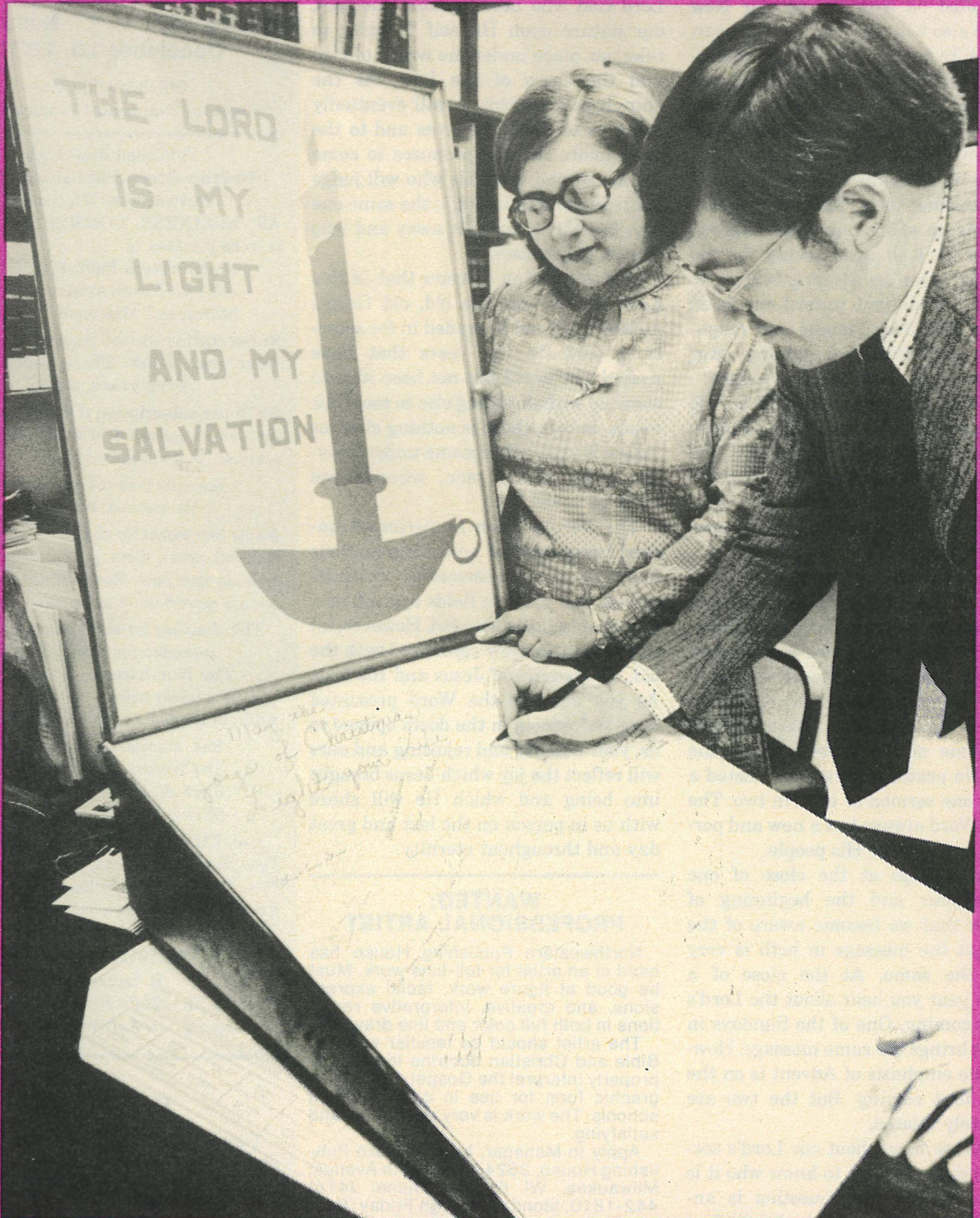


# The Northwestern Lutheran







## Briefs by the Editor

A new church year began on December 3. Just as with the secular New Year so also with the new church year, there is room for new year's resolutions. With the help of the Lord's Spirit may we resolve to reactivate our prayer-life, to hear the Word regularly, to receive the Sacrament more frequently, to set aside time for personal Bible reading, to be faithful in home devotions, to share our faith with our children, to look upon giving for the Lord's kingdom as a real privilege, to be kind and patient toward our loved ones, to introduce friends and neighbors to Jesus Christ — and any other resolutions you may deem necessary.

God also has something for us. He wants us to receive from Him strength to overcome temptation, comfort in the hour of grief, help in times of distress, forgiveness for sin and for life's failures, joy in His promises, and the sure hope of eternal life.

The two above lists, of course, go together for the Lord gives you His gifts through the Gospel in Word and Sacrament. That's why in this new church year you will find our churches preaching the same message they preached last year and the year before. In fact, even some of the texts may be the same. No pastor has ever exhausted a text in one sermon or even in two. The Lord's Word always has a new and pertinent message for His people.

It is perhaps at the close of one church year and the beginning of another that we become aware of the fact that the message in both is very much the same. At the close of a church year you hear about the Lord's second coming. One of the Sundays in Advent brings the same message. However, the emphasis of Advent is on the Lord's first coming. But the two are intimately related.

When we hear about our Lord's second coming, we want to know who it is that is coming. Our question is answered when we turn to the Lord's first

coming. There we learn that He is the Lord God who became man and took our nature upon Himself in order to take our place under the wrath of God and the curse of the Law. As the church year unfolds, it will eventually bring us to Calvary's cross and to the open tomb. He who promises to come for the second time, He who will judge the living and the dead, is the same one who has taken our sins away and who brings us life eternal.

It is comforting to know that in this new church year the old, old Gospel message will not be traded in for something new. In the years that have passed, the world has not been able to come up with anything else to meet our needs. In fact, there is nothing else, for "there is none other name under heaven, given among men, whereby we must be saved."

*The Northwestern Lutheran* will indeed bring news of new congregations founded, new missionaries commissioned, new mission fields opened, new Christian schools founded. However, all of this is intimately connected with the old, old message of Jesus and His love. As you dig into the Word presented here and rejoice in the doors opened to us, your activity and rejoicing and ours will reflect the joy which Jesus brought into being and which He will share with us in person on the last and great day and throughout eternity.

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## Editorials

**Meetings** A parish pastor was asked how he visualized heaven. "Well, for one thing," he asserted, "there won't be any meetings there." He did not cite chapter and verse, of course; but his droll reply does give us something to think about.

The American people as a whole, it seems, repose great confidence in meetings. To the extremely meeting-minded there is an obvious solution to any problem: hold a meeting. Among those who share this thinking in church circles an ecclesiastical theorem seems to have developed: "The more meetings, the better." This, in turn, has a corollary: "The longer the meeting, the greater the service to the Lord."

Weary of meetings as the non-meeting-oriented may become, none would hold that all meetings are unnecessary. Brethren must consult together; work must be planned; problems must be discussed — to say nothing of the meetings held to hear and learn God's Word and to worship Him, a practice for which chapter and verse can be cited.

But the value of meetings can be overrated. When they deal essentially with trivialities, they merely consume time. When they multiply inordinately, it keeps the work from being done. Some meetings appear to be mere busy-work to keep the people "active." If all the ills of the world could be cured by a multiplicity of meetings, those ills today would be virtually nonexistent.

Many a church member wishes he had more time for family responsibilities. Many a pastor would prefer to use the time spent at nonessential meetings for study and meditation and to make the calls he has left unmade.

During World War II, when gasoline was being rationed, ration classification stickers affixed to automobile windshields bore the legend, "Is this trip necessary?" This question might legitimately be raised also in connection with church meetings in a day when such meetings seem to be proliferating. There is work to be done.

Immanuel Frey

**Yes, There Is a Hell** The liberal clergyman resented having a fundamentalist preacher consign him to the "legion of the damned" because he didn't believe in hell and damnation.

In reply, the liberal clergyman cited I Timothy 2:4: "Who [God] desires all men to be saved . . ." and argued that if all men are not saved, God's will is thwarted; He is unable to achieve His purpose. He wrote: "Could it be that the great, triune God of the universe could find His purposes blocked by anything man does, or does not do? The very idea is absurd. Therefore it will surely be that the end-result of world history will be the salvation of mankind and their reconciliation to God, who created us and loves us, and who would not do anything — in this world or the next — inconsistent with that love."

What a beguiling thought! A loving God will not condemn anyone to the fires of hell; in the end, everybody will enter eternal bliss.

Why, then, did Jesus weep over Jerusalem and lament: "How often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!" Man does have the fatal ability to say no to God. Jesus knew this; He also knew the stark tragedy that awaits those who reject their Savior in unbelief, for He said: "He that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." That wrath of God will one day speak a fearful and irrevocable word to those who reject the only hope of salvation men will ever have. To those who reject Jesus Christ as their Savior it will solemnly declare: "Depart from Me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels." Those who reject the Son of God damn themselves eternally.

Yes, God is a God of love. He did so love the world that He gave His only-begotten Son to pay the price for all its wickedness and perversity and rottenness. But His saving love is also to be found nowhere else than in His Son Jesus Christ. Those who believe in Him are blessed by that love. Those who reject Him sunder themselves from it; they have lost it forever.

Whoever teaches that one may ignore and reject the love of God in Christ and still be saved is sending a soul straight to hell. Whoever teaches that the sinner will be saved even though, in his time of grace, he does not repent and believe in Jesus Christ is a henchman of Satan. The "legion of the damned" believe that teaching.

Carleton Toppe

**Pleased But Not Satisfied** It's difficult for congregations to keep a balance in their estimation of themselves. Especially is this true at this time of the year when we are looking back at what we have been doing and looking ahead to the coming year. Some congregations may be inclined to take a jet flight into the wild blue yonder, feeling they are really terrific. But I suspect that a great many more of us are inclined to take a nose dive into a muddy swamp of inferiority feelings and pessimism.

What's the proper balance? I think it can be stated in four words: Pleased but not satisfied. A parent is pleased watching his baby take its first stumbling steps, but a loving, wise parent isn't satisfied with that. He wants the child eventually to walk with full, firm strides.

So the number of people at worship services, Bible classes, and meetings is not what you think it should be. So the budget wasn't met for the upteenth year in a row. So the nominating committee has been unable to fill the slate of candidates. So the rate of youth dropping out of your congregation is alarming. So there wasn't much evident success in the evangelism program. So your school is in need of educational supplies and inflation has already sent the proposed budget out of sight.

Somehow we tend to think that in the church there should be only peace and ease and success. And when it's

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# Nine New WELS Day Schools in 1978

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### Good Shepherd School — Benton Harbor, Michigan *Rejoicing In Its Own School!*

Pastor W. J. Zarling — Teachers Kenneth Kasten and Ann Rausch

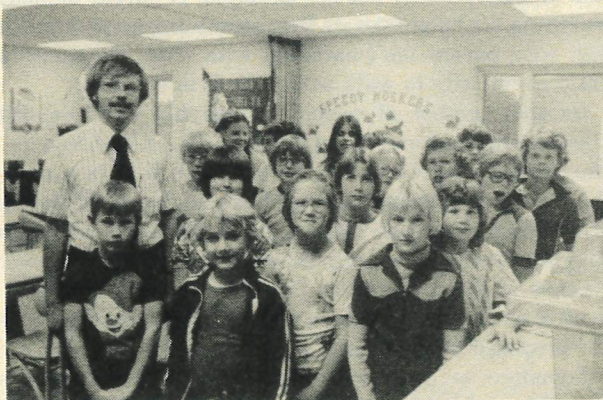
The opening of its own school by Good Shepherd Ev. Lutheran Church of Benton Harbor, Michigan, was the fulfillment of a plan which was formed more than two decades ago, when Good Shepherd was organized as a new mission. There was considerable discussion in those early days as to whether a school should be begun immediately or whether the church should first build its church and parsonage. The decision was reached to work for the establishment of a congregation which would be able to support a school without financial assistance from the Synod. This decision was made easier because St. Matthew's Congregation of Benton Harbor and other schools of the area were willing to accept the children of Good Shepherd Congregation on a tuition basis.

This arrangement continued for the next 20 years. It was a very fine arrangement as far as quality education for the children was concerned, and the members of the congregation are deeply grateful for the assistance. However, since it was recognized that the congregation was hampered in its own development by not having its own school, the congregation in the fall of 1977 decided to open its own school the following year.

In 1970 a classroom-fellowship addition had been added to the church. This addition became the first home of Michigan Lutheran High School, which made use of these facilities for two years. The classrooms have now become the very pleasant home of Good Shepherd Christian Day School.

The blessings of the Lord have been evident from the very beginning. His first gift to the school was persuading Mr. Kenneth Kasten and Mrs. Ann Rausch to accept the call of the congregation. Not only did they bring along classroom teaching experience, but also experience in the details of opening a new school. Meeting the requirements of the various state codes and organizing the new school were ably done. Good Shepherd's members also volunteered many hours of labor and contributed extra monetary gifts for the equipment needed. All was in readiness when the 31 children appeared for classes.

Good Shepherd's members, its teachers, and its pastor, the Rev. W. J. Zarling, look forward with confidence to God's continued blessing.



Upper Grades — K. Kasten, principal



Lower Grades — Mrs. Rausch, teacher

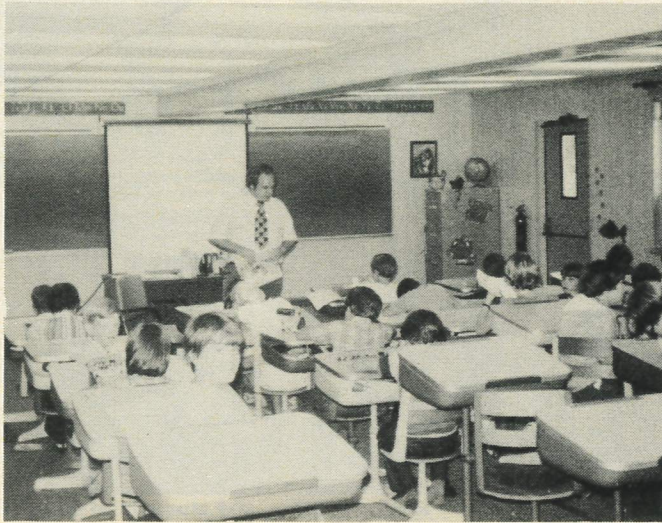


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## St. John's School — Sturgis, Michigan

### *A Dream Come True!*

Pastor John Graf — Teacher Kenneth Zahn



Principal K. Zahn and his class

St. John's Lutheran School, Sturgis, Michigan, is a fine example of how the Lord can bless the dream of a few isolated people and bring it to fruition. As recently as 1974, St. John's Lutheran School was no more than a dream. The congregation was small — less than 240 souls — and its budget was burdened with a sizable mortgage on the church building.

However, in late 1974 a number of persons shared their hopes and desires with the Rev. John M. Graf, pastor of St. John's Congregation, and with each other. Others became interested and, by early 1975, a school committee was formed to survey the congregation to determine the extent of interest in a

Christian day school. The survey revealed definite interest, but the mortgage specter cast a cloud over the prospects.

The Lord soon reminded the members that nothing is impossible with Him. The congregation experienced considerable growth, reaching 300 souls by June 1978. The Lord touched both the hearts and the wallets of St. John's members so that the mortgage began to shrink more quickly than expected, and gifts designated for a Christian day school began to come in.

A program for financing a school was made a part of the congregation's budget in the second quarter of 1977. That summer the congregation pro-

ceeded to purchase a modular classroom. Although the mortgage still disturbed some of the members, the congregation, in its annual meeting on January 8, 1978, was convinced that it was the Lord's will that the school begin and extended a call for a teacher. At this point, one of the member families was moved to make an offer of a sizable gift toward the mortgage — an offer intended to encourage the congregation seriously to work at eliminating the mortgage by July in order to clear the way for undivided support for beginning the school. The mortgage was paid in full nearly a full month before the July goal.

After an amazingly short time, the dream had become a reality. On July 30, 1978, in a special service of praise and thanksgiving, St. John's Congregation burned the mortgage on its church building, dedicated the first building of St. John's Lutheran School, and installed Kenneth D. Zahn as the first principal/teacher of the school. It was truly a joyous and historic day for our congregation in Sturgis, Michigan.

Another milestone was passed on Tuesday, September 5, 1978, when, following a special worship service in the church, instructions began in St. John's Lutheran School. The enrollment numbers 25 children from 15 families, with at least two children in each grade from 1 to 8. The people of St. John's congregation are both grateful and eager: grateful to a most generous Lord for His manifold blessings and eager to get about the welcome task of feeding the Lord's sheep and lambs in a way they only dreamed of a few short years ago.

R. Franklin Carmien

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## Divine Savior School — Indianapolis, Indiana

### *Unanimously Approved!*

Pastor Randall Rathje  
Teacher Judith Rathke

"Resolved, that the name of the school shall be Divine Savior Ev. Lutheran School." This was the last item in a seven-point resolution on starting a Christian day school unanimously approved at a special voters' meeting on April 2, 1978.

The resolution was the culmination of active efforts begun in 1973, and ful-

filled a desire which had been in the hearts of the congregation's members ever since its humble beginnings in 1967. Although the transition from a small flock of believers worshipping in homes with taped services, to a congregation with a school has not been free of problems, it has been marked throughout by God's blessings. The

decision to undertake this new venture was witness of faith that the Lord of the Church would also bless this effort.

It was in 1973 that Divine Savior Congregation of Indianapolis, Indiana, decided to undertake a thorough feasibility study of the entire matter. Sister congregations with Christian day

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schools were surveyed, state requirements for private schools were studied, and the philosophy of Christian education evaluated. The financial aspects were also addressed. Results of the study were presented to the congregation's annual meeting in January 1974. A goal was unanimously set to open a school in three to five years.

In the fall of 1977 the initial goal was further defined as September 1978. Again, the vote was unanimous. Cottage meetings were then held in March 1978 to inform the congregation and to determine the commitment of its members. The results were beyond expectation.

From 1973 to 1977 the congregation had taken a number of steps to improve its facilities to meet the educational needs of its children. In the spring of 1976, a 900-square-foot education wing was added to the chapel and fellowship hall with the help of additional CEF funds and willing hands. The room, carpeted and equipped, was put to immediate use by the Sunday school and vacation Bible school.

Today this room also serves as the daily classroom for 10 pupils in grades K-8 and their teacher, Mrs. Judith Rathke, a member of the congregation. Mrs. Rathke is a 1957 graduate of Val-



Pastor, teacher, and students of Divine Savior

paraiso University and has previously taught grades K-2 in another of our Synod's schools. Pastor Randall H. Rathje doubles as principal and teaches Catechism, Bible History, and Physical Ed in grades 6-8. Five mothers from the congregation also assist.

The establishment of the second

WELS Christian day school in the state of Indiana has been no more problem-free than the rest of Divine Savior's infant history. But we are confident that the Lord approves of the steps that were taken. His blessings are evident. May He continue to guide us and bless us in the future!

## Martin Luther School — Warren, Michigan

### *Eight Congregations Equal One School*

Principal Leon Brands

Teacher Sue Weir

Martin Luther School in Warren, Michigan, north of Detroit, is unique. It does not belong to one, or even two congregations. It belongs to eight! As Pastor Naumann of Sterling Heights, Michigan, stated in the school's opening service: "The Lord guided some very ordinary people to make some very extraordinary decisions. God's grace is the reason this school exists."

The "roots" of Martin Luther School go back to July 1976, when a group of pastors from Detroit and its northern suburbs met at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Sterling Heights, to discuss the concept of a joint Christian day school. It was noted that the entire area had no WELS elementary school and that a number of congregations had tried unsuccessfully to establish

one. Would it be possible for all of the area congregations, working together, to establish a school? The pastors decided to "feel out" their respective congregations.

On February 5, 1977, the first meeting of the Christian Day School Study Committee was held at Our Shepherd Lutheran Church, Warren. The lay representatives and pastors from the area congregations faced many problems — location, financial responsibility, transportation, organizational structure, and numerous others. Many meetings later, in July 1977, the committee presented its recommendations to the individual congregations. This resulted in the birth of the Lutheran School Association of Warren. It was decided that the school was to be run

by a board of education comprised of the pastors and lay representatives of each member congregation. Plans were made to begin classes in September 1978.

The dream became a reality when the Lord granted two capable workers early in 1978. Mr. Leon Brands accepted the call as principal and teacher of the upper grades. Mrs. Sue Weir accepted the call to teach the lower grades. Both are called by the association.

Next, the building. The Lord again answered all prayers. Furnished classrooms were rented in a former public elementary school in Madison Heights, only a few miles west of what was considered the "ideal central location." The children also have access to the



playground and to the gymnasium facilities in this school building.

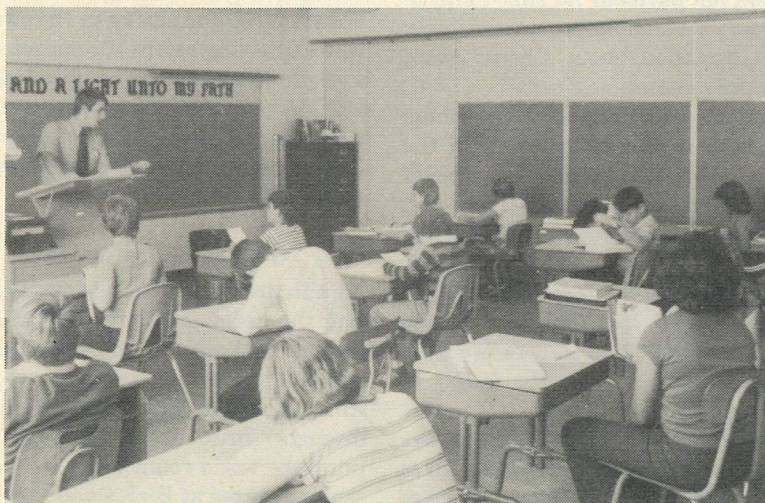
The big day was Tuesday, September 5, 1978. The school's opening service was held that evening and classes began the next morning. The need for a Biblical and Christ-centered elementary education was finally met. Enrollment presently stands at 45. The eight congregations in the association, their pastors, and the number of children enrolled from each congregation are as follows:

Divine Grace, Lake Orion . . .	3
Pastor M. Hoppe	
Cross of Glory, Washington	9
Pastor S. Valleskey	
St. Mark's, Sterling Heights	10
Pastor J. Naumann	
Ascension, Roseville . . . . .	2
Pastor P. Schmeling	

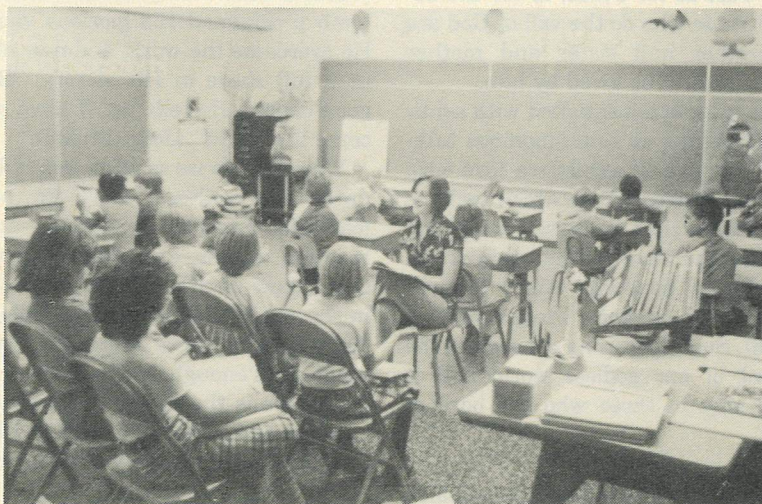
Our Shepherd, Warren . . . . .	9
Pastor J. Henderson	
Zion, Warren . . . . .	2
Pastor I. Weiss	
Mt. Olive, Detroit . . . . .	2
Pastor E. Frey	
Hope, Detroit . . . . .	8
Pastor G. Jahnke	

Only God knows what the future holds in store for our school association. What we know now is that 45 children are learning of their Savior every day in Martin Luther School. He has blessed every detail of our operation, giving us a dedicated faculty, and enabling the eight congregations to work together in Christian harmony and cooperation. We hope our joint venture will also serve as an encouragement to other areas thinking of a joint school.

Pastor Gene Jahnke, Chairman  
Board of Education



Classroom of Principal Leon Brands



Classroom of Teacher Sue Weir

## How Blest and Holy Is This Place (Centennial Hymn)

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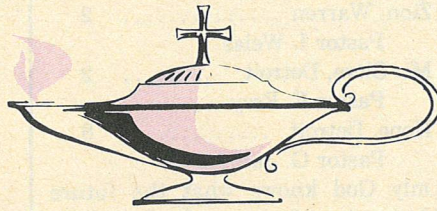
- How blest and holy is this place!  
Here flowed a century of grace\*  
For sinners who could bring no claim  
Except our great Redeemer's name.  
How blest and holy is this place  
Where we see God in all His grace!
- All those who in our pulpit stood  
Proclaimed the mercies of our God:  
"O sinners, you are justified  
Through My dear Son, the Crucified!"  
How blest and holy is this place  
Where we see God in all His grace!
- Behold the host of children brought  
For whom baptismal grace was sought.  
Each infant, though by sin defiled,  
Was cleansed and made God's holy child.  
How blest and holy is this place  
Where we see God in all His grace!
- Here troubled souls their sins confessed;  
Here pastors spoke to hearts distressed:  
"This pardon is as good and true  
As though your Savior dealt with you."  
How blest and holy is this place  
Where we see God in all His grace!
- Lord, let Your altar witness bear  
Of all who shared Your Supper there  
And heard You pledge with gifts divine,  
"You are forgiven; you are Mine!"  
How blest and holy is this place  
Where we see God in all His grace!
- It was through Word and Sacrament  
The Spirit all His graces sent:  
All faith and love, all strength and zeal  
To do with joy the Savior's will.  
How blest and holy is this place  
Where we see God in all His grace!
- By God's redeeming love once stirred,  
God's own were glad to hear His Word;  
With those still lost their Christ to share;  
To spread Love's tidings ev'rywhere.  
How blest and holy is this place  
Where we see God in all His grace.
- Grace moved our fathers here to found  
A school where sacred truths abound,  
That children, rooted in true faith,  
Might cling to Jesus until death.  
How blest and holy is this place  
Where we see God in all His grace!
- Keep us, O God of boundless grace,  
As such who run the heav'nward race,  
Until, with all who went before,  
We stand and sing on yonder shore:  
"How great and glorious is this place:  
Here we see Jesus face to face!"

Werner H. Franzmann

\*Or to make it suitable for more general use: "Here flowed these many years God's grace."



## Studies in God's Word



### Thank God for Faith in Christ!

Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God; and everyone that loveth Him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of Him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep His commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments, and His commandments are not grievous. For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world; and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God? (I John 5:1-5.)

Who would have guessed what that Baby meant? His swaddling clothes and stable cradle hardly told of things to come. Mary knew, though, and the shepherds, too, because God told them. So do we! While the world pays lip service to Him this time of the year, we kneel before Him in joyful faith. While the world passes Him by the rest of the year, we hold Him close in thankful faith. In his "Letter of Light, Life, and Love" John talks about faith in that Savior. What he says reminds us to *Thank God for Faith in Christ*. Such faith enables us to

#### Love the Brethren

John at once reminds us that what we believe is important. Only that is true faith which trusts "that Jesus is the Son of God" and "that Jesus is the Christ." With these phrases John sums up the whole content of the Gospel. He points us to the Father in eternity plan-

ning the sending of the Savior; to the Son leaving His glorious throne on high, coming to earth to bleed and die; to the Spirit working faith within us in Christ's full payment for sins. Faith to John was not an ambiguous term, but a clear conviction about Christ Jesus, Scripture's center.

John also reminds us from where such faith in Christ comes. With the phrases "born of God" and "begotten of God" he raises our eyes heavenward. God alone works faith in hearts which cannot by "their own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ their Lord or come to Him." In His grace He gives the new birth to sinners, bringing them to faith and into His family of believers.

In this heavenly family faith always shows. Love for the Father who gives life beyond life and for fellow believers who share this life are fruits of true faith. Just as for Jesus, so for the believer, those who do the will of God are his brother and sister and mother (Mark 3:35) to be loved by him.

This faith is not satisfied with sentimental feeling or sanctimonious talking about love. It exhibits a love with rolled-up sleeves, a love which seeks to serve rather than be served, which rejoices rather than envies when someone else is honored, which forgives rather than harbors wrongs (I Cor. 13:4-6). Such love runs counter to the current of our godless world and is found only in those who are born of God.

#### Obey God

From faith comes also a love which seeks to keep God's commandments. Like some life-giving pulse beating

within us, faith produces a love which delights to serve God. Nor is this service irksome slavery, as some suspect. "God's commandments are not grievous," John says. They are not a burden to rub faith's shoulders sore and bend faith's knees to the ground. True, God's exacting commands are not easy to follow. Experience has taught us how flawed and feeble our efforts are. But we try! And we try with His strength. Also we try in love. For loving hearts no duty is too great or task too hard. For believing hearts His commands are no burden, but a lifelong privilege and an everyday opportunity to show our love for Him.

When love's going gets rough and love's opposition tough, retreat from God's commandments is not the answer. Needed then is strength for our faith from His Word and Sacrament. Needed then is standing at His Communion table and sitting in His church bench, kneeling before His manger and beneath His cross to be filled again with the power of His love. With faith strengthened, love will be recharged, and renewed zeal for keeping His commandments will follow.

#### Overcome the World

Faith in Christ also brings victory over the world. All the pressures from without and within, which would tug and pull at the fabric of our faith, will still bombard us, but victory is assured through Christ Jesus. He faced the worst the world could throw at Him. It shouted curses at Him, slandered Him, stalked Him. It judged Him, tried Him, crucified Him. But it failed! His empty tomb proclaimed His glorious victory. He overcame the world and now offers us a full share in His victory. "Be of good cheer," He tells us, "I have overcome the world" (John 16:33b).

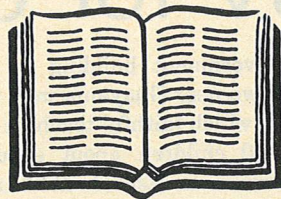
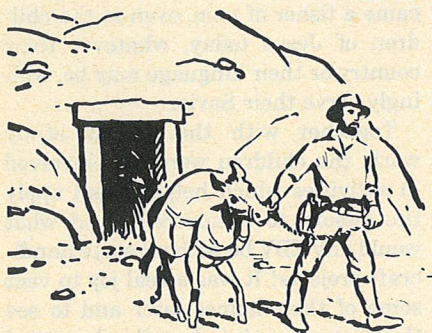
Why then do we so often lose in life's daily skirmishes? Why do petty jealousies and little irritations, not to mention bigger and bolder temptations, blow us around like wastepaper in the wind? The answer is simple. We don't turn to God's Word and Sacrament often enough. Through these precious Means the Spirit would work to produce and power our faith in Christ and thus grant us the victory over the world.

Yes, thank God for faith in Christ!  
Richard E. Lauersdorf



# Mining the Treasure of God's Word

Ezekiel 37-48



BY JULIAN G. ANDERSON

The first part of today's lesson continues the story we discussed only in part last time, namely, the prophecies dealing with Israel (chapters 33-39), following the prophecies dealing with the other nations (chapters 25-32). We thus come to the climax of this remarkable book. Turn to

## Chapter 37

Verses 1-14 record another vision, in which the Holy Spirit brings Ezekiel to a graveyard, a valley of dry bones (vv.1 and 2, hi-lite "full of bones" and "very dry"). By asking a question (v. 3a, underline and hi-lite), God suggests what He is going to do. He tells Ezekiel to speak as a prophet to these bones (v.4a, underline), and tells him exactly what to say (vv. 5b and 6, underline and hi-lite "ye shall live" [twice] and the theme of the book).

Verses 7-10 record what happened when he did so — first a noise and a shaking, or earthquake (v.7, hi-lite both words); and then a resurrection of the bones (v.8), but no breath of life in them (v.8b, underline). More instructions follow in verse 9. Remember that the word translated "wind" can also be rendered either "breath" or "spirit" (see John 3:8). Then the result in verse 10.

The vision is explained in verse 11a (underline and hi-lite). Note that this refers to "the *whole* house of Israel," meaning all Israel, all believers. Underline the great prophecy given in verse 12, and compare John 5:28,29 and Matthew 25:31-46. Then underline the balance of the prophecy (v.14),

which refers to the heavenly Promised Land. Hi-lite the theme in verse 14b.

The last half of the chapter (vv.15-28) is an acted-out parable which also refers to the whole house of Israel. The pictorial part is described in verses 16-20 (underline vv. 16 and 17 and hi-lite the words "for Judah" and "for Joseph"). The prophecy Ezekiel is to deliver follows in verses 21-28. Now underline verses 21,22,23c beginning "so shall . . ." 24 to "shepherd," 25 and 26a to the second "with them." Note that this whole prophecy is a fine Messianic nugget. The "one king" in verse 22 and "one shepherd" in verse 24 is Christ (note that verse 24 repeats 34:23). Observe that the final phrase of verses 25 and 26a repeats II Samuel 7:13 and 16 and refers to Christ's kingdom of heaven. Finally, hi-lite the theme in verse 28. Then go to

## Chapters 38-39

This is a prophecy with which the sects and sectarians have had a field day as they try to apply it to the events of our modern world. Scripture tells us, however, that it is still an unfulfilled prophecy which will not take place until the end of time (Rev. 20:7-10). The prophecy also deals with "the whole house of Israel" (39:25), that is, with Christ's kingdom of heaven, and pictures the final deliverance of His kingdom from the combined forces of Satan (Rev. 20:7,8). Ezekiel's prophecy speaks in typical terms, using the names of some of the ancient nations mentioned in Genesis 10:2 and 6 (38:2 and 5, and 39:1), which had long ago

been destroyed (see 32:26). Magog, Meshech, and Tubal were sons of Japheth, and Cush and Put were sons of Ham (hi-lite all these names). What is pictured in type is a grand coalition of all the unbelievers against the true Israel (38:15), their subsequent destruction (38:18,19,22, underline), and the ultimate victory of Israel (39:25-29, underline vv.25,28, and 29, and hi-lite the theme in v.28). Note that verse 29 speaks of Pentecost (Acts 2:1-4).

## Chapters 40-48

This section records the most spectacular vision of the Old Testament. It was a vision that was repeated to the Apostle John nearly 600 years later (Rev. 21 and 22. John, of course, describes different details and uses different terms). Like these chapters in the Book of Revelation, this section in Ezekiel describes the New Jerusalem of the new heavens and earth (Isa. 66:22-24), and is one of the finest sections in the Old Testament.

The date of the vision is given in 40:1 (574 B.C.), and in general it is a vision of "the land of Israel" (40:2, hi-lite, meaning "the true Israel"). Chapters 40-43:12 describe the measurements of the new Temple (chapters 40-42) and God's occupation of it (43:1-12, underline vv. 4 and 7 to "name," and hi-lite "I will dwell . . . forever" in v.7). The measurements in 42:20, a mile square, make it clear that this is not to be read literally, but is intended to show the vast perfection of this new Temple.

Chapters 43:13-46:24 describe the new worship of God in the kingdom of heaven in symbolic language. A key passage is 44:9 (underline), which echoes Revelation 21:27. The duty of the new priests is described in 44:23, underline. Chapter 45:1-8 describes the new temple-grounds, 47 miles by 20 miles — ample for all believers! The sacrifices spoken of certainly are of a spiritual nature (Ps. 4:5; 27:6; 116:17; Rom. 12:1,2).

Then follows in chapters 47 and 48 a beautiful description of the New Jerusalem (chapter 47, compare Rev. 21 and 22), and a new division of the new Land, which is coextensive with the new city of Jerusalem (chapter 48), 47 miles square, a city of perfection. The closing phrase (48:35b) sums up the whole vision and the whole book — God's gracious plans prevail!



# VBS for You — EBV for Us!

What do a chapel, a cement patio, the second floor of a house, a carport, and a one-room government building have in common? In the case of our vacation Bible school in Puerto Rico this past summer, very much! In each of these places one would have found children, a number of VBS teachers, the Word of God, and according to His promise, the Lord Jesus Himself.

Our mission chapel in Barrancas, the carport and cement patio belonging to a member living on the west end of Guayama, the second floor of Missionary Paul Hartman's home on the east end of Guayama, and the "Head Start"

government building in a mountain town near Guayama were the locations in which faithful teachers taught some 150 children about Jesus. For four weeks our *Escuela Biblica Del Varane* — Spanish for vacation Bible school — was the means through which the Lord answered your prayers that His Word be taught also to the children of Puerto Rico.

If you could have looked in on these classes, you would have recognized a familiar pattern. Each day the children listened to the Word of God. The study course was titled *Jesus, Petro, y Yo* ("Jesus, Peter, and I"). In five stories

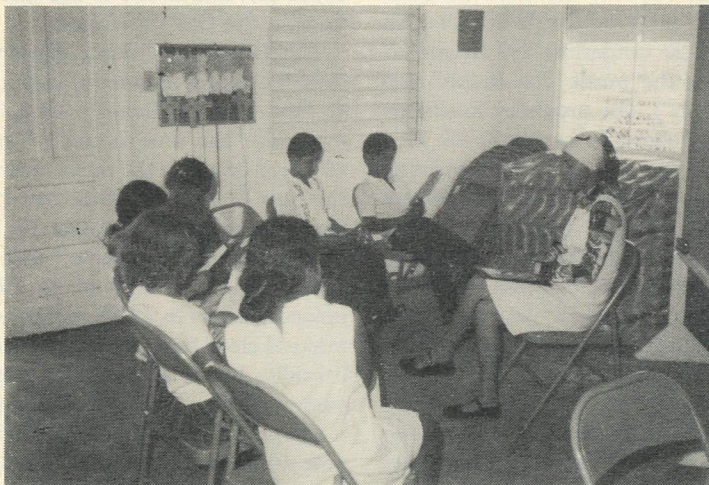
from the life of Peter the children learned of the great love Jesus shows toward those who have sinned. Since Jesus is "the same yesterday, and today, and forever," we know that He will share that same love with us also. Even as Peter in response to that love became a fisher of men, even so the children of Jesus today, whatever their country or their language may be, willingly serve their Savior.

Together with their Bible study work, the children were also involved in activities which helped them apply the lessons to themselves. And what would any EBV be without some handicraft projects! It was a real joy to visit some of their homes later and to see the bare, unpainted walls decorated with the crosses and pictures which the children had made. Each day the activities came to a climax and a close as voices sang praises to their God and Savior in the special EBV hymn:

*Yo escucho buen Jesus,  
Tu dilce voz de amor  
Que desde el arbol de la cruz,  
Invita al pecador.*

*Yo creo en Ti, Jesus,  
Espero solo en Ti.  
Acepte lo que doy en amor  
Y habite siempre en mi.  
I am listening, dear Jesus,  
to Your sweet voice,  
that from the cross  
invites the sinner.*

*I believe in You, Jesus,  
I hope in You.  
Accept what I give in love  
And forever live in me.*



Teaching the Word

Picturing the Word



EBV is a rather new venture among us in Puerto Rico. This is only the fourth summer that we have had a vacation Bible school. The last three years we conducted classes only in Barrancas. Of the four places where we conducted our EBV this summer, three were new to us. All of this took much planning. Since suitable lesson materials in Spanish were not readily available, your missionaries in Puerto Rico wrote the five-day EBV course, complete with a teacher's guide.

We were happy to have with us five graduates of Lakeside Lutheran High School, Lake Mills, Wisconsin. Kathy Buss, Kris Gerke, Bed Habeck, Sue Shaw, and Laurie Zarnstorff used four

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## Go Through the Open Door!

### A Parish Pastor's Perspective

A young man was looking for a job. Eight hours a day he pounded the pavements. He wrote pages of resumés and filled out endless applications. But the door to opportunity seemed to be shut. Then, just as he was beginning to give up hope, he happened to meet a college friend who introduced him to a businessman acquaintance of his. Within a week he was working on an interesting and challenging job. The door to opportunity had swung open to him.

The door to opportunity — how many people are frustrated because it seems to be closed to them! How many never

of their eight weeks in Puerto Rico helping our mission with its EBV program. Their four years of high-school Spanish were put to good use as they assisted the Puerto Rican teachers and, in emergencies, also did the actual teaching. They also teamed up with Puerto Rican young people to pass out information leaflets concerning our EBV to more than 400 homes. Though it was at times difficult for them to select the right Spanish word, they served faithfully doing it as unto the Lord.

As in all of our world mission fields, we in Puerto Rico are not seeking to establish an American-type church, but to train Puerto Ricans to teach other Puerto Ricans the Word of God. So it was with great joy that we noted the faithfulness of our teachers, Manuel Colon, Aleja Vasquez, Mary Madera, Gloria Maldonado, and Elena Ortiz. Pray for them that they may continue to be the lights to other Puerto Ricans that Jesus wants them to be!

Together, as members of the Lord's Church, let us keep on doing the work He has called us to do. Among other things this means VBS for you and EBV for us. We ask you to pray for us, even as we are praying for you, that God would give us the joy of knowing Jesus as our Savior and in that joy faithfully to serve Him. One of the blessings He will surely give is more and more lambs of Jesus among the Javiers, the Marias, and the Juanitos of Puerto Rico.

seem to notice when it is open! Only some go through the open door.

The Bible often uses the image of a door standing open to picture Christian mission work. The very first Christian missionaries reported "how [God] had opened the door of faith unto the Gentiles" (Acts 14:27). St. Paul wrote in I Corinthians 16:9 (NIV): "I will stay on at Ephesus . . . because a great door for effective work has opened to me."

#### Who Opens the Door?

Who opens the door to Christian mission work? Who places the opportunity before the people? In Revelation 3:7,8 (NASB) we read: "He who is holy, who is true, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, and who shuts and no one opens, says this: 'I know your deeds. Behold, I have put before you an open door which no one can shut, because you have a little power, and have kept My Word, and have not denied My name.'" The Lord Jesus Christ is the One who opens the door to Christian mission work. It is one of His gifts of grace to His beloved people. It is a gift to be grasped, an opportunity not to be ignored. It is a gift which He has placed before us in the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod. An open door stands before us.

What is this but an encouragement to go through the open door! Before us stands the opportunity to rescue dying souls. After almost 2,000 years of Christianity about a billion people claim some kind of loyalty to the Christian Church. But even if all of them were truly believers in Jesus Christ, that would mean that only one out of four people in the world would be saved. The rest — three out of every four blood-bought souls — are still dying souls! We are all members of a synod which has congregations at home and abroad which are strategically located for reaching out to those dying souls. We have the grand opportunity to alter the course those souls are taking — for eternity! Is there any opportunity more worth grasping, more deserving of the name "open door"? Go through the open door; it is the opportunity to rescue dying souls!

The opportunity may not always be open. Once a young man met a girl in college to whom he was very much attracted. He wanted to ask her for a date, but she was an exchange student from France. He thought he had better prepare first. So he enrolled in a course in the French language, and in another in French history. When the semester was over, and he had gotten A's on the courses, he figured he was ready. But when he called the girl he found out that she had just gotten engaged — to a fellow who had trouble speaking good English, much less French!

#### Go Through the Door NOW!

The time to go through the open door is NOW, while it is open. History has seen many lands where the once-open door slammed shut. Many church bodies that had the door open to them in the past no longer find it open. Earthquakes, floods, famines, airplane crashes, and other disasters close the door for each of the victims. Add to that the fact that the last day is on its way, the day when Christ will close the door to Christian missions forever. Go through the open door NOW! The opportunity may not always be open.

We have the necessary strength to go through the open door. Jesus does not open the door to those to whom He does not also give the necessary strength to go through. It is with us as it was with those to whom He said: "I have put before you an open door . . . because you have a little power, and have kept My Word, and have not denied My name."

Why has Christ enabled us to keep the Word in an age when so many are losing it? Why has He seen to it that our people still call upon Him and praise His name, when countless "Christians" are denying it with ease? There is one overpowering reason — He has an open door for us to go through. He wants us to take the little strength we have and go through that door with the Word of God as our message and the name of Christ on our lips.

Go through the open door, Christians, as you consider the size of your offerings to your churches and to missions! Go through the open door, congregations, as you decide the amount of your subscriptions for the work of the Synod in 1979!

T. Franzmann



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# Three Missionaries Commissioned

*M. Goeglein for Colombia, F. Fedke for Africa, M. Manthey for Taiwan*

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## Colombia

"Work while it is day," was the brotherly encouragement given to Pastor Mark Goeglein in the sermon at his commissioning as missionary to Colombia.

The commissioning service was held at Calvary Lutheran Church, Thiensville, Wisconsin, on September 10, 1978. Pastor Theodore Sauer, executive secretary of the Board for World Missions, preached the sermon; Pastor Lyle Lindloff of Calvary Congregation was the liturgist; and Pastor Harold Essmann, chairman of the Executive Committee for Latin America, conducted the commissioning portion of the service.

Following the service the ladies of Calvary Congregation served refreshments during a period of fellowship.

Pastor Mark Goeglein, who had previously served the Lord in Holiday and Maitland, Florida, is the fifth missionary in our mission field in Colombia. He accepted this call as one of the 10 new missionaries authorized by the 1977 convention of our Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod.

It is indeed day in our mission field in Colombia! God has blessed us with a promising field, with young and vigorous workers and especially with His powerful Gospel which is to be proclaimed.

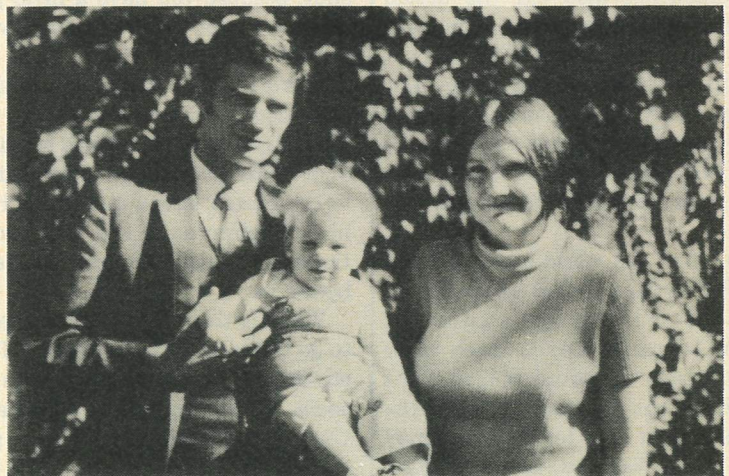
We need to work hard in Colombia before the doors to that country are closed to us. As time goes on, it becomes increasingly difficult to send more workers into Colombia because of immigration restrictions.

Pastor and Mrs. Goeglein together with their two children, Deborah and Michael, are presently in Guadalajara, Mexico, where they are receiving language-training in preparation for their work in Colombia.

May the Lord bless and keep our missionaries as they prepare for their tasks and as they are engaged in working in their respective fields!



**Missionary and Mrs. Mark Goeglein, Deborah and Michael**



**Missionary and Mrs. Fred Fedke III and son Joshua**

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## Africa

The commissioning service for Pastor Fred Fedke, Onalaska, Wisconsin, as missionary to Africa was held on October 1, 1978, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, La Crosse, Wisconsin, where he was a member. His pastor, the Rev. John Parcher, preached the sermon on Mark 16: 1-8, and also served as liturgist. The commissioning rite was read by the Rev. A. L. Mennicke, chairman of the Executive Committee for Central

Africa. Assisting with the commissioning were Pastors Parcher and Fred Bartling. The choir, directed by Mr. Urssel Seidl, sang "On My Heart Imprint Thine Image." Mr. Seidl also served as organist for the service.

For the past five years Pastor Fedke was religion instructor at Luther High School, Onalaska.

Pastor and Mrs. Fedke and their eight-month-old son, Joshua, left for Africa on October 2, 1978. He will serve as the second missionary in the Copperbelt. His address will be P.O. Box 1424, Ndola, Zambia, Africa.

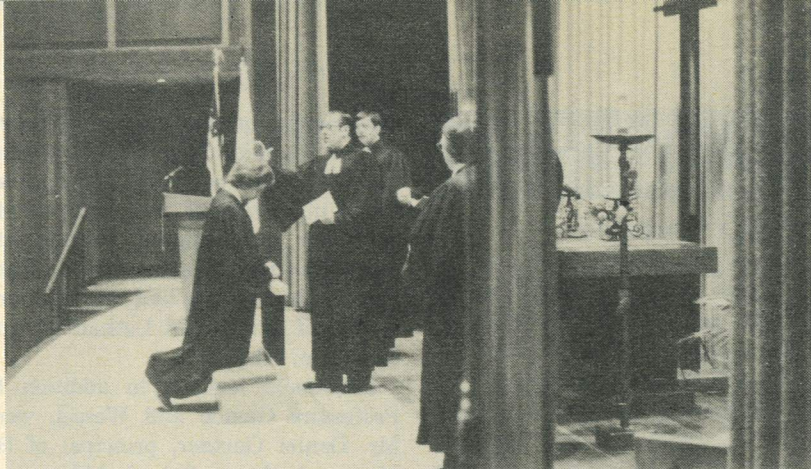


## Taiwan

Candidate Marcus P. Manthey, recently commissioned as missionary to Taiwan, is the son of Prof. and Mrs. Frederick A. Manthey of New Ulm, Minnesota. The ordination and commissioning took place in the chapel-auditorium of Dr. Martin Luther College on September 24, 1978.

Liturgist for the service was Prof. Conrad Frey, president of DMLC. Missionary Manthey's father-in-law, the Rev. John F. Brenner, preached the Word for the occasion, choosing Romans 15:15-21 to speak on "By the Grace of God — A Proclaimer of the Gospel." The Rev. Kurt Koeplin, chairman of the Executive Committee for Southeast Asian Missions, read the rites of ordination and commissioning.

Pastor Manthey received his assignment to Taiwan upon graduation from



**Missionary Manthey receiving his father-in-law's blessing**

Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in May of this year. At present he and his wife, the former Barbara Brenner, are taking Mandarin language studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Work in Taiwan was begun in 1968 and is the direct fruit of the Voice of Salvation radio broadcast, which originates from Hong Kong. There are three mission congregations in Taiwan affiliated with WELS. Our Savior Lutheran

and Peace Lutheran are both situated in the capital city of Taipei. The third, Holy Trinity, was organized in Everlasting Happiness Village, some 80 miles south of Taipei.

At present, Victor Chang is the only national pastor shepherding these congregations. Missionary Manthey will be the first WELS expatriate missionary to be stationed in Taiwan. Two other men are also being called.

## Direct from the Districts

### MICHIGAN

Reporter Jack DeRuiter

#### **Pastor John F. Brenner Observes 35th**

On October 22, 1978, St. John's Lutheran Church of Bay City, Michigan, marked the 25th anniversary of Pastor John F. Brenner's ministry at St. John's and his 35th anniversary in the pastoral ministry.

Pastor Harold Sauer of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Saginaw, a classmate, delivered the sermon at the anniversary service, and the jubilant son, John M. Brenner, instructor at Northwestern College, Watertown, Wisconsin, served as liturgist.

Following the service the ladies of the congregation served a meal to a large group of St. John's members and fellow pastors and their wives. Pastor Marcus Manthey, Pastor Brenner's son-in-law, served as master of ceremonies at an informal program honoring the jubilarian.

Pastor Brenner graduated from Northwestern College in 1940 and from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in 1943.



**Pastor J. F. Brenner**

He has held pastorates in Hillrose, Colorado; Pewaukee, Wisconsin; Battle Creek, Michigan; and since 1953 at Bay City. He has held various Synodical, district, and conference offices and at present is a vice-president of the Michigan District and a member of the District Constitution Committee.

In 1955 Pastor Brenner was joined in marriage with Ruth H. Frey. They have four children, Ann Elizabeth Arnold, Deborah Ruth Priebe, John M., and Barbara Louise Manthey. All the children have been active in the work of the Church. Two sons-in-law are serving on the church council of St. John's

Church. The third son-in-law, Pastor Marcus Manthey, has just recently been commissioned as missionary to Taipei, Taiwan.

#### **Congregation Christmas Card**

The ladies of Christ Lutheran Church in Saginaw (Shields), Michigan, have found a unique way of gathering gifts for missions. For the last few years they have designed a 28 x 22 Congregation Christmas Card, attached it to a cardboard base and wooden frame, and have placed it in the church narthex.

Members who so desired were encouraged to sign this card as their Christmas greeting to their fellow members rather than send out individual cards to church friends. The money they would normally have spent for cards and postage was then put in a specially prepared box to be donated to missions.

Last year the mission in Hong King received \$117.75 as a result of this unique project by the Ladies' Aid.

Shown on the cover of this issue of *The Northwestern Lutheran* is the 1977 card. Its theme was "The Lord is my light and my salvation." The inside message was: "May the joy of Christmas light your life!"



## SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN

Reporter Robert Kleist

### Principals' Workshop

A two-day workshop on the theme, "Techniques of Instructional Supervision," was held on Friday and Saturday, September 22-23, 1978, at The Yahara Center, Madison, Wisconsin.

The workshop, sponsored by and planned especially for the Lutheran principals of the Milwaukee area, was coordinated by Mr. Richard Scharf, Elementary School Coordinator for the Wisconsin Lutheran High School Conference. The purpose of the workshop was to help participants understand the principal's role in instructional supervision as well as to help them become more effective supervisors. Total attendance numbered 33 persons.

Workshop sessions on Friday began at 10:00 A.M., were interrupted only by short lunch and dinner breaks, and continued till 8:45 P.M. On Saturday the sessions began at 8:30 A.M. and continued to 3:00 P.M. Session topics included: basic principles of instructional supervision; identifying characteristics of classroom competence; techniques for evaluating classroom

competence; orientation and supervision of the beginning teacher; utilization of faculty personnel for instructional improvement; and instruments used for instructional supervision. Leaders of the workshop session were Prof. Arthur Glende and Prof. Howard Wessel of Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota.

Devotional leaders, in addition to Professors Glende and Wessel, were Mr. Daniel Gartner, principal of St. Marcus Lutheran School, Milwaukee, and Mr. Kenneth Kremer, principal of Gethsemane Lutheran School, Milwaukee.

R. C. Scharf

### District Youth Ministry Seminar

Wisconsin Lutheran College in Milwaukee served as the site for the Youth Ministry Seminar of the Southeastern Wisconsin District on October 2, 1978. The Seminar was staffed by Pastors Paul Kelm and James Behling and Prof. Allen Zahn, and was arranged by the District Board for Parish Education. The attendance of 80 pastors, teachers, and lay leaders shows the great interest that many have in this subject.

Paul G. Eckert

### Pleased But Not Satisfied (continued)

not there we can become very pessimistic and negative. As long as that is our response, so long the church will be filled with experts who know all the reasons why the church must fail, why the lost cannot be reached, and why the cause of Christ must be content with mediocre accomplishments.

It's time to get back to our faith and the balance which it supplies. The Bible keeps telling us that we are neither grasshoppers nor gods. We are creatures, of course, but by the grace of God we are creatures who have been granted the capacity to please God and to grow into spiritually mature sons and daughters of God.

So what about those who have been faithful in worship and Bible study? What about those who have been willing to spend countless hours in service to God? What about the faithful teens who have withstood tremendous temptations? What about the one person who repented and was brought to

faith? God is pleased with each and all. Surely we can be pleased also.

But we ought not be satisfied. If there is a needed program but a shortage of workers, don't scrap the program and continue on as before. Search for new leaders to train for service. If attendance is not what you think it should be, don't sit and complain. Look for ways to improve the services and classes and meetings. If a needed project is expensive, don't neglect kingdom work just to keep a budget in line with inflation. Explain the need and point people to the God who promises to make us sufficient to accomplish every good work. If it is difficult to lead the unchurched to a new life in Christ, don't sit behind church walls in self-righteous indignation. Search for better ways to recruit and train more for this blessed work.

When congregations look back in review and forward in planning, it is critical that they have this attitude: Pleased but not satisfied.

Ronald Roth

**LUTHERAN COLLEGIANS  
CHRISTMAS EVANGELISM SEMINAR  
"SPREAD, OH, SPREAD, THOU MIGHTY WORD"**  
Date: December 26, 1978, 4:00 p.m., to December 29, 1:00 p.m.  
Place: Wisconsin Lutheran College, Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
Fee: \$25.00 (meals and lodging)  
Note: All college-age youth are invited. For further information please feel free to write or call: Miss Lesley Frey, Missions Committee Chairman, 8054 N. 124th St., Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53224; phone: 414/354-7935.

### ORDINATIONS AND INSTALLATIONS

(Authorized by the District Presidents)

#### Ordained

##### Pastors:

**Hintz, Michael L.**, ordained as missionary to Salima, Malawi, Africa, on October 15, 1978, at Emanuel Lutheran, New London, Wisconsin, by F. Heidemann (NW).

**Manthey, Marcus P.**, ordained and commissioned as missionary to Taiwan on September 24, 1978, in the chapel-auditorium of Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota, by K. Koepf (SEW).

#### Installed

**Martens, Andrew C.**, as pastor of Trinity, Kaukauna, Wisconsin, on October 22, 1978, by F. Zarling (NW).

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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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### ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

Exploratory work is being done in the Asheville, North Carolina, area. Please submit names of WELS people or interested parties living in the Asheville-Hendersonville area to Pastor Scott Stone, 8631 Peppertree Lane, Knoxville, Tennessee 37919; phone: 615/693-7494.

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Exploratory services will begin in January in the Augusta, Georgia, area. Please send names of WELS people and other interested parties to Pastor John Guse, 1639 Jessamine Road, Lexington, South Carolina 29072, or phone 803/356-0471.

## TIME AND PLACE

### VISITING THE GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS THIS FALL?

Vacationers to East Tennessee are invited to join in worship with Shepherd Of The Hills Ev. Lutheran Church in Knoxville, Tennessee. We are worshipping in Mann's Heritage Chapel at 6200 Kingston Pike (exit 383 off I 40/75 near Northshore), on the west side of Knoxville. Sunday school for children and adults is at 9:00 a.m.; the worship service at 10:30 a.m. For further information, please feel free to contact Pastor Scott J. Stone, 8631 Peppertree Lane, Knoxville, TN 37919; phone: 615/693-7494.

### ASHLAND, OHIO

Ashland and neighboring communities are served by Our Savior Ev. Lutheran Church of Ashland. Services are being held at the Peter Pan Playhouse day-care center, 228 Maple Street, Ashland, Ohio. Sunday school and Bible class begin at 10:00 a.m., with worship services following at 11:00 a.m. For information, please contact Pastor David F. Schultz, 18552 Royalton Road, Apt. 301, Strongsville, Ohio 44136; phone 216/238-1190.

### "SNOWBIRDS," PLEASE NOTE

To escape the rigors of winter weather, many Wisconsin Synod members will be traveling to the Southwest this winter. All are invited to attend worship services at one of our mission congregations — Our Savior Ev. Lutheran Church, located at 9825 North 103rd Ave., Sun City, Arizona. Services are held Sundays at 10:00 a.m. F. H. Nitz is the pastor.

### SOUTHWEST CLEVELAND, OHIO

Our Savior Ev. Lutheran Church, a new WELS mission serving southwest Cleveland, is now worshipping at Center Junior High School, 13200 Pearl Road, Strongsville, Ohio. Sunday services are at 8:45 a.m., and Sunday school and Bible class follow at 9:45 a.m. For information, please contact Pastor David F. Schultz, 18552 Royalton Road, Apt. 301, Strongsville, Ohio 44136; phone: 216/238-1190.

### WILD AND WONDERFUL WEST VIRGINIA

There are now two places to worship in the Mountain State of West Virginia. In Beckley, worship is held at the Rural Acres Garden Club at 10:00 a.m. Sundays. In Charleston, worship is held at the Morris Harvey College Chapel at 7:00 p.m. Sundays. For more information call Pastor Robert L. Hoepner, 304/252-5820 in Beckley, 304/343-9636 in Charleston.

### NOMINATIONS — DMLC

The following have been nominated by the members of the Synod as candidates for the position of Supervisor of Student Teachers in the Elementary Grades at Dr. Martin Luther College:

Marilyn Baer	Tacoma, WA
Elaine Bartel	Milwaukee, WI
Carol Bauer	Oakfield, WI
Jill Buehner	Madison, WI
Lynne Carter	Appleton, WI
Susan Haar	Baltimore, MD
Faith Haferman	Omaha, NE
Marilyn Knospe	Goodhue, MN
Ruth Levorson	Appleton, WI
Elsa Manthey	Manitowoc, WI
Jean Martinsen	Manitowoc, WI
Irma Paap	New Ulm, MN
Brenda Pankow	Red Wing, MN
Ruth Peikert	Milwaukee, WI
Louise Riek	Austin, TX
Sandra Roebke	Lomira, WI
Mary Rusert	St. Louis Park, MN
Venita Schrupp	Billings, MT
Lynn Thumme	Saginaw, MI
Ruth Unke	Pompano Beach, FL
Judith Zimmerman	Waukegan, IL

Correspondence concerning these nominees must be in the hands of the secretary no later than January 3, 1979.

Mr. Darrell Knippel, Secretary  
DMLC Board of Control  
4818 Garfield Avenue South  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55409

## WISCONSIN LUTHERAN SEMINARY CHRISTMAS SONG SERVICE

The Seminary's Christmas song services will be held on Sunday, December 17, 1978, at 3:00 and 7:30 p.m., in Calvary Ev. Lutheran Church, Thiensville, Wisconsin. You are cordially invited.

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS MARTIN LUTHER ACADEMY

The Board of Control of Martin Luther Academy, New Ulm, Minnesota, with the concurrence of the Commission on Higher Education herewith requests the voting constituency of the Synod to nominate one list of candidates to fill two vacancies which were created by the acceptance of a call by Prof. Lloyd Hahnke and the resignation and retirement of Prof. Raymond Duehlmeier because of eye problems.

The candidates should be qualified to teach in two or more of the following areas: German, Latin, Religion, and English.

Names of the nominees, with as much pertinent accompanying data as possible, should be in the hands of the secretary no later than Wednesday, January 3, 1979.

Mr. Paul Fritze, Secretary  
7820 Minnetonka Blvd.  
St. Louis Park, Minn. 55426

## NEEDED — MATRON

East Fork Lutheran Mission High School is in need of a supervising matron for its girls' dormitory. Those interested are asked to write for information to: Mr. James R. Opitz, Box 128, East Fork, Arizona 85943.

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# Treasurer's Report

## PREBUDGET SUBSCRIPTION PERFORMANCE

Ten months ended October 31, 1978

	Subscription Amount for 1978	<sup>10</sup> / <sub>12</sub> of Annual Subscription	Subscription and Pension Offerings	Per Cent of Subscription
Arizona-California .....	\$ 451,704	\$ 376,420	\$ 371,828	98.8
Dakota-Montana .....	240,599	200,499	201,428	100.5
Michigan .....	1,296,136	1,080,113	1,026,883	95.1
Minnesota .....	1,372,260	1,143,550	1,158,628	101.3
Nebraska .....	268,565	223,804	234,710	104.9
Northern Wisconsin .....	1,467,813	1,223,177	1,177,711	96.3
Pacific Northwest .....	128,577	107,147	114,418	106.8
Southeastern Wisconsin .....	1,785,292	1,487,743	1,379,116	92.7
Western Wisconsin .....	1,688,201	1,406,834	1,326,932	94.3
South Atlantic .....	111,508	92,923	95,568	102.8
Total — 1978 .....	\$8,810,655	\$7,342,210	\$7,087,222	96.5
Total — 1977 .....	\$8,247,332	\$6,872,776	\$6,326,711	92.1

## CURRENT BUDGETARY FUND

### Statement of Income and Expenditures

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

	1978	1977	Increase or Decrease*	
			Amount	Per Cent
<b>Income</b>				
Prebudget Subscription Offerings .....	\$8,909,057	\$8,114,375	\$ 794,682	10.0
Pension Plan Contributions .....	71,676	74,509	2,863*	3.8*
Gifts and Memorials .....	249,820	171,884	77,966	45.4
Bequests .....	19,214	140,764	121,550*	86.4*
Earnings from Fox Estate .....	66,658	62,225	4,433	7.1
Other Income .....	22,521	10,455	12,066	—
Transfers from Other Funds .....	121,577	124,997	3,420*	2.7*
Total Income .....	\$9,460,523	\$8,699,209	\$ 761,314	8.8
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Worker-Training — Expenses .....	\$5,601,631	\$5,081,523	\$ 520,108	10.2
Worker-Training — Income .....	2,341,891	2,179,244	162,647	7.5
Worker-Training — Net .....	\$3,259,740	\$2,902,279	\$ 357,461	12.3
Home Missions .....	1,896,981	1,644,364	252,617	15.4
World Missions .....	1,569,704	1,361,221	208,483	15.3
Benevolences .....	1,065,500	1,010,821	54,679	5.4
Administration and Services .....	878,183	756,319	121,864	16.1
Total Operations .....	\$8,670,108	\$7,675,004	\$ 995,104	13.0
CEF — Interest Subsidy .....	732,441	624,502	107,939	17.3
Appropriations — Building Funds .....	230,000	211,661	18,339	8.7
Total Expenditures .....	\$9,632,549	\$8,511,167	\$1,121,382	13.2
Operating Gain/Loss** .....	\$ 172,026**	\$ 188,042		

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:
December	January 8
January	February 7
February	March 7
March	April 6

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## NOTICE

The next regular plenary session of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for  
December 11-12, 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

## PUBLIC NOTICE

In the February 20, 1977, issue of The Northwestern Lutheran, the responsible officials of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod issued a PUBLIC NOTICE cautioning the members of the Synod against investing funds for the support of an effort to secure a legacy that will, purportedly, benefit the Apache Indian Mission of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

At the same time we requested those people who were soliciting financial support and help for this legacy, to cease and desist from any further solicitation. It grieves us to report that they have not heeded our request and that they are continuing to solicit funds for something which we can view only as a "confidence game."

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

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

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