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Blessings experienced on a home mission field, joy shared by a congregation in the inner city, seminary training on a world mission field, Scripture studies, a note on Dr. Martin Luther College, the announcement (below) of the dedication of Martin Luther Preparatory School at Prairie du Chien — all of them are samples of what the members of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod are concerned about.

First of all, they are people who heed the invitation of God to eat of the Bread of Life and drink of the Water of Life as their Lord comes to them in the Scripture. This is their concern not only one day of the week — on Sunday — but every day of the week. That's why Scripture studies are a welcome menu as they read their church paper.

To be nourished by God's Word is their concern for themselves and for their families. Later in the year we shall read about 20 additional congregations who this fall will be offering their children the blessings of a Christian day school.

But the concern of Wisconsin Synod Lutherans is by no means self-centered. They seek to share the Bread of Life and the Water of Life with others everywhere. That includes their neigh-

bors, whether in the inner city or in the suburb. That includes preaching God's saving Word throughout our nation and then — by no means least or last! — sharing that Word of salvation with people throughout the world, wherever God opens doors.

In order to be able to do this, our church needs to train pastors, teachers and missionaries. A great part of the synodical budget is allocated for that purpose. But it takes more than money. It demands families that will nurture the desire to serve the Lord in the public ministry in the hearts of their young people. Perhaps a visit to one of the synodical worker-training schools will be a help in that direction.

With workers available, our church can then fulfill the word of our Lord, originally spoken on the day of his ascension: "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Our synodical schools are opening late this month and early next month. Is your family represented among those enrolled? If not, how about planning for next year? The Lord has need of them.

Dedication of Martin Luther Preparatory School Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin

October 14, 1979

Schedule for the Day:

Morning services in the chapel — 8:00 (for students), 9:30, and 11:00.

Noon lunch in the cafeteria — available at cost.

Guided tours — 1:00 to 3:00 and 5:00 to 7:00 P.M.

Cafeteria supper — freewill offering — 5:00 to 7:00 P.M.

DEDICATION SERVICE — 4:00 P.M.

Preacher — President of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

Liturgist — Chairman of the Commission on Higher Education

Dedicator — Chairman of the MLPS Board of Control

Please note: Motels and campsites are available in the Prairie du Chien area as well as in the La Crosse, Wisconsin, and Dubuque, Iowa, areas. It is suggested that reservations be made at an early date. — No accommodations will be available for guests in the school dormitories.

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

What a blessing to receive 28 persons into communicant membership at one time at a new mission — or anywhere! Read about the joy of the Topeka, Kansas, exploratory group which calls itself Beautiful Savior. See page 267.

Editorials

Truth Is Constant In an age of repeated scientific breakthroughs and continuing technological improvements people have become conditioned to viewing changes as improvements. Modern advertising technique capitalizes on this conditioned viewpoint. In advertising jargon, products are never merely "new." They are always "improved" as well.

This naturally gives some impetus to changing views in theology. If changes inevitably make for improvement as well as for newness, then changes are by all means to be pursued.

What is often overlooked, however, is that truth is constant. Once truth has been ascertained, there is no longer any room for improvement, only for regression. To illustrate, it has been found that two plus two equals four. Mathematical calculation allows for no variance from this truth. Highly complex calculations were employed in the space explorations in recent years. Precise formulas were applied. Variations from them, intentional or unintentional, would have proved disastrous to the program. Our astronauts would never have reached the moon, or they would have been stranded once they got there.

The same holds true in the field of theology. Our Lord Jesus Christ declared, "If ye continue in my Word . . . ye shall know the truth." We are convinced that the truth is to be found in his Word. We accept it as surely as we accept a proven mathematical formula. We cannot view this as stagnant theology, as some do, nor yield to cries to open the windows and let in some fresh air.

Truth is constant. For the same reason so is our theology.

Immanuel Frey

Indoctrination Makes Sense How does the child learn right from wrong? As reported in *The Wanderer*, Lawrence Kohlberg, professor of education and social psychology at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, once said that the child could decide by itself whether to cheat or not to cheat, whether to steal or not to steal, whether to be selfish or not to be selfish; its own nature would guide it to truth and morality. Through personal experience the child would grow to a mature knowledge of right and wrong. It might approve of homosexuality, women's liberation, and abortion along the way, but it would have exercised its rightful freedom of choice.

Lawrence Kohlberg once denounced "indoctrination" of morality. He condemned Christian teaching of moral standards, which tells the child that certain things are right and others are wrong because God says so; which declares that the child is not free to decide right and wrong for itself. Kohlberg's system of moral education left no room for the Ten Commandments and the Catechism. He considered such education a violation of the child's rights because teaching fixed virtues imposed "alien patterns"

upon a child's feelings and freedom of choice. "Indoctrination" was anathema to the Harvard psychologist.

Lawrence Kohlberg has changed his mind. "I no longer hold these negative views of indoctrinative moral education," he wrote in *The Humanist*, "and I believe that the concepts guiding moral education must be partly 'indoctrinative.' This is true, by necessity, in a world in which children engage in stealing, cheating, and aggression. . . ." He no longer believes that we can "liberate our youth from all vestiges of traditional dogma, moral prescription, discipline, law, and authority which might inhibit a free 'adult' and 'mature' response. . . ." Kohlberg has learned that children need an "authoritative dogmatic approach" (at least to a degree), they need to be taught "fixed virtues," they need "indoctrination." Apparently experience and reason (call it common sense) showed him the error of his ways.

This psychologist had spent a lifetime developing and promoting his theories on moral education. In the end they failed him. Scripture and common sense would have spared him that disappointment and humiliation. We Christians don't always realize how blest we are to have Scripture as our guide in matters of morality. Not only do we have a word that has the authority of God behind it and is higher than any man's word concerning moral education; the Bible is also common sense.

Carleton Toppe

Read A Good Book Lately? Are you finding summer TV a little frustrating?

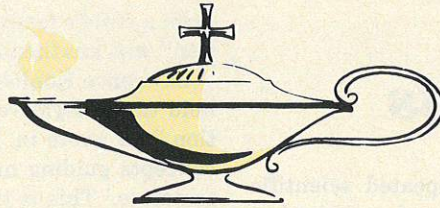
Do you wait patiently through six commercials only to find that you're watching a summer rerun of a program which wasn't worth watching in its original presentation? Why not turn away from the tube for a few hours and spend some time reading a good book? In fact, I'll even recommend one for you: "Wizards that Peep," a journey into the occult, written by Dr. Siegbert Becker of our own seminary. It's available through our own Northwestern Publishing House for only \$3.95, and it's certainly very timely reading material when you consider the interest and involvement in the occult in our nation today.

Driving home from a call the other evening I realized that I had just passed two palmistry parlors and that the return engagement of "The Exorcist" was playing at the local movie theater. Over 1,200 newspapers in our nation print horoscopes as a daily feature and estimates are that over 32,000,000 people take them seriously. Among them are many politicians and business leaders. Witches covens can be found in just about every major metropolitan area and the Church of Satan enjoys tax exempt status from the IRS.

The occult is a fascinating subject. There's a great temptation to dabble in it, and there are many unfortunate examples of people who have lost their Christian faith by doing so. In fact, hasn't it happened to you already that someone told you about some supernatural phenomenon and you didn't really know how to explain it? This troubled you and you began to feel your own faith being challenged by it. We're surrounded by the occult and challenged by it daily.

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Studies in God's Word



Abraham — Righteous by Faith

Read Genesis 15:1-6

A woman, known for her simple faith in God and her great calmness in trouble, was one day visited by another woman. "Are you the lady with the great faith?" her visitor asked at the door. "Oh, no," was the reply, "I'm the lady with a little faith in the great God."

A study of the faith of Abraham, *Father of the Faithful* draws us at once to the great God who with his promises creates and continues faith. This we shall see as we look at "Abraham — Made Righteous by God."

Consternation

Consternation was rising in Abraham's heart. Almost ten years had gone by since God had led him to Canaan and promised him a son from whose line the Savior would come. Ten long years and there was still not one sign that a son was coming. Even more, by now it was clear that his wife was beyond the child-bearing years. Could he still trust this God whom he had followed so far and whose promises he had believed so long? Perhaps he had to help God along by following the custom of others and making his servant Eliezer an adopted son and in this way nudge God's promises toward fulfillment? Can we even imagine the disappointment over hopes deferred and the doubts over promises delayed which weighed like heavy stones on Abraham's heart?

Some of us can. Some of us know about rising consternation and resulting questions. Is God so busy numbering the stars and managing the universe that he has no time for us? Are our feeble gasps as we turn tear-

stained faces heavenward of little concern to him? When such thoughts arise, we need to remember Abraham and, more so, what God did for him.

Confirmation

God didn't wait for Abraham to come to him. In loving concern God, who knows how to treat the bruised reed and the smoking flax, drew near Abraham and dealt with his fears. "Fear not, Abraham," he said "I am thy shield and thy exceeding great reward." Like some invisible shield, God could and would protect Abraham from the fears which troubled him. Like some priceless reward, God could and would be adequate for Abraham's every need. What greater gift could Abraham desire?

Then this gracious Lord confirmed his precious promise to Abraham. Taking Abraham out under the clear night sky, he told him, "Tell the stars if thou be able to number them . . . so shall thy seed be." God who in a second with his almighty Word had filled the empty heavens with billions of stars would fill Abraham's empty tent with descendants and especially with that one great descendant, the Christ Child. Human experience said, "It cannot be." Sarah's age said, "It cannot be." But God said, "It will be," confirming his promises to Abraham.

The Lord, our shield and reward, has wonderful promises for us, too. When we come repentant in sin, we hear, "The blood of Jesus Christ, his Son, cleanseth us from all sin." When we come with temptations which have beaten and trials which have bent us in the past, we hear, "Cast thy burden

upon the Lord and he shall sustain thee." When we come with sorrow from the grave of a loved one or with fear at the thought of our own grave, we hear, "He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." Again and again through his Word God graciously confirms his promises to us, his promises centering in that Son, our Savior.

Consummation

"And he believed in the Lord and he counted it to him for righteousness." The gracious Lord was the foundation on which Abraham rested. That Lord could not lie and would do exactly as he had promised. As Paul further explains in Romans 4:13-21, Abraham believed in "the God who gives life to the dead and calls things that are not as though they were," and also Abraham was "fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised."

Such faith was God's gift to Abraham. All Abraham could produce by himself was consternation. God had to work in Abraham's heart the faith to embrace the promises. Graciously God planted Abraham's feet on those promises as a rock where Abraham could stand and view the future as something just as certain as the present. Gently God turned Abraham's gaze away from his own inabilities and Sarah's barrenness to him from whom all blessings flow and whose Word is always sure. Through such God-given faith Abraham trusted that a son would be born and even more, that the Savior would come (John 8:56). Through faith in that Savior's pardon Abraham was righteous before God.

Later when Abraham held his baby Isaac in his arms, he knew firsthand the truth of God's promises. He knew that those who believe God's Word would see more than the countless stars of heaven. They will see God when they gather round the throne of his Son, the Savior, in heaven and there shine like the stars forever and ever.

"Lord, grant the consummation of this our song above, In endless adoration and everlasting love! Then shall we praise and bless Thee where perfect praises ring, And evermore confess Thee, our Savior and our King."

Richard E. Lauersdorf

Mining the Treasure of God's Word



BY JULIAN G. ANDERSON

Luke 1:57-80

Before you begin work today, reread quickly Luke 1:5-25, which sets the background for today's story. Then

Turn to Luke 1:57-66

Verse 57 gives the date, sometime in 7/6 B.C., nine months after the angel's announcement in 1:13. The birth of this child was clearly a miraculous one (compare 1:7); and it was a time of great rejoicing for everyone (v. 58). Verses 59-66 bring us back into the Old Testament, to the rite of circumcision. Here read Genesis 17:9-12. The covenant was, of course, God's great covenant with Abraham in Genesis 12:1-3; and circumcision was the sign, or "token" of that covenant (17:11). It indicated that the child was now a member of the covenant nation, the Old Testament equivalent of what baptism is for us. It was also the time the child was given his name, which resulted in a sharp difference of opinion in this case (vv. 59b-63). Notice particularly Zechariah's action when he regained his hearing and speech (v. 64b, hi-lite the closing phrase). Notice also the reaction of the people living throughout the hill country of Judea (vv. 65 and 66).

Next, 1:67-80

Before you read Zechariah's song of praise, reread Luke's description of this man in verse 6. He was truly a pious, God-fearing man, and his song indicates that he was a man steeped in the

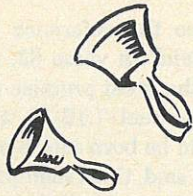
Old Testament Scriptures, for like Mary's song, this song is also a collection of thoughts taken from the Old Testament and strung together into a song of praise to God under the divine inspiration of the Holy Spirit (v. 67).

First read aloud verses 68-75, in a modern version if possible, to get the rhythm of this Hebrew poetry. There is no regular meter, as in English poetry, but each line normally has three "beats," or emphasized syllables. This is the first stanza, and it deals with God's fulfillment of all his promises to send a Messiah. Hi-lite the opening phrase of verse 68, and remember that "Praise the Lord" is a translation of the Hebrew "Hallelu-jah." Here the Lord is called "Israel's God," which reminds us that the members of the nation of Israel were all descended from one man, Jacob, whose name was changed to Israel after he had wrestled with God all night (Genesis 32:28). Besides, the nation was a fulfillment of the second part of the covenant God made with Abraham in Genesis 12:1-3, which is referred to in verses 72 and 73. Hi-lite the word "redeemed" in verse 68, one of the great key words of Scripture, which means "ransomed." This pictures the essential work of the Messiah, that he would set mankind free from their slavery to the devil into which they had fallen by the sin of Adam and Eve in the Garden. The price he paid was, of course, his own

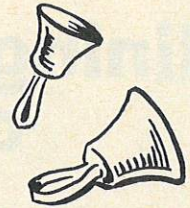
life. Note also the reference to "the family of David" in verse 69, another reference to the great promise made to David in 2 Samuel 7:12-16, that the Messiah would be born into his family. As Zechariah said, this redemption was the constant theme of all the prophets "from the beginning of time" (compare Luke 24:27). The "enemies" mentioned in verse 71 are first, the devil, our chief enemy, and also all his followers. But when Zechariah speaks about "the deliverance, or salvation, from our enemies" in verse 74, he was referring to the Exodus; and verses 74b and 75 speak about the new life of the nation of Israel in their promised land following the conquest under Joshua. These verses also remind us that the true *service* God requires is rendered by those who live *righteous* lives, doing what God says is right.

The second stanza of this remarkable song deals with the work of John, the Messiah's forerunner, which was a position of great honor. Note how perfectly Zechariah summed up the work of his son in the opening verse 76a (hi-lite). Remember that the word "prophet" is the Greek word for "spokesman." To be the Lord's mouthpiece is the most exalted position possible for a human being. Verse 76b is a quotation of Isaiah 40:3 and Malachi 3:1, both prophecies which had now been fulfilled. John's work is then described more precisely in verses 77 and 78a. Notice that the *essence* of our salvation (v. 77) is the *forgiveness of sins*, and keep in mind that the meaning of forgiveness or remission is *removal*. Here compare Psalm 103:12. The KJV's "dayspring from on high" is rightly rendered "the rising sun . . . from heaven" in the NIV, referring, of course, to Jesus. This is a reference to Malachi 4:2, and it pictures the dawn of a glorious new day. The condition of fallen mankind is vividly described in verse 79a, being a quotation from Isaiah 9:2. And "the path of peace" (v. 79b) is the road that leads to true peace, peace with God.

Verse 80 describes in a very brief way the years of John's childhood, adolescence and young manhood, noting only that this child *grew* and became a man of great spiritual strength, living a solitary life of prayer and meditation in the desert until the time came for him to begin his work.



Handbells



Sweet Sounds from the Inner City

In the minds of most Americans, the inner city raises thoughts of broken windows, broken houses and broken families. But there are also a lot of good things going on in the inner city, good things that Wisconsin Synod people should know about.

That's why the handbell choir of Siloah Lutheran Church traveled from Milwaukee to Minnesota last May, covering 1,000 miles in four-and-one-half days. Our congregations are sharing God's Word in Milwaukee's inner city, and that sharing is bearing fruit. As a result, eight young Wisconsin Synod Christians were ready to ring forth the praises of their Savior in familiar melodies that please the ear and gladden the heart. Only two of the musicians had been born into Lutheran families.

The first stop was at St. James Lutheran Church in West St. Paul, Minnesota, where the host, Pastor Richard Stadler, had organized the first "Interstate Handbell Festival" in the Wisconsin Synod. Four choirs from three congregations first played individual selections and then united to play "The Church's One Foundation" with a sound that had to be heard to be believed.

The next day the choir arrived in New Ulm, Minnesota, where they were greeted by Prof. Fred Bartel, who had been Siloah's organist and choir director before accepting the call to Dr. Martin Luther College in 1978. Professor Bartel had arranged a busy schedule for the bell ringers in New Ulm. They played for the children of St. Paul's Lutheran School, for school music classes, for chapel services, and for a special worship service that Professor Bartel had planned around the music of the handbells.

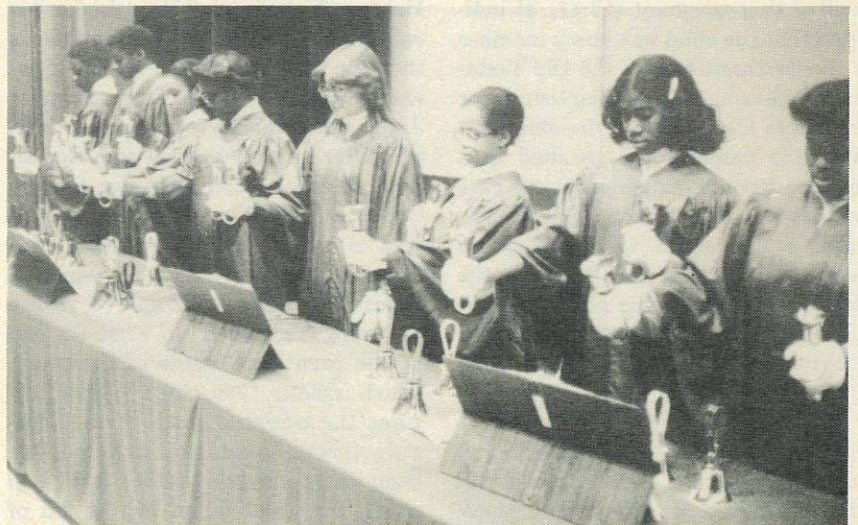
On the way back to Milwaukee the choir stopped at Watertown, Wisconsin, where St. Mark's Congregation served as host. In Watertown the stu-



Arriving at DMLC

dents of Northwestern College and Northwestern Preparatory School heard the bell music in their evening chapel services. The following morning the audience consisted of members and schoolchildren from St. Mark's Congregation. The tour was concluded back at Siloah where the bell choir played for parents and classmates and reported on the exciting events of the tour.

In four-and-one-half days, some 2,000 Wisconsin Synod Lutherans witnessed some of the finest fruits of our inner-city mission work. At the same time Siloah's bell ringers experienced the finest hospitality of their fellow Wisconsin Synod Christians. It was really a blessed sharing of faith, and we hope that the experience can be repeated in the years to come.



The Siloah bell ringers in action

"Ring Praises" at DMLC

The first handbell concert ever at Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota, was presented on Tuesday, April 3, 1979.

The new set of bells was a gift of Drs. Howard and Ann Vogel of New Ulm in memory of Miss Frances Krook who died in 1978. Miss Krook had taught instrumental music and helped with musicals and drama productions at DMLC from 1955 to 1967. The 37 bronze bells encompass a range of three chromatic octaves and were made by the Schulmerich Carillons, Inc., of Sellersville, Pennsylvania.

Prof. Wayne Wagner is director of the handbell choirs. Fifty students par-



The DMLC bell choirs

icipated in the four bell choirs which performed for the first concert. The audience was delighted with the beautiful mellow tone of the bells and the performance of the choirs, which had only 10 weeks to prepare for the concert. The selections ranged from simple

four-part harmonies to the more complicated rhythms of the "Prayer and Finale" by Eugene Butler.

The DMLC community is grateful to the donors for their gift, which will surely broaden the musical offerings of the college.

An Unusual Blessing

On Sunday, June 3, 1979, there were 67 people in a worship service in Topeka, Kansas. What was so unusual about this?

1. Permission was just granted to begin exploratory services in Topeka at the GBHM meeting in February 1979. The nucleus that made the request consisted of 16 communicants and 20 souls from nine families.

2. Attendance at the first service on Sunday, March 11, 1979, was only 18. This service was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bunde, a family that had recently moved to Topeka from our mission in Salt Lake City, Utah.

3. The first time worship services were held in rented quarters, there were four responses to our newspaper advertisement.

4. The following week attendance was 29 and within a month we had to search for a larger place of worship. This was found at the YWCA at 225 W. 12th St. in downtown Topeka.

5. By this time there were so many

calls to be made that two pastors from Kansas City were kept busy calling on the people. The pastors serving this mission were Pastors John Schneidervin and Paul Soukup.

6. On Sunday, June 3, both Pastor Schneidervin and Pastor Soukup were in Topeka and experienced a most unusual blessing in that Sunday's service. Twenty-eight people came forward to reaffirm their faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, state their agreement with the doctrinal position of our Wisconsin Synod and be accepted into communicant membership.

7. Because of the unusual blessings experienced in Topeka, the Conference of Presidents, with approval from the Executive Committee of the General Board for Home Missions, assigned a candidate from this year's seminary graduating class to this exploratory area. On Sunday, July 8, this group had the unusual privilege of ordaining and installing its own pastor in the person of Candidate Curtiss W. Seefeldt.

8. Finally, perhaps the really unique

feature about all these unusual blessings is that just about eight years ago a mission in Topeka was closed due to lack of growth. At one time there was a resident pastor and a Synod-owned parsonage in Topeka, but it simply wasn't in God's plan to grant a congregation. Now the Lord has granted us a congregation and a resident pastor and by his rich grace we look forward to the purchase of land and the erection of a chapel and parsonage.

We rejoice in being able to share all these unusual blessings with you. We request your continued prayers for this mission and all the missions of our Synod. And whether we are privileged to receive 28 blood-bought souls at one time or just one, may we all be united in Paul's song of praise, "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen." (Eph. 3:20,21)

Paul S. Soukup, Pastor

How to Manage Your Christian Life

Part Four: Budgeting Resources

In previous articles we stressed priorities and standards in relation to the Christian life. When we have correctly-determined priorities, then the most important things get the bulk of our attention. When we have properly-set standards, then our goals will be right and our sights will be high. Now it is time to get into the important matter of budgeting the resources that are available to us.

Budgeting is a necessary process. Every well-run business has a good budget; every smoothly functioning household has some guide for spending; every church that is serious about its mission has some way of measuring what resources it has with which to work. So also in managing our Christian lives we need a way to evaluate what resources

we have with which to work in carrying out our goals.

Our resources for Christian living come from God. These fall into two classifications. There are the natural gifts which God gives in wide variety to all people, believers and unbelievers alike. Of these we will speak later. In this article we want to give attention to the gifts that are unique to Christians, gifts which God gives to Christians alone. These are the spiritual gifts.

"Body Theology"

In Romans 12:4-6a St. Paul acquaints us with the concept of gifts within the body of Christ: "Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all

have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us."

How important for Christians to know about this "body theology"! Knowing this, each Christian can see himself or herself in the perspective of the whole body of Christ. Knowing this, each Christian can concentrate on recognizing and using his or her own gifts, without being jealous of those who have more or different gifts. Knowing this, each Christian can be aware that the notion of "equal shares" of work under a quota system is not really part of our Lord's thinking regarding his body, the church.

Japan Seminary Program

Beginning to Push the Ceiling



Participants in first postgraduate seminary

For over 10 years the Lutheran Evangelical Christian Church of Japan has offered a seminary program. Except for pastoral conferences, however, graduation from our seminary was sort of a "ceiling" on theological studies here.

The present school year* is giving us an opportunity to try to push through

this "ceiling." The only student presently enrolled in our seminary program is spending this school year as a vicar assisting one of our national pastors. This means that at the moment we are not conducting regular seminary classes. We decided to use this "breather" to try to begin "pushing through the ceiling," by offering our

first postgraduate studies for national pastors. We called our first attempt a "Pastors' Seminar."

The seminar was held May 15-17, 1979, at Tsuchiura City. Three national pastors and our national vicar attended full time. Expatriate missionaries attended part time, as much as their heavy schedules allowed. Missionary H. Johne led the seminar. A lay member of our Lutheran Evangelical Christian Church's standing committee on education also visited the seminar.

The seminar centered around a study of the Apostle Peter. It opened with a discussion of attitudes toward Peter. For example, the question, "Would Peter approve, if he heard you preaching about his denial?" was discussed. During the three-day seminar the participants read and discussed all of the New Testament passages that have a direct reference to Peter. They also read and discussed Peter's two Epistles. One characteristic of these discussions was a constant search for

God's Spiritual Gifts

What are the spiritual gifts that God bestows on Christians? By comparing 1 Corinthians 12:8-10 and 28; Romans 12:6-8 and Ephesians 4:11,12 we come up with the following list of spiritual gifts:

1. The word of wisdom. This is the ability to recognize solutions to problems within the body.
2. The word of knowledge. This is the gift of accumulating a treasure store of truth from God's Word.
3. Faith. Since all Christians must have faith which trusts the Triune God, this special gift must mean something like "vision," the faith which pursues the future goals of the body.
4. Healings. This would include, at least, emotional healing.
5. Prophecy. This is the ability to speak or proclaim God's Word plainly.
6. Discerning spirits. This is the

gift of being able to recognize false teachers.

7. Different tongues. This is given to those who can communicate in other languages.
8. Interpreting tongues. The ability to explain what one language is saying in another.
9. Apostle. One who is sent out in the name of Christ, perhaps missionary.
10. Pastor-teacher. One who can guide and counsel the sheep and lambs of Jesus.
11. Helping. The ability to serve others in a cheerful and helpful way.
12. Administration. The ability to organize and coordinate the efforts within the body.
13. Encouraging. The gift of helping others to keep a bright outlook.
14. Leading. The capability of inspiring the people of God to follow the path that pleases him.
15. Giving. The desire to give of one's money, time and energy for the church.

16. Acts of mercy. The ability to help those who cannot help themselves, especially the sick.
17. Evangelist. The capacity to tell the Good News about the Savior in a direct and appealing way.

It is safe to say, on the basis of Scripture, that you as a Christian have at least one, probably more, of these spiritual gifts. Do you know which ones? Are you taking steps to use them within the body of Christ? What a waste if your gifts are lying fallow! What a shame if you are struggling to use gifts which you do not have! What a blessing when God's gifts are clearly recognized and conscientiously used!

In our next article we will discuss ways to determine what our spiritual gifts may be, as well as some problems that occur in connection with this subject.

Thomas B. Franzmann

any connection between the things we learn about Peter from the Gospels, Acts, and Paul's Letters, and the things we hear directly from Peter in his own Epistles. The final session of the seminar was spent developing sermon outlines on texts pertaining to Peter or taken from his Epistles. All of the discussions were, of course, conducted in the Japanese language.

The three-day seminar involved hard work for all the participants, also for the missionaries' wives who provided

meals and snacks. It, however, provided a fine opportunity for fun and fellowship as well.

We feel that this first Pastors' Seminar has helped us understand our Savior's message better. We hope that it also increased our ability to proclaim that message to others.

H. Johne

*The school year in Japan begins early in April, coinciding with cherry-blossom time.



Mealtime at the Johne parsonage

SYNODICAL SCHOOL OPENINGS

Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Mequon, Wisconsin

Monday, September 10: Dormitory opens
Tuesday, September 11: Opening service at 10:00 a.m.

Northwestern College Watertown, Wisconsin

Monday, August 27: Orientation for new students
Tuesday, August 28: Opening service at 1:30

Northwestern Preparatory School Watertown, Wisconsin

Monday, August 27: Orientation for new students at 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, August 28: Opening service at 1:30

Dr. Martin Luther College New Ulm, Minnesota

Friday, September 7: Freshman registration in Luther Memorial Union, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. — Faculty welcome buffet for all all new students and their parents in gymnasium, 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 8: Sophomore registration, 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. — Junior registration, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 9: Senior registration, 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. — Opening service in Chapel-Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

Michigan Lutheran Seminary Saginaw, Michigan

Sunday, August 26: Registration of students
Monday, August 27: Registration of students — Opening service at 1:30 p.m.

Northwestern Lutheran Academy Mobridge, South Dakota

Friday, August 24: Registration — Opening service at 1:30 p.m. — Contingent upon decision at the Synod convention, August 1-8, 1979

Martin Luther Preparatory School Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin

Tuesday, September 4: Registration for all students, 8:00 to 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. — Orientation for all new students on Tuesday evening

Wednesday, September 5: Opening service at 8:30 a.m. — Classes begin at 9:30 a.m.

Looking at the Religious World

Air Force Court-Martials Bible Reader

Officials at Mountain Home Air Force Base have court-martialed airman Steve Ristau for refusing an order to stop reading the Bible while standing sentry duty. Ristau insisted that the Air Force order infringed upon his God-given obligations as a born-again Christian.

Many professing Christians do not read their Bible when they ought to. Ristau read his when he ought not to have done so. He may be of the opinion that his action represents a faithful testimony to the cause of Christ and the church. Actually he has misrepresented Christianity's cause by his conduct. Apparently he did not read his Bible sufficiently to know that a Christian owes obedience to his government in all things except when a command of men conflicts with a command of God.

Lutheran Leaders Question Revivalistic Crusades

Two midwest Lutheran leaders have recommended congregational study of a paper which urges Lutherans to "restrict support of independent revivalistic ministries." The two leaders, Nelson Preus and Carl Larson, are ALC and LCA district presidents in the Dakotas and northeastern Minnesota. The study paper was prompted by a letter soliciting the support of area clergy for an evangelistic crusade to be conducted by a former associate evangelist of the Billy Graham organization.

The study paper suggests that "Lutheran congregations should withhold their support" because of "revivalism's assumptions about salvation . . . sin . . . and the church." It concludes with suggestions for "alternatives for Lutherans to flamboyant mass rallies and oversized personalities . . . pious cliches or orthodox formulas . . . slick techniques from the public media, advertising and public relations."

Among the four alternatives the study paper suggests is this one: "A

special service or series of services . . . which focuses on the goals of ecumenical reconciliation and joint ministry. . . Such conscious ecumenical ventures would be strikingly superior to the non-denominational, independent, personality-centered and therefore 'unfocused' character of revivalistic 'crusades.'"

We are sympathetic with the concerns of presidents Preus and Larson. But the reasons they cite for their concerns are inadequate, and so is the alternative they propose. We too question revivalism's assumptions about salvation, sin, and the church. But we would add that the Lord forbids us to make common cause with those who misrepresent his teachings in revivalist fashion.

We would further add that substituting a "high calibre" unionistic ecumenical service for a "low calibre" unionistic revival service is not a God-pleasing solution to the problem. It fails for the same reason typical revivalistic services do. It's unscriptural. It overlooks the fellowship principles God has established in his Word.

LCA Declines Request To Ordain Seminex Graduates

The Lutheran Church in America has politely declined a request to ordain and assign candidates for the ministry who graduate from Christ Seminary-Seminex. Seminex is the five-year-old breakaway seminary from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis and is affiliated with the AELC. Seminex officials had petitioned the LCA to arrange for "a churchwide annual quota" of its graduates for placement in LCA congregations. Both the LCA and the AELC have a surplus of seminary graduates seeking pastorates.

Executive Director Lloyd Sheneman of the LCA's Division for Professional Services advised Seminex president, John Tietjen, that the proposal for "an annual quota" was "inappropriate and meaningless" and that it "came at a time when this division has not been encouraging enrollment increases in

LCA seminaries." The LCA executive also suggested that it is inappropriate for Seminex students to contact vacant congregations directly about possible positions.

The difficulty Seminex is experiencing in placing its candidates will probably cause its declining enrollment to decline even further. Currently it enrolls only half the students it did when it was founded five years ago.

Ethiopia Jails Lutheran Leader

The Marxist government of Ethiopia has arrested Gudina Tumsa, general secretary of the Evangelical Church of Mekane Yesus, for the second time in nine months. Last fall the 49-year-old Lutheran was imprisoned for four weeks and released. No reason has been given for his arrest. The government has also taken into custody 172 other members of the Central Synod of the Mekane Yesus Church.

The plight of Ethiopian Christians is probably an indication of what is in store for other African Christians in whose countries Marxists are struggling to establish control. They need our prayers.

Good Housekeeping's Most Admired Woman

A *Christianity Today* editorial reports that *Good Housekeeping* has awarded singer Anita Bryant its Most Admired Woman award for the second consecutive year. The editorial comments that Miss Bryant's popularity surprised those who assumed that her controversial stand on the gays rights movement had placed her in general disfavor. It further observes that the magazine's readers apparently "respect an honest, clearly defined stand on a controversial issue" even if they do not agree entirely with her views.

The editorial then takes issue with evangelical Christians who back off from taking stands against pervasive sins of society because of the risks and sacrifices involved. The consequence is "a church compromised by culture." The editorial quotes Denny Rydberg, former editor of the *Wittenberg Door*, who wrote: "The church seems almost indistinguishable from any other or-

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Direct from the Districts

DAKOTA-MONTANA
Reporter Thomas Schmidt

Widow Sprengeler Goes to Glory

Emma Anna Sprengeler, born June 25, 1899, wife of Pastor Walter Sprengeler, followed her husband home at the age of 79 on May 20, 1979. Pastor Elroy Conradt presided at her funeral service on May 23 in Henry, South Dakota, and on the basis of Romans 8:18 led the living to see that there is "Glory for Gloom."

Emma Sprengeler was born an Ulbricht, daughter of Herman and Hilda. On May 6, 1935, she was united with Pastor Sprengeler in the holy estate of matrimony. The Lord blessed them with three sons and a daughter, and she was privileged to see 16 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. In June 1970 she and Pastor Sprengeler moved to Henry, South Dakota, upon her husband's retirement. After her husband died in 1971 she stayed in Henry until July 1978, at which time she moved to Cheyenne, Wyoming, to live with one of her sons. She believed "that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which (because of Christ) shall be revealed in us." Such a victorious faith leads to the glories above!

NORTHERN WISCONSIN
Reporter Harlyn Kuschel

25 Years in the Teaching Ministry

Grace Ev. Lutheran Congregation, Oshkosh, Wisconsin, acknowledged 25 years in the teaching ministry of one of its called servants, Mrs. James Witt, with a reception in her honor on Sunday, April 29. All of her 25 years in teaching have been spent at Grace Lutheran School, where she is presently teaching the second grade. Mrs. Witt, the former Verona Meyer, is a graduate of Dr. Martin Luther College and has furthered her education with addition-

al courses at UW-Oshkosh. She is the mother of three sons, one of whom is Pastor James G. Witt of St. Philip's, Milwaukee.

Church Addition at Trinity, Town Liberty

Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church of Town Liberty, rural Manitowoc, Wisconsin, dedicated its new church addition to the glory of God on May 6. The addition was the last of a series of major projects undertaken by the congregation in connection with its 125th anniversary in 1978. Pastor Philip Janke, instructor at Manitowoc Lutheran High School, preached the dedication sermon on Matthew 16:24-26, reminding members and friends of Trinity's "Divine Task." A fellowship dinner followed the morning service.

The new addition gives covered access to both the main floor and the basement of the church, and provides much needed coatrooms. A stained-glass window depicting the Trinity serves as the addition's centerpiece, framing the north wall in direct line with the altar. Together with the addition, the installation of Gothic-style chandeliers and the complete redecorating of the church's interior give the 70-year-old church building a new and dignified appearance. Trinity's current membership is 383 souls, 289 communicants. Pastor of the congregation is Rev. C. R. Rosenow.

Below: Trinity Church
Town Liberty



Kurt F. Oswald Retires

At the close of the last school year, Mr. Kurt F. Oswald entered into complete retirement from service as a teacher in the schools of our Wisconsin Synod. Being the oldest member of the Fox Valley Lutheran High School faculty, Appleton, Wisconsin, he had spent the last three years in part-time activity as an instructor of German and as assistant librarian. At one time or another since 1955, his duties at Fox Valley Lutheran had included general music, choral work, German, English, general math, and the organization of the school library.

As administrator of the library, Mr. Oswald was responsible for the development of its service at the school from the beginning in 1955 and continuing until 1975. It included the purchase and classification of a book collection numbering some 9,000 volumes and a large list of periodicals, reference materials, and musical recordings. Mr. Oswald was also instrumental in writing the Fox Valley Lutheran school song, "Onward FVL."

Mr. Oswald's career as a teacher began after graduation from the two-year college course at DMLC in New Ulm, Minnesota, in 1925. This was followed by summer courses at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, and the University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh, in the area of library science. Mr. Oswald returned to DMLC for several courses in the early 1960s to complete requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Education degree, which was granted him in 1964.

Mr. Oswald's teaching experiences previous to FVL include 16 years at St. Peter's Lutheran School, Weyauwega,

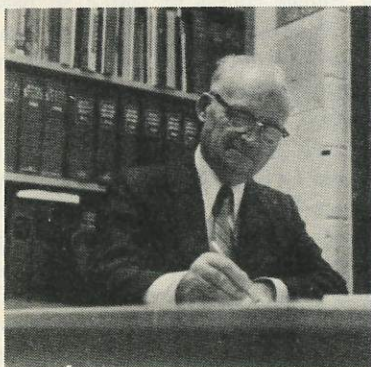
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Wisconsin. During his first year there he taught a class of 55 children, grades 1-8. This was soon changed when the congregation arranged for a division of classes and two teachers. In the fall of 1941, Mr. Oswald assumed the duties of principal and teacher at St. Mark's Lutheran, Watertown, Wisconsin, and continued there for 14 years.

In addition to his 53 years of service as a teacher, Mr. Oswald has also been active as a school visitor, as a member of the Commission on Worship, as organist and choir director for the congregations he served as teacher, and since 1955 as organist at Riverview Lutheran Church in Appleton.

Mr. Oswald was born in New Ulm, Minnesota, on June 13, 1905. In 1930 he married Myra Otto. Their family includes three children, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandsons.

In his long connection with the mission of the church as a teacher and as a congregation member he has been granted the privilege of influencing the lives and spirits of countless numbers of people, young and old, by his faithful use and application of the Word of the Lord.



Mr. Kurt Oswald

ARIZONA
Reporter William Meier

Playing Organ 60 Years

For sixty years Mrs. Lydia Schaefer has been playing the organ to God's glory in Lutheran church services. On April 29, 1979, her fellow members in Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Tempe, Arizona, gathered to thank God for her services. Mrs. Schaefer, a charter member of Emmanuel, has been an organist for the congregation ever since it began holding services in 1953.

Mrs. Schaefer, born in Alabama, conformed in Ohio, began playing the organ in Lutheran services in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. When she and her husband Gustav moved to Phoenix in 1945, she played for the services of Zion Lutheran Church, and from 1950-53 played often for Redeemer Lutheran Church, a new mission that our Synod was starting in the south Phoenix area.



Mrs. Lydia Schaefer

Pastor Daniel Pautz of Emmanuel Lutheran Church thanked Mrs. Schaefer in behalf of the congregation. Praise was given to the Lord who causes his servants to serve him willingly. Mr. Garry Richey, president of the congregation, presented Mrs. Schaefer with a diploma of recognition and announced that a stained glass window was being placed in the church in her honor. A reception followed the church service.

WESTERN WISCONSIN
Reporter Harold Sturm

Mrs. Hugo Fritze Dies

Mrs. Gerda Fritze, the widow of Pastor Hugo Fritze, died on March 30, 1979, in Watertown, Wisconsin, after an extended illness. She was born on January 29, 1907, the daughter of Pastor and Mrs. John Reuschel. She was married to Pastor Fritze on November 4, 1935. Together they served the Lord's people at Valentine, Nebraska; Des Moines, Iowa; Norfolk, Nebraska; Council Bluffs, Iowa; and Ixonia, Wisconsin. Pastor Fritze retired to Watertown in 1976 and died on April 6, 1977.

Mrs. Fritze's funeral was conducted at Trinity Lutheran Church, Watertown, Wisconsin, on April 3, 1979, by Pastor W. A. Schumann, who comforted the mourners with St. Paul's triumphant song of joy in 1 Corinthians 15:55-57.

Mrs. Fritze is survived by one daughter, Lois; three sons: David, Paul and Mark; 12 grandchildren, three sisters and three brothers.

A New Day Dawns for Zion Lutheran of Leeds

June 24, 1979, was a beautiful day. The sun was shining and the weather couldn't have been finer in rural Arlington, Wisconsin. But the members and friends of Zion Lutheran Church of Leeds had much more to rejoice over on this glorious day than the weather. A new day had dawned for Zion as she had the privilege of installing her first minister of education, Mr. Richard A. Korth.

It all started early in 1979 when a sort of marriage took place between two sister congregations in the area of Christian education. The congregations who said "we will" to a proposed plan of greater cooperation in this area were Eastside Lutheran Church of Madison and Zion Lutheran Church of Leeds. Eastside promised to share its beautiful educational facilities and Zion promised to provide a teacher for Eastside along with additional financial support as the situation called for. Zion truly appreciates the kindness of Eastside.

For the past 10 years Mr. Korth had served in a similar capacity as minister of education at St. John's Lutheran Church, Whitewater, Wisconsin, teaching at St. Paul's Lutheran School, Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin.

Mr. Korth received his elementary education at St. John's Lutheran School, Juneau, Wisconsin. He began preparing for the full-time work in the Lord's kingdom by attending Northwestern Preparatory School for his high-school education. His college education was received at Northwestern College, Watertown; Wisconsin Lutheran College, Milwaukee; and Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota. In 1973 he earned a Masters' Degree from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.

A new day has dawned for Zion. God-willing, this fall 32 of her children will be attending Eastside Lutheran School. May this new venture always serve to glorify him who will make a new day dawn for all of us when heaven becomes our home!

Harold W. Sturm

With the Lord

Pastor Harry Shiley 1902 - 1979

It pleased Almighty God to call out of this life the soul of Pastor Harry Shiley on May 22, 1979. He was born August 7, 1902, in Sharpsburg, Pennsylvania, the son of Amos and Amelia Shiley.

Pastor Shiley served the Lord for 48 years in the public ministry, from 1928 to 1976. All of these years were spent in the Milwaukee, Wisconsin, area. Upon his graduation from the seminary in 1928, he accepted the call to Woodlawn Lutheran Church, West Allis, Wisconsin. During the years of 1940 to 1956, Pastor Shiley served as the pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Waukesha, Wisconsin. In 1956, the Lord called Pastor Shiley to Calvary

Lutheran in Milwaukee, where he remained until his retirement.

On July 15, 1928, Pastor Shiley married Alma C. Koch, who survives him together with four daughters, their children, and other relatives.

Pastor Shiley was a member of Calvary Lutheran Church where his pastor, the Reverend Robert M. Krueger, on May 25, 1979, comforted relatives and friends on the basis of John 11:21-27. His body was laid to rest in Wisconsin Memorial Park, Milwaukee. "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die."

R. M. Krueger

Pastor Herbert Hackbarth 1905 - 1979

Pastor Herbert C. F. Hackbarth served our Lord in the parish ministry of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod

for 46 years. When a stroke forced his retirement in 1976, he moved with his wife to Mankato, Minnesota. On June 19, 1979, he was suddenly called to his heavenly home.



Pastor Hackbarth

Rev. Martin Birkholz, pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, of which Pastor Hackbarth was a member, comforted the family and friends with the assurances of John 10:27,28 at the

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Read a Good Book Lately? (continued)

The simplest thing to do, of course, is to pass it all off as pure fraud and fakery, but God's own Word tells us that there is a real personal devil followed by an army of fallen angels who seek our destruction. Through his inspired prophets the Lord has warned us against witches, enchanters, familiar spirits and "wizards that peep" and mutter. In various passages in Deuteronomy the Lord warns us not to believe every sign and wonder. Through his Apostle John he warns us not to believe every spirit but to test the spirits to see whether they are from God. We should examine the spirits.

In his book Dr. Becker in a precise and concise way examines several dozen occult fads and phenomena, and he does it all in 120 pages. This little book certainly doesn't exhaust the subject, and yet, it probably tells us all that we really have to know about the occult. In his brevity Dr. Becker is actually following his own advice and warning that too much reading on this subject can be morbid and unwholesome.

In this journey into the occult Dr. Becker doesn't suggest that we travel alone, but that we hold our Savior with one hand and his Word with the other. This book is full of pertinent passages and examples from God's Word, and I found myself constantly turning to the Bible to read and study these references in their Scriptural context. In this too Dr. Becker was following his own advice: "Our best defense against the modern explosion of the occult is not more knowledge of the occult on our part. Our best defense is the gospel of God's redeeming love in Christ who has come to destroy all the works of the devil."

The gospel of Christ is found in a book, a good book, God's Book. But just having God's Book isn't going to protect us against the devil and all the other demons of hell. We have to read God's Book, study it, search it daily and

literally live in it. We who accept Scripture as God's own Word constantly have to guard against developing a white magic type creed which goes something like this — "I believe that the Bible is God's Word. I love it. I'd be willing to die for it. Someday I might even read it." Once again I say, "Take some time and read a good book. Take the time to read God's Book."

Walter F. Beckmann

SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING WISCONSIN LUTHERAN SEMINARY AUXILIARY

All women of WELS congregations, or of other congregations in fellowship with the WELS, are hereby cordially invited to the 7th annual WLSA meeting to be held on October 6, 1979, at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, Wisconsin. The meeting will begin with a worship service at 10:00 a.m. Registration will be held during the preceding coffee hour. A noon dinner will be served in the Seminary dining room.

Included on the day's business agenda will be a report on the work accomplished by the Auxiliary during the past year. The ladies will also vote on projects proposed for the coming year. The guest speaker of the day will be Pastor Winfred B. Nommensen, first vice-president of the Southeastern Wisconsin District. Tours of the buildings will be available and an informative program will follow. The day's activities will conclude at 4:00 p.m.

Reservations should be made no later than September 22nd. Fill in the blank below, and sent it together with the fee of \$4.50 (includes dinner) to the WLSA corresponding secretary, Mrs. Arnold Nommensen, 105 S. Orchard Street, Thiensville, WI 53092.

THE WLSA PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

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PASTORAL CONFERENCE _____

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ .

With the Lord

funeral service on June 22. The service was held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, North Mankato.

Pastor Hackbarth was born on August 26, 1905, in Bristol, Wisconsin, the son of Emil and Anna Thurow Hackbarth. He attended Martin Luther Academy and Northwestern College, and graduated from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in 1930.

He was ordained and installed at Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Mission, South Dakota, on August 24, 1930, and also conducted services at preaching stations in that area until 1937. He

served congregations in Stanton, Nebraska, 1937-48; Dexter, Michigan, 1948-51; Echo, Minnesota, 1951-73; and Richwood-Hubbleton in Wisconsin, 1973-76.

He was united in marriage with Emma Roeder on August 10, 1930. Left to mourn his passing, in addition to his faithful wife, are six daughters: Charlotte Hackbarth, Eunice Owens, Lydia Schibbelhut, Rachel Seebach, Grace Nyen and Lois Freiling; three sons: Arthur, Hilbert and Frederick; and 34 grandchildren.

"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me, and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall

never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand."

Religious World (cont.)

ganization in society. You can't tell the Christians from anyone else."

You can tell Anita Bryant from almost everyone else. For that reason we second her nomination as *Good Housekeeping's* Most Admired Woman though we do not thereby endorse everything she says and does in her crusade against homosexuality. May the Lord increase the number of professing Christians who are as willing to express their beliefs as forthrightly as she does!

Joel C. Gerlach

CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES

DAKOTA-MONTANA

EASTERN DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: September 11, 1979; 9:00 a.m.
Place: Our Savior Lutheran Church, South Shore, South Dakota.
Agenda: Reports on Synod Convention.
Dennis W. Schmidt, Secretary

WESTERN PASTOR-DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: September 14, 1979; 10:00 a.m. Central Time
Communion Service.
Place: Zion, Moberly, South Dakota.
Agenda: Reports of Synod Convention Delegates
D. Weiser, Secretary

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN

CHICAGO PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: September 10-11, 1979; 1:00 p.m.
Place: Divine Savior, Indianapolis, Indiana; R. Rathje, host pastor.
Preacher: J. Gaertner (N.T. Text); alternate, R. Schleicher (O.T. Text).
Agenda: Exegesis of Joel 1: D. Bode (alternate: Joel 2: H. Lyon); The Presentation of the Lutheran Confessions on the Doctrine of the Church: A. Wolfgram (alternate: What Principles Should Govern the Admission of Non-members to Our Christian Day Schools? R. Pasbrig); A Selection from the Study Guide Section of the April 1979 Quarterly: D. Rutschow; Report on the Synod Convention: V. Vogel, J. Gaertner and D. Rutschow.
R. Pasbrig, Secretary

DODGE-WASHINGTON PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: September 11, 1979; 9:00 a.m. Communion Service.
Place: Zion Lutheran, Allenton, Wisconsin; E. Schewe, host pastor.
Preacher: P. Kante; E. Kitzerow, alternate.
Agenda: Exegesis of 2 Timothy 2:1-13; F. Gilbert; Report on Northwestern College and Prep School: Professors C. Toppe and W. Zell; The Moral Implications of Artificial Insemination: E. Schewe (cont.); *Formula of Concord*: Article X: Of Church Rites: D. Kuehl.
J. Castillo, Secretary

MINNESOTA

REDWING DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: August 21, 1979; 9:00 a.m.
Place: Immanuel, La Crescent (South Ridge), Minnesota; J. Ruppel, host pastor.
Preacher: A. Frenz; M. Doelger, alternate.
Agenda: Review of the Synod Convention; The Proper Handling of a Call: M. Doelger.
R. Kuznicki, Secretary

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

Date: August 21, 1979; 9:00 a.m. Communion Service.
Place: Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, Newton, Iowa.
Preacher: W. T. Niermeier; C. Palenske, alternate.
Agenda: Report on the Synod Convention: C. Palenske, R. Bacchus and P. Dirksen; Panel Discussion: A Layman's View of the Parish Ministry and the Minister.
Note: Excuse to R. Zehms, circuit pastor.
L. Lucht, Secretary

ST. CROIX PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: September 11, 1979; 9:00 a.m. Communion Service.
Place: Faith Lutheran, Prior Lake, Minnesota; C. Degner, host pastor.
Preacher: W. Hartmann; M. Mulinix, alternate.
Agenda: Seminar on Time-Management: Gordon Baird Associates, St. Paul; Dues and Lutheran Educator subscriptions.
J. May, Secretary

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(Authorized by the District Presidents)

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Dusek, Michael C., as pastor of Amazing Grace, Taylor, Michigan, on June 24, 1979, by D. Hennig (Mich).
Edwards, Robert M., as pastor of Redeemer, Rice Lake, Wisconsin, on July 8, 1979, by D. Kempf (WW).
Guenther, Jon E., as pastor of new mission, Asheville, North Carolina, on July 1, 1979, by P. Schmiede (Mich).
Kanzenbach, Richard N., as pastor of Ascension Lutheran, Moorhead, Minnesota, on July 1, 1979, by W. Allwardt (Dak.-Mont).
Schultz, Anthony E., as pastor of Peace, Loves Park, Illinois, on July 1, 1979, by E. Scharf (WW).
Seefeldt, Curtiss W., as pastor of new mission, Topeka, Kansas, on July 8, 1979, by P. Soukup (Nebr.).
Strackbein, John T., as pastor of Faith, Russell, Kansas, and of St. Mark's, Salina, Kansas, on June 24, 1979, by L. Strackbein (Nebr.).
Vilhauer, Dwight E., as associate pastor at Emanuel, New London, Wisconsin, on June 24, 1979, by A. Laper (NW).

Installed

Dietz, Michael W., as pastor of Christ Our Redeemer, Bend, Oregon, on June 17, 1979, by W. Widmann (PNW).
Krenke, David A., as pastor of St. John's, Rock Springs, Wisconsin, and of Faith, Reedsburg, Wisconsin, on July 8, 1979, by R. Strobel (WW).
Schulz, Wilbert E., as senior assistant pastor of St. Stephen's, Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, on July 1, 1979, by M. Sordahl (WW).

NOTICE

The next regular plenary session of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for
September 10-11, 1979

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

NEW WELS CHURCHES

Names Requested

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

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

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

Alaska	Sitka/Ketchikan*
Arizona	Deer Valley*
	Sierra Vista
Arkansas	Little Rock
California	Chula Vista
	Placer County
	Santa Clarita
	Santa Maria
Connecticut	Trumbull
Florida	Ft. Walton Beach*
	Leesburg
	Melbourne*
	Zephyrhills
Georgia	Augusta
Illinois	Decatur*
	Effingham*
	Wheeling*
Indiana	Muncie*
	Warsaw*
Iowa	Clinton
Kansas	Salina
	Topeka*
Louisiana	Baton Rouge*
Michigan	Big Rapids
	Imlay City
	Mt. Pleasant
	Perry/Laignsburg*
Minnesota	Fairmont
	Fergus Falls*
	Northfield*
	Plymouth/Maple Grove
Missouri	Joplin*
Montana	Helena*
Nebraska	Fremont
	O'Neill
	Gallup*
New Mexico	Asheville*
North Carolina	Jamestown
North Dakota	N.W. Dayton*
Ohio	Strongsville
	E. Oklahoma City*
Oklahoma	Harrisburg
Pennsylvania	Greenville*
South Carolina	Hot Springs
South Dakota	E. El Paso*
Texas	Midland/Odessa*
	Wichita Falls
West Virginia	Beckley
	Charleston*
Wisconsin	Cottage Grove*
	Galesville
	Genesee/Wales
	Holmen
	Plymouth
	Prairie du Chien
	Rice Lake
British Columbia	Vancouver*
Ontario	W. Ottawa
	Toronto*

*Denotes exploratory services.

EXPLORATORY

TORONTO, CANADA

WELS exploratory services are now being conducted in the greater Toronto, Ontario, area. Pastor Thomas C. Pfothenauer of Ottawa is coordinating pastoral assistance for these services. Please send the names of WELS members and other interested parties in the area to Pastor Pfothenauer at 1279 Evans Blvd., Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1H 7T8.

TIME AND PLACE

BRUCE CROSSING, MICHIGAN

The time of Sunday services at Bethany Ev. Lutheran Church, Bruce Crossing, Michigan, has been changed to 9:00 a.m.; this will be in effect for the entire year. David Sternberg is the pastor.

CROWN POINT, INDIANA

Our Shepherd Ev. Lutheran Church of Crown Point, Indiana, will conduct all of its services, year round, at 9:00 a.m. Sundays, with Sunday school and Bible classes following at 10:00 a.m. The church is located at 1515 West 93rd Avenue. Pastor of the congregation is Richard H. Schleicher, phone 219/663-5853.

APPOINTMENTS

Pastor Theodore Olsen as circuit pastor to replace Pastor John Vogt, who took a call into another district; Teacher Kurt Troge to the Stewardship Board to replace Roger Sievert, who took a call into another district; Mr. Orrie Anderson to the Board for Student Aid to replace Dr. Tom Zitter; Pastor John Baumgart to replace Pastor John Vogt as chairman of the Constitution Committee; Pastor Randall Bartelt to the Constitution Committee to replace Pastor Larry Zwiig, who accepted the call of the General Board for Home Missions; Pastor Glen Wenzel to the Legislative Committee to replace Pastor John Vogt.

Raymond L. Wiechmann, President
South Atlantic District

Rev. Edward Schaeewe has been appointed as circuit pastor of the Southeastern Conference, Michigan District, to fill the term of Pastor James Naumann, who accepted a call to another district.

Rev. Daniel Koelplin has been appointed as a member of the Michigan District Board of Parish Education to fill the term of Pastor John Mattek, who resigned the position in order to assume other duties.

W. J. Zarling, President
Michigan District

FOURTH ANNUAL YOUTH COUNSELORS' WORKSHOP

The Fourth Annual Youth Counselors' Workshop for pastors and lay counselors, sponsored by the Synod's Board for Parish Education, will be held September 28-30, 1979, at Camp St. Croix, Hudson, Wisconsin. The cost is \$40 per person (lodging for two nights and five meals). For registrations, write to: Pastor Richard Stadler, Committee on Youth Ministry, 460 W. Annapolis, W. St. Paul, MN 55118.

SYNODICAL CERTIFICATION COURSES

Dr. Martin Luther College has arranged to offer an extension course, Rel. 25C *Life of Christ*, at Wisconsin Lutheran High School, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, beginning Saturday morning, September 15, 1979, and meeting regularly on Saturday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. until January 19, 1980. Pastor Robert J. Voss, Executive Secretary of the Commission on Higher Education, has consented to teach the course.

Dr. Martin Luther College has also arranged to offer an extension course, Rel. 20E *Christian Doctrine I* at Fox Valley Lutheran High School, Appleton, Wisconsin, beginning Saturday morning, September 15, 1979 and meeting regularly on Saturday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. until January 19, 1980. Prof. Ronald Gorske of Fox Valley Lutheran High School has consented to teach the course.

All enrollees taking either course for Synodical Certification must have been accepted into the program before registration.

If you are interested, please contact the Director of Special Services, Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, MN 56073. Phone (507) 354-8221 Ext. 237.

WISCONSIN LUTHERAN COLLEGE

8830 West Bluemound Road
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Opening Dates

- August 26 — Resident halls open.
- August 27 — Registration, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
- August 27 — Opening service and installation of Prof. Luther Spaude, 7:00 p.m.
- August 28 — Classes begin.

ST. MARK'S, WATERTOWN

As a part of its 125th anniversary celebration, St. Mark's Ev. Lutheran Church, Watertown, Wisconsin, invites all former confirmands and members to a "Reunion Sunday" on October 7, 1979. The day will begin with festival services at 7:30, 9:00, and 10:45 in the forenoon. There will be an open house, a noon lunch, and a sacred concert at 2:00 P.M.

Pastors H. Paustian and M. Kell

ALTAR

Wooden altar, free for the taking. Nothing elaborate, but will serve well. Some refinishing necessary. Contact: Pastor Mark Porinsky, 9535 North Territorial Road, Dexter, Michigan 48130.

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Treasurer's Report

PREBUDGET SUBSCRIPTION PERFORMANCE

Six months ended June 30, 1979

	Subscription Amount for 1979	% ₁₂ of Annual Subscription	Subscription and Pension Offerings	Per Cent of Subscription
Arizona-California	\$ 520,133	\$ 260,066	\$ 252,007	96.9
Dakota-Montana	259,965	129,982	121,600	93.6
Michigan	1,378,318	689,159	644,230	93.5
Minnesota	1,485,854	742,927	735,154	99.0
Nebraska	291,629	145,814	136,961	93.9
Northern Wisconsin	1,582,176*	791,088	695,538	87.9
Pacific-Northwest	141,983	70,992	68,821	96.9
Southeastern Wisconsin	1,879,771	939,886	883,048	94.0
Western Wisconsin	1,780,763	890,382	833,639	93.6
South Atlantic	135,469	67,735	60,401	89.2
Total — 1979	\$9,456,061*	\$4,728,031	\$4,431,399	93.5
Total — 1978	\$8,810,655	\$4,405,328	\$4,357,703	98.9

*Total adjusted 6/79

CURRENT BUDGETARY FUND

Statement of Income and Expenditures

Twelve months ended June 30, 1979 with comparative figures for 1978
Twelve months ended June 30

			Increase or (Decrease)	
	1979	1978	Amount	Per Cent
Income				
Prebudget Subscription Offerings ..	\$ 9,145,045	\$8,698,832	\$ 446,213	5.1
Pension Plan Contributions	79,164	72,129	7,035	9.8
Gifts and Memorials	219,285	235,187	(15,902)	(6.8)
Bequests	152,361	103,000	49,361	47.9
Earnings from Fox Estate	66,473	65,177	1,296	2.0
Other Income	13,035	22,370	(9,335)	(41.7)
Transfers from Other Funds	108,796	128,761	(19,965)	(15.5)
Total Income	\$ 9,784,159	\$9,325,456	\$ 458,703	4.9
Expenditures:				
Worker Training	\$ 3,582,248	\$3,130,355	\$451,893	14.4
Home Missions	2,005,911	1,831,861	174,050	9.5
World Missions	1,931,020	1,458,497	472,523	32.4
Benevolences	1,085,609	1,049,686	35,923	3.4
Administration and Services	967,963	847,377	120,586	14.2
Total Operations	\$ 9,572,751	\$8,317,776	\$1,254,975	15.1
CEF — Interest Subsidy	781,908	686,797	95,111	13.8
Appropriations — Building Funds ..	220,000	235,000	(15,000)	(6.4)
Total Expenditures	\$10,574,659	\$9,239,573	\$1,335,086	14.4
Operating Gain/(Loss)	\$ (790,500)	\$ 85,883		

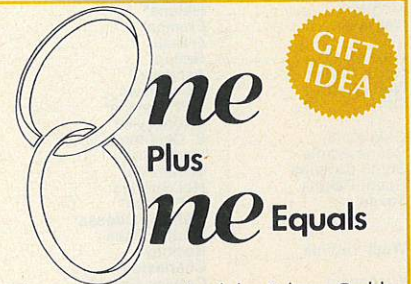
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WORKSHOP FOR TEACHERS OF THE MENTALLY RETARDED

The Southeastern Wisconsin District Special Ministries Board is sponsoring a workshop for the teachers of the mentally retarded at Wisconsin Lutheran College, 8830 West Blue-mound Road, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Saturday, September 15, 1979, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The workshop is for Christian day-school teachers, Sunday school teachers, VBS teachers, pastors, parents, and any other concerned Christians. Interested parties outside of the Southeastern Wisconsin District are invited and encouraged to attend. The theme is "Our Congregations' Responsibilities to Our Retarded." Teaching techniques will be demonstrated. A parent of a retarded child will share his concerns and experiences. There will be a registration of \$2.00. Lunch will be provided.

Roland R. Schultz, Secretary