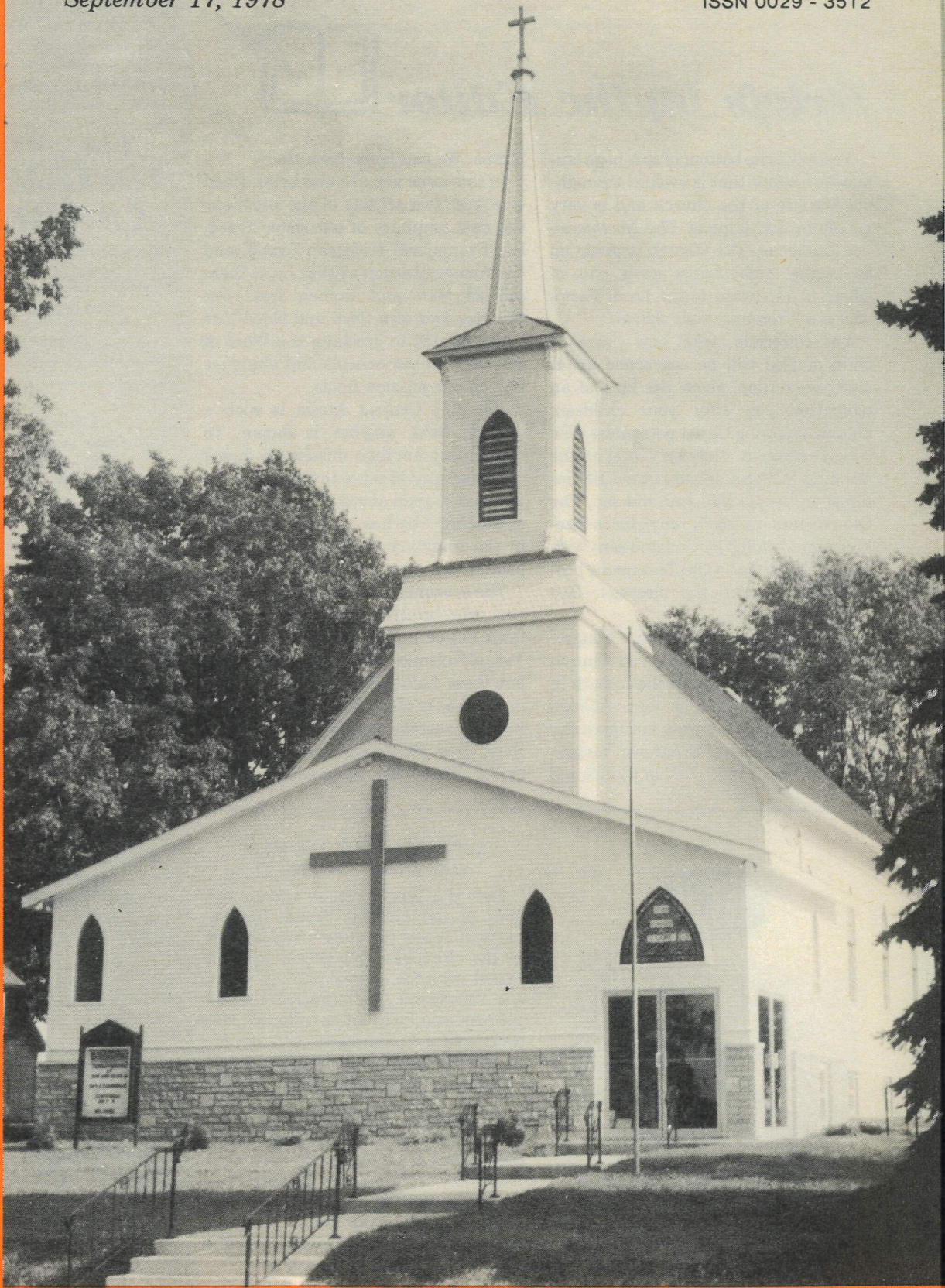


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Briefs by the Editor



The ad at the bottom of this page emphasizes a fact that is evident throughout the life of the church and is very visible in this issue of *The Northwestern Lutheran*. The Church is made up of people, individuals, each one of whom is important to the Lord. That's why it's "You and Your Synod."

The editorials stress how you as a child of God will be concerned about using your time, about the kind of an education you offer your children, about confessing Christ personally. The New Testament study on Christ at the wedding in Cana demonstrates His interest in people like you and me. The Old Testament study introduces Ezekiel, a man called by God and sent with a message to God's Old Testament people. They needed the message; God supplied it.

The second installment on "Congregational Life in the Lutheran Church in Central Africa" again shows faith in action in the lives of our African brothers and sisters and, just perhaps, hints at a deficiency in our own congregational life in the 1970s in the United

States. We can learn from them.

In this issue you are also being given a look at two schools of the prophets, the new seminary of our sister synod, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, and the summer session at DMLC. At these schools men and women from our families (our own flesh and blood) are being trained to proclaim the Word of salvation in our schools and churches and on our mission fields.

Not only Central Africa is such a mission field; another is Japan. To hear about another missionary being commissioned to serve the people of Japan and to read about the anniversary of another who has had a leading role in the seminary training of Japanese pastors is a source of joy.

The accounts from the Districts show you your brothers and sisters in the faith active in the work of the Lord. Yes, oftentimes it's erecting buildings, but these buildings — all of them — are houses of God where His Word and His Sacraments are brought to hungry souls. And that's what it's all about, isn't it! That's where you and I come in.

*The Lord our God be with us,
as he was with our fathers:
let him not leave us,
nor forsake us. 1 Kings 8:57*

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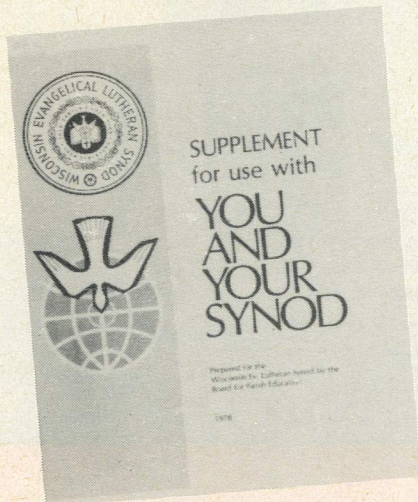
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The Cover

The new entrance of St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church at Nodine, four miles west of Dakota, Minnesota, was part of its 1978 centennial project. For details turn to page 308.

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Editorials

On Being Religious The home and family were miraculously spared in a shattering catastrophe. In overwhelming relief, the head of the household admitted rather apologetically, "I'm not a religious person, but I sure thanked God." This strikes a note similar to the saying in World War II about men who were under heavy fire in shallow trenches: "There are no atheists in foxholes."

It becomes obvious to everyone at times that there is a God who presides over the destinies of men. It often requires a highly stressful situation to force an open confession of this simple truth, but the fact of God's existence and sovereignty can be arrived at by simple deduction. St. Paul called attention to this in his Epistle to the Romans when he wrote: "The invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead." An effect has a cause. The creation presupposes a Creator, and the intricacies of creation testify to the wisdom and power of the Creator.

Why, then, the reluctance to confess God under normal circumstances? Why the aversion to being known as a "religious person"?

Being a religious person follows logically from the facts as everyone can observe them. It follows so logically that Paul adds that those who fail to apply what they see are "without excuse." If "in Him we live and move and have our being," as even the pagan Greeks knew, then what excuse is there not to "seek after Him and find Him?"

No one ever came to saving faith by sheer logic, and it is not our purpose to try to lead people to God through logical reasoning. At the same time it would be foolish to overlook the fact (1) that there is no reason to apologize for being religious, and (2) that those who are not religious are without excuse.

Immanuel Frey

Higher Education "Trashed" It has become increasingly evident that the student revolution on college campuses in the 1960s has damaged both academic and moral standards.

In *The Perpetual Dream*, a study of American colleges and universities today, authors Grant and Riesman observe that, except in fields such as medicine, engineering, and chemistry, most required courses have been dropped. Students set their own standards. Three-fourths of 115 selective colleges have permitted students to plan their own course of study and to define their major. Teachers have had to negotiate with radical and insolent class leaders to decide what the class will read in their courses.

There is a double standard in grading. Unqualified students are passed along, either through putting courses on a pass/no credit basis (no F's on the report), or by finding courses a studious ninth-grader could pass with distinction. So many students are being given 3.5-4.0 grades nowadays that some schools have invented a 4.5 grade to give superior achievement some recognition.

The last vestiges of control over the personal lives of students are disappearing. "Liberated" corridors and bathrooms are common arrangements in coeducational dormitories. Faculties have abdicated any responsibilities for decent conduct by their students, even in "religiously dominated" schools.

One wonders what would have happened if there had been "radical and insolent" students on the Dr. Martin Luther College, Northwestern College, and Wisconsin Lutheran College campuses in the 1960s. There was some restiveness (national moods affect our students too), but there was no campus revolution. Our students were Christians; they were not self-willed and defiant toward authority.

As a result, by the grace of God, our two worker-training colleges retain their basic curricula with their required courses. Our students do not tell the church that will employ them what *they* have decided to do to prepare themselves for church work.

The grading system has not gone the way of the Argentine peso or even the U.S. dollar. An A is still an achievement grade, and D's and F's do appear on report cards.

The deportment of our students is not above reproach. Students are still being penalized and even suspended for misconduct. But compared to the moral slag that is accepted as standard at most other colleges, our Synodical colleges are still on the gold standard morally.

We can thank God that our Synod's educational institutions have not been "trashed" as many institutions of higher learning all about them have been.

Carleton Toppe

Of Time And Its Use In Ecclesiastes 3:1, God tells us, "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven." But I think that for most Americans the words, "Time Flies," more accurately describe our feelings about time.

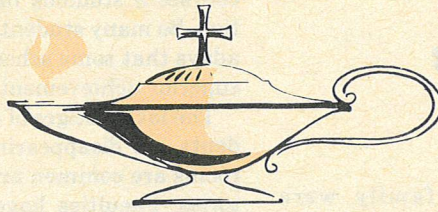
The harried mother and housewife who is taxi driver, travel agent, hostess, cook, gardener, teacher, and janitor, certainly wonders why the Lord did not put 30 hours into the day instead of 24.

We could make the same statement about the busy farmer, executive, student, assembly-line worker, mechanic, pastor, teacher, or anyone with responsibilities to God and his or her fellow human beings on this earth. But, we are told by the "experts" in time management that we do not really need more time. We must rather learn to say "NO" more often! We must learn to use our time wisely! Organization is the answer!

But, there is another side to organization. A schedule can at times become an unloving tool! Keeping to the schedule may give us ulcers, a lot of false excuses for

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Studies in God's Word



Jesus Christ, the Wedding Guest

And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there; and both Jesus was called, and His disciples, to the marriage (John 2:1,2) .

In our last *Study* we noted the close connection that exists between the Epistles and the Gospels as they are recorded in the Scriptures. The Epistles reflect the practical application of Christ's teachings as these are outlined and recorded in the four Gospels.

Our attention has of late been centered on John. In writing to his congregation, John directed his Epistles, particularly the First Epistle, against the heresy which tried to separate between an earthly, human Jesus of Nazareth and a divine Christ come down from heaven. What John asserts in doctrinal statement in his Epistles, namely, that Jesus of Nazareth is true God as well as true man, that he illustrates in vivid pictures in his Gospel. John's Gospel therefore tends to be a series of portraits or vignettes showing the unique combination of both the divine nature and the human nature of our Savior. It is our intention to select one picture from each chapter of John's Gospel. The sum of these pictures will then hopefully form something of a composite of the Christ who underlies John's Epistles.

Drawing from chapter one of the Gospel, we last time dwelt briefly on the picture of Jesus as the *Word*. With

this title John would call our attention to the second person of the Godhead, noting that He is the pre-existent, eternal Creator of all things, the only-begotten Son of the Father. John opens his Gospel with an unmistakably clear statement that Jesus is true God. He follows that immediately in the second chapter with a picture of the human side of Christ, for now we see Him as a guest at a wedding in Cana.

Let us note at the outset that John is sketching a picture of Jesus and not of anyone else. Read the opening 11 verses of the second chapter and see how little is told us about anyone else. We don't know, for example, where Joseph was, or why Mary was so concerned about having the wedding go well. In fact, we're not even told who the bride and groom were. Our attention rather is drawn to Jesus.

Approval of Marriage

Marriage, of course, is an institution for this earth. In heaven there will be no marriage (Matt. 22:30), but Jesus did not on that account think lightly of marriage or extol the unmarried estate, as though there were greater piety in avoiding marriage. No, rather, He put His stamp of approval on marriage by accepting this invitation and gracing the reception with His presence. Hence it is no misapplication of Scripture when wedding couples choose this incident as the text for their wedding ceremony. Jesus truly recognized and appreciated the blessings of marriage.

Appreciation of Social Contacts

We may also fairly assume that Jesus enjoyed Himself at the reception. There is not the slightest hint anywhere in Scripture that Jesus ever appeared to His contemporaries as an unsocial or antisocial "stuffed shirt." Upon returning from Jerusalem, it was assumed that the 12-year-old Jesus was traveling with friends and acquaintances (Luke 2:44). Later He chose 12 disciples to be His constant companions, and He selected three of them to an especially close "inner circle." As true man, Jesus "came to His own" and was genuinely social among them.

Concern for Human Problems

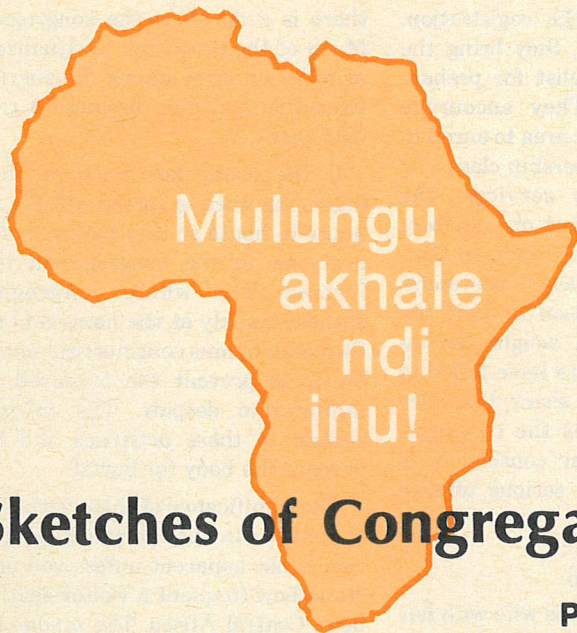
Nor was the human touch lacking at the wedding in Cana. When there was the possibility of embarrassment because of running out of wine, Mary assumed, and rightly so, that Jesus would be inclined to help (verse 3). But even she had to learn the full extent of His concern for human problems. In His own good time (verse 4) the God-man would use His divine power not only to alleviate the present shortage of wine, but for the infinitely greater cause of advancing His mission and ministry as the Savior of the world.

And let us note that John caught the real significance of Christ's actions at Cana. He reveals that understanding in a final stroke on this portrait of the Savior when he says: "This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth His glory; and His disciples believed on Him" (verse 11).

Jesus of Nazareth was indeed true man, capable of feeling with us and for us. He was in every sense our Brother. But as the miracle proves, He was infinitely more. He was also true God, able to lead the sinless life we could not lead; able to die the innocent death we could not offer. Jesus was true God *and* true man, exactly the kind of Savior we needed.

"He came unto His own, and His own received Him not," but "His disciples believed on Him." Still today the Savior seeks an invitation. Let us ever welcome Him in faith and cherish Him as the unseen Guest in our home and in our heart.

Armin J. Panning



Twenty-five Years of Amazing Grace

Sketches of Congregational Life in the LCCA

Part II

Pastoral Skill

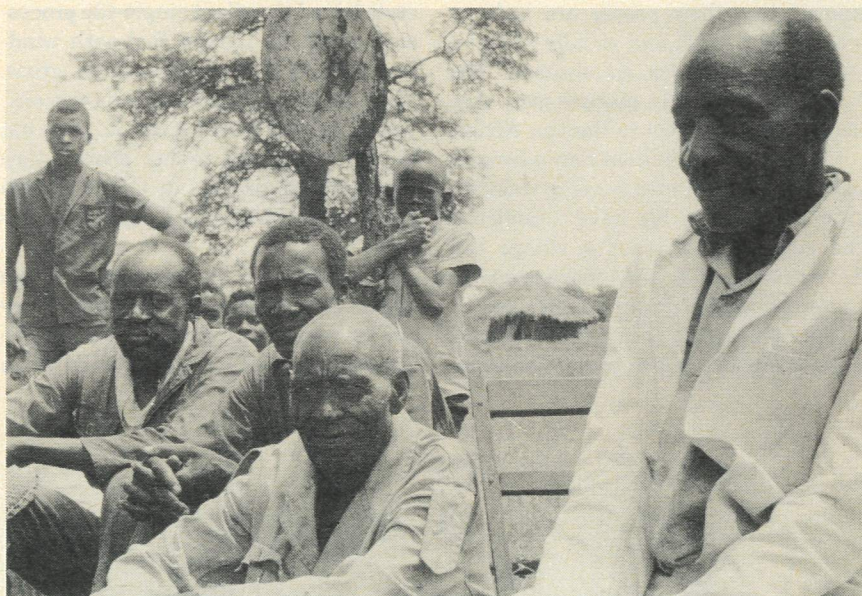
It was dark inside the small two-room house in the Zingwangwa sector of urban Blantyre. Total dimensions of the house probably do not exceed fifteen by eight feet. This is city life for many of the thousands who leave the traditional life of the village for the promise of riches or new life in the city.

The Christian family here is prosperous by local standards. The young husband and father holds a good clerical position and dresses well. The wife has a primary school leaving certificate and has attended a year of secondary school.

The missionary has his notebook in hand and is jotting down biographical data for the baptism of their first child. Evangelist (now, *Vicar*) Lozi tells the parents something about the importance of Christian baptism.

The missionary asks what will be the name of the little girl who is to be baptized. The father replies, "*Tiyese*" ("Let us try"), a common-enough feminine appellation. The young mother would not contradict her husband, but it is apparent she is not entirely happy with the choice. She says nothing. The missionary writes down "*Tiyese*."

The evangelist interrupts politely to say that he does not think *Tiyese* is a very good name. The evangelist knows something that the missionary does not know. So the missionary listens. In the end the child is named for her maternal grandmother and all seem to be satisfied.



The older men serve as "akulu."

Later the evangelist explains to the missionary. "You see," the evangelist says, "the father is not sure of this marriage. Because the child is there, he says 'Let us try.' But that is not a good thing for a Christian to say about his marriage."

The girl has been our Christian from birth. Her husband is a recent convert and the strength of his convictions remains yet to be seen. Evangelist Lozi has done a much better pastoral job here than the missionary could ever hope to do.

This is what the *indigenous* world mission policy of the Wisconsin Synod

is all about. The development of *self-governing* and *self-supporting* churches in the hands of those most capable of governing them, the Africans themselves. This is why the local leadership of every congregation in the LCCA as well as the running of the LCCA itself is squarely in the hands of our African brethren, pastors, vicars, evangelists, elders. They understand their people's culture, the way they think, their aspirations, hopes, fears, and desires, in ways that foreign missionaries cannot.

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Akulu

Following the service the missionary, as is his custom, reads the membership roll. A tedious chore where the membership numbers in the hundreds. Average membership in the village churches is probably closer to about 50 adults.

Names like *Malita* (Martha), *Dofe* (Dorothy), *Adolesi* (Doris), *Yesaya* (Isaiah), *Yohane* (John), dot the roll together with a variety of traditional Banthu names. Belita Jimu Mponda is absent. The missionary asks the reason why. The *akulu* (church elder) responsible for this part of the membership stands up in the congregation and is visibly embarrassed when he does not know the reason for the absence.

The *akulu* (also plural, "church elders") in Central Africa take the spiritual side of their work seriously. They know when their people are sick, or weak in the faith, and usually can give you the reason for an absence. The *akulu* are generally mature men. Age carries great respect in Banthu Africa.

There are 15 *akulu* at Sema congregation where the membership is drawn from 20 villages. We have established the rule at Sema that a village can have its own elder when there are 10 or more communicants in the village.

The *akulu* visit their people at least once a month, before every Commu-

ion service to take the registration. When a child is born, they bring the parents to the evangelist for prebaptismal instruction. They encourage non-Christians in their area to enroll in the evangelist's membership class.

Following worship services, the *akulu* stand up to report on members from their area that are sick. In Central Africa where disease is prevalent, the Scriptural injunction to visit the sick is given its full weight. In instances where members have failed to visit a sick brother or sister, the elder stands up and berates the congregation, and by common consent it is acknowledged that a serious offense has been committed.

Mvano

The missionary and his wife with her baby strapped on her back African-style joined the silent single-file procession along the narrow foot-path winding through the shoulder-high grass. The whole congregation, as is the custom in our LCCA churches, is going out to the graveyard to lay their fellow Christian to rest — in this case the three-year-old baptized child of members.

At the head of the procession is the *mvano*, the women's association. They are carrying flowers for the burial. The *mvano* knows exactly what to do when

there is a death in the congregation. Much of the procedure is ritualized so as to lessen grief among the survivors. Even the mourning becomes a ritualized chant.

If the death has occurred in the night, the word is spread quickly from house to house so that before morning everyone in the congregation is informed. The whole congregation gathers quickly at the home and sings Christian hymns continuously until the burial to prevent the bereaved from falling into despair. The *mvano* is central in these activities and helps prepare the body for burial.

The significance of these activities of the *mvano* in the life of the congregation is not apparent unless you understand how frequent a visitor death can be to Central Africa. The *mvano* helps also the living by visiting the sick and encouraging the spiritually weak members among the women of the congregation.

Both the church elders (*akulu*) and the women leaders (*mvano*) of our congregations in Central Africa are conspicuous by the *spiritual* nature of their activities in the church. They have little to do in their churches with church "business" in the Western sense of the word.

"Mulungu Akhale Ndi Inu!"

When the missionary leaves a congregation after his visitation, the greetings and expressions of good will are profuse. "*Mulungu* (God) *akhale* (be) *ndi* (with) *inu* (you)!" "*Mulungu* (God) *akudalitseni* (bless you)!" "*Khalani* (Be) *bwino* (well)!"

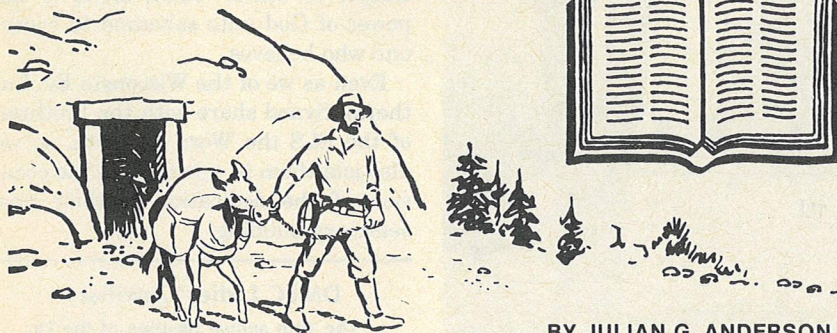
The Wisconsin Synod on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the Lutheran Church of Central Africa returns the sentiments. *Mulungu akhale ndi inu!* God be with you, Lutheran Church of Central Africa! God bless you, and keep you well in the service of our God!

Stephen P. Valeskey



Members of the "mvano," the women's organization

Mining the Treasure of God's Word



BY JULIAN G. ANDERSON

Ezekiel, Chapter 1

We are now studying that 70-year period known as "the Captivity" (Matt. 1:17bc), from 606-536 B.C. Daniel gives us the most information on the early years of this period (see last lesson, which you may want to review at this time). But Daniel's account stops abruptly at the end of chapter 4; and when he begins chapter 5, it is 537 B.C. So for the present we shall turn to

Ezekiel 1

With two small exceptions the prophecies of Ezekiel follow in chronological order, beginning shortly after where Daniel 4 breaks off and covering the next 22 years, from 594-572 B.C. In beginning the study of Ezekiel the key date to remember is 598 B.C., when Jehoiachin was taken to Babylon as captive with the second deportation. Mark this date in your top margin and compare II Kings 24:8-16, and note that this event is mentioned in Ezekiel 1:2. The opening phrase actually means: "And it came to pass in my thirtieth year . . .", which was the Levitical age when priests were inducted into office (Num. 4:3, compare Ezek. 1:3).

Now read verses 1-3, where Ezekiel describes his call to be a prophet. Note where he was living in Chaldea (1:1, see map), and how God appeared to him (1:1b), and how vividly Ezekiel describes what really happened that day (closing phrase 1:3, hi-lite). This call came seven years before the final destruction of Jerusalem (587), which explains why the first half of the book

speaks so much about this event. During this same period Jeremiah was delivering his prophecies recorded in chapters 21-24 and 29-39 of his book. You might reread these now, noting the references to the false prophets in Jerusalem and Babylon which surely made Ezekiel's work necessary and difficult.

Before we go on, make a note in the top margin that the theme of the book, repeated 70 times, is "They shall know that I am Jehovah (the Lord)," the true God.

Now read 1:4-28, the first vision Ezekiel saw on that memorable day of his call. It opens on an ominous note in verse 4, clearly a picture of judgment, for both the whirlwind and the fire are symbols of judgment (hi-lite both words). But the fire is described as "in-folding itself," that is, a series of flames, each one catching up to the one before it and swallowing it. Flames swallowing flames — a picture of continuous judgment, where each agent of judgment is devoured by the next. The phrase "out of the north" modifying whirlwind (hi-lite) is a familiar prophetic formula for judgment coming from Assyria or Babylonia upon Jerusalem (see Jer. 1:14-18; 4:6; 6:1). Around this great cloud of fiery judgment is a brightness symbolic of God's glory, and in its midst "as the color of amber" (KJV), a peculiar Hebrew word denoting some kind of glowing metal (NASV), picturing a brilliant glow in

the center and perhaps symbolizing the purifying effect of the judgment on the people involved (the Jews).

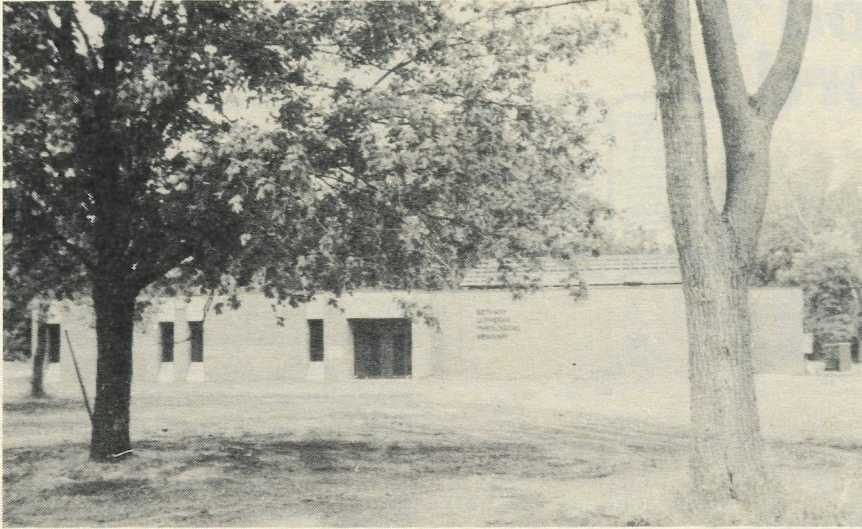
But out of the midst of this fire came four living creatures (verse 5), who are described in verses 5-14, each like a man, but with four faces (man, lion, ox, eagle, hi-lite), four wings, and four hands. In chapter 10:9-14 these creatures are identified as cherubim (compare Gen. 3:24 and Rev. 4:6-8). Here they are pictured as God's agents of judgment (see Matt. 13:39,41,49; 16:27; 24:31; 25:31). Their four faces symbolize intelligence (man), strength (lion), service (ox), and spirituality or heavenliness (eagle); and the fact that they look in all directions symbolizes omniscience. Their hands emphasize service, and the wings, omnipresence. The fact that each one "went straight forward" symbolizes their undeviating pursuit of God's will (judgment), and their appearance, "like burning coals of fire" (verse 13), symbolizes their holiness.

The strangest and most difficult part of the vision are the four great wheels (verses 15-21), one beside each creature, but each a double wheel (a wheel within a wheel, verse 16), one facing north-south, the other east-west, so that, like the cherubim, they could go straight forward in any direction. At times they are on the earth (verse 15), and at times they are lifted up (verse 20) into heaven, thus connecting earth to heaven in their operation. And since they went only where the cherubim directed, it seems clear that both are agents of God's divine providence here on earth. Could this be an oriental symbolism which survives in the phrase, "the wheel of fortune"?

Verses 22-28 picture a firmament, or expanse, above the cherubim, and a throne above the firmament, on which sits the figure of a man (verse 26, hi-lite), bathed in brightness (verse 27), clearly a vision of Jesus, the Son of Man in all His divine glory as the Judge (note the fire in verse 27). And above all this is a rainbow (verse 28) which is symbolic of peace, hope and salvation, surrounded by a brightness (the Lord's glory).

Clearly this vision was given to Ezekiel to describe his message, and as such it is the perfect introduction to the book. We must leave the rest till next time.

ELS Dedicates New Seminary



Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary

On Sunday, June 18, 1978, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod dedicated a new seminary building at Mankato, Minnesota, in connection with its synodical convention. More than 700 persons attended the service.

Since 1946 the seminary of the ELS had occupied temporary quarters at Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato. Prior to that time, the ELS (formerly the Norwegian Synod) had sent its theological students to the Missouri Synod seminaries at St. Louis and Springfield and later to the Wisconsin Synod seminary at Thiensville.

In 1976 the ELS at its convention resolved to gather a thankoffering commemorating the 50th anniversary of Bethany Lutheran College, the 30th anniversary of the seminary, and the 10th anniversary of the Synod's work in South and Central America. Of the \$600,000 offering — pledges now top \$700,000 — two-fifths was designated for a new seminary building. At the 1977 convention, ground was broken for the new building and on Synod Sunday, 1978, the new building was dedicated.

The dedication rite was read by the Rev. Wilhelm Petersen, president of the ELS. The liturgical service was conducted by the secretary of the synod, the Rev. Alf Merseth. President Petersen also preached the dedication sermon. Expounding and applying John 20:31, he used as his theme, "The Two Pillars of Truth Upon Which Our Semi-

nary Must Continue to Stand." "The first pillar," President Petersen stated, "is the truth that Holy Scripture is the only sure and perfect rule of our faith and life. The second, that Jesus Christ is the only way to salvation for believing souls."

The gathering was also addressed by President Armin Schuetze of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, Wisconsin. He spoke on behalf of President O. J. Naumann of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod and on behalf of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary.

The new ELS seminary is situated on Division Street in Mankato, across from the Bethany College campus. The building contains four offices, three classrooms, and the seminary library. The library is well known among Norwegian Lutherans for its fine collection of Norwegian-American literature.

The seminary library has just completed the first phase of a cataloging program in which the books have been entered into a computer catalog of the Ohio Computer Library Center. By means of the computer, the catalog is printed on microfiche cards (similar to microfilm, but on a 3½ inch x 6 inch microfilm card). The entire library catalog fits on four of these microfiche cards, making it possible for any pastor to own a complete seminary library catalog.

The members of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, according to President Petersen, rejoice that their seminary

students and professors now have an attractive new building in which to do their work. They especially praise their gracious Lord for the precious Gospel ministry for which their men are trained to go forth and proclaim the Gospel of Christ which alone is the power of God unto salvation to everyone who believes.

Even as we of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod share with the brethren of the ELS the Word of Truth, so we also join them in rejoicing on the occasion of the dedication of their new seminary building!

DMLC Ladies' Auxiliary

The 19th annual meeting of the Dr. Martin Luther College Ladies' Auxiliary is scheduled for Wednesday, October 11, 1978. The theme of the meeting is "Encourage Them!" Meetings will be held in the DMLC Auditorium.

The program for the day is as follows: 9:00-10:30 A.M. registration and coffee hour, 10:30-12:00 A.M. morning session, 12:15-1:30 P.M. lunch, 1:30-3:30 P.M. afternoon session, including a presentation by students.

Free baby-sitting services are available all day. Campus tours will begin at 9:15 and 9:30 A.M. and at 12:45 P.M. There will be special organ music in the chapel-auditorium at 10:15 A.M. and 1:15 P.M.

A freewill offering will be received for the projects fund and for the noon luncheon.

WISCONSIN LUTHERAN SEMINARY AUXILIARY

Women who are members of Wisconsin Synod congregations or of a congregation in fellowship with it are invited to the sixth annual Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Auxiliary meeting to be held on October 7, 1978, at the Seminary in Mequon, Wisconsin. The meeting will begin with a service at 10:00 A.M. with registration during the preceding coffee hour. A noon meal will be served in the Seminary dining room.

The agenda of the business meeting will include a report on the work accomplished the past year. The ladies will also vote on Auxiliary projects for the future. Tours of the building will be offered, and an informal presentation by Seminary professors and students will complete the day's activities at about 4:00 P.M.

Reservations should be made by September 23, 1978, and should be sent, together with the \$3.50 fee for dinner and the \$1.00 fee for registration, to the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Arnold Norrmensen, 105 S. Orchard Street, Thiensville, Wisconsin 53092.

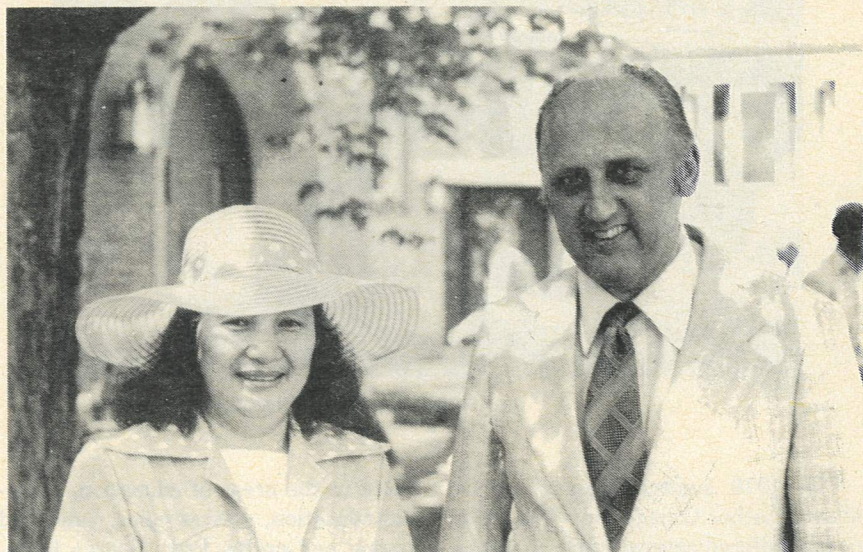
Rejoice With Our Japanese Churches!

Over the Commissioning of Missionary E. Fromm

In a morning service setting at Atonement Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on July 9, 1978, Pastor Elwood Fromm was commissioned as our sixth missionary to Japan. He is another of the 10 world missionaries approved by the delegates to the 1977 convention of our Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

The sermon for the commissioning service was delivered by Pastor Kurt Koeplin, who chose as his theme: "God's Formula For Mission Success," based on the words of Zechariah 4:6, "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, says the Lord of hosts." Pastor Ronald F. Freier, secretary of the Executive Committee for Japan, read the rite of commissioning, and Pastor Kurt Eggert served as liturgist. Several members of the Board for World Missions and coworkers of Pastor Fromm assisted with the laying on of hands.

Pastor Fromm will begin his labors in the Lord's kingdom in the Hitachi City area of Japan, one of the most industrialized cities of that country. He enters his new field highly qualified for the work before him. After his graduation from Concordia Seminary in Springfield, Illinois, in 1953 he accept-



Missionary and Mrs. Elwood Fromm

ed a call as missionary to Japan. In early 1977, Pastor Fromm applied for a colloquy to enter the Wisconsin Synod. After completing a year of study at the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, he received a call through the Synod's Assignment Committee to serve as missionary to Japan.

Pastor Fromm was married to Keiko Kimura on November 22, 1953. They

have seven children: Angela, Grace, Margaret, David, John, Steven, and Sharon. Two of the children plan to return to Japan. The others will remain here in the States.

The Fromms began their work on August 1, 1978. The Lord of the Church who asks us to pray for more laborers has answered our prayers!

Ronald F. Freier

Over Pastor H. Johne's 25 Years of Service

At a special service at First Evangelical Lutheran Church of Racine, Wisconsin, on July 9, 1978, thanks was expressed in song, worship, and prayer to the Lord of the Church for enabling Pastor Harold R. Johne to spend 25 years in the holy ministry. Liturgists for the occasion were the pastor of the church, Reinhart J. Pope, and the secretary of the Executive Committee for Japan, Ronald F. Freier. The jubilarian was addressed by Pastor Kenneth Gawrisch of Waukegan, Illinois, a former vicar and friend of the Johnes. He spoke on "The Anniversary of God's Presence in My Life," based on the words recorded in Leviticus 26:11,12.

Mr. William Troutd served as organist and choir director.

Pastor Johne is the son of the late Rudolph Johne and Mrs. Olga Johne of Racine. He was married to Barbara Schmeling on October 16, 1953. The Lord has blessed them with seven children: Mrs. Frank Candler, Douglas, Arizona; Mary Lou, who attends Dr. Martin Luther College at New Ulm; Peter of Caledonia, Minnesota; Ruth, who attends Mankato State University; Susan, Christian Academy, Tokyo; and Kathleen and Ramona at home.

During the past 25 years, Pastor Johne has served in the following areas of the Church's work: Carson-Paradise,

North Dakota, 1953-57; Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, 1957-60; St. Paul, Minnesota, 1960-69; and as missionary to Japan, with the Seminary program as his special area of concentration, 1969 to the present.

The anniversary service was followed by a reception, with refreshments served by the Mary and Miriam Mission Circles.

May our gracious Lord, who has blessed and guided the ministry and family of Pastor Johne, continue to watch over him as He prospers the work of his hands!

Ronald F. Freier

Successful Summer Session at DMLC



Workshop for multigrade classrooms

The 1978 summer session at Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota, offered several kinds of educational opportunities. In addition to the courses offered in the regular session and certification programs, there were nine workshops and an Advanced Study Program. Workshops were of-

fered in the areas of education, physical education, mathematics, band and organ, and crafts. Prof. George Heckmann was the dean of the summer session.

A total of 255 students were active in the summer session, which extended from June 19 to July 21. About 100 of

these attended the workshops. The 1978 summer session also offered a European Civilization and Culture Tour, in which 48 persons participated.

The closing service, conducted by Prof. Delmar C. Brick, was held on Friday, July 21, at 10:15 A.M. Basing his sermon on Revelation 22:13, Professor Brick spoke on "Jesus Is All." The summer's chapel series was entitled "Portraits of Jesus by John."

During the service President Conrad Frey conferred degrees and presented diplomas to the following. Degrees of Bachelor of Science in Education were granted to Mrs. Elaine (Heier) Gieschen of Gary, South Dakota, and to Miss Laura I. Ungemach of Kenosha, Wisconsin. Mr. Waldemar C. Bartsch of Glendale, Arizona, was recognized for having completed the Advanced Study Program of the Christian Ministry. The following were recommended for Synod Certification: as elementary teachers, Norlene DeLoye of Onalaska, Wisconsin, and Cathlyn Ann Johnson of Mundelein, Illinois; as secondary teachers, Lauris Plath, Appleton, Wisconsin; Julie Rupprecht and Benjamin Schlawin of West St. Paul, Minnesota; and Paul Wichmann, New Ulm, Minnesota.

What About Paul VI?

Pope Paul VI was a gentleman, a scholar, an organizer, a hard worker, a statesman. He was religious, a man deeply concerned about the morals of the world and the lives of Roman Catholics. He was at home with the lowly and with the politician. We couldn't, and we wouldn't criticize him for any of that.

Since he claimed to be the vicar of Jesus Christ on earth, we can also understand his efforts to reconcile to himself those churches which through the centuries had renounced the papacy. It's not even surprising that in the later years of his pontificate there were recurring rumors that the Vatican was ready to accept the *Augsburg Confession* as its own.

It must have pleased Paul VI when those who took part in Lutheran-Catholic dialogs indicated that the primacy and the infallibility of the pope might after all cease to be stumbling blocks and that they themselves might

be ready to accept the pope as the head of a reunited "Christendom."

What we cannot understand is that Lutherans who claim to take their doctrines totally from God's Word could ever become party to that. Such an action compromises the Lutheran Confessions, which not only are based on the Word of God but are a correct exposition of that Word of truth.

So it's amazing to read what some Lutherans said when Paul VI died. Here are some quotes. Paul VI, said one, made "many contributions to the continued vitality of the Christian church. . . . God has blessed the Christian church through Pope Paul's leadership." Another said that the death of the pope "has sorrowed the lives of Christians around the world." Still another spoke of his death as "the death of our brother in Christ."

Luther would have spoken differently. Scripture also has a different verdict.

The Confessions

Basing its verdict on the Scripture, *the Smalcald Articles*, one of the Confessions of the Lutheran Church, states: "The Pope is the very Antichrist, who has exalted himself above, and opposed himself against Christ, because he will not permit Christians to be saved without his power, which, nevertheless, is nothing, and is neither ordained nor commanded by God. This is, properly speaking, to *exalt himself above all that is called God*, as Paul says, 2 Thess. 2:4. . . . This all proceeds from the fact that the Pope has wished to be called the supreme head of the Christian Church by divine right. Accordingly he had to make himself equal and superior to Christ, and had to cause himself to be proclaimed the head and then the Lord of the Church, and finally of the whole world, and simply God on earth, until he has dared to issue commands even to the angels in heaven."

The *Formula of Concord* in its article on Church Rites repeats the verdict of the *Smalcald Articles*.



Make Disciples of All Nations, Baptizing Them!

Perhaps at first glance you might think that this picture was submitted by one of our missionaries in Africa or by St. Philip's Church in Milwaukee. Not so! This picture comes to you from Pomona, California, where you, the members of the WELS, have for the

last four and one-half years helped support the work of the Lord at Our Savior Lutheran Church and School.

Our Savior Lutheran Church and School are located in a racially mixed area of blacks, whites, and Spanish Americans. Four years ago no non-whites belonged to Our Savior Lutheran Church, and the congregation had

to decide whether to move out or to stay and work in the area. Since no extensive work had been done among the minorities in the area, the decision was made to stay and see whether people of a different color, with non-German sounding names, most of whom were not born and raised in the Midwest, would come to a conservative Lutheran church, most of whose members were white. The above photo shows how God's Word and God's love break down all barriers.

Our Savior Lutheran Church and School may never make the newspaper headlines, but through the Means of Grace the Holy Spirit quietly brings about changes in people and in congregations that are far more exciting and thrilling than anything you can read in the newspapers. You can be sure that the angels in heaven rejoiced when eight children were baptized on June 25. The eight children are from five families. Four of the mothers are

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Vatican I and II

It seems almost miraculous that the Lutherans of the sixteenth century came to that conviction so many years before Vatican Council I (1869-70) which proclaimed the infallibility of the Pope. It is even more mind-boggling that Lutherans who have lived through Vatican II (1962-65) have been ready to ignore the verdict of the Lutheran Confessions. Why mind-boggling? Because this is what Vatican II states:

"This most sacred Synod, following in the footsteps of the First Vatican Council, teaches and declares with that Council that Jesus Christ, the eternal Shepherd, established His holy Church by sending forth the apostles as He Himself had been sent by the Father (cf. Jh. 20:21). He willed that their successors, namely the bishops, should be shepherds in His Church even to the consummation of the world.

"In order that the episcopate itself might be one and undivided, He placed blessed Peter over the other apostles, and instituted in him a permanent and

visible source and foundation of unity of faith and fellowship. And all this teaching about the institution, the perpetuity, the force and reason for the sacred primacy of the Roman Pontiff and of his infallible teaching authority, this sacred Synod again proposes to be firmly believed by all the faithful.

"Continuing in the same task of clarification begun by Vatican I, this Council has decided to declare and proclaim before all men its teaching concerning bishops, the successors of the apostles, who together with the successor of Peter, the Vicar of Christ and the visible Head of the whole Church, govern the house of the living God."

Scripture

That's what Vatican II taught and what Paul VI affirmed. By contrast, Christ told His disciples: "One is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren" (Matt. 23:8b). Again, when Jesus said to Simon: "And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build My Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matt. 16:18), Jesus was not

building on Peter, but on Peter's God-given confession: "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matt. 16:16b). At no time did Jesus appoint a successor to Peter. The papacy has assumed an authority Christ has given to no man. It's the authority His Father gave to Him (Matt. 28:18; Eph. 5:23b).

Let's not be misled by pious sounding words in news releases! Theology is not learned from the media. Nor from Lutherans who discard the Confessions. Let's be guided in our thinking by the Word of our God!

H. Wicke

RECORDINGS SEMINARY MALE CHORUS

"The Life of Christ," a recording of the song service sung during the 1978 spring tour and at the close of the school year, is available in disc or cassette form for \$5.00 postpaid.

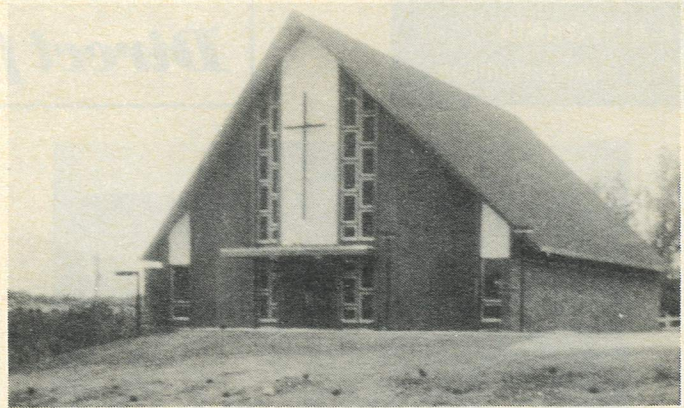
Also on hand: "Christmas at the Seminary," a disc or cassette recording of the 1976-1977 Christmas service: \$4.50 postpaid.

"Our Favorite Hymns" Set Two (DMLC Choir and Seminary Male Chorus), disc or cassette: \$4.50 postpaid.

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Prof. Martin Albrecht
11820 N Luther Lane 65W
Mequon, WI 53092

sisters and two of the men are brothers. Six of the adults are presently attending the adult bible information class.

The Lord has promised: "My Word shall not return unto Me void." How thrilling when the Lord gives visible proof of the truthfulness of His promises and of the power of His Word! The above picture demonstrates how your mission dollars have helped bring the kingdom of God to children and adults who before were not part of the fellowship. We have reason to thank God.



Shepherd of the Mountains at Reno

Dedication at Reno

On June 4, 1978, Shepherd of the Mountains Ev. Lutheran Church of Reno, Nevada, dedicated its new church building to the glory of God and the extension of His kingdom on earth. The guest speaker for the 7:00 P.M. service was Pastor Hugo Warnke of Santa Maria, California, the District Mission Developer and first pastor of the congregation. He based his message on Genesis 28:16-19 and reminded the 128 worshipers that God is in this place and that this place is the gate of heaven.

Shepherd of the Mountains held its first worship services in a cabin on Donner Lake in the nearby Sierras. In August 1974 the services were moved to a private home in Reno. Under Pastor Warnke, services were held at the Holiday Inn until November 1975, when a gift of 1 1/2 acres of land with an existing parsonage/chapel was received from two God-fearing ladies. In December 1976, geothermal heat was discovered on the property, and in June 1977 construction began on the building.

The building contains about 4,000 square feet of space, including the fellowship hall on the lower level. The church provides seating for 160. A balcony is roughed-in, and will provide seating for 30 more in the future. The fellowship hall serves well for Sunday-school classes and meetings. A small kitchen, office, storage, and mechanical rooms make up the rest of the lower level.

The members of the congregation devoted considerable hours and talents in doing all of the finishing work, painting and staining, landscaping and cleaning. The members also designed the pews and built them from scratch.

The trustees of the congregation made all the chancel furniture and the large inside and outside crosses.

The building is heated by geothermal heat, underground hot water that is circulated through heat exchangers very inexpensively. We are happy to say that the system is working very well.

The total cost of the project to the Church Extension Fund was \$229,000. The members of Shepherd of the Mountains are grateful to their fellow Christians in the Wisconsin Synod for providing the funds necessary for their facilities. Pastor of the congregation is the Rev. David A. Palmquist.

MICHIGAN
Reporter Jack DeRuiter

Sunday-School Teacher Honored

During ceremonies held on June 4, 1978, in connection with its school graduation, St. Paul's of South Haven, Michigan, gave special tribute to Mrs. Dorothy (Stieve) Wiebrecht upon completion of 50 years as a faithful and dedicated Sunday-school teacher. As an expression of grateful appreciation, many of her former students who grew in their knowledge and love of the Savior through her instructions, together with other friends and members of the congregation, gathered a special offering totaling almost \$500. Proceeds were placed into the scholarship fund of the congregation, used to support young men and women of the congregation who are preparing for the preaching and teaching ministries at our Synodical colleges and Seminary. The fund was renamed in tribute to Mrs. Wiebrecht.

The service of love rendered by Mrs. Wiebrecht to her Lord and His kingdom began shortly after her confirmation in 1928. In addition to teaching in the Sunday school for 50 consecutive years, she has also donated her time and talents in several other capacities.

The members and friends of St. Paul's are indeed grateful to the Lord for granting them Mrs. Wiebrecht as a gift to His church. May her love and faithful service be an inspiration to others to abound in the work of the Lord, inasmuch as we know that our labor is never in vain in the Lord!

MINNESOTA
Reporter Del Begalka

Nodine Lutherans Celebrate

With joy and thanksgiving members of St. John's Congregation at Nodine, Minnesota, dedicated a new entrance to their church on June 4, 1978. The Rev. Paul Ziemer applied the Word of God to the hearts of the worshipers, basing his message on Isaiah 57:11-16. Under the theme "Build Up! Build Up!" the congregation was reminded of another building project which builds up a people who give thought to the Lord, who seek the Lord, and with whom the Lord comes to dwell.

The new addition measures 20 x 40 and has two levels. The upper level provides a mother's room and overflow space. It has a gabled ceiling, and plans are underway to install stained-glass windows. The basement area under this addition houses a church office, instruction classes, a kindergarten classroom, and a spacious entryway into the old church basement.

At the same time the congregation redecorated the church's interior and installed carpeting and new lighting. Included in the renovation of the old church basement was insulating, paneling, carpeting, tiling, new lighting, and a new ceiling.

Much time and labor, including the use of heavy equipment, was donated by the members. The old concrete steps were split into two sections with air hammers. Then each section was removed by two 15-ton caterpillars and buried nearby. The plans were drawn by the building committee in such a way that the outside appearance of the addition would be similar to the church itself and the inside design would make practical use of the space. The entire project amounted to some \$48,800, with the entrance costing \$32,422.

St. John's Congregation chose to undertake this as a project for its 100th Anniversary on July 9, 1978. The congregation numbers 414 communicants and 550 baptized members. The Rev. E. Carmichael is the pastor.

SOUTH ATLANTIC Reporter Edward Schuppe

Take a Stand — Live for Jesus! District Youth Camp

It was a warm Florida Sunday evening. The air was alive with the sound of giggling young people, running feet, and slamming car trunks. For 47 preconfirmation-age children and 16 teenagers of the South Atlantic District summer camp was about to begin.

The young Christians came from all over our nation's southern states. English accents met and mingled. There were representatives from our congregations in Louisiana, Tennessee, South Carolina, and Georgia, as well as Florida. Some campers rode as many as 16 hours to attend.

A full but separate camping program had been developed for the teenagers and the preteens. The younger campers set up housekeeping in a cluster of cabins nestled next to a small river which flowed through the campground. The teens called an air-conditioned dormitory with connected meeting hall home.

"Take a Stand — Live for Jesus" was the theme of the teen retreat. Three



They came from LA, TN, SC, GA, and FL.

90-minute periods out of each day were set aside to explore the reasons we Christians take a stand on moral issues and what the stand is which we take. They discussed the Christian's stand on abortion, euthanasia, homosexuality, scientific claims, and many other pressing issues of our day. The group even engaged in applying what they learned by solving some "what if" situations. For example, "What if your aged grandfather were slowly and painfully dying of cancer and while you were alone with him, he asked you to help him die?"

Meanwhile the preconfirmation-age children studied about a number of Christ's other young disciples. They learned about Joseph and how a young Christian handles temptations and trials. They discussed the importance of sharing our Savior with others, after reviewing the account of the little servant girl who led Naaman to the Lord. They learned about hearing God's Word from Samuel, trusting the Lord from David, and from Jesus Himself they discovered how we should be about our Father's business.

That week was a week of growing in appreciation for our loving Savior. It was a week of praising our marvelous God in song and devotion. But it was also a week of enjoying Christian fellowship with other like-minded believers. For many Wisconsin Synod young people in the South that is a

privilege seldom available. That's the reason the week contained ample time for these young Christians to get to know one another and their adult counselors. There was time to sit and talk, time to take a stroll, time to enjoy the company of fellow saints. The camp's schedule was also heavily spiced with recreation, nature hikes, swimming, singing, art and crafts, even a bonfire or two.

By the time Friday arrived and the young Christians packed a week's worth of dirty laundry into their overloaded suitcases, the campers had learned from experience how wonderful it is for Christians to meet around God's Word and together to fellowship with our gracious Savior.

For information on future plans, write to Pastor James A. Aderman, 1590 Maryknoll Road, Englewood, Florida 33533, or call 813/474-7887.

SEMINARY FALL PASTORS' INSTITUTE

The 1978 Pastors' Institute at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary will be held, God willing, on five Monday afternoons beginning October 2. The lectures will be presented from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the multipurpose room in the lower level of the Seminary library. The topics will be:

- A Portrait of Peter — Prof. Armin J. Panning
- Textual Criticism — Prof. David Kuske

The registration fee is \$7.50. Registrations are to be sent to Pres. Armin W. Schuetze, 11831 N. Seminary Dr. 65W, Mequon, Wisconsin 53092.

Pastor Paul A. Manthey, Secretary
Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary
Board of Control

Of Time and Its Use (continued)

breaking the traffic laws, and it may put us in the cardiac ward of our local hospital. But, even worse, a strict adherence to a schedule may make us act in unloving and unchristian ways towards other people. "I don't have time for you right now. I will have some time for you tomorrow at 2:00. I can talk to you about your problem then."

In all of our thoughts about time and organization and in the use of our time we must also consider priorities. God has not called us Christians to be the best fishermen, the most prolific seamstresses, the best golfers, the most consistent campers, or the greatest authorities on prime-time TV. Rather, God has called us to be sheep in His flock! He wants our "light to shine!" He would have us love and show Christian love for the whole world of sinners whom He loves. He has called us to be His missionaries — "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." He has told us: "Let us not forsake the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is." And He has said: "Search the Scriptures!"

May God lead us to organize our time and our priorities with that in mind! Remember, He says: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you."

Alan H. Siggelkow

ORDINATIONS AND INSTALLATIONS

(Authorized by the District Presidents)

Ordained and Installed

Pastors:

- Curla, Rick N.**, as pastor of Hope Lutheran, Newcastle, California, on July 16, 1978, by G. Geiger (Ariz.-Calif.).
- Herrmann, William E.**, as pastor of Star of Bethlehem, Santa Maria, California, on July 2, 1978, by S. Degner (Ariz.-Calif.).
- Nuckolls, Terry B.**, as missionary for the South San Diego area, California, at San Diego, California, on July 30, 1978, by D. Seifert (Ariz.-Calif.).
- Scharrer, Paul A.**, as pastor of Mt. Olive, Lincoln, Nebraska, on July 9, 1978, by R. Baur (Nebr.).
- Schulz, Thomas A.**, as pastor of WELS mission in Sierra Vista, Arizona, on July 16, 1978, by R. Zimmermann (Ariz.-Calif.).
- Schwerin, Richard C.**, as pastor of Peace, Echo, Minnesota, on July 23, 1978, by P. Naumann (Minn.).
- Smith, Stephen A.**, as pastor of Immanuel, Buffalo, Minnesota, on July 16, 1978, by T. Frey (Minn.).
- Sternberg, David H.**, as pastor of Bethany, Bruce Crossing, Michigan, and of St. John's, Phelps, Wisconsin, on July 9, 1978, by E. Kock (NW).
- Valleskey, Thomas A.**, as missionary for the Wichita Falls, Texas, area, at Wichita Falls, Texas, on July 2, 1978, by W. Valleskey (Ariz.-Calif.).
- Warmuth, John E.**, as pastor of Trinity, McCook, Nebraska, on July 9, 1978, by J. Plitzuweit, and of St. Paul's, North Platte, Nebraska, on July 9, 1978, by T. Wendt (Nebr.).

Installed

Pastors:

- Capek, Allen D.**, as pastor of Immanuel, Campbellsport, Wisconsin, on June 11, 1978, by J. Ruege (NW).
- Dobberstein, Leroy A.**, as pastor of St. Paul's, Algoma, Wisconsin, on July 23, 1978, by A. Martens (NW).
- Haberkorn, David M.**, commissioned as missionary to Japan at St. Peter's, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, on February 12, 1978, by L. Weindorf (Nebr.).
- Henkel, Carl R.**, as pastor of St. Paul's, St. James, Minnesota, on July 23, 1978, by E. Roecker (Minn.).
- Laude, Donald D.**, as pastor of Messiah, Wichita, Kansas, and of Trinity, Halstead, Kansas, on August 6, 1978, by E. Fredrich, Jr. (Nebr.).
- Schlei, Charles A.**, commissioned as Civilian Chaplain to Europe at Bethlehem Lutheran, Hortonville, Wisconsin, on July 30, 1978, by E. Lehninger (NW).
- Schmeling, Arlyn L.**, as pastor of Zion, Torrance, California, on July 2, 1978, by D. Seifert (Ariz.-Calif.).
- Wiechmann, Richard**, as instructor at Evergreen Lutheran High School, DuPont, Washington, on August 13, 1978, by G. Frey (PNW).

Teachers:

- Baxmann, Wayne W.**, as principal and instructor at Evergreen Lutheran High School, DuPont, Washington, on August 13, 1978, by G. Frey (PNW).
- Glende, Philip**, as teacher at Trinity, Watertown, Wisconsin, on August 6, 1978, by W. Schumann (WW).
- Noah, Bruce R.**, as principal and teacher at Faith, Tacoma, Washington, on July 30, 1978, by D. Bode (PNW).
- Ohm, Ronald C.**, as teacher at Emanuel, St. Paul, Minnesota, on July 9, 1978, by F. Kogler (Minn.).
- Pagel, Robert J.**, as teacher at Calvary, Bellevue, Washington, on August 6, 1978, by P. Siegler (PNW).
- Schultz, Stephen**, as principal and teacher at St. Paul's, Plymouth, Nebraska, on August 6, 1978, by J. Frank (Nebr.).
- Steffen, Stuart**, as teacher at Immanuel, Gibbon, Minnesota, on July 23, 1978, by V. Starbuck (Minn.).
- Thompson, Michael**, as principal and teacher at Gloria Dei, Belmont, California, on July 30, 1978, by G. Geiger (Ariz.-Calif.).

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CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES

DAKOTA-MONTANA WESTERN CONFERENCE SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

Date: Sunday, September 24, 1978; 5:00 p.m.
Place: Northwestern Lutheran Academy, Mobridge, South Dakota.
Agenda: Sunday-School Teachers Filled with the Holy Ghost in the Work of Christian Education: D. Weiser.
Mrs. Grace Bubbers, Secretary

WESTERN PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: October 3-4, 1978; 10:00 a.m. (Mountain Time).
Place: St. Paul's Lutheran Church, McIntosh, South Dakota; P. Heiderich, host pastor.
Preacher: R. Weimer; R. Krueger, alternate.
Agenda: Exegesis of II Timothy 2; R. Kovaciny: Isagogics of II Peter; D. Weiser: True Lutherans versus the Prussian Union of the Early 1800s; K. G. Sievert: What Happens to the Soul after Death; H. Schewe: Bible Study on the *Formula of Concord*; G. Lemke; Three Texts, Outlines, and Brief Homiletical Treatments for Wedding Sermons: A. Schultz. D. Weiser, Secretary

MICHIGAN

NORTHERN PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: September 18, 1978; Communion at 9:00 a.m.
Place: St. Matthew's, Freeland, Michigan; R. W. Holtz, host pastor.
Preacher: D. Schwartz; J. Seelow, alternate.
Agenda: Special Synod and regular reports; *Augsburg Confession and Apology*, Article XVIII: P. Huebner; Dealing With False Teaching Within a Congregation: D. Tomhave; Exegesis of I Corinthians 14: D. Schwartz.
J. C. Seifert, Secretary

SOUTHEAST PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: September 18-19, 1978, beginning at 10:00 a.m.; Communion service on Monday at 7:30 p.m.
Place: St. Paul's, Belleville, Michigan; W. Henning, host pastor.
Agenda: Infant Baptism: Irresistible Grace or a Special Means of Grace for Children — Doctrine and Practice: E. Fredrich III; Exegesis of Hebrews 3:1-19: M. Hoppe; The State and the Future of the YPS: R. Winter; Isagogical Review of Daniel 5: D. Kriehn.
Note: All excuses should be sent to the host pastor.
J. Naumann, Secretary

MINNESOTA

NEW ULM PASTOR-DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: September 17, 1978; 2:30-5:00 p.m.
Place: Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Brighton Twp., Minnesota; L. Lothert, host pastor.

Agenda: Customs Which Are/Are Not Appropriate at Funerals; J. Schneider.

Note: Send excuses to conference secretary.
J. Schmidt, Secretary

CROW RIVER PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: September 19, 1978; 9:30 a.m. Communion.
Place: Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Johnson, Minnesota; J. Moldenhauer, host pastor.
Preacher: M. Lopahs; D. Miller, alternate.
Agenda: Exegesis of II Timothy 2:14-26; J. Moldenhauer; Born Again — How Scripture and Others Use the Term; T. Westendorf; Marital Counseling; R. Winters; Conference Business.
Note: Please excuse to the host pastor.
J. Moldenhauer, Secretary

REDWOOD FALLS PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: September 26, 1978; 9:00 a.m. Communion service.
Place: St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Danube, Minnesota; O. Engel, host pastor.
Preacher: P. Alliet; H. Bittorf, alternate.
Agenda: Exegesis of Jude, H. Bittorf; *Formula of Concord*, Article II; O. Engel; Preaching and Teaching from the Pulpit; D. Meyer.
R. Hellmann, Secretary

MANKATO PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: October 3, 1978; 9:00 a.m. Communion service.
Place: Trinity, Nicollet, Minnesota; R. Polzin, host pastor.
Preacher: M. Birkholz; alternate, J. Bradtke.
Agenda: Exegesis of I Corinthians 1:18ff.; R. Reimers; *Formula of Concord* (pages 848-951); A. Ruddat; Casuistry.
Note: Please excuse to the host pastor.
W. E. Wagner, Secretary

NEBRASKA

COLORADO FALL PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: October 3-4, 1978.
Place: Good Shepherd, Cheyenne, Wyoming; P. Schwerin, host pastor.
Preacher: J. Kuehl; L. Sievert, alternate.
Agenda: Exegesis of Romans 6:1-11; M. Cares; Isagogical Study of Revelation 15-18; D. Bode; A Study of the Covenants of the Bible; J. Schmidt; Reports.
Note: Please send requests for lodging to the host pastor.
M. Cares, Secretary

NORTHERN WISCONSIN

LAKE SUPERIOR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS' CONFERENCE

The 49th annual Lake Superior Sunday School Teachers' Convention will be held at Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Coleman, Wisconsin, on September 17, 1978, at 2:30 p.m. CDT. The host pastor is the Rev. Waldemar Zink.

Mrs. Donald Polzin, Secretary

WINNEBAGO PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: September 18, 1978; 9:00 a.m. Communion service.
Place: Grace Lutheran Church, Oshkosh, Wisconsin; C. Koepsell, host pastor.
Preacher: G. J. Albrecht; F. Brands, alternate.
Agenda: Exegesis of Titus 3; D. Johnson; *Shepherd Under Christ*, chapter 3; P. Hoenecke; *Smalcald Articles*, Part III, Articles 1-4; S. Stern.
S. Stern, Secretary

MANITOWOC PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: September 18, 1978; 9:00 a.m. Communion service.
Place: Trinity Lutheran Church, Kiel, Wisconsin; R. Warnke, host pastor.
Preacher: A. Schultz; E. Stelter, alternate.
Agenda: Exegesis of I Timothy 1: H. Juroff; Sermon Study; R. Warnke; *Formula of Concord*, Article II; H. Krause, Articles III and IV; V. Dobberstein.
P. J. Damrow, Secretary

MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

Date: October 2-3, 1978
Place: Faith Ev. Lutheran, Marquette, Michigan; A. Klessig, host pastor.
Preacher: K. Kuschel; K. Kuenzel, alternate.
Agenda: The Supernatural and Human Factors in the Divine Call; E. Stelter; How To Put the Mixed-Up Missionary on an Organized Path; R. Hartman; The Christian and Depression; P. Diener.
Note: If you need lodging, contact the host pastor.
T. Trapp

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN

METRO-NORTH PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: September 18, 1978; 9:00 a.m. Communion service.
Place: Faith Lutheran, W244 N6383 Weaver Dr., Sussex, Wisconsin; C. Clarey, host pastor.
Preacher: M. Otterstatter; C. Otto, alternate.
Agenda: Exegesis of I Timothy 2:9-15; Panel Discussion on the Scriptural Principles Governing Christian Women in the Family, Church, and Society; R. Michel, D. Kuske, J. Schaefer; Isagogical Study of Zechariah; R. Krueger.
Note: Excuse to host pastor or conference secretary.
J. Braun, Secretary

SOUTHERN PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: September 19, 1978; 9:00 a.m. Communion service.
Place: Bethany Lutheran, 2100 75th St., Kenosha, Wisconsin; G. Enderle and J. Martin, host pastors.
Preacher: D. Witte; R. Ziebell, alternate.
Agenda: Exegesis of Romans 8:1-11; M. Hahm; Excommunication and Removing People from Membership; R. Pope; Wisconsin Lutheran Institutional Ministry; R. Kleist.
Note: All excuses are to be sent to the chairman or to the host pastors prior to the conference.
J. Schroeder, Secretary

PASTORS-YOUTH LEADERS YOUTH MINISTRY SEMINAR

Date: Monday, October 2, 1978, afternoon and evening.
Place: Wisconsin Lutheran College, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
Agenda: Discussion of the Need for Youth Ministry, Resources, Youth Worship, Education, and Organization of Youth Ministry.
Note: The seminar is sponsored by the SEW Board for Parish Education.
Owen A. Dorn

WESTERN WISCONSIN

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS' INSTITUTE MISSISSIPPI VALLEY CONFERENCE

Date: September 24, 1978; 1:30 p.m. Registration.
Place: Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, La Crosse, Wisconsin.
Agenda: *View From The Living Room Floor*; presented by Prof. T. Kuster.
M. L. Birkholz, Chairman

CENTRAL CONFERENCE SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS' CONFERENCE

Place: St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Lake Mills, Wisconsin.
Time: September 24, 1978; 1:30-4:00 p.m.
Agenda: The revision of the Sunday School Course, The Preparation of the New Nursery Course, and "Twigs and Branches."
Note: The members of the Wisillowa Conference are also invited to attend this meeting.
P. Ziemer

SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

Date: September 26, 1978; 9:00 a.m.
Place: St. Paul's, North Freedom, Wisconsin.
Preacher: H. Klug; L. Martin, alternate.
Agenda: Exegesis of I Thessalonians 4; H. Hoepfner; The Old Testament Sacrifices and How They Pointed to Christ; F. Werner; The Role of the Pastor's Wife; O. Heier; Gambling and the 7th Commandment; D. Miller.
R. Kloehn, Secretary

CHIPPEWA RIVER VALLEY WISCONSIN RIVER VALLEY JOINT CONFERENCE

Date: September 26-27, 1978.
Place: Howard Johnson Motel, Wausau, Wisconsin.
Preacher: M. Zank; L. Zessin, alternate.
Agenda: The Pastor and His Calling; C. Mischke.
Note: Additional information will be sent each pastor.
D. Dengler, Secretary

WISILLOWA PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: October 2-3, 1978, noon to noon.
Place: Gethsemane Lutheran, Davenport, Iowa.
Preacher: W. Neumann.
Agenda: Making Confirmation Class More Meaningful; M. Lenz; An Isagogical Study of the Minor Prophetic Book Amos; R. Kogler; Birth Control in the Light of Scripture; D. Aderman; II Timothy 1: G. Hinz.
Note: Conference Dues: \$5.00.
J. Kutil, Secretary

WANTED

A WELS mission, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 313 Myers Avenue, Beckley, West Virginia 25801, is in need of Communion ware. It would be happy to receive a used set for the cost of shipping. Please contact the church at the above address or call 304/252-5820.

SERVICE FOR THE DEAF

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
1206 Ontario Street
Oshkosh, Wisconsin 54901
Third Sunday of Month
10:30 A.M.
September through May

MARTIN LUTHER ACADEMY CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Because Prof. Allan H. Just has accepted a call to Arizona Lutheran Academy, the Board of Control of Martin Luther Academy, with the concurrence of the Commission on Higher Education, herewith requests the voting constituency of the Synod to nominate candidates in the field of Mathematics and Athletics, preferably qualified to be head football coach.

Names of all nominees, with as much pertinent data as possible, should be in the hands of the secretary no later than September 23, 1978.

Mr. Paul Fritze, Secretary
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NEW WELS CHURCHES

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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.

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*Denotes exploratory services.

TIME AND PLACE

COMING TO KANSAS CITY?

Then please note that Rock of Ages Ev. Lutheran Church, Kansas City North, Missouri, is conducting its worship service at Mount Moriah Chapel, 169 Highway and NW 108th St., on Sunday mornings at 10:15 a.m. Sunday school and Bible class begin at 9:00 a.m. For information, or to send names of prospects, contact Pastor John Schneider, 5211 W. 76th St., Prairie Village, Kansas 66208; phone 913/381-7510.

TRAVELING ALONG HIGHWAY 101? TILLAMOOK, OREGON

Vacationers traveling in the Oregon-Washington area along coastal Highway 101 are invited to attend services at the Wisconsin Lutheran preaching station in Tillamook, Oregon. We meet in the Union Hall located at the corner of 5th and Laurel Streets. Sunday school and Bible class are scheduled for 6:00 p.m. and worship services at 7:00 p.m. For further information, please call John Main 503/842-2794 Tillamook or Pastor W. Widmann 503/253-7338 Portland.

SAUGUS-NEWHALL-CANYON COUNTRY VALENCIA-SANTA CLARITA VALLEY AREA

A newly formed group of Wisconsin Synod members, banded together as Calvary Lutheran Mission, meets each Sunday at 8:30 a.m. at the Courtney Club, 26525 Golden Valley Road, Saugus, California. If you know the names of any WELS or ELS people in this general area, or if you yourself are seeking a church close to your home in this area, we would welcome such information. Please contact Pastor Luther Weindorf, 13184 Debell St., Arleta, California 91331, phone: 213/899-3457, or the chairman of Calvary Mission, Mr. Gary Mitzner, phone: 805/252-6498.

HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

Ascension Ev. Lutheran Church, the new WELS mission in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, is now worshipping at HOWARD JOHNSON'S MOTOR LODGE, I-83 & I-283 Interchange on Eisenhower Blvd. Service is held at 9:00 a.m. Please submit the names of WELS members or prospects to Pastor Daniel Luetke, 6231 Warren Ave., Linglestown, Pennsylvania 17112, phone: 717/652-8285.

EXPLORATORY

KERRVILLE, TEXAS

WELS exploratory services are being conducted at the Seventh Day Advent Church, 413 Lois Street, Kerrville, Texas. The worship service is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. Sundays. Please send names or information to Pastor Donald Stuppy, 3919 Shenandale Drive, San Antonio, Texas 78230, or call: 512/696-2716.

JAMESTOWN, NORTH DAKOTA

Exploratory services are presently being held at 8:45 a.m. in the rear of the optometrist's office at 210 3rd St. S.W. in Jamestown, North Dakota. For more information contact either Mr. Alvin Rath (701/252-7170) or Pastor W. H. Allwardt, 650 4th St. S.W., Valley City, North Dakota (701/845-0702).

WANTED FOR MARTIN LUTHER PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Synodical Proceedings, District Proceedings, collections of Synodical periodicals (*The Northwestern Lutheran*, *The Junior Northwestern*, *Wisconsin Lutheran Quarterly*, *The Lutheran Educator*), theological works, back issues of standard periodicals, and book donations for the newly established Martin Luther Preparatory School, Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin.

Please send lists of available items to Prof. Herbert Jaster, Martin Luther Academy, New Ulm, Minnesota 56073.

WANTED

Peace Ev. Lutheran Congregation, a preaching station in Shenandoah, Iowa, recently purchased an older church building. The congregation is in need of a usable altar, pulpit, and lectern; also of used Communion ware (common cup). The congregation would appreciate receiving any of these items from a church that has recently replaced such. Please contact either Rev. Galen Sommer, 1905 South 22nd St., St. Joseph, Missouri 64507, phone: 816/233-2988, or Mr. Arnold Meyer, R.R. 1, Imogene, Iowa 51645, phone: 712/386-2141.

APPOINTMENT

Teacher Richard H. Sievert of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School, Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin, has been appointed a member of the Synod's Board for Parish Education. He will serve the remaining year of Mr. Ferdinand Schultz's term. Mr. Schultz had been appointed to serve an unexpired term on the Board of Control of Northwestern College and Northwestern Preparatory School and for that reason had resigned from the Board for Parish Education. Oscar J. Naumann, President

ORGAN

A Hammond organ is available to any WELS mission congregation for shipping costs. Please contact Mr. Elmer Schmidt, 10727 N. Cedarburg Rd., Mequon, Wisconsin 53092; phone 414/242-1099.

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