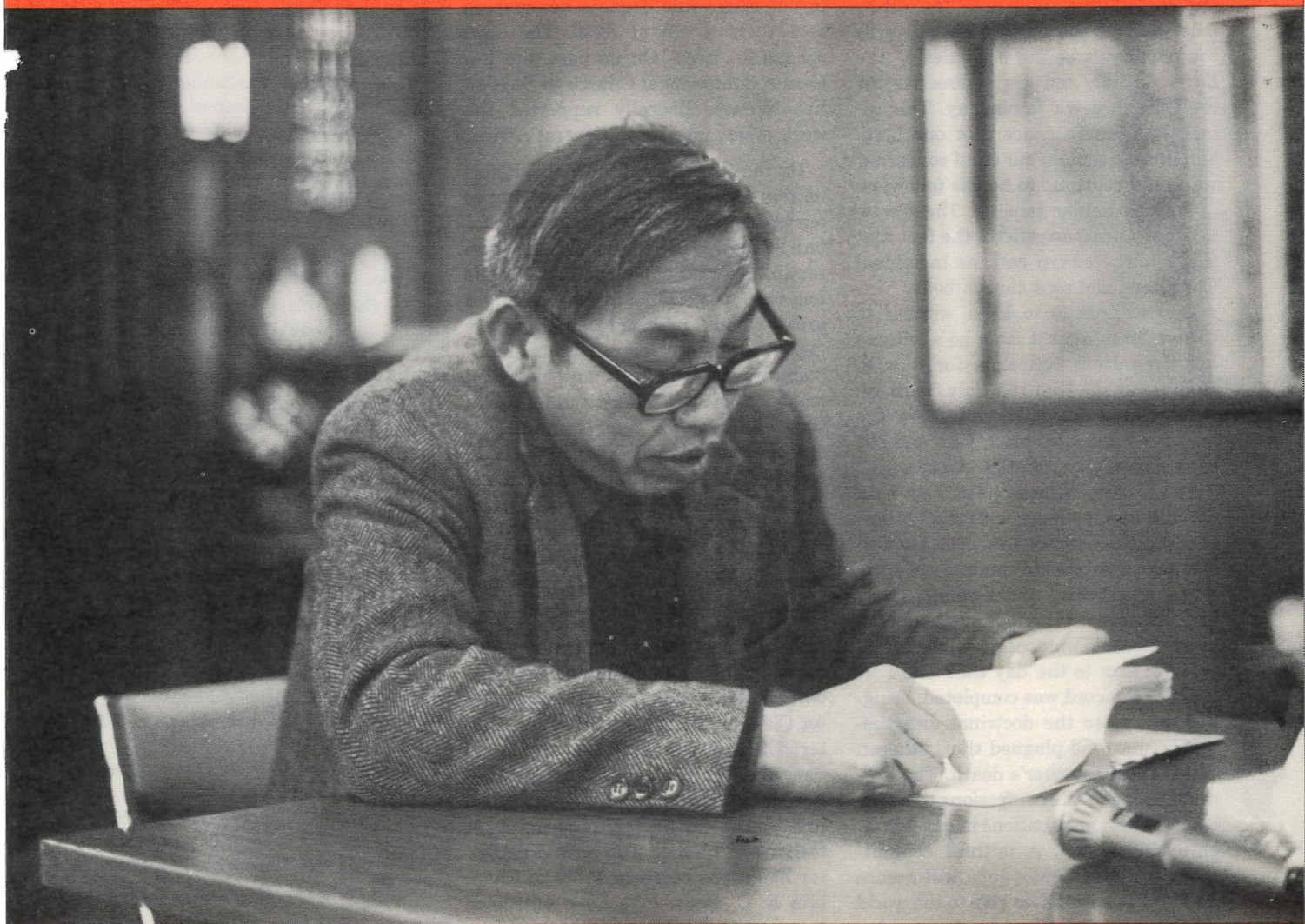


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Briefs by the Editor

The final words of our Lord to His Apostles just before His ascension were these: "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." These words are a portrait of the activities of the Early Church and are a directive for the Church down to our day. This remains the main concern of our Lord, and it must remain our chief concern if we would continue to be His followers.

This particular issue of *The Northwestern Lutheran* reflects the fact that this is our concern both as individual Christians and as a church body.

Our witness is to be a witness to Christ. To be that it must be a witness based on Holy Scripture, for it is in Holy Scripture that the Holy Spirit reveals Christ to us. Scripture is the means whereby we bring Him and His salvation to the attention of others.

For us this witness must also be a witness in agreement with the Lutheran Confessions. Our Lutheran Confessions are an accurate summary of what Scripture teaches. At the moment they are also of more than nominal concern to us since on Pentecost it will be exactly 400 years to the day that The Formula of Concord was completed, bringing to a close the doctrinal disagreements that had plagued the Lutheran Church after Luther's death. The Formula is one of the confessions to which each of the congregations in our fellowship binds itself. A faithful commitment to these Confessions will assure us that the witness we give to the world concerning the risen and ascended Lord will be a true and saving witness.

By God's grace, our witness is being heard in many areas of the world. The article *From Sweden to Norway* tells of the activity of the Lutheran Confessional Church in Sweden, as it brings its witness into more and more areas of Scandinavia. To be able to have a part

in that is a special blessing from our Lord. The hearts of our people have rejoiced to help along. Just recently it came to my attention that a young lad in our midst who delivers newspapers sent them a gift of \$200. The deed speaks for itself. On its part, the Lutheran Confessional Church in Sweden has likewise liberally supported the work of our mission in Central Africa.

On the other side of the globe, Reformation Day 1976 brought rejoicing to our brothers and sisters in Christ in Japan as they observed the 25th anniversary of the work of Deacon Igarashi. He has been responsible for translating a great amount of Christian literature into Japanese for the use of his fellow-believers as they seek to strengthen one another by the Word and for use in their outreach in their communities and beyond. We rejoice, too, in the dedication of the church in Utsonomiya. Although buildings are arranged somewhat differently there than we are accustomed to, the message heard is the same one heard in our churches and schools.

We are particularly happy to be able to report the commissioning of our second civilian chaplain for Europe, Pastor Clayton E. Krug. To bring our scattered WELS members the Word and Sacraments, instruction and consolation, is not only an assignment; it is a privilege. And it is appreciated. A father and mother who have a daughter in Europe recently wrote to Chaplain E. C. Renz: "We have entrusted her to the Lord's care, and we know that He hears our prayers to keep her faithful to her Savior, but it's also very reassuring to know that if at all possible she will be contacted by you at some time during her two-year stay in Germany." These parents echo the concern of all of us, and the concern of our ascended Lord!

*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

The cover shows Deacon Ruichi Igarashi Sensei at work teaching a class at the Tsuchiura Seminary of the Lutheran Evangelical Christian Church. On Reformation Day, 1976, our fellow believers in Japan publicly acknowledged the grace God had shown them through him. See page 152.

Editorials

A Bit Of Encouragement Nonreligious scoffers delight in elevating themselves above believers and looking down upon them from lofty heights of contempt. Religious faith, they love to insinuate, is confined to the aged, the undereducated, and the intellectually inferior.

A recent poll tends to deflate this widespread piece of conceit. "A number of popular myths about religion are contradicted by our survey," says the poll, "including the assumption that older, less educated, and poorer people are likely to be the most religious." Results of the survey lead to the conclusion that religious concerns are just as high for those in their twenties and thirties and for the well-to-do and the college-educated as for others. It found that among all age, educational, and social groups a surprisingly high percentage professed faith in God, in the Bible, and in the efficacy of prayer.

While this may not substantiate the validity of religious faith, it may at least invalidate the insinuation that stupidity is a necessary prerequisite for it. Satan operates by deceit, and a favorite tactic of his is to try to convince us that no one in his right mind could believe the Bible or put his trust in Christ as his Savior.

At a low point in his life the Prophet Elijah lay down to die, convinced that he was the only believer left in Israel; but God renewed his courage and zeal by assuring him that 7,000 faithful still remained in that nation in spite of appearances to the contrary.

In an atmosphere of general apostasy in our own time it is also heartening for us to know that we may not be as much alone as the Great Deceiver would have us believe.

Immanuel Frey

Ann Landers Doesn't Speak For God

Phil Donahue had just stated that he was a divorced man and that he was no longer a practicing Catholic, but he wasn't disturbed about the matter. His TV guest, Ann Landers, said she was sure that as God was loving and forgiving, Phil Donahue had no need to be concerned. She said she approved of "thinking Catholics" like him. The studio audience applauded.

That brief exchange captured much of the Ann Landers phenomenon. For one thing, it indicates her popularity and influence. Today 891 newspapers carry her column to an estimated 60,000,000 readers. In many of them she is "the first read and the best read thing in the paper."

The kind of advice she gives in marital and family matters was also there in essence in that brief exchange with

Donahue. Though she apparently has high personal standards of moral conduct, and her column generally upholds decent moral standards, she has, to use her words, "loosened up" in her advice. She has liberalized her thinking about premarital sex to the point where she is willing to accept such sex between young people of college age. "There are too many girls of 20 who are able to handle a sexual relationship and it's all right." She was not disturbed about Donahue's divorce. Permissiveness in sexual morality not only has a voice but, in effect, a champion in Ann Landers.

Her advice in religious and spiritual matters is even more objectionable. When she approved of Donahue as a "thinking Catholic," she was approving of the liberated individual whose religion is a matter of personal opinion and preference rather than the saving religion as revealed and constituted by God Himself. Her conception of a God who is loving and forgiving is the typical, deluded representation of God that is a caricature of the God of the Old Testament as well as of the New. Indeed, God is loving and forgiving — but without insisting that His Ten Commandments are just as much in force today as they were on Mt. Sinai? without being in deadly earnest about sin? without requiring the sinner to acknowledge his guilt and to repent of it? without insisting that the only way the transgressor has to experience that love and forgiveness is through Christ crucified? Her representation of Christianity or even of the Judaeo-Christian religion is a spiritual fraud.

Ann Landers' column makes some contribution to civic righteousness. It also distorts the morality and reality of God.

Carleton Toppe

"... Till Death" An irate husband once complained, "Stop saying that. You can't command a person to love somebody." Oh, but that is the very thing the Bible does, beginning to end, from the Law of Moses to the Apocalypse of St. John.

But the love we are called upon to imitate is no romantic love, an emotional or indulgent, sentimental kind of thing. "A new commandment give I unto you," Jesus said, "that ye love one another, as I have loved you."

Christ's love was sacrificial, costly, even to the laying down of His life. "Husbands, love your wives," St. Paul said, then quickly added, "even as Christ also loved the Church and gave Himself for it."

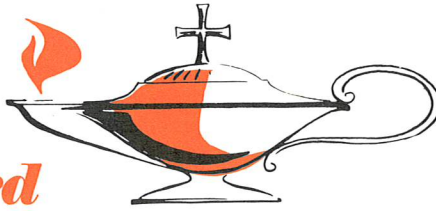
Jesus had a hard word for folks who merely love those that love them. To "use" a friend destroys the friendship. To enter marriage for personal advantage, be it social, financial or erotic, undermines the marriage.

It is said that when the Roman legions landed in Britain, they burned their ships on the beach. They served notice that, living or dying, in victory or defeat, they were there to stay.

Only by Christ's standard of love, not the world's, may we call ourselves disciples. By His standard we still pledge our vows before the altar — confirmation, communion, or marriage altar — "... till death us do part."

John Parcher

Studies in God's Word



Our Petitions To Our King

Now God Himself and our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way unto you. And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another and toward all men, even as we do toward you; to the end He may stablish your hearts unblamable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints (I Thess. 3:11-13).

As God's children we pray. Frequently we crawl in prayer up on the knee of our heavenly Father. Fearlessly on that knee we pour out our heart to that Father, trusting Him to hear and answer for Jesus' sake. The temptations, the tears, the triumphs of life offer more than enough material for our daily petitions. And yet we have to be reminded to use this wonderful privilege! In his "Epistle of Earnest Expectation" Paul shows us how to bring *Our Petitions To Our King*.

Our Large Petitions

Paul had a large petition for his King. To that God, the heavenly Father who alone could do what was right for His children, and to His Son, that Lord Jesus Christ who alone can make us God's children, Paul turned with a petition. He wanted that gracious God to direct his way back to the Thessalonian believers. The Lord was more to Paul than a kind bystander who might offer directions or a talkative companion who might stroll along. That Lord was the only One who could foil Satan's opposition (2:18) and open the path back to Thessalonica. To such a Lord, for

whom no petition is small or insignificant, Paul did not hesitate to carry his prayer for a safe journey.

Paul's example shows that prayer is a daily affair for the Christian. Life's shuddering emergencies and shattering experiences when we clutch at God and feel lost without Him are times for prayer. So are those daily decisions and routine relationships, those "nuts and bolts" of daily life. Perhaps we at times have trouble with our daily life because when we raise our head from the pillow in the morning, we forget to pray, "Please, Lord, send Your help today," and when we lay our head back on that pillow at night, we forget to say, "Thank You, Lord, for Your help today." Perhaps it's time to be reminded that any petition we bring in Jesus' name is a large petition to our King.

Our Larger Petitions

Paul had an even larger petition for his King than the one about a journey. He prayed that the Lord would make the Thessalonian believers "increase and abound in love one toward another and toward all men." The Lord was to cause their love to surge like some rising river overflowing its banks and flooding all around. The love Paul wanted for his fellow believers was not just any kind of love. It was the reflection of God's love for them in Christ, a love which God showered unselfishly upon them, not because of, but in spite of, what they were; a love which came to give, not to get. Such love could increase among them only as their faith in Christ increased, for love is the visible result and outward fruit of faith.

What a large petition Paul was bringing to his Lord! Through the Gospel of His saving love, the Lord was to increase their faith so that resulting love for others might glow and grow in their lives.

If our love for others is drying out like some uncovered cake in a pan or dying down like some leaking tire, perhaps it's because we have not looked often enough at God's love for us in Christ. A love which "endureth all things" at the hands of our fellow men can be found only in Him who on Calvary's cross endured all sins for us. A love which "seeketh not her own" can be found only in Him who in love on the cross sought not His own good, but the good of every sinner. A love which is "not puffed up" can be found only in Him who humbled Himself even to the death of the cross. Only because God has so loved us, can we love one another. To Him we bring our larger petition for love.

Our Largest Petition

Paul had a final, greater goal in mind when he prayed for the brethren. He wanted them to be found blameless when the Lord Jesus would come on the Last Day with all His saints. His greatest prayer for them was that they stand with that sacred throng around the throne of the Lamb on that glorious Day. What greater request could he make and to whom else might he make it, but to the Lord who in His grace through the Gospel would keep them in the faith!

Do we forget the matter of Christ's return when we bring our petitions to our King? Are we so busy asking for the nickles and dimes of our earthly needs, important as they are, that we forget about the millions Christ offers us for our eternal needs? For ourselves and our children, for our neighbor down the block and around the globe, we can offer no greater prayer than "When He shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may we then in Him be found, clothed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne" (LH 370).

How fortunate we are that we can bring this as well as all other petitions to our King with the confidence that "His grace and power are such, none can ever ask too much"! (LH 459.)

Richard E. Lauersdorf

Mining the Treasure of God's Word

II Samuel 11-24



By Julian G. Anderson

Because of its importance to the Old Testament story of Jesus, reread the last lesson before beginning your work today, especially the part on II Sam. 7.

Then Go to II Samuel 11

This brings us to a dark chapter in David's life, a man who is rightly one of the great figures in Biblical history and the story of Jesus. This chapter, however, reminds us that the great saints whom we read about in the Scriptures were real people. They had an Old Adam, like all of us, and because of this they all fell into sin, sometimes great sins.

David's fall is described in verses 2-5, and it reads like a typical modern novel. Verses 6-13 relate his unsuccessful attempts to cover up his wickedness, and verses 14-17 record his next course of action, one which only a desperate man would follow. It is also an example of how one sin inevitably leads to another. The third chapter in this sordid story is related in verse 27, with the last sentence giving the writer's interpretative comments.

Now Turn to Chapter 12

This is one of the great chapters of the Bible on the subjects of repentance and forgiveness. There is an important theological truth to be learned in the first sentence of verse 1. Unaccountably quite a few theologians never learn it, namely, who is it who takes the first step in bringing a person to repentance? God, of course, has many different ways of approaching sinners.

In this case read Nathan's parable (verses 1b-4) and note David's reaction (verses 5 and 6). The application of the parable is given quickly and simply (verses 7-9), and punishment is meted out to fit the crimes (verses 10-12). Underline the first clause in verse 10, from "the sword" to "house"; and the first clause in verse 11, from "I" to "house." You will see that these two phrases summarize all that happened in the next several years of David's life.

The most important part of the chapter, however, is David's reply to Nathan's message (verse 13a, underline), and Nathan's reply in verse 13b (underline). This simple conversation is the classic example of the great truth recorded in I John 1:9, which is also illustrated beautifully in the parable of the prodigal son (Luke 15:18-24).

Verse 14 also deserves special attention. It sets forth the important principle that the sins of God's people are especially serious since they cause God's name to be dishonored (see Luther's explanation to the First Petition of the Lord's Prayer and question 287 in the Catechism). This same principle holds true in the case of those who hold high positions in the Church or in government. For this reason an additional penalty was specified (verse 14b), the execution of this punishment is reported in verses 15-18a. Verses 18b-23 give an account of David's godly behavior in this time of great personal trial. Verses 22 and 23 show the real depth of David's faith, especially his faith in the resurrection. Underline verse 23c.

Verses 24 and 25 record the birth of Solomon, David's and Bathsheba's second child. The name means "peaceable," and verse 25 gives the name God told Nathan to give this child. It means "God's beloved." The chapter division should come here, after verse 25.

Chapters 12:26 through 24

This section records the fulfillment of the punishment pronounced on David in 12:10,11. Note that it was David's family (house) which God used to punish David for his sin, which involved his family. It began when Amnon, one of David's sons, raped his half sister and was then murdered by another son, Absalom (chapter 13). Absalom then masterminded a conspiracy to kill his father and take over the kingdom, which ended with Absalom's death (chapters 15-18), and David's grief (18:33-19:8). The rebellion, however, continued under a man named Sheba, who was also finally killed (19:9-20:22). Chapter 21 relates the resolution of an old quarrel between the Gibeonites and Saul's family, and another war with the Philistines, and 22-23:7 records David's song of praise at the victory. The rest of chapter 23 lists David's leading generals and officers.

Chapter 24:1-9 tells of David's last recorded sin, the census he took. As we learned in the Book of Numbers, a census in those days included only able-bodied men (see 24:9b), which actually made it a report on the size of the army. This census reflected on David's part a spirit of pride in his military might and a weakening of his earlier faith and trust in God. But note how David immediately recognized his sin and confessed it (verse 10, underline), and how he was punished again (verses 11-16). The enduring quality of his faith and his love for his people is reflected in his beautiful confession in verse 17 (underline). Verses 18-25 then relate the conclusion of this incident.

DMLC HISTORY

The Board of Control of Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota, has commissioned Prof. Morton A. Schroeder to write the college's centennial history.

If you have any historical data, or know of any, which you feel may be germane to this project, please contact Professor Schroeder. Any help and cooperation that can be afforded him will be appreciated.

Conrad Frey, President

From Sweden to Norway

STIFTELSEN BIBLICUM
Uppsala, Sweden
March 31, 1977

Dear Edgar,

Helen and I returned from Stavanger, Norway, via Bergen about three hours ago and I want to report about my activities during the past two weeks. I think I wrote you immediately after our return from the Biblicum course in Gothenburg (in southeastern Sweden).

Lectures on Revelation

This was followed by lectures on the Book of Revelation at Biblicum (in Uppsala, Sweden) on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, March 21-23. Seven of the 10 L.B.K.S. pastors were present. (L.B.K.S. is the Lutheran Confessional Church in Sweden.) While the lectures were intended for the pastors primarily, there were always some laymen and women in attendance, sometimes 20-25. The lectures were important because millennialism has made great inroads into conservative circles in Norway and Sweden.

Both lecture series on Romans and Revelation were taped by Paul Walljo. So far about 20 copies of the Romans lectures have been sent out. The set of six cassettes sells for 125 Swedish crowns, about \$30 in American money. The influence of these lectures is greater than appears on the surface. When I got to Norway, Ole Brandal told me that he had listened to all the Romans lectures. He had made copies on his recording equipment and circulated them in Norway. A young Norwegian student attended Biblicum for the Revelation course and will be joining the L.B.K.S. this fall when he comes to Biblicum to study.

Stavanger, Norway Lectures on "God's People Israel"

So much for the Biblicum lectures. After we finished here on Wednesday of last week, I put the finishing touches on my preparation for Stavanger on

Wednesday evening and Thursday. (Stavanger is in southwestern Norway along the North Sea.) Helen and I boarded the train here at Uppsala at 8:00 on Thursday evening. We arrived in Oslo, Norway, early the next morning and left about an hour later for Stavanger. Norway is a "vacker land," a beautiful country, and we saw much of it from the train window in bright sunshine.

We arrived at Stavanger about 5:30 P.M. Seth (Dr. Seth Erlandsson) had by that time already started his lectures, so we went to the hotel and back to the station to meet Sigmund Hjorthaug. We drove then to the teachers' college where we listened to Seth's last lecture for the evening. He gave three that evening, he and I gave three each on Saturday, and on Sunday afternoon (March 27) we gave one lecture apiece.

The Biblicum course in Stavanger had the title "God's People Israel." This was designed to counteract the common millennial views concerning Israel. I spoke on "Israel and Justification" (two lectures) and on "Israel in Romans." The last lecture on Sunday afternoon was on the question, "What Shall We Do?"

During the past three months, Prof. Siegbert Becker of our Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, Wisconsin, has been in Sweden on a seminary exchange program. He is appearing as guest lecturer in Sweden and Norway under the auspices of Biblicum and the LBKS, the Lutheran Confessional Church in Sweden. In his report to Pastor Edgar Hoenecke, executive secretary of the Board for World Missions, he tells of the contacts Biblicum and LBKS are making with conservative groups in Norway. Dr. Becker was accompanied by his wife, Helen.

Lutheran Laymen's Mission

There were always at least a hundred or more people present for the lectures. Most of the people were from the Lutheran Laymen's Mission in Norway. This is the group that sent \$500 for Lusaka last year. The president of the group is Sigmund Hjorthaug.

The Lutheran Laymen's Mission is a Pietistic group which wants to be truly Lutheran in distinction from other Pietistic groups that are more Reformed in their theology. Sigmund Hjorthaug said that one of their problems is that they have no theologians in their group to give them a sound Bib-

Dr. Erlandsson translating for Dr. Becker



lical basis for their teaching. They are very much interested in what Biblicum has to present.

Contact with the group came when Ole Brandal, one of the lay preachers in the group, and his wife, Haldis, attended a Biblicum course in Umea in 1973. (Umea is in northeastern Sweden on the Gulf of Bothnia.) There he became acquainted with the Biblical doctrine of justification. He was persuaded that their earlier view of justification "because of faith" was wrong. He introduced the Biblical doctrine to the whole group, but met with strong resistance. But Ole and Sigmund (who is not a preacher) are persevering in their efforts. Ole has read Pieper's *Dogmatics*. He studied it some years ago and is now rereading it carefully. They are still not clear on the use of wine in the Lord's Supper instead of grape juice (to which they have become accustomed) and the doctrines of closed Communion and church fellowship, but they are eager and ready to hear. After my lectures on justification the man who opposed Ole Brandal said that he was convinced now that our view is the correct Biblical view. I think that is an example of what patient instruction can do. Seth will be going back there in June to lecture on church fellowship.

The group took up a collection for expenses and for Biblicum. The collection amounted to about 7,500 Norwegian crowns, about \$1,500 in our money!

"Exploratory Service"

On Sunday, March 27, the L.B.K.S. held an "exploratory" service in Stavanger. About 140 people were present for the service, at which I preached in English and Seth translated into Swedish. All of these people came even though it was clearly announced that it would be our service. We used a Norwegian hymnal for the hymns.

Ole Brandal is ready to try to establish a free church but first wants the others in their group to have a chance to hear the true doctrine and to have an opportunity to accept or reject it. He is a full-time preacher for the group and receives a salary from them. He is 58 years old. His wife supports him in his efforts to make a sound orthodox church out of his group. They do not attend the state church services, have their own Communion services, but still hold membership in the state



Attendance at first service at Gothenburg, Sweden

church. The situation is confused. Seth's lectures on church fellowship in June will probably be the turning point. Ole Brandal says there are many who are very favorably inclined and have accepted what they have heard so far.

Sigmund Hjorthaug is a teacher of music in the state teachers' college in Stavanger. Both he and his wife would like to join the L.B.K.S. if there were a congregation in Stavanger. Ole Brandal lives on an island about 1½ hours by ferry from Stavanger and serves a large group on that island. The Biblicum course was presented at the school where Sigmund teaches.

Importance of Biblicum

These people want to be truly Lutheran. It is through Biblicum that they have gotten their first clear instruction about true Lutheranism.

Earlier in this letter I mentioned a young man from Norway who attended the Revelation lectures. He has read Biblicum's literature for some time, and he plans to attend Biblicum in fall to study theology. His name is Lars Kolstad. He told me that he is looking forward to joining St. Matthew's Congregation. Gunnar Edwardsson will be studying Hebrew under Seth's direction this fall. Both of these students will be members of the L.B.K.S.

Biblicum is losing some of its support in Sweden. Everytime Seth produces another series of lectures, some support evaporates. (This is to be expected whenever a truly confessional stand is taken.) In observing the situation during this past month, I have become

convinced that Biblicum is the best mission arm the L.B.K.S. has. At present, it is just as important for the L.B.K.S. as any evangelism program, if not more so. People will come to a Biblicum course who would not think of coming to an L.B.K.S. service. Yesterday Seth had a letter from a man in Bergen, Norway, whom he does not know. He wrote asking for more information about Biblicum and requested a sample of the sermon cassettes. The sermon cassettes are produced and sent out by the L.B.K.S., but the request came to Biblicum in this case.

I sometimes wonder whether we are not missing a bet in America by not having more lecture courses for lay people! At Stavanger we met a young lady who is visiting San Francisco this summer. She asked about Bible lectures of the WELS that she could attend. She found it difficult to understand why we did not have something like that for our lay people.

After the lectures in Stavanger, Helen and I decided to take a quick trip through Bergen to Uppsala. Ole Brandal took us about two-thirds of the way by car through spectacular fjord country. We went to Bergen the rest of the way by ferry and bus — a spectacular trip! From Bergen we started out on Wednesday morning by train, but saw very little of the country because much of the way through the mountains is through tunnels and when we were in the open we were in a blinding snow-storm.

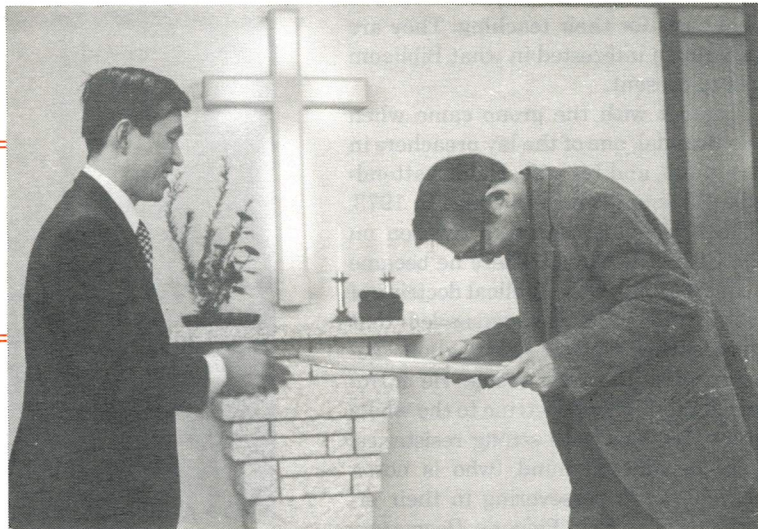
We send our greetings.

Sincerely,
Sig.

Deacon

Twenty-five Years of Gospel Work in Japan

On Reformation Day, 1976, the Lutheran Evangelical Christian Church of Japan observed the 25th anniversary of Deacon Ruichi Igarashi Sensei's work for the Gospel in Japan. He has devoted himself faithfully to putting the Gospel message into Japanese. In addition to Japanese, Deacon Igarashi is fluent in Chinese, Russian, German, and English. He also teaches some of the Greek classes at the Tsuchiura Seminary. His help has been invaluable to our mission and the Lord's work in Japan. May our Lord grant him many more years!



Pastor T. Yoshida presenting a gift to Deacon Igarashi



A token of appreciation



Deacon and Mrs. Igarashi cutting the cake



Superintendent Richard A. Poetter congratulating Deacon Igarashi. They have worked together in Japan since 1952.

Ruichi Igarashi

The Literature Committee

Members of the committee (left to right) are: Deacon Ruichi Igarashi, executive secretary, Mr. Najihara, Pastor F. Oshino, secretary, and Missionary H. Johne, chairman.



Dedication at Utsonomiya, Japan

With joy and thanksgiving the members of the Lutheran Evangelical Christian Church (the Japan Mission of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod) dedicated the newly constructed parsonage-chapel complex at Utsonomiya, Tochigi Prefecture, on October 11, 1976.

Vacancy Pastor Fukushi Oshino brought the message from God's Word in Acts 18:1-11, "How Does the Church Come into Existence?" He pointed out that God sends people who proclaim the Gospel. God uses His Word and Sacraments to build and strengthen His Church.

The other pastors and missionaries took part in the service by reading various Scripture lessons. Pastor Richard A. Poetter, superintendent of the Japan Mission, read the rite of dedication and Pastor Roger Falk of Utsonomiya served as liturgist. Following the service, a potluck dinner featuring international foods was enjoyed by all present. Over 80 people were in attendance, including about 20 representing U.S. servicemen and their families stationed in Japan.

The building is a steel-frame one-story construction by Daiwa House of Japan. The chapel area is almost a square room, roughly 21 x 23 feet, paneled in light wood, with Japanese-style "shoji" windows incorporating the design of the cross. The "chancel" is a movable 3



Street view of new church at Utsonomiya

x 9-foot platform, allowing for a variety of room arrangements, depending on the size of the congregation and the type of gathering. The chapel can be enlarged in the future when the need arises. Also included in the building, in addition to the pastor's living quarters, are an office and an all-purpose room for classes, meetings, overnight guests, and nursery during the worship hour.

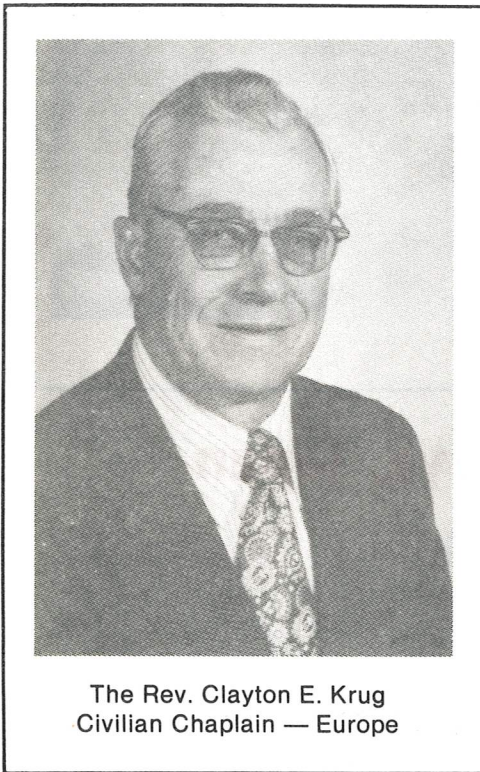
Prior to the dedication, envelopes were distributed to the congregations of the LECC for a Special Dedication Offering. This came to over \$1,500, or better than \$10 per active communicant member.

Utsonomiya is a city of 352,161, the capital of Tochigi Prefecture. It is about 66 miles northwest of Ueno (Tokyo) and about 25 miles from Nikko, the famous mountain shrine area of Japan. Every Sunday at 8:30 A.M. and again at 10:20 P.M. the Japanese language radio program "A Moment with Jesus," sponsored by the Lutheran Evangelical Christian Church, is broadcast over the local radio station. From the responses to the program, approximately 200 names have been gathered for the missionary to contact.

Roger W. Falk



"Go . . . Speak to Our Absent Brothers and Sisters!"



The Rev. Clayton E. Krug
Civilian Chaplain — Europe

In an April 1 letter to the Special Ministries Board of our Synod, Chaplain E. C. Renz wrote from West Germany, "The members of the Church in Europe join our fellow Christians throughout the world in praying for the Lord's rich blessing upon Pastor Krug as he is installed to serve as our Synod's second civilian chaplain in Europe. May many be blessed as he brings the Word and Sacrament to our people throughout Europe!"

In spirit our more than 600 Wisconsin Synod Lutherans on temporary assignment in Europe joined the more than 600 worshipers who attended the commissioning of Pastor Clayton E. Krug in Trinity Lutheran Church, Waukesha, Wisconsin, on April 17, 1977. By 6:30 the church was already completely filled for the 7:00 o'clock service.

Commissioning

Reading the rite of installation was Pastor Ernst F. Lehninger, the chairman of the Special Ministries Board.

Assisting him were Pastor Oscar J. Naumann, president of the Synod, Pastor Arnold Schroeder, chairman of the Institutional Ministries Committee, Pastor Larry Pautz, chairman of the Student Services Committee, and Pastor Robert Schlicht, chairman of the Committee on Services to the Aging. Also assisting were Pastor John M. Graf, Sturgis, Michigan, and Pastors Marvin Volkmann and Martin Stern.

A Lesson from Ezekiel

Preacher for the commissioning was Pastor John M. Graf, son-in-law of Pastor and Mrs. Krug. Speaking for the Krug family, for the family of faith, and for the family of fellow workers, he used the words which the Lord addressed to the Prophet Ezekiel in chapter 3 of his book to say to his father-in-law: "Go . . . Speak to our Absent Brothers and Sisters."

"Son of man," God said to Ezekiel, "Go, get thee unto the house of Israel, and speak with My words unto them. For thou art not sent to a people of a strange speech and of a hard language, but to the house of Israel." Unlike most missionaries sent out on foreign fields, the civilian chaplain, Pastor Graf pointed out, is not required to learn a foreign language. He is speaking to people whose mother tongue is the same as his. That, however, does not make his work less important or less strenuous, for our absent brothers and sisters need to hear the Word we send our chaplains to tell them no less than those who belong to a different nation and speak a different language.

"Because this need is there," Pastor Graf continued, "these absent brothers and sisters command our attention. It is our concern that they be offered the Gospel in its purity and the Sacraments as Christ instituted them. That is why the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod supports a civilian chaplaincy which is free from controls out-

side the church and which can always emphasize the One Thing Needful."

"Tonight they become your charge," Pastor Krug was told. "Even as the Lord appointed Ezekiel watchman in his day, so He has appointed you to warn our absent brothers and sisters and to encourage them in righteousness, sanctification, and faith. That is our only purpose in sending you."

"Since yours, in a way, will be an isolated ministry, you too will treasure that Word for yourself. Deeply involved with you in your work will be Mrs. Krug. May both of you go in peace, in zeal, in grace, and speak the Word to our absent brothers and sisters! Go in the Lord!"

The Krugs

Since his graduation from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in 1941 and his ordination on June 9 of that year, Pastor Krug has served five congregations, all of them in Wisconsin. They are: Mt. Zion in Ripon, Calvary in Kimberly, Our Savior in Lena, Peace in Green Lake, and Trinity in Waukesha.

Pastor Krug enters his new position as civilian chaplain as a man well prepared for its demands. Since 1961 he has been a member of the Military Services Committee of the Special Ministries Board. In 1970-71 he was on leave of absence from Trinity Congregation for almost a year while he and Mrs. Krug did an on-the-spot evaluation of our Synod's military services program throughout the United States.

Mrs. Krug is the former Lucille Kemnitz. The Krugs have six children: Kathleen (Mrs. John Graf), Ralph, Richard, Kenneth, David, and Jonathan. There are also 10 grandchildren.

The Krugs left for Europe in early May and are making their home in or near Nuremberg, West Germany. Pastor Krug will be serving in Europe together with Chaplain E. C. Renz who has been stationed there since early 1973.



GIRLS ONLY!

Women — single, married, young and old getting together with blankets and Bibles? Sleeping on sagging mattresses with 14 in a room? Riding in motorboats, sailboats, and canoes? Did this really happen?

For 30 women from the WELS congregations in North Florida this was a reality. Some traveled as far as 160 miles to join with others for a Lutheran Women's Retreat on February 25-26, 1977, at Lake Swan, Melrose, Florida.

Coping with Depression

"Write down the most depressing situation you can think of." The moderator was off to a good start. After opening with a devotion, the women eagerly began their first topic, "Coping with Depression."

To see a close friend turn from her faith could create depression. Or how about finding yourself without any friends? And the frustration of having teen-age children who now refuse to go to church could be especially depressing to parents. How do you, as a Christian, cope with these things?

"Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the Originator and Perfector of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame. . . . Consider Him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart" (Heb. 12:2,3 — NIV).

Working from the perspective of what the Bible says, the group leaders had certainly done their homework. They even arranged a special visit from King David himself! Two of the ladies, one posing as King David, carried on a dialog to better illustrate the causes, effects, and Biblical solutions to depression.

Several points were brought out, but it was especially comforting to know that the greatest suffering ever to face man will never compare to the torments Christ endured. And what a wonderful promise it is that man will

not be tempted beyond what God gives him strength to resist!

An informal atmosphere was emphasized at the close of the first day when the women roasted marshmallows at the fireplace, chatted with old friends and made new ones. It was a little difficult for some to settle down for a night's sleep with thoughts of the day's



Lutheran Women's Retreat

activities racing through their minds, plus the fact that there were women in bunk beds on all sides.

The Christian Woman In Her Church

The next day's topic was "The Christian Woman in Her Church." With the current women's liberation movement affecting the personal and spiritual lives of every woman today, it was anticipated that this would be a very controversial subject. However, when approached from a Biblical viewpoint, a woman's role was easily understood.

Questions were asked: "What is a Christian?", "What is the Church?", "What is a Woman?", and finally, "What is the Woman's Role in Her Church?" Much confusion was alle-

viated by using God's Word in defining these questions.

Annual Event?

This retreat was a spirit-lifting and fun-filled weekend, accented by boat rides and good meals. It was a retreat by women and for women — women of all ages and women with Christ in their lives. The planning committee worked closely with the pastors and the District Board for Parish Education to organize and plan the two-day fellowship.

A special feature was an open forum of any and all questions anonymously placed in a question box. A pastor helped answer questions which included, "How do I learn to have patience?"

"What do I tell my children about pre-marital sex?", and "To die with dignity — what does that mean to a Christian?"

Remembering Christ's words,

"If you hold to My teaching, you are really My disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" (John 8:31,32 — NIV),

each woman could leave with a clearer understanding of the many subjects discussed. The enthusiasm generated resulted in a decision to make this an annual event.

Thank you Phoebe Lawrenz, Susan Zwieg, Nancy Rice, and Karen Goeglein for putting so much effort into organizing this retreat!

Patricia Spencer

An Author Visits A Church Library

At its seventh-anniversary open house, held on Palm Sunday, the Gloria Dei-Bethesda Church Library honored Betty Heymanns, who with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Heymanns, are members of the congregation. On the occasion, Miss Heymanns autographed copies of her autobiography, BITTERSWEET TRIUMPH, and presented a copy to the church library.



Betty Heymanns

Miss Heymanns is a victim of cerebral palsy. Her autobiography candidly and frankly tells of her lifelong struggle to overcome the effects of her disability and of her coping with the stigma of being different. Although speech is sometimes difficult for Betty, clarity of mind and alertness are blessings that enable her, with the aid of an electric typewriter, to put her thoughts on paper as any other able-bodied gifted writer.

The challenge to find a place for herself in the world has been met with acceptance and adjustments. Because of an enduring faith in God's love and plan for her, and because of loving parents who, with Betty, have accepted the realities of life, Betty today feels free — "free to taste life, both the bitter, and the sweet." She is not only an author — now working on her second book — but also a professional photographer.

Gloria-Dei-Bethesda Church Library is now in its seventh year of operation.

Periodically the Library Committee has held open house to promote and encourage the reading of good Christian literature. A library fund was established seven years ago with a generous memorial given by a member of the congregation. Others have also contributed generously to the support of this ministry. Gloria Dei-Bethesda is thus able to provide reading material for persons of all age levels — children, young adults, adults, parents, grandparents, students, senior citizens, and the retired.

On its shelves, the church library has more than 750 books not commonly found in public libraries. They are books which in one way or another reflect the Christian view of life so that the faith, knowledge, and understanding of the readers will deepen and expand. Besides the many volumes of Luther's Works, commentaries, and books on Christian doctrine, there are books on Old and New Testament Bible study helps, Bible stories, church history, Christian symbolism, and devotions and meditations for all ages. Also offered are books on Christian living, evangelism, worship and liturgy, church music and hymnody, Biblical archaeology, marriage, the Christian home, child-training, Christian fiction, and many books in large print.

Since children make up the greater percentage of avid readers in most church libraries, the Library Committee spends many hours screening and selecting books that are interesting, inspiring, and conducive to the spiritual growth of its young readers. Three or four times a year the chairman of the Library Committee, Mr. Darrel Kautz, prepares a publication which is then made available to each family in the congregation. Titled *GD-B Booknotes*, it seeks to introduce the best in Christian literature.

The Library Committee at Gloria Dei-Bethesda Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, is composed of one of the pastors and five members of the congregation. Present members are Pastor Le Roy Ade, Mrs. Edward Braun, Mrs. Donald Hornbrook, Mr.

and Mrs. Darrel Kautz, and Mrs. Otto L. Kreis. The committee meets quarterly to discuss policy, finances, future plans, and statistics.

Four library workers, each assigned to one Sunday of the month, help with checking out books after Sunday services. They also assist the children of Gloria Dei-Bethesda Lutheran School, who, with their teachers, are given an opportunity to draw books from the church library on the first and third Fridays of every month during the school year. More than 100 children's books are checked out on each of these library days.

It is hoped that future plans for the library will include periodicals, cassette tapes, filmstrips, etc., which will be of benefit not only to the Sunday school and the day school, but also to the various organizations in the congregation. Immediate plans for more shelf space for this growing library have been approved and will be ready by the next school year.

The Library Committee of Gloria Dei-Bethesda Congregation would be happy to give inquirers from other congregations information on setting up and operating a church library. Those interested in purchasing a copy of BITTERSWEET TRIUMPH for their church library will find it on sale at most bookstores. The book was published by DoubleDay & Company, Inc., Garden City, New York (1977).

Mrs. O. L. Kreis

THIRD MICHIGAN-OHIO SUPER RALLY

Wednesday, May 18, 1977, is the date for the Michigan-Ohio LWMS Super Rally. The rally will be hosted by the Alpha, Ohio, and Southwestern Michigan circuits of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society.

The rally will meet at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, Adrian, Michigan, and will begin with registration at 10:30 A.M. Principle speaker will be Mrs. Don Holzhueter of South Haven, Michigan. She is a brailist and will present a most interesting and informative lecture and display on the Mission for the Blind.

Women of all Michigan and Ohio LWMS circuits are cordially invited and urged to attend.

With the Lord

Pastor Ewald Blumenthal 1907-1977

Ewald Richard Frederick Blumenthal was born of Christian parents on January 1, 1907, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He was baptized and confirmed in Jerusalem Ev. Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, and also attended its Christian day school. In preparation for enrollment in Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, he attended Northwestern Preparatory School and Northwestern College, graduating in 1929. He graduated from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, Wisconsin, in 1932.

Pastor Blumenthal began his ministry in Salem Ev. Lutheran Church, Wausau, Wisconsin. Later he became pastor of St. John's Church, Burlington, Wisconsin, followed by 25 years at Salem Ev. Lutheran Church, Cramer Street, Milwaukee. He retired from the active ministry on April 19, 1969.

On December 30, 1933, Pastor Blumenthal was united in holy wedlock with Claire Kaemmerer. She preceded him in death on December 30, 1974.

The Lord called His faithful servant out of this vale of tears to Himself in heaven on March 23, 1977, at an age of 70 years, 2 months, and 23 days.

Pastor Blumenthal is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Audrey and Paul Anderson, two grandchildren, two

sisters-in-law, one brother-in-law, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

The funeral service was held March 25 at the Home for Aged Lutherans in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Pastor O. J. Naumann conducted the service, preaching on Ephesians 1:7, "In whom (Jesus Christ) we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace."

Pastor Hugo L. Fritze 1908-1977

Pastor Hugo L. Fritze, past president of the Nebraska District of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod, died in Watertown, Wisconsin, on April 6, 1977, after a brief illness.

Pastor Fritze was born on March 5, 1908, in Claremont, Minnesota. He graduated from Northwestern College in 1930 and from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in 1933. He was ordained at St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church in Owatonna, Minnesota, on September 3, 1933. He served as pastor in South Dakota and Valentine, Nebraska, until 1947, at Lincoln Heights Lutheran Church in Des Moines, Iowa, until 1953, St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Norfolk, Nebraska, until 1962, Redeemer Lutheran Church in Council Bluffs, Iowa, until 1969, and at St. John's Lutheran Church in Ixonia, Wisconsin, until retiring to Watertown

in April of 1976. He served the church on the Nebraska District Mission Board and as chairman of that board from 1950 until 1958. He was president of the Nebraska District of the Wisconsin Synod from 1958 until 1969.



Pastor H. Fritze

Surviving are his wife, the former Gerda Reuschel, one daughter, Mrs. Gary (Lois) Jochem of Kaiserlautern, Germany; three sons, David of Watertown, Paul of St. Louis Park, Minnesota, and Mark of Council Bluffs, Iowa; 11 grandchildren; two sisters, and one brother.

Funeral services for Pastor Fritze were conducted by the undersigned on April 10, Easter Sunday, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Watertown. The mourners were comforted by the account of the two disciples from Emmaus in Luke 24. Burial followed in the Lutheran Cemetery at Watertown.

Pastor W. A. Schumann

Jesus of Nazareth

A number of brethren have disagreed with an article in the April 17 issue entitled "NO Plot or Myth." The editor herewith cites their viewpoints.

"Any book or film on Jesus draws both positive and negative reactions. There are always those who are offended when a dramatization takes liberties with the literal Scripture text, and there is basis for their concerns. At the same time, when Jesus Christ is depicted as the God-man who is the Savior of men, there will be a justifiable positive reaction on the part of Christians.

"Both the film and the text present a dramatization of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, which is just that. Both uphold the virgin birth of Christ, present the miracles in a very positive manner, and sustain the preaching of forgiveness without reservations. Thus the deity and divinity of Christ are upheld.

"Questionable are some of the interpretations, the chronology of events, and the figments of imagination which add to its dramatic power. Who knows that the dying words of Joseph, the husband of the Virgin Mary, were,

'Father into Thy hands I commend my spirit'? Who knows that Peter had been drinking heavily as he argued with himself and with Levi the publican about following after Jesus? Yet many who perhaps will never read the Scriptures may view the film or read the book and be introduced to Jesus Christ as the Savior of men.

"Controversy arose over the book and the screen presentation as a result of an interview with the director of the film presentation"

Another correspondent put it: A viewing of the film reveals that "in the movie Jesus' miracles are represented; on several occasions He is called the Son of God; He is shown alive after Easter The criticism leveled against *Jesus of Nazareth* was unfair."

Direct from the Districts

California

New Sanctuary for San Jose

On Sunday, February 27, 1977, Apostles of San Jose broke ground for its new main sanctuary. The contract price is \$270,000. Additional material and labor will be supplied by the congregation.

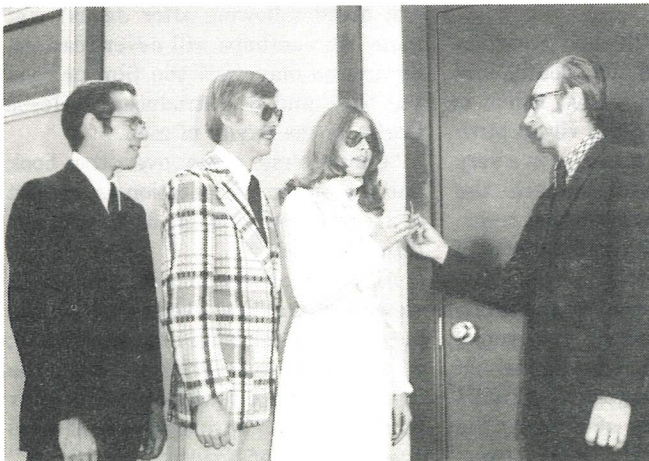
The new 12,000-square-foot building will include a sanctuary with seating for 325 (plus 200 overflow), a fellowship hall/narthex, two classrooms, a multipurpose room, a kitchen, and offices and work areas for pastor, principal, and secretary. Phase II of Apostles' expansion program will be the remodeling of its present chapel into two classrooms and an indoor recreation area.

Apostles Congregation was formally organized in 1966. It now numbers 339 communicants and conducts a Christian day school with an enrollment of 174 and a faculty of six. Pastor of the congregation is the Rev. D. Valleskey. Principal of the school is Mr. Mark Sprengeler.

New Classroom at Pomona

Dedication day for Our Savior's new 24 x 38 modular classroom was March 13, 1977. The worshipers were reminded by Pastor J. Humann that the purpose of their school is to feed the lambs in the congregation and the community with the Word of God. It is thus that Christ's spiritual house, the Church, will continue to grow.

Pastor Humann and Teachers M. Brodbeck and A. Caskey receiving key



The cost of the building was \$23,459. Of this amount, \$7,000 was raised locally and the remainder was financed through an additional CEF loan. The members of Our Savior are grateful for the support they are receiving from the mission boards and from fellow Christians throughout the Synod.

Our Savior Lutheran School is in a racially mixed neighborhood and receives some funds from the Inner City Committee. The week after dedication four adults were confirmed and in April five more adults will be received into communicant membership whose first contact with the church was through its Christian day school. The school has proven to be a most effective mission arm in the work in Pomona.

Western Wisconsin

Double Golden Anniversary

On Sunday, October 10, 1976, members and friends of St. John's Lutheran Church of Cornell, Wisconsin, and Trinity Lutheran of Keystone gathered in special services to thank God for His blessings over the past 50 years to Pastor and Mrs. Elmer E. Prenzlow, Sr. Pastor and Mrs. Prenzlow were privileged to serve these two congregations for a total of 46 years. During many of those years they also served St. Peter's of Birch Creek.

In the morning service the resident pastor, the Rev. D. Dengler, led the congregations and the family in a personal

service of thanksgiving and praise. He addressed the jubilarians on Hebrews 8:11. In the afternoon a special service was held for many local and out-of-town friends of the Prenzlows. The Rev. L. Zessin, circuit pastor of the Chippewa River Valley Conference, preached the sermon. A dinner was held at noon and a reception and program, planned and presented by Pastor Dengler, followed the afternoon service.



Pastor and Mrs. Prenzlow, Sr.

Pastor and Mrs. Prenzlow were married at St. John's, Eagleton, on October 12, 1926, by the bride's father, the late Rev. J. F. Henning, Sr. Pastor Prenzlow was ordained the same year prior to assuming the pastorate of a dual parish in Stanton, Nebraska.

Joining in the celebration were the Prenzlow children, Pastor Elmer J. C., Jr., of Milwaukee and Mrs. Gwen Stallkamp of Albert Lea, Minnesota. Other relatives, friends, and clergy also attended.

Singing their thanksgiving at Pomona



Do You Know?

About the many needs that were met at our Synod's educational institutions during the past biennium?

Michigan Lutheran Seminary in Saginaw, Michigan, received a 17th professor and an instructor in girl's physical education. Martin Luther Academy, New Ulm, Minnesota, also added a girl's physical education instructor.

At Michigan Lutheran Seminary two dormitories were erected at a cost of \$2,489,703. Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, Wisconsin, received additional parking facilities and a classroom in the library basement. Extensive replacements were paid for at Northwestern College, Dr. Martin Luther College, and Northwestern Lutheran Academy.

A number of new programs were also initiated during the same period. They include a World Mission Seminary Exchange Program at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, and a Speech Therapy Program and Reading-Study Skills Center at Dr. Martin Luther College.

METRO-NORTH PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: May 16, 1977; Communion service.
Place: Christ, Pewaukee, Wisconsin; H. P. Koehler, host pastor.
Preacher: L. Lindloff (K. Mahne, alternate).
Agenda: Exegesis of Hosea 2:14-23; N. Berg; Essay: Can Christians Support Immoral Legislation? W. Nommensen; Mini-essay: "The Evangelical Lutheran Church" — Our Use of the Term Today: R. Ziesemer.
Note: Excuse to host pastor or secretary.
P. Sullivan, Secretary

REQUEST FOR COLLOQUY

Pastor Elwood Fromm and Teacher Fred Lambs, both formerly members of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, have requested colloquys preparatory to entering the preaching and teaching ministries of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Correspondence relative to these requests may be addressed to the undersigned.

George W. Boldt, President
Southeastern Wisconsin District

Like a pebble in a pond...

Have you ever tossed a pebble into the smooth, still water of a pond and watched the ripples spread?

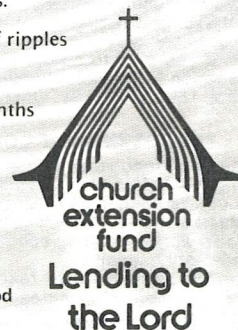
The money you lend to CEF is very much like that pebble. It causes ripples. They spread across the length and breadth of the land. Mission congregations are established. The unchurched are reached for the Kingdom, worship facilities are built . . . the church of Jesus Christ expands and grows.

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For more information, write to:

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3515 West North Avenue / Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53208



Closing Exercises At WELS Schools

Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Mequon, Wisconsin

Closing Concert — May 31 at 7:30 P.M.
Graduation Service — June 1 at 10:00 A.M.

Northwestern College Watertown, Wisconsin

Alumni Meeting — May 17 at 3:00 P.M.
Alumni Luncheon — May 17 at 5:00 P.M.
Commencement Concert — May 17 at 7:30 P.M.
Graduation Exercises — May 18 at 10:00 A.M.

Dr. Martin Luther College New Ulm, Minnesota

Alumni Meeting — June 2 at 4:00 P.M.
Commencement Concert — June 2 at 8:00 P.M.
Graduation Exercises — June 3 at 10:00 A.M.

Northwestern Preparatory School Watertown, Wisconsin

Commencement Concert — May 17 at 7:30 P.M.
Graduation Service — May 18 at 1:30 P.M.

Martin Luther Academy New Ulm, Minnesota

Commencement Concert — June 1 at 8:00 P.M.
Graduation Exercises — June 2 at 10:00 A.M.

Michigan Lutheran Seminary Saginaw, Michigan

Commencement Concert — May 21 at 7:30 P.M.
Graduation Exercises — May 22 at 10:30 A.M.

Northwestern Lutheran Academy Mobridge, South Dakota

Commencement Concert — May 25 at 8:00 P.M.
Graduation Exercises — May 26 at 10:30 A.M.

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NEW WELS CHURCHES

Names Requested

In recent months the Wisconsin Synod began work in the states and cities listed below. Please send all names of members who moved into the general area of these cities, as well as names of people who may be interested in a Wisconsin Synod mission to:

WELS MEMBERSHIP CONSERVATION
3512 W. North Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53208

Names as well as pertinent information regarding members referred will be forwarded to the nearest pastor and/or mission board chairman.

Alabama	Montgomery
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British Columbia	Vancouver*
Ontario	Pembroke*

*Denotes exploratory services.

TIME AND PLACE

EDEN PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA NEW MEETING PLACE

Christ Lutheran Church of Eden Prairie, Minnesota, has a new meeting place. We are now meeting at the Eden Prairie Medical Center, 8455 Flying Cloud Drive (which is on Hwy 169 South off I 494). Service time is 9:15. Sunday school at 10:15.

PLYMOUTH, WISCONSIN CHANGE IN WORSHIP LOCATION

Good Shepherd Ev. Lutheran Church is now conducting its worship services at the Plymouth Senior Citizens Center located at 126 E. Mill Street, Plymouth, Wisconsin. Services begin at 8:00 a.m., followed by Sunday school and Bible class at 9:00 a.m. For information, or if you have the names of WELS members or prospects in the area, please contact Vicar Peter Kassulke, 1011 Fairview Dr. No. 5, Plymouth, Wisconsin, phone (414) 893-2441.

CLEARWATER, FLORIDA

Christ the Lord Ev. Lutheran Congregation is now holding Sunday services at the Ramada Inn, 2560 US Hwy 19 N (across from Country-side Mall), Clearwater, Florida. Worship is at 9:30 a.m., with Sunday school and Bible class at 10:30 a.m. Vacationers and tourists are welcome to worship with us. For more information or to refer names of prospects, please contact Pastor Keith C. Kruck, 2878 St. John Drive, Clearwater, Florida 33519; phone (813) 725-5673.

CRYSTAL LAKE, ILLINOIS CHANGE OF WORSHIP LOCATION

Lord and Savior Ev. Lutheran Church, Crystal Lake, Illinois, is now worshipping at 4311 Route 176, in the meeting room of the Krepel home, 1/2 mile east of the junction of Highways 176 and 31.

For information and to submit names of prospects, call Pastor Richard W. Mueller at (815) 455-2448. His address is 794 Dover Court, Crystal Lake, Illinois 60014.

EXPLORATORY

FAIRMONT, MINNESOTA

Exploratory services are being conducted every Sunday morning in May at 11 o'clock in the community room of the Fairmont *Sentinel* Building, 124 N. South Avenue, Fairmont, Minnesota. For information please call Mr. Paul Nolte at (507) 235-9765. Please submit names to Pastor Eugene Roecker, 400 N. 5th Street, Butterfield, Minnesota 56120; phone (507) 956-3451.

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PASTORS' INSTITUTE

A Pastors' Institute will be held at Luther High School, Onalaska, Wisconsin, June 13-17, 1977. Dr. S. Becker will present a series of lectures on "The Occult." Prof. H. J. Vogel will present an exegetical study of James 2: "Justification and Sanctification." A fee of \$15.00 is requested of each participant. The sessions will run from 9:00-11:45 a.m. daily. If you plan to attend please send your registration to: Pastors' Institute, Luther High School, 1501 Wilson St., Onalaska, WI 54650.

THE ASSIGNMENT COMMITTEE

The Conference of Presidents will meet, God willing, as Assignment Committee at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, Wisconsin, on May 16 and 17, 1977. The presidents of our Synod's worker-training schools will attend in an advisory capacity.

For the assignment of teacher candidates the Assignment Committee will meet at Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota, on May 30 and 31, 1977.

Oscar J. Naumann, President

WISCONSIN LUTHERAN COLLEGE

Commencement services will be held at Wisconsin Lutheran College on Sunday, May 15, at 2:00 p.m., in the auditorium of Wisconsin Lutheran High School, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Following the service, a reception for the graduates will be held at the student center.

WINONA AREA CAMPING

The Winona Area Councilmen's Conference is sponsoring two one-week camping sessions for the youth of the area WELS congregations.

The Teen Camp (13 years old and up) will run from June 26 to July 2, at a cost of \$35.00 per camper. The Youth Camp (ages 8 to 12) will be held from July 3 to July 9, at a cost of \$30.00 per camper.

A slide presentation of the camping activities is available to any congregation.

For information on the Whitewater Youth Camp contact: Gerald Kastens, 418 S. Baker, Winona, Minnesota 55987.

NOMINATIONS — NPH

The following have been nominated for the position of associate editor at the Northwestern Publishing House to replace Pastor S. H. Fenske:

Prof. Lyle Albrecht	Brookfield, WI
Pastor Daniel Deutschlander	Evanston, IL
Pastor David Gosdeck	Lake City, MN
Prof. Edgar Greve	Kenosha, WI
Pastor Martin Petermann	St. Paul, MN
Pastor Loren Schaller	La Crosse, WI
Pastor Roger Vomhof	Fairfax, MN
Pastor Walter Westphal	Longmont, CO

Any correspondence concerning these nominees should reach the secretary of the NPH Board of Directors by May 20, 1977.

Mr. H. P. Gieschen, Secretary
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