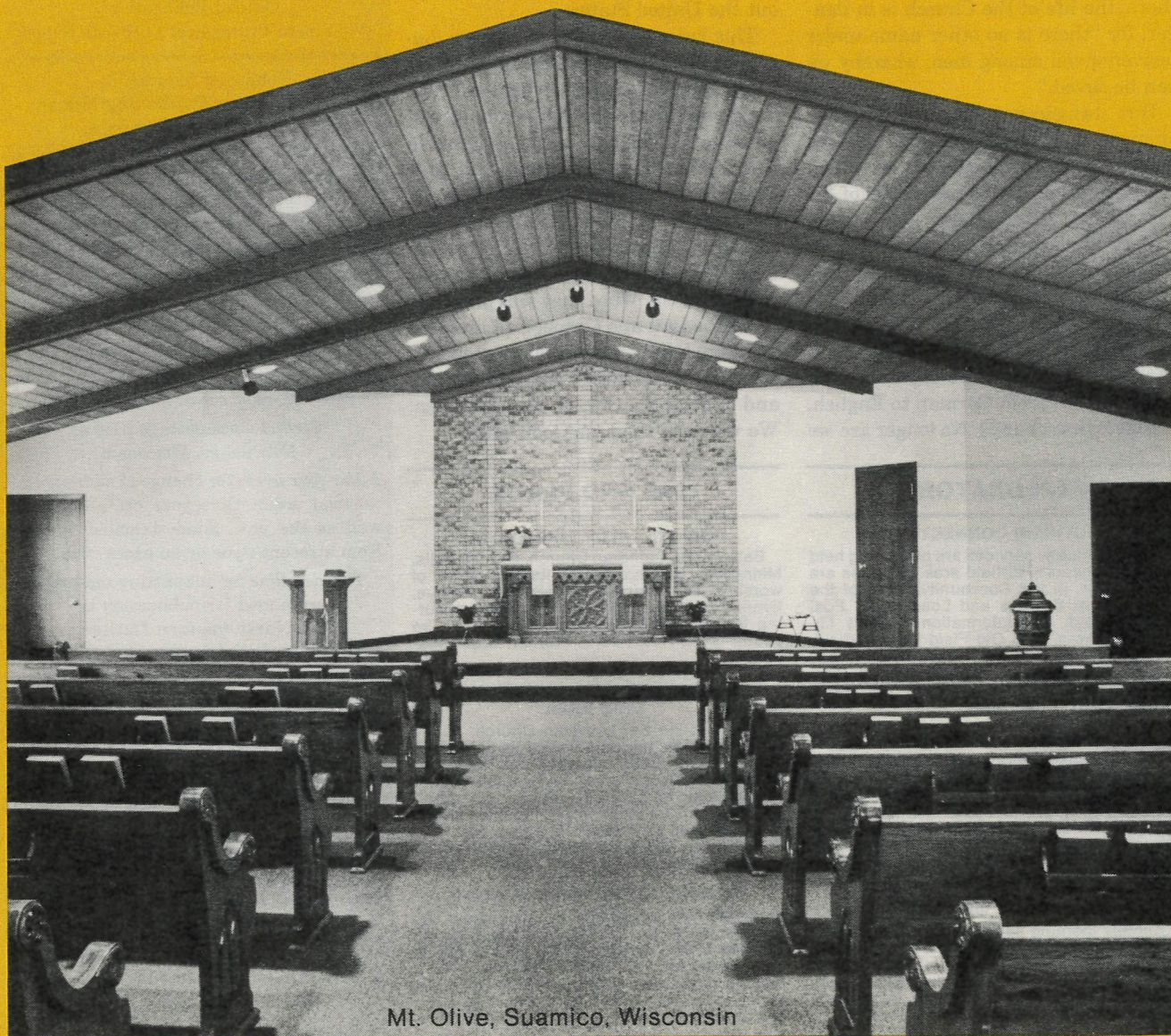


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What's new? There can be nothing new when it concerns the Word and the Sacraments. The Church of God is built on the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ being the chief cornerstone. Whenever changes are introduced there, the life of the Church is in danger, for "there is no other name under heaven given among men, whereby we can be saved."

But languages change, places change, and people change. We no longer speak the languages in which the Apostles preached the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Even those who today preach that Gospel in Israel or in Greece admit that the languages they employ have changed greatly since the days of the Apostles. And those spoken in our churches are totally different. Even in our lifetime we experienced a great shift — from German to English.

Places also change. No longer are we

totally a Midwestern church body. The names mentioned on this page, for example, are for the most part places where our Synod has just established or is in the process of establishing congregations. There are many more throughout the United States.

This issue of *The Northwestern Lutheran* also brings you the names of 61 young men who are receiving their first assignments into the public ministry of our church. They are being assigned to congregations in 25 states and four countries outside the United States. At the same time, 64 vicars are being assigned to 14 states and three foreign fields. These are new names in our midst, but the Word they will preach is the same Law and Gospel God revealed from the beginning of the creation. We ask the Lord to bless them individually and to bless the Church through them. We welcome them as God's gifts.

EXPLORATORY

SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT

Weekly Sunday services are now being held in the Bridgeport-Fairfield area. Services are at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the First Federal Savings and Loan, 1177 Post Rd., Fairfield. For information contact Mr. David Mathwig, 408 Old Field Rd., Fairfield, Connecticut 06430 — phone: (203) 225-2728; or Pastor Paul Schweppe, 519 Brooklyn Blvd., Brightwaters, New York 11718 — phone: (516) 665-6659.

RICE LAKE, WISCONSIN

The WELS exploratory services in Rice Lake are now being held at the Mason Funeral Home, 502 North Main St., at 7:00 p.m. Sundays. Send names to Pastor Dennis Kempf, 1315 Larson St. Box 1, Bloomer, Wis. 54724 (phone: 715/568-4322) or Mr. Kenneth Michaels, 1127 Lee St., Rice Lake, Wis. 54868 (phone: 715/234-8269).

MISSOULA, MONTANA

Sunday morning services are conducted in the conference room of the Red Lion Motel, 700 West Broadway, Missoula, Montana, at 11:15 a.m. Sunday school and Bible class begin at 10:00 a.m. For further information please contact Pastor Harold Wood, 2315 55th St., Missoula, Montana, 59801, phone 406/542-2034.

OTHELLO, EPHRATA, MOSES LAKE, WASHINGTON

Exploratory services are being conducted in Moses Lake, Washington, at the Senior Citizen's Center, 608 3rd Street, every Sunday at 7:00 p.m. Sunday school is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. For local information call Mr. Julius Szabo at 509/762-9464. Submit names to Pastor Elden M. Bode, 5209 W. 5th Avenue, Kennewick, Washington 99336, phone 509/783-7265

TIME AND PLACE

GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA

Bethany Ev. Lutheran Church, Granite Falls, Minnesota, has moved into its new house of worship. The address is 1580 8th Avenue, Granite Falls, Minnesota 56241. Services during the summer are held at 10:30 a.m. The pastor is the Rev. Paul J. Werner, Boyd, Minnesota.

KETTERING/SOUTH DAYTON, OHIO AREA

Resurrection Ev. Lutheran Church, a new WELS mission, has established its permanent residence at 3560 Marshall Rd. Kettering, Ohio (South Dayton area). The worship service is scheduled for 8:45 a.m., with Sunday school at 10:00 a.m. Information and inquiries should be addressed to Pastor F. C. Kneppel, 1025 Cliffside Dr., New Carlisle, Ohio 45344, phone 513/849-9374.

COMING TO THE "51ST STATE"?

Vacationers embarking for Michigan's Upper Peninsula are invited to worship at our mission in Stambaugh, MI (on Hwy 2 next to Iron River, MI), St. Mark's Lutheran, 4th & Adams, 9:00 a.m. (CDT) Sundays. If you're heading farther north toward Isle Royale National Park, stop off for a 7:00 p.m. (EDT) Sunday service at University Lutheran Chapel in Houghton, MI. We are presently worshipping at the Christian Science Building, 2nd & Montezuma, in Houghton. The pastor is Thomas H. Trapp, 906/265-3665.

VACATIONING IN NORTHERN WISCONSIN?

The Wisconsin Synod's only log-cabin church, St. Paul's of Tipler, WI, invites you to join in worship on any Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m. St. Paul's is located in "downtown" Tipler, behind Big Howie's Store and Cafe. Thomas H. Trapp is the pastor, 906/265-3665.

*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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Pictured is the interior of Mt. Olive Ev.
Lutheran Church, Suamico, Wisconsin.
The church building was dedicated on
June 5. Mt. Olive is a mission congregation
which was begun in 1972. Pastor of the
congregation is Kieth B. Kuschel. For
more information turn to page 204.

THE NORTHWESTERN LUTHERAN

Editorials

Listing Liabilities Unexpected shortages, expenses and reverses are part of our life — on personal, Synodical, and national levels. But one cannot always be sure that present problems are a liability.

Joseph's imprisonment in Egypt, Daniel's captivity in Babylon, Job's dark season of affliction proved to be blessings in disguise. The trouble is, the blessings were not at all apparent at the time.

St. Paul had a healthy way of keeping accounts. "Thrice was I beaten with rods," he wrote. "A day and a night have I been in the deep," he added to the list. "There was given to me a thorn in the flesh," he itemized.

Now should he mark these down in the plus column or the minus? Reckon them as credits or debits, as assets or liabilities? No matter what happened, Paul believed that God would be involved and throw these things over onto the good side of the ledger.

Financial success? It can ruin a man. Ill health? It can be the making of him. Success may prove to be a curse and failure a blessing. But we cannot tell by analyzing ourselves, others, or the situation itself.

Only by looking to God, to God alone, to nobody but God can we be sure. With God nothing is wasted. He can use everything. No need to brush aside anything that happens, good or bad, as a crippling liability.

By faith we need never doubt that the ink at the bottom of the page will be black, not red. "Life, or death, or things present, or things to come," the bookkeeper Paul teaches us, "all things are yours!"

John Parcher

Try Religion The women's organization of a congregation had tried almost every conceivable kind of money-raising project in an effort to keep their church afloat financially, but results persistently fell short of the needs. In desperation they finally contacted a famous journalist of the time and asked, "What should we try next?" He replied, "Try religion."

It is not unusual for people to conceive of religion as a sort of pious vacuum, unrelated to life as it is lived in the world of reality. From their viewpoint, religion may be all right for those who have that kind of hang-up, but for realistic answers to the problems of life one has to look elsewhere.

People *are* looking. Theories are developed; experts are consulted; organizations are formed; meetings and seminars are convened; legislation is enacted; articles are written; books are published — all in an effort to arrive at solutions that will enable people to cope.

In spite of all, marriages fail; the divorce rate climbs; houses are of necessity converted into fortresses; drug addiction and alcohol become epidemic; unwanted babies are disposed of; violence increases; immorality, dignified by cosmetic terminology, flourishes.

The experts, the life-styles, the task forces, the seminars, the flood of literature — all have failed to stem the engulfing tide. What should we try next?

Try religion. Granted, much of it serves only to compound the confusion. But not God's religion as it is made known in the inspired Scriptures. God has revealed it to us precisely because there are no other valid answers to the timeless problems of mankind. Contrary to popular opinion, it is directly related to life, both here and in eternity.

In all fairness people ought to try it, at least as a last resort.

Immanuel Frey

Read More Than Leviticus A Reverend Andre Bou-langer, of Arizona, rum-maged around in the Old Testament to find some evidence that the Old Testament condemnation of homosexuality can be safely ignored as a taboo that no longer applies. He was sure that he had found it in Leviticus, which records a number of regulations that God gave to Israel. He writes: "Leviticus also states that it is a sin for a woman to wear a red dress, for a man to wear cotton shirts and woolen pants at the same time, for anyone to eat shrimp, oysters, or lobster, or even your steak a little too rare. If we are to follow the prescriptions of Leviticus, let's follow all of them, not only those that happen to suit our particular form of bigotry."

Indeed, Leviticus (as well as Exodus and Deuteronomy) does set down a number of regulations concerning food (e.g., pork), attire, planting of crops, personal grooming, and the like, as well as ceremonial laws concerning sacrifices, circumcision, tithing, the Sabbath, etc. At the same time it records the Ten Commandments. Also included are ordinances condemning homosexuality and incest.

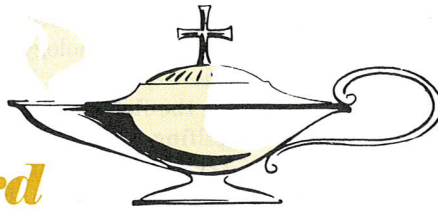
Now which regulations are applicable to us? There may be some who advocate rejecting even the Ten Commandments, but all except the most godless and dissolute realize that certain laws recorded in the Old Testament are permanent. But which ones?

The New Testament declares that the Old Testament ceremonial regulations are no longer in force for Israel (or for anyone else): "Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the Sabbath days: which are a shadow of the things to come; but the body is of Christ" (Col. 2:16,17). The vision of the great sheet let down from heaven revealed to Peter that the Old Testament laws concerning forbidden foods (pork, shellfish, etc.) were abrogated. Galatians 2 declares that the laws concerning circumcision no longer apply. The New Testament clearly teaches that the special laws that bound Israel in the Old Testament are no longer in force; only the universal moral Law (the Ten Commandments) is still binding.

Included in that universal moral Law are regulations concerning homosexuality, lesbianism, and incest. Anyone

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Studies in God's Word



Conclusion and Concern

Quench not the Spirit. Despise not prophesyings. Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil. And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly, and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it. Brethren, pray for us. Greet all the brethren with a holy kiss. I charge you by the Lord that this epistle be read unto all the holy brethren. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen (I Thess. 5:19-28) .

Paul doesn't just write "Good-by" to his people. He doesn't sign off with "That's all. Sincerely yours." Instead, down to the last word, we find loving concern for the believers at Thessalonica. All through the letter that concern has been evident, and now in the conclusion we feel it once more. May we benefit, too, from Paul's words of *Conclusion and Concern!*

A Firm Warning

The Holy Spirit's work and gifts were very important for those Thessalonians. Through Word and Sacrament He would work to create and continue faith in their hearts. Through Word and Sacrament He would shower His gifts of joy, peace, and love upon their lives. Like a fire, He would light up their minds, warm their hearts, and burn sin's dross off their lives. Such a flame they were not to dampen or

douse with the cold water of a contrary mind or complacent spirit.

Prophesyings were needed in Thessalonica, too. The telling forth of the saving truths from God's Word is always essential. While some might despise such instruction from the Word, the Thessalonians were to desire it. Also because Satan spreads his lies where men speak God's truth, those believers were warned to "prove all things." Like a chilling frost which moves over the ground and hurts all it touches, so evil, particularly the evil of false doctrine, blasts and blackens wherever it creeps. Such evil the Thessalonians were to hold away from themselves while holding fast to the excellent truths of the Word.

Need we show how current Paul's warning is? One look at today's world where God's Word is laughingly despised and at some churches where that Word is increasingly disregarded shows how much we need the warning, "Prove all things. Hold fast that which is good." One look at our own and at our congregation's life shows how much we need the urging, "Quench not the Spirit, despise not prophesyings."

A Fervent Wish

Much advice and admonition had been given the Thessalonians in this letter, of which none could be carried out without God's power. So Paul turns with a fervent wish to that God of peace. He who sent the Prince of Peace to carry and cancel the world's sins, now is asked to sanctify the Thessalonians through and through. Paul prays that God would free their total being

from sin's grasp and fit it wholly for God's service. No corner of their life or fiber of their being was to be left untouched by His great peace in Christ.

This sanctification reaches perfection first at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. On that Last Day all struggle with sin will cease and every believer will be "clothed in His righteousness alone" to "stand faultless before the throne." The believer need not doubt or worry about that day of final perfection. A faithful God has promised it. He who is able to "do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think" (Eph. 3:20) will keep His own in Christ until that day.

Must we show the current need for Paul's fervent prayer? The many times in our day when Satan wins the battle and the many corners in our being where sin spins its cobweb point out plainly the need for Paul's prayer, "The very God of peace sanctify us wholly." Then with trust in His unfailing promises we can wait for His coming when we shall not only "see Him as He is," but also "shall be like Him" (I John 3:2).

A Final Word

Having prayed for his readers, Paul now asks them to pray for him. Frequently this great Apostle made such a request of his fellow believers (Eph. 6:19; Rom. 15:30). He needed the support of their prayers for himself and for his ministry. Let us never forget to pray for one another, nor be ashamed to say, "Brethren, pray for us."

Also Paul encouraged, "Greet all the brethren with a holy kiss." The fraternal kiss, given in the worship assembly, was a sign of spiritual fellowship and friendship. In a cold, hostile world believers have a warm, unique closeness with each other in Christ. Whether it is the holy kiss of Paul's day or the warm handshake and kind greeting of today, believers show outwardly their inner closeness — and not just on Sundays either!

After urging that his letter with its kind affection and concerned instruction be read to all, Paul concluded it as he began "with the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ." In that boundless, unmerited grace those Thessalonians had and we still have all we need as we wait in earnest expectation for His coming.

Richard E. Lauersdorf

Mining the Treasure of God's Word

I Kings 10-12



By Julian G. Anderson

Before we begin our digging today, review everything we have learned about Solomon in the last two lessons, noting especially God's words to Solomon in I Kings 9:4-7.

Then Go To Chapter 10

Verses 1-10 give a picture of Solomon at the height of his glory and splendor. It pictures him as a man known all over the world for his wisdom and wealth. Remember that a talent of gold (verse 10) was about 50 pounds, worth probably about \$100,000 in today's inflated values. The almug (algum) trees (verse 12) were probably sandalwood. Calculate for yourself Solomon's annual personal income in verse 14. This did not include the income received from his merchants and traders and other nobles (verse 15). Gold was so common that he used it to make shields for the soldiers (verses 16 and 17, compare verse 21, last phrase and verse 27). Ivory was another very costly commodity (verses 18-20). Verses 23 and 24 sum up the whole picture clearly.

Next, Chapter 11

This chapter describes the tragic end of this great king who started out so well and received a greater measure of material blessings and wisdom than any other man who ever lived. The cause of his downfall is pointed out in verses 1 and 2 (see Exod. 23:31-33). True to form, Solomon did this in a big way also (verse 3), and his downfall is related briefly and tragically in verses 4-8.

God's reaction, for this is a religious history, is given in verses 9-13. Verses 11-13 are a real nugget (underline verse 11, beginning with "Forasmuch," and verse 13). Notice, however, that God did temper the judgment with an act of mercy because of Solomon's father David (verse 12). The actions God took to punish Solomon are related in verses 14-25 (especially verses 14 and 23) and are remindful of God's actions in the days of the judges (Judg. 2:14).

Verses 26-40 contain the next sizable nugget. First, hi-lite the name of the man mentioned in verse 26 (second word), because you'll see more of him; and note his relation to Solomon in 11:2b. Then read again God's words to Solomon in 11:11, especially the last two words. His position in Solomon's government is outlined in 11:27,28. Here "the house of Joseph" refers to the tribe of Ephraim (see Gen. 41:51, 52. "Ephrathite" in verse 26 [KJV] should be rendered "Ephraimite").

Now read 11:29-36, noting that verse 32 is a parenthesis, so that you should jump from the end of verse 31 to the beginning of verse 33 for continuity. Then go back and underline verses 30 and 31, and put a star in the margin, for this is another key passage in the Old Testament. It outlines God's plan to trim the chosen nation (Gen. 12:2a) by eliminating that part which had been the chief cause of trouble, religiously speaking, since the days of the judges.

Now read again verse 32, the parenthesis, which is the most important verse, since it indicates which part of the nation will survive to fulfill God's promise to David recorded in II Samuel 7:16 (read this promise again). Then notice on your map in which tribal area the city of Jerusalem (mentioned in verse 32) was located, since this was the "one tribe" spoken of there. What God said in verse 32 is elaborated in verses 34-36.

God's words to Jeroboam are then recorded in verses 37 and 38. Notice what a generous promise He made him. Solomon's reaction, when he learned of all this, was just what we would expect (verse 40).

Solomon's obituary is recorded in verses 41-43. The book called "The Acts of Solomon" was some sort of an official record, but is one of many such ancient books which have been lost.

Now For Chapter 12

First, hi-lite the name of the man we meet in verse 1a, and note who he was (11:43, last phrase), and what he did and why (verse 1b). Then mark what Jeroboam and the people asked Rehoboam to do in verse 4. The "yoke" was the high taxes Solomon had imposed on the people for his great building programs, and his program of drafting great numbers of young men and women to work on these projects. Rehoboam's reply is given in verses 5-14. Verse 15 gives the real reason for his foolish answer, an interpretive note added by the inspired writer.

The reaction of the people to Rehoboam's answer is recorded in verses 16-20. Verse 20 (underline) relates the fulfillment of God's promise to Jeroboam in 11:30 and 31, and verse 21 amplifies the last phrase of verse 20 (compare 11:32). Notice God's advice to Rehoboam in verses 22-24b, down to "me," and Rehoboam's reaction in verse 24c-d.

What you have read about today was an event of momentous significance in the history of the chosen nation of Israel, and outlines in brief the rest of the history to follow. For this reason try to memorize the details of 11:26-12:24. This also brings to a conclusion the history of the united monarchy, which lasted for only 100 years, and involved only three kings.

400 Years of The Formula of Concord

THE AUTHORS



Martin Chemnitz



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Martin Chemnitz, the most important Lutheran theologian of his time and one of the authors of the Formula of Concord, did not begin to study theology until he was almost 30. Before that he had acquired quite a reputation as an astrologer.

Born in 1522 in the little town of Treuenbrietzen in northern Saxony, Martin was only 11 when his father, a weaver, passed away. For a time he attended an elementary school in nearby Wittenberg, until his brother complained that he did not care to work while another member of the family was spending. So Martin returned home and tried his hand at weaving, but failed. To all his hands to go back to school, the answer always was: "It costs too much." Finally, with the help of relatives, Martin did obtain an excellent, though often delayed education. Jacob Andreae received his doctorate at 25; Martin had to wait for his until he was 45.

Chemnitz matriculated at the University of Wittenberg in 1545 and followed Melanchthon's advice to study mathematics and astrology. Luther was still living then and would have counseled differently, for he did not share Melanchthon's faith in the influence of the stars. But he was an aged, ailing man, and though Chemnitz heard him preach and lecture, he later confessed: "I did not listen to him with due attention."

Flight to Koenigsberg

A succession of tragedies struck Wittenberg in the following years. Luther died in 1546; Emperor Charles captured the city and temporarily closed the university in 1547; a harsh "Leipzig Interim" was imposed on the defeated Lutherans in 1548. Melanchthon collaborated on this unfortunate measure because he believed it was the only way to save the essentials of the Lutheran faith. But he had a further reason. The stars, he said, revealed that Charles would soon die and the Interim would then end. Charles did not die, but he was badly defeated four years later and the Interim did end.

Chemnitz in the meanwhile fled to Koenigsberg in eastern Prussia, where a relative helped him obtain various teaching positions. He also published an almanac with astrological predictions. Duke Albert of Prussia, fascinated by the predictions, not only supplied Chemnitz with the money to get his master's degree at the University of Koenigsberg but appointed him librarian of the castle library. Martin counted it "the greatest good fortune God bestowed on me" that the library was stocked with books on theology and that he was now free to educate himself in that field.

In a controversy that arose in the city over the doctrine of justification Chemnitz upheld the orthodox view

against a university professor named Osiander, but when the affair threatened to erupt into violence — professors even carried firearms into their classrooms — Chemnitz decided to return to Wittenberg. Duke Albert begged him to remain, but finally gave him a farewell gift of 200 thaler "without obligation, only that I should cast a few horoscopes every year for His Grace."

Pastor, Superintendent, and Author

In Wittenberg Melanchthon accepted him as a boarder into his own home and procured a professorship in Biblical doctrine for him. Chemnitz proved to be a popular professor, but in less than a year he accepted a call to be pastor and assistant superintendent (bishop) in Brunswick. His association with that staunchly Lutheran city began in 1554 and lasted 30 years. He married, raised a numerous family, and gained the respect of the citizens,

even though later on as superintendent he ruled them with a firm hand. Women were not allowed to wear adornment when they came to Communion; one man was not allowed to marry because he was suspected of harboring "Zwinglian" views of the Sacrament; the town council was not to interfere in either the teaching or disciplinary office of the pastors, but to back up ministerial discipline — by exile if necessary.

The city not only accepted these conditions but heaped honors on Chemnitz and paid all expenses for the doctorate he received from the University of Rostock. On his part Chemnitz was tireless in preaching, lecturing, and writing. In his book, *On the Two Natures of Christ*, he presented the classic arguments for the "real presence" of the body and blood of Christ in the Lord's Supper. His most famous work, the four-volume *Examination of the Council of Trent*, is still highly regarded as an analysis of the Roman Catholic position adopted at Trent and as an able defense of Lutheranism. Though Catholics did not accept his principle that Scripture alone and not church tradition must determine doctrine, they expressed their respect for Chemnitz in the often-quoted saying: "If this second Martin had not arrived, the first Martin (Luther) would hardly have survived."

Work on the Formula

Chemnitz and Andreae first learned to know each other when Duke Julius of Brunswick Wolfenbuettel called in both men to consolidate the Reformation in his territories. They accomplished the task to the complete satisfaction of the duke. But when Andreae broached his plan of a Formula, differences in temperament between

the two partners became manifest. Chemnitz was cool-headed, disciplined, and doctrinally precise; Andreae, enterprising, optimistic, and occasionally impatient. Andreae had little sympathy with the unyielding extremists who called themselves "Gnesio-(genuine) Lutherans," but he still hoped to win the followers of the late Melancthon, known as Philippists, for his plan on union. Chemnitz, though he never ceased to honor the memory of his former teacher, Melancthon, rightly suspected the Philippists of deviating from the Lutheran doctrine of the Sacrament. He was inclined "to pull the sheeps clothing from these Zwinglian wolves."

This matter was settled when the Philippists actually snubbed Andreae. Soon the two men became leaders of a central party intent on reconciling differences of opinion while remaining true to Luther's teachings. The product of their labors was the Formula. While Andreae must still be regarded as its chief author, the document owes much of its clarity and forthrightness to Chemnitz.

An Untoward Event

Then, just as the Formula was being circulated among the churches and both Chemnitz and Andreae were urging Lutherans to subscribe to it, there occurred an unhappy event that estranged the two friends and caused no end of trouble. Duke Julius, to make sure that his eldest son inherited certain church lands, had him consecrated bishop by a Catholic abbot and had his two younger sons "tonsured" in a Catholic rite. In the state of flux that existed between the old and new religions in many areas at that time, Julius' ma-

neuver was not quite so grievous an offense as it would be today. He considered it a "business deal." Andreae, mindful of the fine support Julius had given to the Formula, urged utmost caution in dealing with him.

But Chemnitz would not hear of caution. Mincing no words, he accused the duke of committing the very sin which the Formula condemned in its Tenth Article on matters of indifference in church ceremonies. The upshot was that Julius broke with him and refused to sign the confession. The professors at the University of Helmstedt, which Chemnitz and Julius had founded with the intention of making it a stronghold of Lutheranism, also turned against their founding father and rejected the Formula.

Last Years

Such disagreements with former friends affected Chemnitz's health and embittered his last years, even though most Lutherans by accepting the Formula of Concord showed that they were on his side. Like Andreae, with whom he was reconciled after a fashion, he found much comfort and happiness in the midst of a loving family. The people of his adopted city never wavered in their loyalty and accepted his resignation in 1584 because of ill health with deep regret.

One of his last astrological calculations convinced him that he would die in March, 1585, or soon thereafter. Death did not come until more than a year later. Lutherans everywhere mourned the passing of this "second Martin," who had done so much to preserve sound Biblical doctrine in a troubled age.

Elmer C. Kiessling

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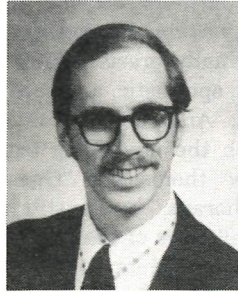
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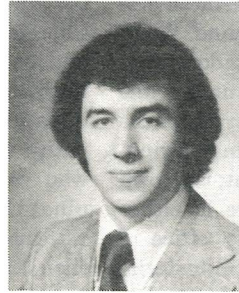
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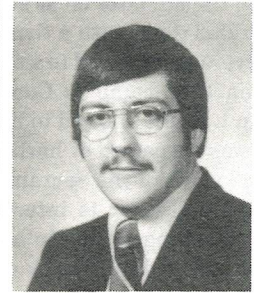
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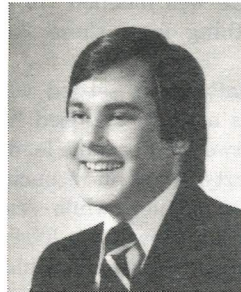
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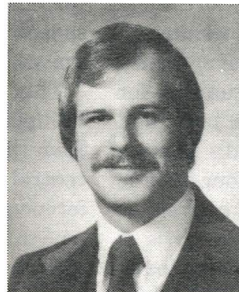
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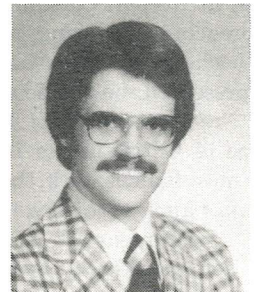
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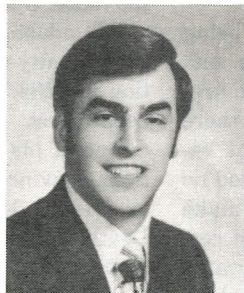
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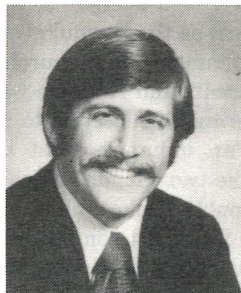
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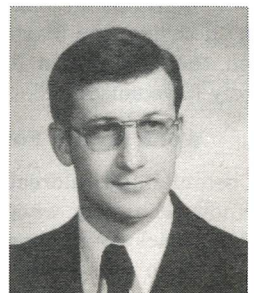
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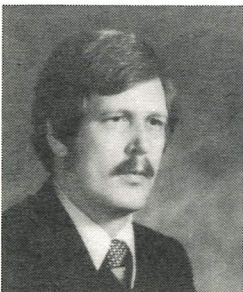
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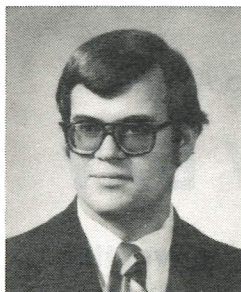
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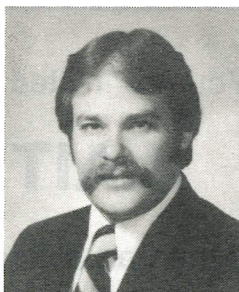
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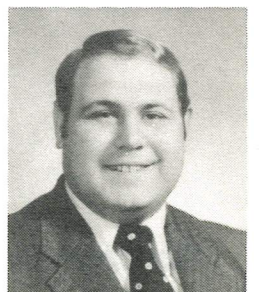
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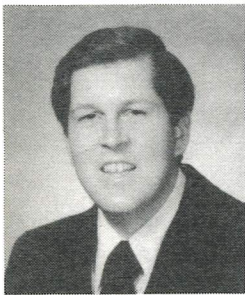
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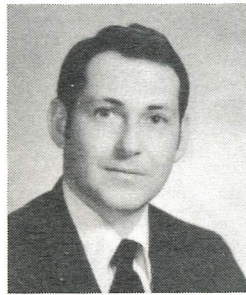
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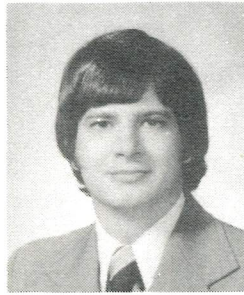
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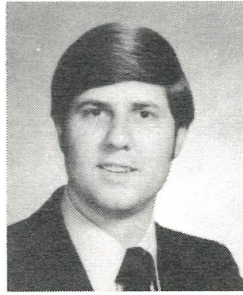
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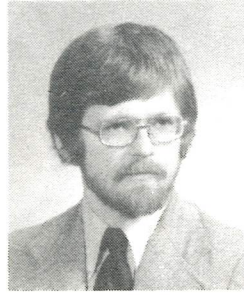
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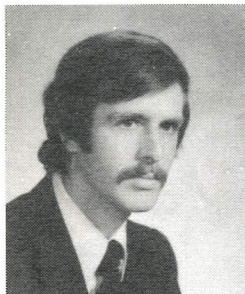
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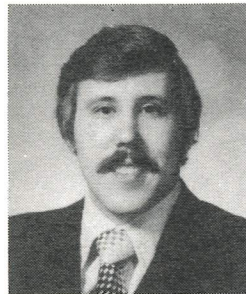
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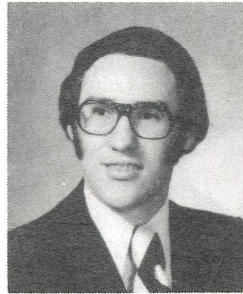
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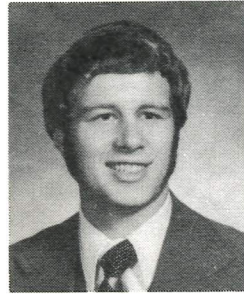
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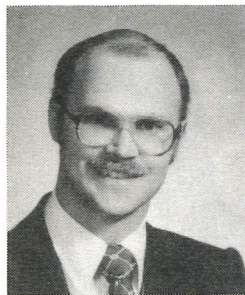
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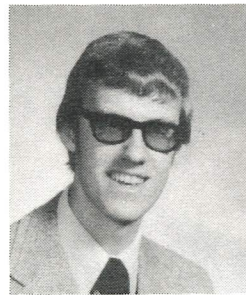
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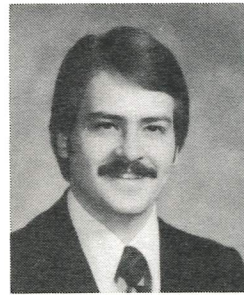
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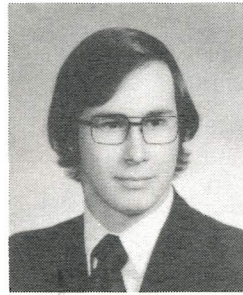
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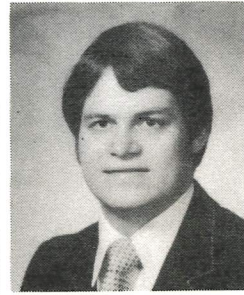
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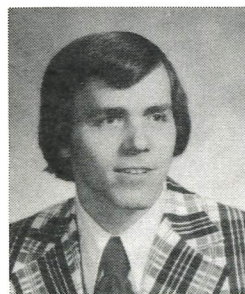
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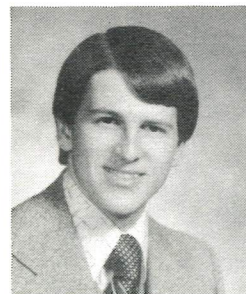
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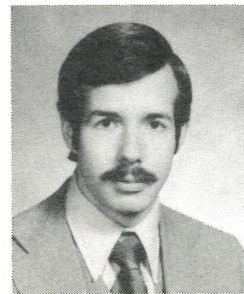
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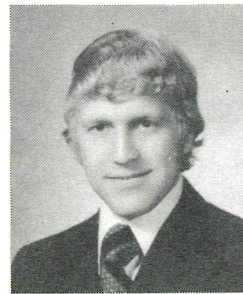
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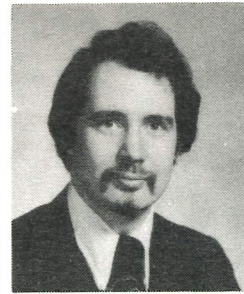
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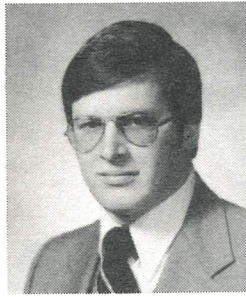
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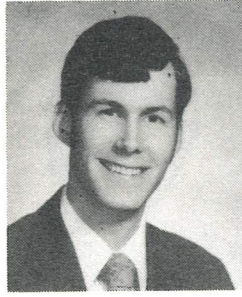
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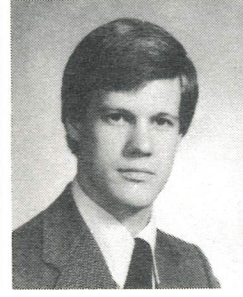
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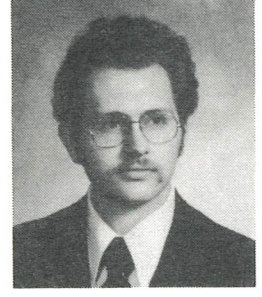
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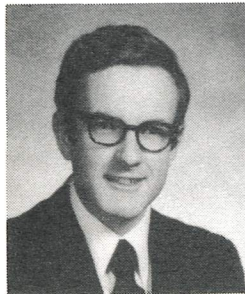
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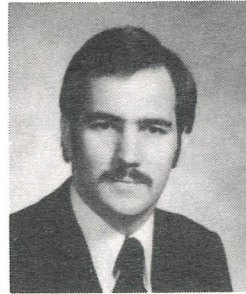
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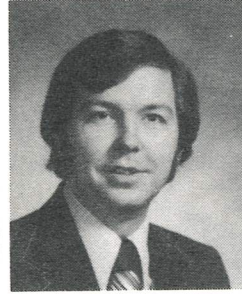
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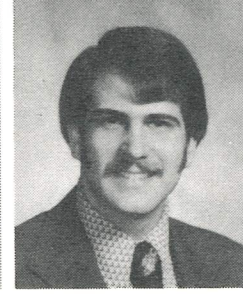
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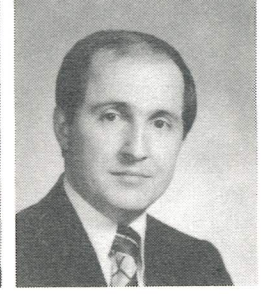
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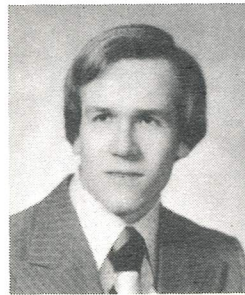
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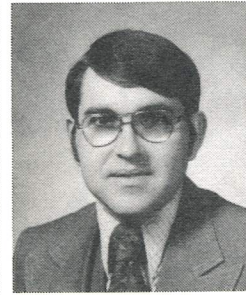
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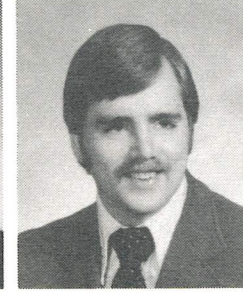
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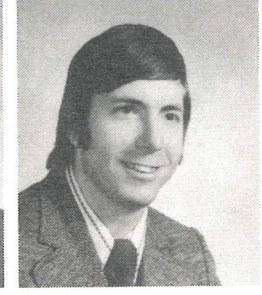
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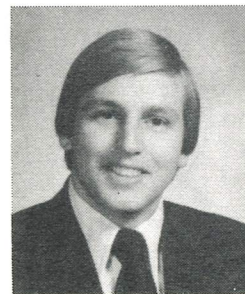
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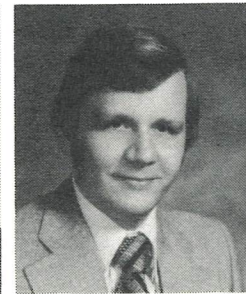
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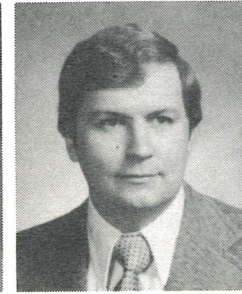
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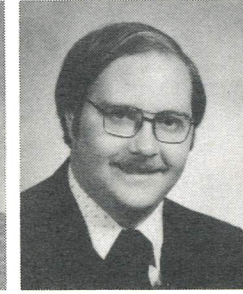
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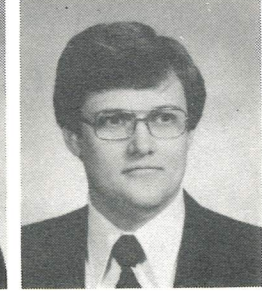
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Joy at the End of the Driest Summer and Coldest Winter

On April 24, 1976, amid rains so heavy that the trucks mired, Mt. Olive Congregation of Suamico, Wisconsin, completed and occupied its parsonage.

The erection of the parsonage was the second step the congregation had taken in its effort to establish itself as a permanent Gospel-proclaiming entity in the community. The previous August it had purchased three acres of land approximately five miles northwest of Green Bay to serve that expanding suburban area.

Summer 1976 differed greatly from spring 1976. The parsonage lawn was seeded on the Memorial Day weekend, and then the Green Bay area proceeded to record the driest six months in its history. Despite the dust and dryness, the members of Mt. Olive rejoiced in

knowing that the Lord of the Church had promised to provide them with the Water of Life. Their prayer was that the Lord would use the occupants of their new parsonage to lead them to drink deeply of that Water of Life.

Mt. Olive Congregation began its Gospel activities in 1972. The next year, after nine months of exploratory services, the congregation was granted mission status. At first it was served by Pastor Carl Voss of St. Mark's, Green Bay. On August 7, 1974, Kieth B. Kuschel was ordained and installed as the first residential pastor.

On September 27, 1976, Mt. Olive inaugurated the third step in its program, as ground was broken for its church building. The date was exactly four years after the first group of 23 persons had gathered for worship in

the gymnasium of the Suamico Elementary School.

An extremely cold and early winter slowed down the progress considerably. Summer had been the driest in history, and the winter of '76-77 established itself as the coldest in history in the Green Bay area. In spite of the inclement weather, construction was completed in seven months.

Services in the new structure were held for the first time on May 8, 1977. Dedication took place on June 5.

Cold winters come and go, but Mt. Olive Congregation is comforted by the warmth of the fire of the Holy Spirit working through the Word proclaimed and the Sacraments administered in this new building. May the Lord continue to bless all who worship there!

K. B. Kuschel



Mt. Olive Church and Parsonage

LCMS-ALC Fellowship in Question

Delegates to the July convention of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in Dallas, Texas, will hear and act on a report from the Synod's Commission on Theology and Church Relations which calls for a declaration of "a state of protesting fellowship with the American Lutheran Church."

The CTCR's recommendation suggests that if the situation which prompted the protest is not resolved, "The protest will lead to a severance of fellowship relations between the Missouri Synod and the ALC."

The CTCR statement indicates that "after eight years and considerable discussion of doctrinal differences, the report of the LCMS representatives on

the Commission on Fellowship makes it painfully clear that positions and practices of the ALC in such areas as the authority of Scripture, the ordination of women, the nature and basis of fellowship, and membership in ecumenical organizations are not in doctrinal agreement with the doctrinal position of the LCMS. Furthermore, several years of thorough discussion have not resolved these issues." The report concludes with the judgment, "Agreement in doctrine and practice does not exist today between the ALC and the LCMS."

Our Synod respectfully tried to convince the Missouri Synod of that fact before it established fellowship with

the ALC in 1969. What pain and grief might have been spared if Missouri had listened! The Scriptural way is to reach agreement in doctrine and practice, and then to declare fellowship, not declare fellowship first and then endeavor to resolve doctrinal differences.

J. Gerlach

YOUTH COUNSELORS' TRAINING SEMINAR

A second Youth Counselors' Training Seminar will be conducted by the Committee for WELS Youth under the direction of the Board for Parish Education on September 16-18, 1977, at Kettle Moraine Youth Camp, Campbellsport, Wisconsin (near Fond du Lac). The needs of youth, the role of the counselor, organizing a well-rounded youth program, and counseling will be covered. The "learning-by-doing" approach will be used.

Participation will be on an invitation basis. If you are interested in receiving an invitation or desire more information, contact Prof. Allen Zahn, 612 South Twelfth, Watertown, Wisconsin 53094 (414-261-0301) before July 1.

THE FORTY-FOURTH BIENNIAL CONVENTION OF THE WISCONSIN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD

The Forty-fourth Biennial Convention of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod will be held, God willing, August 3 to 10, 1977, at Dr. Martin Luther College and Martin Luther Academy, New Ulm, Minnesota.

The opening service with Holy Communion will be held Wednesday, August 3, at 10:00 a.m. in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, State and 2nd N. Streets. First Vice-President Carl H. Mischke will preach the sermon. The closing service will be held Tuesday, August 9, at 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel Auditorium of Dr. Martin Luther College. Second Vice-President George W. Boldt will deliver the sermon.

The opening session will be held Wednesday, August 3, at 2:00 p.m. in the gymnasium of the college. Delegates are asked to arrive early enough so that they will have time to register before the beginning of the opening session. Registration will be made in the lobby of the gymnasium.

The theme of the convention is PUBLISH AND CONCEAL NOT. Prof. Arnold Koelpin will read an essay entitled: "Preparing a New Bible Translation in Luther's Day," and Prof. John Jeske will read an essay entitled: "Preparing a New Bible Translation Today."

Housing for the delegates will be provided in the dormitories of the college. Detailed instructions pertaining to housing will be mailed to each delegate together with reservation cards. All voting and advisory delegates must make reservations for housing. Reservations should be made no later than July 15, 1977. Kindly address all communications to the Convention Housing Committee, Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota 56073.

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

Mail sent to delegates during the convention should be addressed in care of Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota 56073. Delegates may be reached by telephone by calling 1-(507)-354-8221.

Associations or organizations within the Synod planning displays for the convention should submit detailed plans (together with handout material) to the Praesidium well in advance of the convention.

Heinrich J. Vogel, Secretary

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LIST OF VOTING DELEGATES TO THE 44TH BIENNIAL CONVENTION OF THE WISCONSIN EV. LUTHERAN SYNOD

New Ulm, Minnesota, August 3-10, 1977

<p>Conference Apache Black Canyon</p> <p>N. California S. California</p> <p>Gadsden</p> <p>Texas</p>	<p>Lay Delegates Perry Duncan Dennis Kish</p> <p>Marcus Horn Donald McCain Todd Shaner</p> <p>Steven Liebhard William Winter Oscar Besler Gerald Mierendorf</p>	<p>ARIZONA-CALIFORNIA DISTRICT Congregations Peridot, Peridot AZ Resurrection, Phoenix AZ</p> <p>Beautiful Savior, Carlsbad CA Ascension, Escondido CA Prince of Peace, Yucaipa CA Shepherd, Albuquerque NM St. Paul, Douglas AZ Christ Our Savior, Angleton TX Mt. Zion, Hillsboro TX</p>	<p>Pastors David Gray Clarke Sievert Hugo Warnke Jon Mahnke Richard Yecke</p> <p>Mark Hallemeyer</p> <p>William Gabb Myrl Wagenknecht</p>	<p>Teachers* James Dallmann Roger Sievert</p> <p>Werner Lemke</p>
<p>Conference Alberta-Montana Eastern</p> <p>Western</p>	<p>Lay Delegates Elmer Bartling Robert Stohr Harland Palmquist</p> <p>Philip Weiser Elmer Randall</p>	<p>DAKOTA-MONTANA DISTRICT Congregations Holy Trinity, Lavina MT St. Martin, Watertown SD Our Savior, Brookings SD Peace, Clark SD St. James, Tolstoy SD St. Paul, Hazelton ND Zion, Akaska SD</p>	<p>Pastors Harold Wood Thomas Schmidt Durant Shook</p> <p>Gerhold Lemke Robert Weimer</p>	<p>Teachers</p>
<p>Circuit No. 1 No. 2 No. 3 No. 4 No. 5 No. 6 No. 7 No. 8 No. 9 No. 10 No. 11 No. 12 No. 13 No. 14</p>	<p>Lay Delegates John K. Thompson Orves Cook Phillip Frey Adolf Frier Kenneth Thumme John Starr Alfred Renz</p> <p>John Woidke Alwin Marion</p> <p>Roland Blank Theodore Froehlich Charles Stadler</p>	<p>MICHIGAN DISTRICT Congregations Good Shepherd, Burton MI Zion, Broomfield Tp. MI St. John, Clare MI Messiah, South Windsor CT Trinity, Elkton MI Bethany, Saginaw MI Salem, Ann Arbor MI St. Peter, Plymouth MI Our Shepherd, Warren MI Trinity, Salline MI Beautiful Savior, Grove City OH Our Savior, Hart MI St. Paul, Sodus MI Bethany, Allison Park PA</p>	<p>Pastors Donald Krause John Brenner Thomas Pfothenhauer Carl Pagel Phillip Press Adolph Harstad George Tiefel, Jr. Jack de Ruitter James Naumann Elton Bickel Daniel Koelpin John Graf Kermit Biedenbender Erich Waldek</p>	<p>Teachers* Daniel Boehm Ron Brutlag Martin Roehler Donald Habeck Scott Uecker Prof. Robert Schroer Robert Gruetzmacher Warren Hartman</p>
<p>Conference Crow River</p> <p>Mankato New Ulm</p> <p>Red Wing</p> <p>Redwood Falls</p> <p>St. Croix</p> <p>Southern</p>	<p>Lay Delegates Julius Becker Henry Ramthun Raymond Haase Robert Wiese</p> <p>Adolph Peters Claude Oelkers Gilbert Lenz</p> <p>Kenneth Kiecker Melvin Wolter Leonard Carlson Howard Kemper Delbert Werner Russell Kennedy Orlin Plath Neil Krick Robert Polzin</p>	<p>MINNESOTA DISTRICT Congregations Immanuel, Buffalo MN Trinity, Buffalo MN St. Paul, North Mankato MN Zion, Island Lake MN</p> <p>Immanuel, Lake City MN Trinity, Austin MN Our Redeemer, Wabasha MN Emmanuel, Wellington Tp. MN Immanuel, Gibbon, MN Brooklyn, Minneapolis MN St. John, St. Paul MN Immanuel, Woodville MN Pilgrim, Minneapolis MN St. Andrew, St. Paul Park MN Cross of Christ, Coon Rapids MN Our Savior, Harrisonville MO</p>	<p>Pastors Norbert Gieschen Gail Johnson Oliver Lindholm Louis Meyer, Jr. Prof. Theodore Olson Prof. James Schneider Paul Otto Arthur Frenz</p> <p>John Bradtke Edmund Schulz William Staab Prof. Robert Sievert David Ponath Keith Schroeder</p> <p>Carlton Palenske</p>	<p>Teachers* Harold Runke Ursel Seidl Joseph Lequia Prof. John Isch Prof. Ralph Swantz Howard Maertz Robert Wolff Prof. Ervin Walz Prof. Gerald Jacobson Prof. Frederick Wulff</p>
<p>Conference Central Colorado Rosebud Southern At Large</p>	<p>Lay Delegates Fred Kudym Kenneth Karow John Moor Dean Wilmoth</p> <p>Don Raasch John Michel</p>	<p>NEBRASKA DISTRICT Congregations Good Shepherd, Omaha NE St. Peter, Fort Collins CO Zion, Bonesteel SD Trinity, Halstead KS Zion, Fort Morgan CO First, Aurora NE St. Paul, Batesland SD</p>	<p>Pastors Gerald Free Theodore Kretzmann David Haberkorn Gerhard Eckert William Goehring</p>	<p>Teachers* Philip Glende</p>
<p>Conference Fox River Valley</p> <p>Lake Superior</p> <p>Manitowoc</p> <p>Rhineland Winnebago</p>	<p>Lay-Delegates William Relien William Allen</p> <p>Charles Krueger George Anderson Roland Redlin Oliver Kloehn LeRoy Steffenhagen Ronald Leppala Larry Herbst Reuben Sieber Elmer Paulmann Oscar Nass Arthur Rudolph Clifford Bakkom Dean Caswell Roger Radloff C. W. Eggers Lyle Plagenz Robert Schwanke Dr. Philip Froehlke Ralph Peterson</p> <p>Lay Delegates Oscar Freudenberg Dennis Twenge James Bradley</p>	<p>NORTHERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT Congregations Immanuel, Greenville WI St. Paul, Stephenville WI St. Luke, Little Chute WI Immanuel, Clayton WI Immanuel, Waupaca WI Mt. Calvary, Kimberly WI Bethany, Appleton WI St. Paul, Dale WI Calvary, Abrams WI Faith, Marquette MI Trinity, Kiel WI Bethany, Manitowoc WI First German, Manitowoc, WI Trinity, Manitowoc WI Trinity, Wabeno WI St. John, Fremont WI Trinity, Redgranite WI Zion, Omro WI Bethlehem, Oshkosh WI Zion, Kingston WI St. Luke Oakfield, WI Martin Luther, Oshkosh WI St. Peter, Weyauwega WI</p> <p>PACIFIC NORTHWEST DISTRICT Congregations King of Kings, Kennewick WA St. Matthew, Spokane WA Faith, Anchorage AK</p>	<p>Pastors Prof. Wayne Borgwardt James Diener Richard Pankow Arden Wood John Mattek</p> <p>Arnold Meyer Frederick Mueller Prof. Paul Borchart Herbert Kesting Henry F. Koch</p> <p>Marcus Koepsell Alvin Kienetz Leonard Pankow Clarence Koepsell Paul Hoenecke</p> <p>Pastors Darryl Bruemmer William Warnke Errol Carlson</p>	<p>Teachers* (Winnebago Teachers Conference) Howard Rauch Theodore Lau Norman Tech Frederic Heiderich Kurt Petermann Melvin Schwartz Richard Sonnenberg Robert Sonntag Raymond Spangenberg Eugene Baer Franklin Bowerman Allan Wrobel Thomas Koepsell David Lauber</p> <p>Teachers Jonathan Schoeneck</p>

Treasurer's Report

PREBUDGET SUBSCRIPTION PERFORMANCE

Four months ended April 30, 1977

	Subscription Amount for 1977	⁴ / ₁₂ of Annual Subscription	Subscription and Pension Offerings	Per Cent of Subscription
Arizona-California	\$ 407,124	\$ 135,708	\$ 133,263	98.2
Dakota-Montana	227,147	75,716	72,655	96.0
Michigan	1,206,145	402,048	360,851	89.8
Minnesota	1,293,291	431,096	445,097	103.2
Nebraska	242,910	80,970	83,741	103.4
Northern Wisconsin	1,385,482	461,827	430,156	93.1
Pacific Northwest	116,740	38,913	39,522	101.6
Southeastern Wisconsin	1,685,132	561,710	511,256	91.0
Western Wisconsin	1,592,486	530,828	500,526	94.3
South Atlantic	90,875	30,292	33,324	110.0
Total — 1977	\$8,247,332	\$2,749,108	\$2,610,391	95.0
Total — 1976	\$7,511,540	\$2,503,847	\$2,512,421	100.3

CURRENT BUDGETARY FUND

Statement of Income and Expenditures

Twelve months ended April 30, 1977 with comparative figures for 1976

Twelve months ended April 30

			Increase or Decrease*	
	1977	1976	Amount	Per Cent
Income				
Prebudget Subscription Offerings	\$7,837,571	\$7,191,204	\$646,367	9.0
Pension Plan Contributions	76,603	80,614	4,011*	5.0*
Gifts and Memorials	182,073	124,902	57,171	45.8
Bequests	72,914	87,381	14,467*	16.6*
Earnings from Fox Estate	51,233	43,114	8,119	18.8
Other Income	13,258	14,135	877*	6.2*
Transfers from Other Funds	89,935	93,659	3,724*	4.0*
Total Income	\$8,323,587	\$7,635,009	\$688,578	9.0
Expenditures				
Worker-Training — Expenses	\$4,955,591	\$4,502,738	\$452,853	10.1
Worker-Training — Income	2,093,869	1,859,720	234,149	12.6
Worker-Training — Net	\$2,861,722	\$2,643,018	\$218,704	8.3
Home Missions	1,564,365	1,481,570	82,795	5.6
World Missions	1,374,344	1,176,781	197,563	16.8
Benevolences	980,201	931,383	48,818	5.2
Administration and Services	697,332	702,952	5,620*	.8*
Total Operations	\$7,477,964	\$6,935,704	\$542,260	7.8
Appropriations — Building Funds	200,000	197,832	2,168	1.1
Appropriations — CEF Program	584,064	597,225	13,161*	2.2*
Total Expenditures	\$8,262,028	\$7,730,761	\$531,267	6.9
Operating Gain/Deficit*	\$ 61,559	\$ 95,752*		

Norris Koopmann, Treasurer & Controller
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Note: Future cutoff dates of PBS receipts in the Synod's Post Office Lock Box are as follows:

For the month of	Cutoff Date:
June	July 7
July	August 5
August	September 7
September	October 7

DAKOTA-MONTANA

ALBERTA-MONTANA DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: June 28-29, 1977; Communion service at 10:00 a.m.

Place: Mountain View Lutheran Church, Great Falls, Montana; J. Engel, host pastor.

Agenda: Book of Reports and Memorials; Deferred Giving; Mr. Art Schaefer.

Note: Please excuse to host pastor.
 R. M. Beyer, Secretary

MINNESOTA

REDWOOD FALLS DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: June 28, 1977; 1:30 P.M. Communion service.
Place: Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Winthrop, Minnesota.

Agenda: Book of Reports and Memorials; Conference Business.

Note: Please send excuses to the host pastor: Pastor Lee Strackbein, Box C, Winthrop, Minnesota 55396.

L. A. Hohenstein, Secretary

ST. CROIX PASTOR-TEACHER-DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: June 28, 1977; Communion service at 9:00 a.m.
Place: St. John's Lutheran, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Preacher: D. Koepf (R. Stadler, alternate).

Agenda: Changes of Doctrine and Practice Within the Roman Catholic Church; R. Stadler.
 K. Schroeder, Secretary

CROW RIVER PASTOR-TEACHER-DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: July 15, 1977; 9:30 a.m. Communion service.
Place: St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Montrose, Minnesota; T. Westendorf, host pastor.

Agenda: Discussion of the Book of Reports and Memorials; Conference Business.

Note: Please send all excuses to the host pastor.
 J. Moldenhauer, Secretary

NORTHERN WISCONSIN

Rhineland Circuit Delegate Conference

Date: Sunday, June 26, 1977, 3:00 p.m.
Place: St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church, Crandon, Wisconsin; M. Koepsell, host pastor.

C. J. Siegler, Secretary

WESTERN WISCONSIN

CENTRAL PASTORAL-DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: July 19, 1977; 9:00 a.m.
Place: St. Paul's, Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin.

Agenda: Book of Reports and Memorials.
Note: Male teachers and a lay delegate from each congregation are also expected to attend.

P. Ziemer, Secretary

APPOINTMENT

Mr. Kenneth Hard of Grove City, Ohio, has been appointed to the Evangelism Commission of the Michigan District, to take the place of Mr. William Hayes, who has moved to another District.

W. J. Zarleng

VACATION OFFER

Any WELS or ELS pastor who wishes to vacation in New Mexico in September may stay at our parsonage in exchange for preaching Sundays. For more information, call or write Pastor Wayne Vogt, 3905 General Bradley NE, Albuquerque, N. M., phone 505/296-7008.