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Briefs by the Editor



All human beings, whoever they are and wherever they live, need food, clothing, and shelter. And whether they are aware of it or not, all of them also have a much greater need, a need to be right with God. To have these needs met we must turn to Him who is the Giver of all good and perfect gifts and who meets the needs of our soul through His only-begotten Son.

It is remarkable how this truth is emphasized in this entire issue. The editorial writers expose the humanistic goal of "Self-fulfillment" and the "I Want It All Now" philosophy, even as the account of Peter's huge catch of fish points us to the only One who can meet all our needs, both physical and spiritual. It is also our privilege to listen in as this same Savior speaks with Nicodemus in "Studies in God's Word."

That men have a twofold need is not only true of men in the United States, but everywhere. Also in Central Africa, as former missionary Ernst H. Wendland so vividly portrays in "A Day in An African Clinic." In fact, his life itself is a demonstration of this truth. In the article he is a driver for the medical clinic that particular day, thus helping to meet the spiritual needs of those among whom our church works in Central Africa. However, during the 16 years he spent as missionary there, he was especially one of the Lord's instruments in meeting the spiritual needs of these people. Active in the Bible School and Seminary, he wrote many of the textbooks in use in these schools. Shortly after this was written, on September 17, he was installed as professor of homiletics and Old Testament at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary.

Undoubtedly you are also aware that he is the author of three most interesting books on our work in Central Africa. In case you don't remember their names, they are: "To Africa With Love," "Of Other Gods and Other Spirits," and "Dear Mister Mission-

ary." They are Northwestern Publishing House productions.

Our church's efforts in meeting especially the spiritual needs of our members and of people everywhere are vividly brought home to us as we read about our new preparatory school in "The Passing of the Keys at Prairie du Chien." And then there's the account of Missionary Paul D. Lehninger being "Called, Ordained, Commissioned to Work in Brazil."

Our church's record in meeting the spiritual needs of men extends way beyond the lifetime of any of us who are its members today, even beyond the lifetime of Pastor emeritus Paul C. Dowidat who observed his 100th birthday on July 30. Accounts in this issue tell of 125 years of Gospel work in Town Liberty, Manitowoc County; 100 years at Friedens, Bonduel; 75 years at Christ, Saginaw; and 25 years in the same church in Denmark, Wisconsin. The individual men, women, and children whose lives have been touched by the Gospel over these years in these places are beyond count. Only God and the holy angels know, and they rejoice!

Let's not forget the names of those whom God has used and uses to share the Gospel with those who need it. There is Ezekiel, a prophet long dead, who speaks to us in "Mining the Treasure of God's Word." And Mrs. Elaine Slates, who taught 25 years in Bay City, Michigan. And the new prophets whom the Lord is sending out to do His work, those newly ordained and installed or those who have recently accepted new positions. Their names are given on page 325 under "Ordinations and Installations."

Nor would it be proper to ignore the work in which all of us, laymen and lay women, pastors and teachers, missionaries and professors, have a part. Turn to the last page, and guess what it might be.

Give all of this your attention, and take it all to the Lord in prayer!

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

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The Cover

Christ Ev. Lutheran Congregation of
Saginaw, Michigan, has been celebrating
the 75th anniversary of its founding in a
series of services this year. Preaching the
Word on these occasions were five former
pastors of the congregation. For details,
see page 318.

Editorials

Self-fulfillment Self-fulfillment is not a modern term, but it has been ennobled considerably by widespread usage in recent years, and it has emerged as perhaps life's most popular goal. The term has an aura of learned dignity about it, which lifts it out of the category of motives subject to censure and places it into the category of worthy pursuits.

Self-fulfillment. The term has an attractive ring. It also appeals to the instincts. What could be more appealing than doing what you want to do and living the way you want to live — expressing yourself, so to speak!

The very term subtly distinguishes itself from selfishness, which everyone, of course, abhors, especially in others. But sometimes it is difficult to distinguish between the two. The one sounds noble; the other sounds degrading. But in practice what is the difference?

Under cover of this noble term a man can desert his family; a mother can neglect her children; people can ignore the restraints of accepted morality. They are fulfilling themselves.

There is a statement in the 17th chapter of the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah which is worthy of consideration in this connection. There it proclaims sadly but truthfully: "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked." If the heart were pure, self-fulfillment would be a noble pursuit, but that is not the case. "The imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth."

Self-fulfillment as a motive warrants careful scrutiny, to say the least. Sanctimonious jargon may constitute nothing more than an excuse cleverly framed by a deceitful heart.

Immanuel Frey

Of Fishing and Truth Jesus once commanded Peter to launch out into the deep and to let down his net for a great catch of fish. Though Peter knew Jesus, he found this command difficult to follow. He and his partners had just finished a long night of fruitless fishing. Now it was early afternoon, the sun was high, the sea calm — no time to go fishing. The Lord's advice went against all of Peter's experience. How foolish to go out in the middle of the day to fish! The command hurt his pride and would make him look bad before his fellow fishermen. Before he obeyed, he protested: "Lord, we know you are a great teacher. We recognize that you know the Law and the will of God. But when it comes to fishing, we are the experts."

We, too, have our experts. When we have a problem, we take it to the expert who specializes in that field. Because he is the expert, we take the advice he gives. No expert, as a rule, would presume to give advice in an area with which he is not familiar. However, we know what happened in Peter's case. He and his partners caught an unbelievable catch of fish.

Today we have a large body of Bible scholars and

theologians, and others who suggest that it is only when the Bible speaks of faith, and morals, and the Gospel, and other religious matters, that it is speaking the truth. If, however, the Bible should touch on matters of science or history or other such things, why then it's best to leave it to the experts. After all, they are the experts; they have collected the evidence; they have spent years developing their knowledge and gaining expertise. All true — but do not forget that great catch of fish. Peter never did.

The Lord taught His disciples to trust Him. He showed them not only that He would take care of them, but that whether He spoke to them of fishing or fig trees, or of the will of His Father and ours, of faith and forgiveness, or the Gospel, He always spoke the truth. Our experts are limited; Christ is not, for He is God's own Son. He cannot lie; He would not lie. When in His Word, the Bible, He speaks to us, He speaks the truth. Whatever He tells us in His Word is truth. His cross affirms it; His resurrection confirms it. He is the one Expert who is never wrong. Believe Him!

David M. Gosdeck

"I Want It All Now" Marin County in California would seem to be the fulfillment of an American dream. Bordered by the Pacific Ocean on one side and by San Francisco Bay on the other, with the culture and glamor of San Francisco just across the Golden Gate Bridge; "blessed with what is probably the best climate this side of the Mediterranean"; endowed with such scenic beauty as Pt. Reyes National Seashore, the Muir Woods, the view from Mt. Tamalpais, the Italian seascape, it is one of America's loveliest suburbs. It is also one of the nation's 10 wealthiest counties.

But there is trouble in this paradise. As portrayed in the TV special, "I Want It All Now," the county has a high rate of alcoholism, a 75 per cent divorce rate, a suicide rate well over twice the national average. There is a distressing number of young victims of wealthy, broken homes, the offspring of parents who are out seeking the good life at the end of the rainbow.

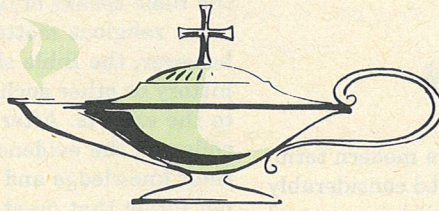
Despite all the good things that are apparently theirs in Marin County, these seekers after pleasure and self-gratification can't find much meaning in life. There are several thousand mental therapists, psychologists, psychiatrists, gurus, and mystics in the county who make a living in encounter sessions adjusting the self-perceptions and the relationships of these dwellers in their paradise by the sea.

Wealth and the good things that wealth can afford are not necessarily destructive, but coveting them is. Those who crave riches and the good life are in danger of falling into "temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition" (I Tim. 6:9). Their desire feeds on itself and is not satisfied, as one who drinks salt water is consumed by thirst. As Solomon expressed it: "The eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing" (Eccl. 1:8). The end is vanity.

But millions will continue to "want it all now," even though the gold of life continues to elude them, and they lose their souls in the process.

Carleton Toppe

Studies in God's Word



Jesus Christ, the Divine Teacher

Nicodemus . . . came to Jesus by night and said unto him: "Rabbi, we know that Thou art a teacher come from God." . . . Jesus answered and said unto him: "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, 'Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.'" (John 3:1-3) .

The first 21 verses of the third chapter of John's Gospel record some fascinating dialogue between two teachers. John says: "There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews" (verse 1). The Pharisees were the Bible scholars of the day, devoting their whole lives to a meticulous study of the Old Testament. But Nicodemus was also a "ruler of the Jews," a member of the Sanhedrin, the 70-man governing Jewish Council. Jesus furthermore credits him with being "a master of Israel" (verse 10). Actually, the original has an article here, so that one could translate Jesus' question: "Are you *the* teacher of Israel, and do not understand these things?"

An Important Question

This man came to Jesus by night with the compliment, "Rabbi, we know that Thou art a teacher come from God, for no man can do these miracles that Thou doest, except God be with Him" (verse 2). But he also brought a significant question, though John doesn't record it. From the answer that Jesus gives it is obvious that the real reason for Nicodemus' coming to Jesus was to get a response to the question: How can I be sure of being a member of God's kingdom? Jesus' opening words to him are the answer: "Verily, verily, I

say unto thee, 'Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.'"

A Rationalistic Objection

Nicodemus' retort was: "How can an old man like me be born a second time?" (verse 4.) Nicodemus was thinking of a physical rebirth, and he saw no end of problems. His trouble was that he had no understanding of the spiritual nature of the kingdom that Jesus had come down from heaven to establish, nor did he understand the nature of the change required in men if they are to enter that kingdom. Patiently Jesus, who is truly the Teacher come from God, enlarged on His previous answer by saying: "Except a man be born *of water* and *of the Spirit*, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God" (verse 5).

A Spiritual Answer

All of those practical objections that Nicodemus felt about being physically reborn, Jesus points out, really are beside the point. That kind of rebirth could do no good, for "that which is born of the flesh is flesh" (verse 6a). Sinful human parents can bestow only a sinful, "fleshly" nature on their offspring. A dozen such births and rebirths would not improve natural man's state. What is needed for entrance into Christ's kingdom is a *spiritual* rebirth. That can be effected only by the Holy Spirit. Working through the Word and Sacrament, He makes men truly new. He gives them the spiritual rebirth they need, for "that which is born of the Spirit is spirit" (verse 6b).

A Modern Misunderstanding

Is Jesus then telling Nicodemus to be a "born-again Christian"? The obvious answer to that, of course, is Yes — but with a qualification. There is a general opinion abroad these days that to be a full-fledged Christian one must be "born again" in the sense that he can point to the specific time or a special incident in his life when he became a true child of God. Many will claim to know the precise moment when they first embarked on their new life in the kingdom. That there can be such perceptible conversions Scripture does not deny. Recall Lydia, the jailor at Philippi, or even Paul himself.

It is significant, however, that in His discussion with Nicodemus Jesus took pains to show that such a conscious experience dare not be insisted upon as an essential feature of the new birth. The Holy Spirit's work cannot be programmed. Rather, it is like the wind which "bloweth where it listeth (wants to), and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth; so is every one that is born of the Spirit" (verse 8).

Born Again

The Holy Spirit's work is real, and it effects an absolutely necessary change in natural man's heart by working faith and love in it, but it does not limit itself to a set pattern. Therefore let no one exalt himself over you because he claims to know the exact moment of his conversion. Likewise, let no one make you feel that you are a second-class Christian because you can't remember a time when you did not know Jesus. As surely as you now know Christ to be your Savior, so surely the Holy Spirit has done His work in your heart, for "no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost" (I Cor. 12:3b). Knowing Christ makes you a true "born-again Christian."

That you cannot remember the time when you were not a child of God is perhaps not surprising. That merely attests to the power of the Spirit working through Word and Sacrament, and above all, it proves the effectiveness of Jesus, the Teacher come from God. With such a Teacher to guide us, why should we not from tenderest youth know and love Him as our Savior!

Armin J. Panning

Twenty-five Years of Amazing Grace

Missionary Ernst H. Wendland writes about

A Day in An African Clinic

As I write these words I'm sitting in the front seat of a Land Rover in the Mzembela village area, near Salima, Malawi, Africa. The vehicle's steering wheel with a piece of cardboard serves as a writing desk. Ahead lie the beautiful Ntuntama Hills; behind are the grasslands dotted with baobabs, acacias, and occasional palms, sloping toward the shores of Lake Malawi. Malawi with its contrasting rugged hills and verdant plains, framed by fleecy clouds in skies of azure blue, is a land of unusual beauty.

To my right is one of our several clinics in the area served by the Mobile Dispensary of the Lutheran Church of Central Africa. A simple structure, built by Missionary T. E. Kretzmann several years ago out of local timbers and corrugated zinc sheets, helps the staff to serve the many people who have come here at this early morning hour to seek medical aid.

The Routine

Most of those seeking help are mothers, dressed in long, colorful chitenges, with babies tied to their backs and kerchiefs about their heads. About 50 or more are lined up in a queue toward the shelter's entrance. This is the morning, I am told, for the care of children under five years of age. Each child is carefully weighed, checked over for symptoms of anemia, and immunized against diphtheria, tetanus, smallpox, tuberculosis and polio, and given anti-malarial treatment as required. Diet supplements are distributed, and mothers are also instructed concerning the proper care of their little ones.

Another morning this same outstation is used as an antenatal clinic,

where expectant mothers receive special instruction and attention. Later, on both days, cases of chronic illness are treated, such as nutritional disorders, tropical sores, hookworm, pneumonia, malaria, bilharzia, and various infections. The day begins at 6:30 A.M., when the Land Rover leaves our lakeside premises, and ends in late afternoon or evening, when the vehicle has returned from whatever outstation was visited on that day, but not before the medications are again sorted out and stored for use on the following day and records entered on a daily log.

I happen to be serving as driver of the vehicle today, since Sister Linda Phelps is still recovering from hepatitis, and Sister Kathie Barthels is on a trip to South Africa, hoping to return

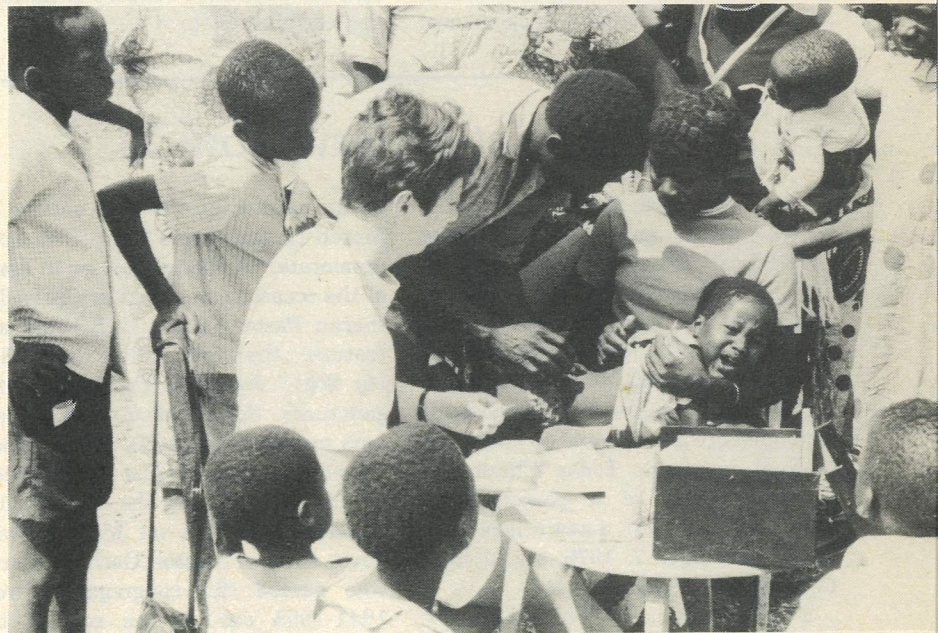


Luther at microscope in Malawi — not Martin Luther, but Luther Mtalimanje, a member of the clinic staff and a trained microscopist. Note clinic shelter in background.

with another dispensary vehicle. After having handled this aged Land Rover this morning, I can appreciate the need for a vehicle replacement. On some bumps in the road it seemed that every bolt would shake loose and leave a trail of metal parts scattered over the bush path leading to our facility.

This isn't the first time by any means that a missionary has served as a driver on runs of this kind, nor will it be the last. In Africa, as we learn to

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Sister Linda Phelps examines a child in the clinic in Zambia.

know, emergencies are often the rule rather than the exception. And there's always enough to do to occupy one's time as one sits and waits for the hours to pass. Sometimes emergency runs into the local Salima hospital 12 miles away are required, as happens when the nursing staff is confronted by a case in need of a doctor's attention. One also comes on trips of this kind prepared with stacks of unanswered correspondence, sermon materials for the Sunday ahead, or books to be studied which don't require a lot of intense concentration. The constant cries of infants and the continuing chatter of local conversation can become somewhat distracting when trying to concentrate on an involved theological disertation of some kind.

The dispensary outstation has over the years also become a place for a local market on the days when the clinic is open here. Spread out on the surrounding grass or in baskets are little heaps of yams, groundnuts, millet, fruits of all kinds, sugar cane, dried fish, and even a trussed-up chicken here and there. I just went out to purchase two luscious papayas and a bunch of plantains for the total sum of 10 tambala (about 12 cents).

African Staff

Interesting to observe, of course, is the work at the clinic itself. The African staff of four, including two African nurses and their helpers, is on its own

today. The staff is busy every minute. Each of the nearly 200 cases processed in the course of one single day requires careful recording, examination, diagnosis, treatment, and final payment of the nominal charge for medication dispensed. The few tambala received don't even begin to cover the cost, but the system does serve to inculcate some appreciation for the services rendered. As one observes the babies being carefully weighed, checked over for congenital problems, given immunizations and nutritional supplements, one realizes the tremendous amount of good being done here. Having personally officiated at the burial of many an African infant, one becomes particularly aware of the need for this constant battle against infant mortality.

Concerning our medical mission in general one simply can't say enough good for it. All those contributing toward this effort are helping to take care of an overwhelming need. Those who are active in this service on our behalf, especially the nursing sisters whom we send to these faraway places, deserve a special word of thanks. To be able to face their responsibilities, their problems and frustrations, also their limitations and privations while working in a strange culture and a foreign language requires a large measure of dedication. Such qualities don't come naturally. Only God can give them to us. The understanding, the prayers, and the continued support of all of us can certainly help.

Mission Openings

One can notice by the little white caps sitting on the heads of most of the African men who come to this clinic that the people in the area are predominantly Muslim. This, of course, should open our eyes to an even greater need on the part of these people, and that is for the Gospel. The fact that this is a Muslim area need not discourage us. In another part of this same country, also predominantly Muslim, our church now has several congregations. Some of our missionaries will recall how they instructed and preached in these places for several years before the first converts were baptized. The work continues to be difficult. By God's grace, however, barriers have already been broken which at one time seemed impregnable. A foothold for the Gospel has been gained. Through our continued Gospel witness the Lord will do the rest.

While sitting here in this Land Rover a request has just come from one of the nurses to take a run into Salima to bring a child to the hospital there. I hope this old Land Rover starts and that we don't scatter too many nuts and bolts along the way. The little one doesn't look well at all. The resigned look upon the impassive faces of the parents hides their feelings. But they have them, too. Perhaps a life can be saved. I'll give them a tract as we go, with a prayer that this life can be spared for a better life which only the Gospel can bring.

Christ Lutheran at Saginaw Now 75

"Bless the Lord, O My Soul" is the central theme around which Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church in Saginaw has been conducting a year-long celebration of its 75th anniversary. The church was organized on July 26, 1903, by seven men from the surrounding area, and the first church was built on a one-acre site donated by one of the original members. Today Christ Lutheran consists of a parsonage, a church built in 1967, a new school dedicated November 7, 1976, and a total membership of 646 persons.

The congregation celebrated its diamond jubilee in five special services. Former Pastor Carlton Palenske was

guest speaker at the first service on March 12, the theme being, "We Commemorate." A special banner in honor of the occasion, designed by Christ Lutheran Pastor Gerald C. Schroer and featuring the words, "Bless the Lord, O My Soul," decorated the front of the sanctuary. Special displays and banners prepared by Ladies Aid members traced the history of the congregation.

"We Educate" was the theme of the second celebration on May 14 with guest speaker Pastor Gerhard Cares, who served the congregation from 1941-1955 and is the son of the church's first pastor, F. Cares. The celebration included a display of

memorabilia and displays of learning and teaching projects prepared by the teachers and schoolchildren. The program included the use of 25 resonator bells played for the first time by the upper-grade students.

With the theme "We Celebrate," two former Christ Lutheran pastors, the Rev. Walter Voss (1927-30), and the Rev. LeRoy Lothert (1956-1961), spoke at two separate services on July 23. Members of sister congregations in the Saginaw area were invited to join with us in this third celebration.

In conjunction with the year-long celebration an anniversary booklet and pictorial directory including pictures of all members of the congregation is being prepared. It will feature pictures of former pastors and teachers, current

Looking at the Religious World

information and insight

From the "Wall Street Journal"

On its July 18 front page the *Wall Street Journal* featured a discussion of "Ministerial Glut Spurs a Scramble for Pulpits as Memberships Drop." A regular reader of the paper, which the writer isn't, sent a clipping, along with objections to the article's "slant toward a monetary orientated clergy," to use the reader's own phrasing.

It is to be expected that the paper involved would approach even an ecclesiastical subject with its best, that is financial and economic, foot forward. The article tells of an Episcopal associate priest "plotting to get a better job," "applying corporate job-hunting techniques to the search for better church posts," and "working his contacts."

The "ministerial glut" has not, the *Journal* states, brought lower salaries, as might be expected. Average salaries have increased in recent years more than the consumer price index. The explanation is offered: "Either the laity hasn't figured out that there's an oversupply or the salaries were so low to begin with that the congregations were ashamed."

church officers, and members of the various service and social organizations of the church, as well as a history of the congregation.

Guest speaker for a special service on October 8 will be Pastor Herbert C. Kuske of Stevensville, Michigan, who served the congregation from 1961-1970. The theme of this final official anniversary celebration will be "We Dedicate," as we give thanks to the Lord for the innumerable blessings we have enjoyed through our 75 years as a congregation and as we rededicate our church and school to the continued teaching and preaching of God's Word in its truth and purity.

Ruth M. Wagner
Public Relations

The whole article unfortunately leaves the impression that this country's clergy is "monetary orientated." Perhaps this is inevitable in a *Wall Street Journal* treatment of clergy supply. We trust that the impression is false, not only for this country's clergy as a whole, but especially for the Wisconsin Synod clergy. Christ's ministers are divinely called to be shepherds, not hirelings.

The Ambassador's Other Hat

Addressing a university graduating class, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Andrew Young spoke words of wisdom. He urged his hearers to read a Bible chapter a day and assured them: "It won't hurt you at all and it will give you more illumination and purpose of life. It's better to invest \$15 in a Bible now than \$25 an hour for a psychiatrist later."

Ambassador Young is on the clergy role of the United Church of Christ. It is to be hoped that in this instance his message will be taken to heart.

Churches and Change

One section of the highly publicized Gallop poll, "The Unchurched American," released early in summer, dealt with change in the churches as a cause for membership lapses. Results indicate that churches are caught in the middle, with the number of those who dropped out because of changes made just about equaling the count of those who left because of lack of change.

Revisions in liturgy and ritual, for example, were opposed by some 10 per cent of the dropouts, while 23 per cent of them were disgruntled over too much traditional worship. As for social gospel endeavors, 12 per cent opposed them, while 16 per cent desired more.

For a church body that is conservatively inclined and moves slowly in making changes there is some comfort in these findings — but not very much.

New President, Old Platform

At its ninth biennial convention the Lutheran Church in America elected a new president to replace Dr. Marshall, who declined another term. Chosen in a closely contested election was Dr. James R. Crumley Jr., who previously had served as secretary.

Without dissent, convention delegates voted to accept the invitation of the Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches to a consultation which would establish an implementation process leading to Lutheran union. The consultation is to be held in the fall of 1979. The LCA has always been committed to Lutheran union on the basis of acceptance of the Lutheran Confessions and in this vote was simply reaffirming a traditional position.

More Than A Million

In one day, June 18, Garden Grove Community Church in metropolitan Los Angeles gathered offerings for the continuing construction of its Crystal Cathedral in the amount of \$1,251,376. This is believed to be a record and worthy of entry in Guinness.

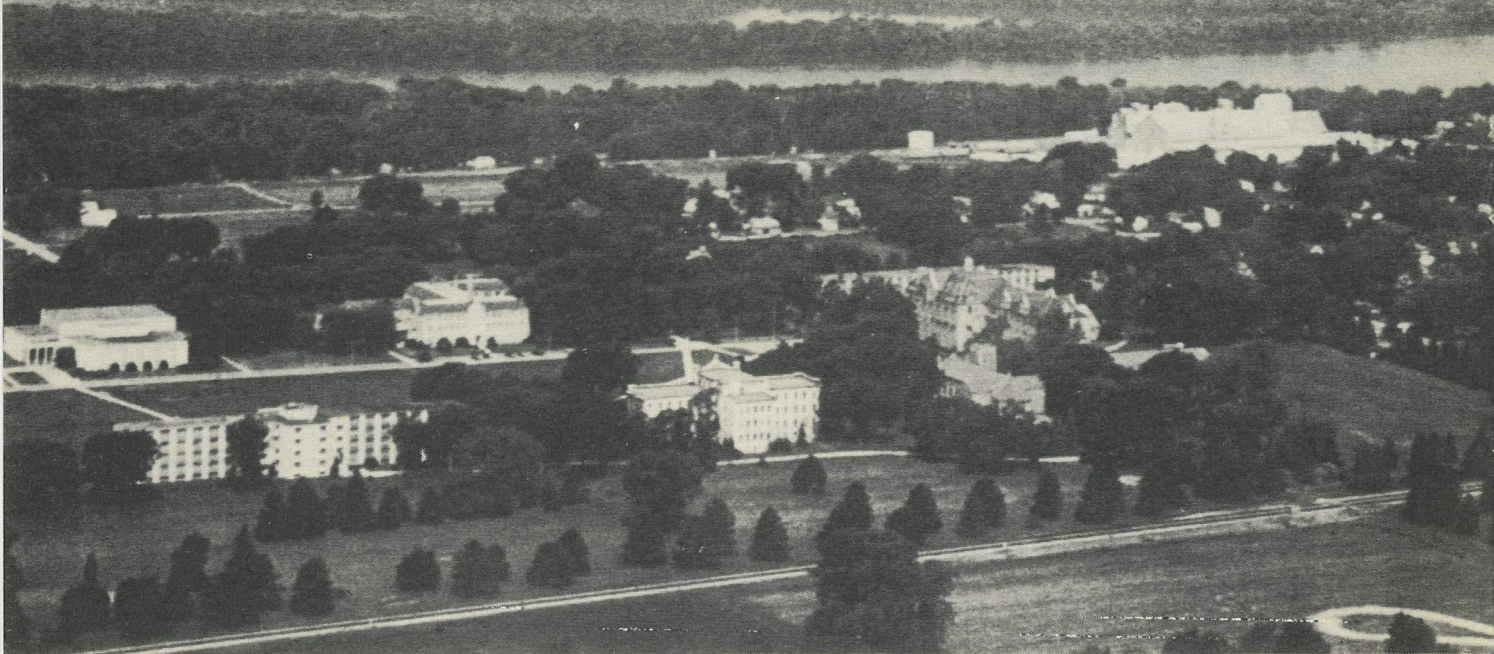
Pastor Schuller had been promoting the offering goal of \$1,000,000 for two months. On collection day he supplied as "seed money" his own gift of \$150,000, a profit in a real estate sale, to stimulate the 5,000 worshipers and potential donors.

To one's mind comes immediately and automatically the well-known Bible story of "The Widow's Mite." That does not mean there is anything wrong with big offerings. What should not be forgotten is the less well-known account in Exodus 36 of a God-pleasing offering that grew so large it had to be halted.

In offerings for the Lord's treasury it isn't the million or the mite that is of moment. It is the motive: "The love of Christ constrains us."

E. C. Fredrich

Martin Luther Preparatory School — Prairie du Chien



The Passing of Keys at Prairie du Chien

The keys to one's first automobile, to one's home, to one's place of new employment — taking possession of them can be an exciting experience. That excitement was in the air at Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, on August 15, 1978.

Key to the City

The mayor of Prairie du Chien presented the key to the city and officially welcomed the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod and Martin Luther Preparatory School as the sale of the former Campion facilities on the beautiful 108-acre campus in the southern part of the city, situated below the hills on the scenic Mississippi River, was formally closed. The mayor expressed the hope that our relationship would be mutually happy as the community serves the school and as the school serves the city. The Synod shares the mayor's hope. The new mission in Prairie du Chien began public

worship in a campus chapel on August 27, 1978. This mission will serve the community by spreading a light far more powerful than that of the barges as they busily make their way up and down the river. Its beacon will be the light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. That light will be reflected in the life of our school and in the lives of our students and staff as they live and study and work in Prairie du Chien.

Key to the School

The men representing the Synod at the formal closing had never seen checks that big, checks which covered the cost of \$2,800,000, checks which placed a new jewel into the crown of the worker-training program of the Synod, checks which officially marked the passing of the keys to these fine facilities. There were keys to the dorms, which will house a capacity of 547 resident students, keys to the

academic facilities where our young people will be trained in the ways of the Lord, keys to the athletic facilities where healthy bodies will be strengthened to house sound minds, keys to the dining halls and kitchens where food will be prepared and served to feed growing teen-agers, keys to chapels where eyes will be focused on Christ and ears will hear His Word. These keys open up new opportunities for the secondary training of our future pastors and teachers.

Keys for the Staff

The "keeper of the keys" in the Synod's newest worker-training school will be Mr. Karl Kuckhahn of Steilacoom, Washington, who has been chosen to be the business manager. Mr. Kuckhahn is a retired army colonel who is a graduate of West Point and who has had considerable experience in management, planning, and budget-

ing, in communications, education, and transportation — all of which qualifies him to serve the school and our Synod well. His service under God, particularly in this interim year and as the school begins to establish its traditions, will be a key to its success. We are extremely grateful that he has accepted this responsible position and that he will be on the scene about October 1, 1978.

Assisting the business manager will be the staff members who have been engaged, an office secretary and five members of the maintenance staff. Their work will be especially important in this transitional year in preparing the facilities for student occupancy in the 1979-80 school year.

Keys to Welcome You

The keys will open the various buildings on the campus to you at an open house on October 22 from 2:00 to 6:00 P.M. The members of our Synod from near and far are invited to tour the campus. Many have walked through the grounds and perhaps been disappointed when for security reasons they were not conducted on personal tours by a skeleton staff. The open house will offer that opportunity.

Keys to Careers in the Church

The school at Prairie du Chien will present its keys to Martin Luther Academy at New Ulm, Minnesota, as well as the teacher-training program of



Mayor Jack McPhee hands Pastor Carl S. Leyer, chairman of the Synod's Board of Trustees the keys to the city. Others (from left): K. Egbert, CHE chairman, R. Voss, CHE executive secretary, E. Huebner, Board of Trustees executive secretary, W. Hanson, Real Estate Officer.

Northwestern Preparatory School in Watertown, Wisconsin — over four years — to continue their work in a new location of training many of the Synod's future pastors and teachers on the secondary level.

To assist you in motivating and encouraging more and more girls and boys to offer themselves for service and to heed the Lord's call to be involved in gathering in His harvest of souls, a full-time recruitment officer, Prof. Eldon Hirsch of the MLA staff, has been engaged for the current school year. He has received the keys to a leased automobile which will take him far and wide to meet your sons and daughters,

the Synod's future pastors and teachers.

The Keys to Open Heaven

We are not presumptuous. God gave the keys to open heaven to His church, the keys of the Gospel by which heaven is opened wide to penitent sinners.

Although the buildings in Prairie du Chien have been built upon solid foundations, and although the superstructures offer us the finest facilities for our purpose, they will be given a new foundation, not of stone or steel, but of the Spirit, the solid rock of Jesus Christ. On this rock God will build His church.

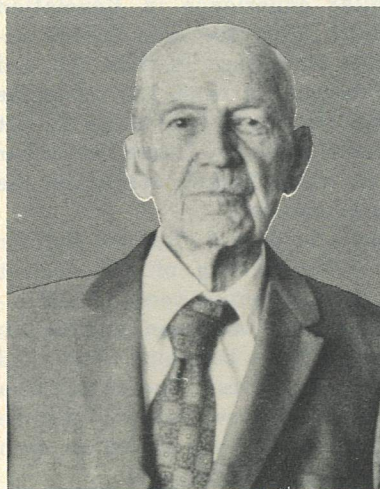
Robert J. Voss

Pastor Paul C. Dowidat 100 Years Old

St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota, set aside the date of the anniversary of his birth, July 30, 1978, to observe the 100th birthday of its former pastor, the Rev. Paul C. Dowidat. The day dawned beautiful, and the spirit of the occasion reflected this beauty.

In the church service the pastor of the congregation, the Rev. Donald W. Grummert, addressed the centenarian and the many members, former members, and friends who had come to greet him on I Corinthians 15:10. His theme was "By the Grace of God, 100 Years." Pastor John Moldenhauer of Johnson, Minnesota, a former vicar at St. John's, served as liturgist.

After the service, Pastor Carl Bolle of



Pastor Paul Dowidat
(Photo by Minneapolis-Tribune)

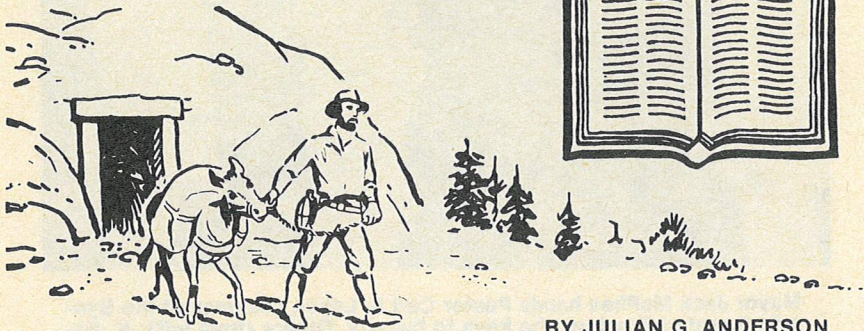
West St. Paul, a long-time friend, addressed the jubilant and read a sampling of the many letters of congratulations. Pastor Dowidat responded, expressing his thanks to the Lord for His blessings and to those who had come to express their well-wishes. An anniversary dinner was served by the ladies of the congregation.

Pastor Dowidat began his services at St. John's early in 1904 and served the congregation for a total of 58 years. He retired in 1962.

The centenarian, son of Pastor and Mrs. Christopher Dowidat, was born in Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin, on July 30, 1879. Two years later the family moved to Oshkosh, Wisconsin, where Paul Dowidat then attended the Christian day school. Pastor Dowidat graduated

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Mining the Treasure of God's Word



BY JULIAN G. ANDERSON

Ezekiel, Chapters 2-6

Before you begin your work today reread Ezekiel 1 and the discussion in the last lesson, keeping in mind that here God was giving Ezekiel a preview of the message he would deliver to the people of Judah in captivity. Then when you finish we'll start with

Ezekiel 2-3

These two chapters contain God's instructions given to Ezekiel at the time of the vision, for chapters 1-3 are a unit. Chapter 2 should begin with the last sentence of 1:28, which with 2:1,2 gives a fine picture of the making of a prophet. First he *sees* the vision, then he *falls* on his face in submission and obedience, then he *hears* the divine voice, then (verse 2) *God's Spirit enters his heart*, and then *sets him on his feet* (hi-lite all these underlined words), so that he is ready to go and deliver his message.

Then note that God addresses Ezekiel as "Son of man" in 2:3,6,8; 3:1,4, 10,17 (hi-lite all), making him a type of Christ in His prophetic office, for Jesus chose this name for Himself (Matt. 8:20; 16:27; 26:64, etc.). Notice the specific terms of his call in 2:3-7 (underline verse 3, last phrase of verse 5, first phrase of verse 7, and hi-lite verse 3a: "I send . . . Israel").

Chapter 3 should begin at 2:8, where the next vision begins and continues to 3:3. Underline 2:8c-3:1, and hi-lite "a roll of a book," verse 9, which describes the appearance of an ancient book like

a roll of paper towels, also the words "lamentation, mourning, woe" in verse 10, which describe the gloomy contents of this book, and the instructions in 3:1, "eat this roll" and "go, speak." By eating this book, Ezekiel was to make this *his* message.

Observe that the commission of 2:3-7 is reiterated in 3:4-11. Hi-lite "the house of Israel" in verse 4b and the last six words of verse 4c, which give a fine definition of a prophet. Note how verses 6 and 7 remind us of Luke 19:41,42. Underline verses 8 and 10, hi-liting the verbs "receive, hear" in verse 10, and in verse 11 the words "go, speak," and "thus saith the Lord," which were the overall theme of every prophet's message.

Chapter 3:12,13 reminds us of John's similar experience in Revelation 1:10-19. Then see how Ezekiel describes his feelings in verse 14b, and his response in verse 15a (underline verses 14b and 15a and hi-lite the last clause of verse 14). Locate the Chebar River, where Ezekiel worked, on the map of Assyria.

God's words in 3:17-21 are vital for our understanding of the ancient prophets. Underline verse 17 and hi-lite the word "watchman" and the two closing phrases beginning "hear" and "give." This gives a fine picture of a prophet. Observe what awesome responsibilities were placed on such men in verses 18-21.

In verses 22-24 note the echoes of 1:28-2:2. Hi-lite the opening clause of

verse 22 and the words "I saw, I fell, the Spirit . . . me, set me . . . feet, and go" in verses 23b and 24. Then underline verse 27 and hi-lite "I will . . . God," noting the promise made in the first clause and the repetition of the overall theme. So ends the story of Ezekiel's call.

Now Turn To Chapters 4-7

These chapters give us Ezekiel's first four messages dealing with the coming destruction of Jerusalem, then only seven years away. Chapter 4 is an illustrated prophecy in three scenes. In verses 1-3 Ezekiel is to draw a detailed picture of Jerusalem besieged on a tile (underline verses 1 and 2 and compare II Kings 25:1-3). The pan would shield Ezekiel. In verses 4-8 Ezekiel was to lie on his side and thus picture himself receiving the punishment for Israel's sins committed over many years. Note the northern kingdom's heavier guilt. No explanation has ever been found for the numbers 390 and 40 other than the fact that the 430 corresponds with the time the children of Israel were in slavery in Egypt. In verses 9-17 he was to act out the awful results of the siege on the people by eating a totally inadequate diet and drinking only a quart of water per day.

Chapter 5 is also an illustrated prophecy, with Ezekiel acting out the message in verses 1-4. Hi-lite the first 10 words of verse 1 and three clauses beginning "a third part" in verse 2. The significance of these actions is explained in verse 12 (hi-lite the corresponding clauses there). The phrase "this is Jerusalem" in verse 5 (hi-lite) makes it clear to whom the prophecy applied. Verses 3 and 4 picture the salvation of the remnant (hi-lite "a few in number") and their purification in captivity (hi-lite "cast them . . . fire"). Note that the underlying theme of all of Ezekiel's messages appears for the first time in verse 13 (hi-lite "they shall know . . . zeal"), and note the recurring words, "anger, wrath, famine, sword," which sound the keynote of this prophecy.

Chapter 6 begins with a symbolic action (verse 2, underline). The main thoughts of this prophecy appear in verses 3b, 6a, 7, 8 and 11c (last 14 words). Underline them all and hi-lite the four recurring theme statements in verses 7b, 10a, 13c, and 14b. And we'll have to save chapter 7 for next time.

Called, Ordained, Commissioned To Work in Brazil



Missionary Paul D. Lehninger and Pastor Ernst F. Lehninger

Eleven years ago a Brazilian church official made the statement: "I believe that Brazil is the greatest mission opportunity for the Lutheran Church in the world." The words were spoken by way of encouragement to our Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod to undertake work in Brazil.

The opportunity to test this statement was given to our Board for World Missions through a direct request for a pastor from Consolation Lutheran Church in Gravatai on the outskirts of

Porto Alegre, a city of over a million people. A plan to answer this request two years ago did not materialize. This spring, however, our Synod's Board for World Missions resolved once more to test the possibilities for doing mission work in Brazil by calling a Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary graduate to carry out a one-year testing and exploratory program while at the same time serving as pastor of Consolation Congregation.

The call was extended to Paul D.

Lehninger. He is well acquainted with the country and its people, having lived with a Brazilian family in Curitiba, Parana, in connection with an American Field Service student program. Paul is the son of Pastor and Mrs. Ernst F. Lehninger of Wauwatosa, Wisconsin. His father is executive director of the Wisconsin Lutheran Child and Family Service in Milwaukee.

An ordination and commissioning service was held June 25, 1978, at St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin. Missionary Lehninger's father preached the sermon, using I Corinthians 2:1,2 to speak of "The Disciple of God and His Preaching." Pastor Lehninger also conducted the service of ordination. The rite of commissioning was read by Pastor Theodore A. Sauer, executive secretary of the Board for World Missions.

Missionary Lehninger arrived in Porto Alegre on August 22 and has begun the work for which he has been called. Gravatai is in an area which is experiencing considerable industrial growth. People are moving in from Porto Alegre and from other areas of Brazil. A good portion of Pastor Lehninger's time will be used to take advantage of the mission opportunities which come with such an influx of new people.

We ask the Lord's blessing for him in the important task which lies before him!

Theodore A. Sauer

Direct from the Districts

MICHIGAN

Reporter Jack DeRuiter

Twenty-five Years as Teacher

At a special service on August 13, 1978, St. John's Lutheran Church, Bay City, Michigan, noted the 25 years of service of one of its Christian-day-school teachers, Mrs. Elaine Slates. During her years of service she has taught grades one and two, served as organist and choir accompanist, and has been director of the Junior Choir.

Mrs. Slates, a native of Bay County, is a graduate of Dr. Martin Luther College and of Central Michigan Univer-

sity. Before teaching at St. John's, she taught at Salem Lutheran School, Owosso, Michigan.

Speaker at the anniversary service was a former pupil, John M. Brenner, instructor and Dean's assistant at Northwestern College, Watertown, Wisconsin.

Following the service, Mrs. Slates was honored at a congregational dinner and a program in the Fellowship Auditorium.

Youth Leaders' Workshop

Twenty enthusiastic leaders of youth in the Michigan District gathered at Killarney Lutheran Camp July 30-31

for a workshop sponsored by the District's Board for Parish Education. The one and one-half day workshop was conducted by three members of the WELS Committee on Youth Ministry: Mr. E. Saar and Pastors J. Behling and D. Stadler. The workshop approach involved the participants in various areas of discussion. Worship, education, and recreation were the main topics, but the other two points of a balanced youth program, fellowship and service, were also dealt with.

The 20 participants, including pastors, vicars, teachers, and lay persons, were given many ideas for use in their own congregational setting and particular phase of youth ministry. The group was reminded in the closing devotion that they cannot be perfect youth leaders, but that God has given each Christian His grace and then uses

each person's talents as He wills.

The youth leaders left the workshop with a renewed zeal for this important part of each congregation's total responsibility. May the youth of the Lord's kingdom be enriched as a result of this workshop!

John M. Graf

NORTHERN WISCONSIN

Reporter Harlyn Kuschel

Centennial at Friedens, Bonduel

Friedens Ev. Lutheran Congregation of Bonduel, Wisconsin, celebrated its centennial on June 18, 1978. Pastor Luther Wendland, son of a former pastor of the congregation, preached in the morning service. Taking Matthew 5:14-16 as his text, he reminded the audience that they were "A City Set on a Hill." Pastor Rodney Busch, a son of the congregation, spoke in the afternoon service on Jeremiah 8:23ff., "Christian Accomplishment." The present pastor, the Rev. Philip Geiger, conducted the services.

Sometime prior to August 1878, Pastor J. H. Birnbaum, who lived in the vicinity of present-day Cecil, founded and organized Friedens Congregation. On August 7 of that year, Pastor Birnbaum, who also owned a farm, sold three acres to the church for the sum of one dollar. A church building was erected the same year. In 1883 the congregation received its first resident pastor, the Rev. Gottfried Oepke. Under his leadership the congregation declared itself confessionally Lutheran by replacing the hitherto used Union Catechism with a Lutheran Catechism. A constitution was adopted and papers of incorporation were signed in 1884. Ties with the Wisconsin Synod were established with the assignment of Candidate G. Press as pastor in 1893. The congregation formally joined the Synod in 1946.

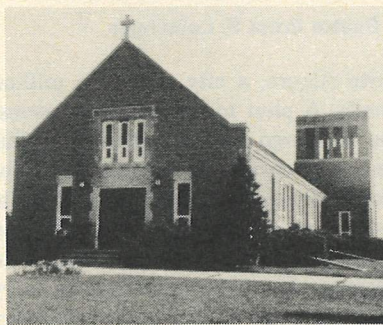
Pastors who have served the congregation since Pastor Press include: E. Haese, J. Pohley, L. Kasper, A. Haberman, V. Weyland, J. Wendland, E. Schewe, L. Zwiig, R. Zimmermann, and P. Geiger. Pastor Haberman's ministry (1913-1940) was the longest.

Three houses of worship have served the Bonduel congregation during its 100-year history. The original frame building erected on a hill about 1½

miles south of the village of Bonduel, served from 1878-1904. In that year a 34 x 66 brick church was erected for about \$4,000. After it was determined in the 1960s that relocation and the building of a new church would best serve the congregation's future needs, the present church building was erected on a 5-acre site on the northeast side of Bonduel. The new church was dedicated in May, 1972.

One hundred years of Gospel ministry at Friedens have witnessed 941 baptisms, 851 confirmations, 268 marriages, and 401 burials. The present membership of the congregation is about 290 communicants and 370 souls. It is served jointly with St. Paul's of Town Angelica.

Anniversary at Christ, Denmark



Twenty-five years minus three days after the key to their church building was turned and the doors opened for the first time, the members of Christ Lutheran Church in Denmark gave thanks for the blessings they have enjoyed in and through their house of worship. On June 4, 1978, a former pastor, the Rev. Arden Stuebs, led the grateful congregation in worship. Basing his message on Psalm 84:1,2 he posed the question, "When Will We Continue to be Rightly Affected toward this House of Worship?" An original hymn, "Today We Gather in Your Name," was prepared by the congregation's pastor, the Rev. Richard Froehlich, for the occasion. Pastor Froehlich also read the rite of rededication. The day's offerings were designated for a stained-glass-window fund.

Although the history of Evangelical Lutheran preaching in the Denmark-Fontenoy area goes back to the mid-nineteenth century, early efforts to organize a congregation in the village of

Denmark proved abortive. German Lutherans in the area were served at various times by pastors from Town Gibson, Maribel, and Town Eaton. Finally, in 1917, under the leadership of Pastor Walter Reinemann, then pastor of Emmanuel, Town Eaton, Christ Congregation was formally organized. Emmanuel and Christ still form a joint parish. Christ Congregation's present church building was dedicated on June 7, 1953.

125th Anniversary at Trinity Town Liberty, Manitowoc County

"All to the Glory of God" was the theme for the 125th anniversary celebration of Trinity Ev. Lutheran Congregation, Town of Liberty, Route 1, Manitowoc, on July 16, 1978. Approximately 1,000 members and friends attended the congregation's three jubilee services, the fellowship dinner, and the historical pageant. Pastor Samuel Kugler, former pastor of the congregation, and Pastor Richard Kugler, a son of the congregation, brought messages from God's Word. The senior Pastor Kugler spoke in the two morning services on Matthew 6:5-15, "A Thankful and Grateful Congregation Prays the Lord's Prayer." His son, Pastor Richard Kugler, addressed the evening worshipers on I Kings 8:56-58, "The Lord Our God Be With Us." Present and former teachers and sons and daughters of the congregation shared organ and instrumental duties. The afternoon pageant depicted the history of the congregation as a vine bearing rich fruit, "All to the Glory of God."

Among the German immigrants seeking a new life in America, the "land of opportunity," and settling in Manitowoc County, were the natives of Hannover, Mecklenberg, Prussia, and Saxony. Many of them were anxious to promote their faith in their new land. The early history of Trinity is tied closely together with that of St. John's Congregation of Newtonburg. When the latter congregation was only two years old its pastor, the Rev. C. Goldammer, also began serving the Lutheran families in the Town Liberty area. The two congregations were served jointly for some 38 years. During those years the members of Trinity trudged to Newtonburg for confirmation instructions, often boarding with

members of St. John's.

In 1891 Trinity called its own resident pastor. Seven pastors have served Trinity full time since 1891. They are: H. Zarwell, F. Weerts, P. Hensel, E. Schroeder, A. Geiger, S. Kugler and, since 1970, the present pastor, C. R. Rosenow.

During its 125-year history Trinity Congregation has worshiped in three different churches. The first was a log cabin located about a mile north of the present church. In 1867 a second church was built on the present church site. The present church was dedicated on Reformation Sunday, 1910.

By God's grace, Christian education on a full-time basis became part of Trinity's ministry in 1925. A school house, constructed in 1891, served until 1963, when the present school was built. Mr. Leslie Kehl is the school's principal. Also teaching are Mrs. Paul Scherzberg and Mrs. Ray Oakley.

Special projects undertaken for the anniversary included a complete re-decoration of the church's interior and the installation of new lighting fixtures, wiring, and a new sound system. Trinity numbers 285 communicants, 385 souls.

WESTERN WISCONSIN
Reporter Harold Sturm

District Reporter

Pastor Harold W. Sturm was recently appointed reporter for the Western Wisconsin District, replacing Pastor Victor Prange. He is pastor of Zion Lutheran Church, Arlington, Wisconsin, and his address is Route 1 Box 43, Arlington, Wisconsin 53911. He can also be reached by calling 608/635-4000.

Pastor Sturm's home is Merrill, Wisconsin. He is a 1963 graduate of Northwestern College and a 1967 graduate of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. He vicaried in Globe, Sanford, and Morenci, Arizona, and has previously served congregations in Woodbury, St. Paul, Rollingstone, and Altura, all in Minnesota. He became pastor in Arlington, Wisconsin, in 1975.

Pastor Sturm is married to Donna Dahlke. Children in the family are Kelly, Karen, Lisa, and Mark.

We welcome Pastor Sturm as a contributor to *The Northwestern Lutheran*.

Pastor Dowidat's 100th (continued)

from Northwestern College in 1899 and then attended the Seminary in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin. His first assignment was that of mission pastor in North Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. In November of 1903 he accepted the call to Minneapolis.

On May 30, 1906, he was united in marriage with Miss Clara Kriedemann. After retiring, he and his wife made their home in New Brighton, a suburb of Minneapolis. Mrs. Dowidat died on August 24, 1973. For the last few years Pastor Dowidat has lived in the Golden Age Nursing Home in St. Paul.

May our gracious Lord continue to shower His grace upon Pastor Dowidat as he enters his second century!

D. Grummert

ORDINATIONS AND INSTALLATIONS

(Authorized by the District Presidents)

Pastors:

Ordained and Installed

- Davidson, Walter C.**, as pastor of Grace, Oskaloosa, Iowa, on July 16, 1978, by R. Maurice (Minn.).
- Plath, Roger W.**, as pastor of Abiding Word, Houston, Texas, on July 30, 1978, by C. Learman (Ariz.-Calif.).
- Rupprecht, Jonathan H.**, as pastor of Zion, Sanborn, Minnesota, on July 9, 1978, by J. Schmidt (Minn.).
- Toepel, Mark K.**, as pastor of Salem, Township of Woodbury, and of Mt. Zion, St. Paul, Minnesota, on July 30, 1978, by M. L. Schwartz (Minn.).

Installed

- Klessig, Alan R.**, as pastor of St. Paul's, Marquette, Michigan (additional charge), on August 27, 1978, by P. Kuckhahn (NW).
- Kuckhahn, Richard J.**, as pastor of Immanuel, Gibbon, Minnesota, on August 13, 1978, by T. Henning (Minn.).
- Mattek, John W.**, as pastor of St. Peter's, Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, on August 13, 1978, by J. Mattek (NW).
- Pagel, Carl E.**, as pastor of Bethlehem, Hortonville, Wisconsin, on August 27, 1978, by T. Meier (NW).

Teachers

- Eberhardt, David F.** as teacher at St. John's, Watertown, Wisconsin, on August 20, 1978, by H. Essmann (WW).
- Ehlike, Roger W.**, as teacher at Eastside, Madison, Wisconsin, on August 27, 1978, by K. Bast (WW).
- Engel, Jon**, as instructor at Lakeside Lutheran High School, Lake Mills, Wisconsin, on August 27, 1978, by E. Vomhof (WW).
- Grandt, Gary**, as teacher at Bethany, Manitowoc, Wisconsin, on August 13, 1978, by L. Ellenberger (NW).
- Hahn, Edwin**, as teacher at St. Mark's, Watertown, Wisconsin, on August 20, 1978, by M. Kell (WW).
- Havens, Richard R.**, as teacher at Trinity, Nicollet, Minnesota, on August 6, 1978, by R. Polzin (Minn.).
- Kremer, Denis**, as teacher at Trinity for St. John's, St. Paul, Minnesota, on July 16, 1978, by E. Knief (Minn.).
- Mischke, Joel P.**, as principal and teacher at Good Shepherd, Phoenix, Arizona, on August 20, 1978, by I. Frey (Ariz.-Calif.).
- Raether, Leon**, as Minister of Christian Education and Music at St. Peter's, St. Peter, Minnesota, on August 6, 1978, by O. Lindholm (Minn.).
- Rahn, Kenneth**, as teacher at St. Mark's, Watertown, Wisconsin, on August 20, 1978, by M. Kell (WW).
- Ricke, Mark**, as instructor at Lakeside Lutheran High School, Lake Mills, Wisconsin, on August 27, 1978, by E. Vomhof (WW).

- Schroer, Thomas**, as teacher at St. John's, Wrightstown, Wisconsin, on August 13, 1978, by C. Klein (NW).
- Schutters, Edward**, as instructor at Lakeside Lutheran High School, on August 27, 1978, by E. Vomhof (WW).
- Seidl, Ursel**, as teacher at Immanuel, La Crosse, Wisconsin, on August 20, 1978, by J. Parcher (WW).
- Steinbrenner, Dennis**, as instructor at Manitowoc Lutheran High School, Manitowoc, Wisconsin, on August 28, 1978, by G. Unke (NW).
- Stelter, Dale**, as teacher at St. Matthew's, Janesville, Wisconsin, on August 27, 1978, by D. Sievert (WW).
- Voss, Richard**, as teacher at Immanuel, Medford, Wisconsin, on August 20, 1978, by M. Zank (WW).
- Wels, Ronald**, as principal and teacher at St. Peter's, Chilton, Wisconsin, on August 6, 1978, by K. Edenhauser (NW).

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CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES

ARIZONA-CALIFORNIA

DISTRICT PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: October 24-26, 1978; Communion service at 10:00 a.m., October 24.

Place: Grace, Glendale, Arizona; R. Zimmermann, host pastor.

Agenda: Exegesis of Luke 16:1-17; R. Van Norstrand; Old Testament Prophecies Relating to the New Testament Church: Q. Wiley; Imperatives for the New Man in Ephesians and Colossians: R. Sawall; Encouraging Christian Education in the Home: S. Degner; Exegetical-Homiletical Study of II Corinthians 9:6-12: M. Nitz; Moralizing and the Pastoral Ministry: S. Krueger.

L. Lange, Secretary

DAKOTA-MONTANA

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. Kovachy; 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. Schulz. D. Weiser, Secretary

EASTERN FALL PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: October 17-18; 10:00 a.m.

Place: Ascension Ev. Lutheran Church, Mitchell, South Dakota; R. Gurgel, host pastor.

Preacher: D. Linn; G. Johnson, alternate.
Agenda: Exegesis of II Timothy 4: G. Bunde; Isagogical Study of Joel: E. Conradt; Homiletical Study of Psalm 24: P. Stuebs; The Flacian and Synergistic Controversies (*Formula of Concord*, Articles I and II) Then and Now: W. Schulz; Comparing Situation and Christian Ethics: Their Roles, Relationships, and Implication: E. Werner; Conclusion to the Ten Commandments: D. Schmidt.

Note: Any requests for accommodations should be sent to host pastor.

D. Schmidt, Secretary

MICHIGAN

DISTRICT TEACHERS' CONFERENCE

Date: October 4-6, 1978.

Place: Bethel Lutheran School, Bay City, Michigan.

Agenda: **Wednesday, October 4**
9:00 Registration
9:30 Devotion; Chairman's Address
10:00 Workshops
1:30 Business Meeting
4:30 Choir Rehearsal
7:30 Worship Service
Thursday, October 5
9:00 Devotion
9:30 Doctrinal Essay on "Heaven and Hell"
1:00 Devotion
1:15 Reports
2:00 Workshops
Friday, October 6
9:00 Devotion
9:30 Practical Essay on "Teaching Good Study Habits"
10:45 Business Meeting
12:15 Inspirational Address

A. K. Heyer

COLONIAL PASTORS' CONFERENCE

Date: October 17-18, 1978.

Place: Abiding Word Lutheran Church, Orleans, Ontario, Canada; D. Priebe, host pastor.

Preacher: D. Priebe; W. Beckmann, alternate.
Agenda: Article XIII of the *Augsburg Confession*, On the Use of the Sacraments: D. Pagel; Exegesis of I Corinthians 14 and I Timothy 2, Women Speaking in the Church: J. Mittlestaedt; Cross, Punishment, and Chastisement: "The Wages of Sin Is . . . ?": P. Schmiege.

D. Scherbarth, Secretary

MINNESOTA

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

RED WING PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: October 17, 1978; 9:00 a.m. Communion service.

Place: St. John's Lutheran, Red Wing, Minnesota; G. Horn, host pastor.

Preacher: L. Cross; R. Berg, alternate.
Agenda: Exegesis of Zechariah 9: C. Zuleger; Exegesis of Romans 1:18-32: A. Frenz; The Mormons: P. Otto; The Relationship of the Pastor's Family to the Church: M. Doelger.

R. Kuznicki, 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

ROSEBUD PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: October 19, 1978.

Place: Our Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church, Martin, South Dakota; R. Agenten, host pastor.

Preacher: R. Agenten; A. Ristow, alternate.
Agenda: Transcendental Meditation: N. Baumann; Pentecostalism — Charismatic Gifts at the Apostles Times and Today: C. Iles; Sr.

T. Wendt, Secretary

NORTHERN WISCONSIN

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: R. Diener.

Note: If you need lodging, contact the host pastor.
T. Trapp

LAKE SUPERIOR PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: October 17-18, 1978; 9:30 a.m. Communion service.

Place: Christ Ev. Lutheran, Menominee, Michigan; J. Lindquist, host pastor.

Preacher: J. Kingsbury.
Agenda: Isagogical Paper on Joel: W. Bessler; *Augsburg Confession*, Article XII: J. Hanson; The Battle with Depression, Counseling the Potential Suicide: K. Kuenzel; The Bishop Speaks, The Position of the Modern Roman Church: A. Klessig; The Effective Use of Laymen and Youth in the Ministry of the Church: F. Mueller; Homiletical Study (with notes and outlines) for Text for Following Sunday: D. Tills; Exegesis of Galatians 6: P. Kuckhahn; The Pastor and Finances: Mr. Don Sickels; A Glimpse at the Current Charismatic Movement: Where It's At and Where It's Headed: P. Frohman; *This We Believe*: The Things We Reject: W. Steffenhagen; alternate paper: Seeking Signs from God for Life's Decisions: Can We Ask for and Expect Answers: W. Zink.

Note: Copies of all papers to be furnished for all who attend; requests for lodging to be directed to the host pastor.

A. Klessig, Secretary

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN

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

WISLOWA 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 Prophets: R. Kogler; Birth Control in the Light of Scripture: D. Aderman; II Timothy 1: G. Hintz.

Note: Conference Dues: \$5.00.

J. Kutil, Secretary

CENTRAL PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: October 17, 1978; 9:00 a.m.

Place: St. Peter's, Brodhead, Wisconsin.

Agenda: Exegesis of I Corinthians 6: W. Schumann; Shall The Church Take A Stand On Public Issues? A. Laper.

Note: Please excuse to the undersigned.

P. Ziemer, Secretary

WISCONSIN STATE TEACHERS' CONFERENCE

Date: October 26-27, 1978.

Place: Wisconsin Lutheran High School, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin.

Agenda: **Thursday, October 26**
9:00 Opening Service (Pastor C. Voss, speaker; Mr. C. Nolte, organist)
9:55 Announcements, Election, DMLC Report

10:45 Sectionals and Workshops

1:30 Devotions

1:40 BPE Report

2:10 NWC and NPS Reports

2:45 Sectionals and Workshops

Friday, October 27

9:00 Devotions

9:15 Business Meeting

10:15 Sectionals and Workshops

1:00 Devotions

1:10 Doctrinal Paper and Discussion: "Inter-Church Relationships": Pastor H. Wickie.

2:40 WLC Report, Unfinished Business, and Closing Service

G. E. Pape

APPOINTMENTS

The following were appointed to various positions in the South Atlantic District recently:

Pastor Rodney Busch as second vice-president to replace Pastor Mark Goeglein who accepted a call to a foreign mission field.

Pastor James Vogt to the office of secretary to replace Pastor Rodney Busch.

Pastor Edward Schuppe as a member of the Evangelism Commission to replace Pastor Mark Goeglein.

Raymond L. Wiechmann, President
South Atlantic District

OPEN HOUSE

MARTIN LUTHER PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Members and friends of our Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod are invited to view the facilities of our newest worker-training school at Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, on Sunday, October 22, 1978. There will be an open house from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.

THE COORDINATING COUNCIL

The Coordinating Council of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod will meet on October 20, 1978, in the Synod Administration Building, 3512 W. North Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53208. The first session will begin at 9:00 a.m.

Oscar J. Naumann, Chairman

NOTICE

The next regular plenary session of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for
October 23-24, 1978.

Business to be acted on is to be submitted to the Executive Secretary of the Board, with copies to be furnished the Chairman of the Board, no later than ten days prior to the meeting date.

Norval W. Kock, Secretary
Board of Trustees

Treasurer's Report

PREBUDGET SUBSCRIPTION PERFORMANCE

Seven months ended July 31, 1978

	Subscription Amount for 1978	7/12 of Annual Subscription	Subscription and Pension Offerings	Per Cent of Subscription
Arizona-California	\$ 451,704	\$ 263,493	\$ 267,312	101.4
Dakota-Montana	240,599	140,349	135,468	96.5
Michigan	1,296,136	756,075	696,553	92.1
Minnesota	1,372,260	800,480	851,786	106.4
Nebraska	268,565	156,662	149,809	95.6
Northern Wisconsin	1,467,813	856,219	810,127	94.6
Pacific Northwest	128,577	75,003	78,623	104.8
Southeastern Wisconsin	1,785,292	1,041,414	940,514	90.3
Western Wisconsin	1,688,201	984,778	941,773	95.6
South Atlantic	111,508	65,046	65,030	100.0
Total — 1978	<u>\$8,810,655</u>	<u>\$5,139,519</u>	<u>\$4,936,995</u>	<u>96.1</u>
Total — 1977	<u>\$8,247,332</u>	<u>\$4,810,944</u>	<u>\$4,314,987</u>	<u>89.7</u>

CURRENT BUDGETARY FUND

Statement of Income and Expenditures

Twelve months ended July 31, 1978 with comparative figures for 1977

	Twelve months ended July 31,		Increase or Decrease*	
	1978	1977	Amount	Per Cent
Income				
Prebudget Subscription Offerings	\$8,769,449	\$7,866,127	\$ 903,322	11.5
Pension Plan Contributions	72,780	73,630	850*	1.2*
Gifts and Memorials	234,621	210,676	23,945	11.4
Bequests	101,665	48,538	53,127	—
Earnings from Fox Estate	64,961	61,371	3,590	5.8
Other Income	22,749	11,561	11,188	96.8
Transfers from Other Funds	135,005	97,222	37,783	38.9
Total Income	<u>\$9,401,230</u>	<u>\$8,369,125</u>	<u>\$1,032,105</u>	<u>12.3</u>
Expenditures				
Worker Training — Expenses	\$5,352,665	\$4,986,549	\$ 366,116	7.3
Worker Training — Income	<u>2,274,037</u>	<u>2,123,630</u>	<u>150,407</u>	<u>7.1</u>
Worker Training — Net	\$3,078,628	\$2,962,919	\$ 215,709	7.5
Home Missions	1,846,601	1,598,428	248,173	15.5
World Missions	1,448,434	1,359,581	88,853	6.5
Benevolences	1,052,880	999,187	53,693	5.4
Administration and Services	857,042	713,806	143,236	20.1
Total Operations	\$8,283,585	\$7,533,921	\$ 749,664	10.0
CEF-Interest Subsidy	696,891	609,786	87,105	14.3
Appropriations — Building Funds	<u>235,833</u>	<u>200,826</u>	<u>35,007</u>	<u>17.4</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$9,216,309</u>	<u>\$8,344,533</u>	<u>\$ 871,776</u>	<u>10.4</u>
Operating Gain/Deficit*	<u>\$ 184,921</u>	<u>\$ 24,592</u>		

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:
September	October 6
October	November 7
November	December 7
December	January 8

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STUDENT NAMES

The names of all college-age students who will be attending *non-WELS* affiliated schools should be sent to the Special Ministries Board. Ask your pastor to submit the name of your son or daughter, or write directly to the Special Ministries Board, 3512 W. North Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53208.

Student lists are not carried over from one school year to another. Therefore it is necessary to resubmit the names of students who were on the Student Services list the previous year.

WISCONSIN LUTHERAN COLLEGE SERVICE CLUB

Special news for all friends of Wisconsin Lutheran College. A new concept in a service organization — one which is family oriented to serve, support, and promote Wisconsin Lutheran College.

The first annual meeting of the Service Club will be held on Sunday, October 22, 1978, at 2:00 p.m. at the college, located at 8830 West Bluemound Road, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. We cordially invite your participation.

The program for the day will begin with registration and a social hour. The chairman of the Service Club will explain the purpose and goals, followed by a brief presentation by the president of the college and other staff members and students. Entertainment for the occasion of the first annual meeting will be provided by the Alumni Association. Tours of the facility will be conducted. A committee will serve dessert, and milk.

A freewill offering will be received for special projects.