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Briefs by the Editor

A child is born in Bethlehem, and people all over the world rejoice. Then comes Epiphany, and the world ignores it. It doesn't know what to make of it, since Epiphany doesn't lend itself to merchandising and feasting. But for the Christian, Epiphany is the season when he really gets to appreciate Christmas, for Epiphany is the getting-to-know-Christ season. Epiphany, as you know, means "to manifest, to show."

The Gospels of the standard series demonstrate that. The wise men from the East call that child the King of the Jews and worship him. In the Temple, this young man, growing in wisdom and stature, amazes his hearers and tells Joseph and Mary that they shouldn't have been surprised. After all, he was in his Father's house. In Cana of Galilee he honors a simple marriage by changing plain water into superb wine. He heals a leper and a centurion's servant and shows that he is not only the Lord of Israel but also the Lord and helper of the outcast and the non-Jew. He calms a storm on the Lake of Galilee — what kind of a man is this! He tells a parable and those who have ears to hear realize that he is speaking of himself when he says, "At that time (the harvest of judgment day) I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned, then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn." And on the high mountain Peter, James and John hear the Father's voice saying: "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him."

As the Epiphany Gospels pass before you in review, surely you too must agree that Epiphany is the getting-to-know-Christ season. It tells us who was born at Bethlehem and who was preparing to bring himself as the sacrifice on the cross. The Epiphany season is indeed a great season in the church year!

Not only is Epiphany the getting-to-know-Christ season but it is also the letting-others-know-about-Christ season. Again the Gospels bring that to our attention. The wise men speak, and Herod and all Jerusalem, also the chief priests and teachers of the law, are alerted. A twelve-year-old comes to the Temple, and the teachers know they are dealing with someone special. At Cana those who drew the water know and the newly called disciples are strengthened in their faith. The outcast leper and the Gentile centurion are welcomed into the kingdom. Christ's stilling of the storm confirms his future messengers. In the parable even the "weeds" are given a time of grace until the harvest. After his transfiguration Jesus tells the three: "Don't tell anyone what you have seen until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead." The implication is clear: Then tell everyone!

Epiphany has a message for today's Christians. It's not only the getting-to-know-Christ season, but it's also the letting-others-know-about-Christ season. And that's the privilege and the responsibility that lie on our souls.

That our mouths may speak, our hearts must get to know. Now, we can't go to Bethlehem and worship, we can't enter the Temple and listen, we can't attend the marriage at Cana, we can't witness the miracles in Capernaum, we can't enter the boat on Lake Galilee, sometimes we can't tell the difference between the weeds and the wheat, and even the other nine weren't invited to the high mountain. Those days are past and gone. But we do have the Word, the Scripture, and in that Scripture Christ reveals himself to us and gives us the knowledge and zeal to introduce him to others.

Epiphany can't be restricted to seven or less Sundays; it includes our entire life. Why? Because Christ through his Spirit has changed us from weeds to wheat.

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

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The Cover

St. Jacobi's bells at its new location in
Greenfield, Wisconsin, once hung in St. Ja-
cobi's former church towers on South 13th
Street. They were cast in 1905 and were a
gift of the school children. The inscriptions
are in German: "*Jauchzet dem Herrn, alle
Welt*" (Psalm 100:1) and "*O Land, Land,
Land, hoere des Herrn Wort*" (Jeremiah
22:29). — See page 11.

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Editorials

The Other Gift of the Magi The Wise Men from the East, commemorated especially on the Epiphany festival, brought the Christchild "gifts: gold, frankincense and myrrh." Add to the list another gift, equally precious, the gift of time.

The trip from their place to Bethlehem and back again took weeks, months, but the Wise Men followed the star all the way, never grudging the expenditure of time. These were important, busy, prosperous men, as their costly gifts suggest. They knew the maxim: time is money. They did not stint, however, in dedicating their time to the worship of Christ the King.

We are beginning a new year and a new decade. They are our Lord's gifts to us, a precious and gracious treasure. How much will we return to the Lord? How many hours will be used for worshiping him, for pondering his Word, for promoting his work, for presenting him gifts?

One hour out of 168 is an unfair return. Many, however, seem to be unable to manage even that. The Savior in his day testified against those who let the buying and trying of oxen keep them from his supper. We today may not be preoccupied with oxen but we find a multitude of substitutes that so engage our time that there is little or none left for the Christchild.

These days, as congregational and Synodical budgets are drafted, the gift of gold is a mighty concern. Of greater importance is the other gift, the gift of time. Where that gift is given willingly and generously, there the gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh are never absent.

E. C. Fredrich

A Lesson From the Past The beginning of a new year is traditionally a time for planning — for setting goals and outlining procedures. However, before embarking on any course, it is the better part of wisdom to review the experience of those who have gone before us. If nothing else, this may keep us from repeating the same mistakes.

One man whose experiences are worth reviewing is the author of the Book of Ecclesiastes. He had a plan and a purpose in the way he lived, which he explains as follows: "I wanted to see what was worthwhile for men to do under the heaven during the few days of their lives" (NIV).

This is how he went about achieving his purpose: "I undertook great projects; I built houses for myself and planted vineyards. I made gardens and parks and planted all kinds of fruit trees in them, . . . I made reservoirs, . . . I bought male and female slaves. I owned more herds and flocks than anyone in Jerusalem before me. I amassed silver and gold, and the treasures of kings and provinces. I acquired men and women singers, and a harem as well — the delights of the heart of man. I

became greater by far than anyone in Jerusalem before me. I denied myself nothing my eyes desired; I refused my heart no pleasure." Learning, honor, power, fame, money, art, architecture, music, agriculture, luxury, entertainment, pleasure, full gratification of the carnal appetites — he had it all.

But this is what he found in the end: "Yet when I surveyed all that my hands had done and what I toiled to achieve, everything was meaningless, a chasing after the wind; nothing was gained under the sun." The final effect of all his achievements is stated very succinctly: "I hated life."

The author's words tell us from his personal experience what is NOT worthwhile for men to do under heaven during the few days of their lives. The message is negative, but it will have a positive effect upon those who are thereby turned away from the same dead end.

Immanuel Frey

Playing With Death As reported in a news magazine, Mrs. Judith Shaak, a fourth- and fifth-grade teacher in Gainesville, Florida, is successful in removing the mystery and the dread of death from children's minds. She takes the children in her Enrichment Class for Life and Death to an old cemetery to let them play around the gravestones, read the epitaphs, and make tombstone rubbings; she wants them to feel comfortable with death. Back in the classroom they write humorous epitaphs, and make out their wills. The climax is a visit to a funeral home to view a corpse. The children are learning about death, but they also find amusement and entertainment in the experience.

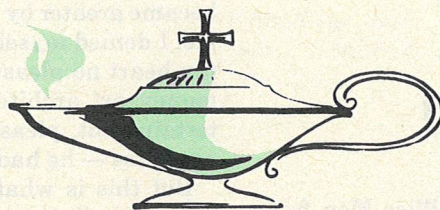
Mrs. Shaak is pleased. She is banishing the fear of death. In the reporter's mind, the Enrichment Class for Life and Death has accomplished its purpose. "Death, where is thy sting? Not in Gainesville, Florida," he writes.

While not yet as common as sex-education courses, death-education courses are appearing in large numbers in our nation's public schools. Both courses seem to operate with the assumption that speaking freely about these subjects will produce the right attitudes toward them. But unless a death-education course is taught from a moral and a Christian point of view, it will miscarry, as public school sex-education courses have miscarried.

The unbelieving humanists and secularists who produce and teach death-education courses present a caricature of death and dying that leaves children tragically unprepared for the hour when the death angel will one day usher them into the presence of their Maker and Judge. A death-education course that does not portray death as the ghastly wages of sin and as the grim portal to hell, and does not provide the remedy for death's sting in the blood of the crucified Savior, is a terrible hoax. Death-education courses with no word about the curse of sin and with no assurance of grace in Christ only play with death; they do not prepare for death's fearful realities.

Carleton Toppe

Studies in God's Word



Abraham

Learning to Follow God's Direction

Read Genesis 16:1-6

"I leave all things to God's direction," states a favorite hymn. Can there be a better motto for the New Year? Humbly grateful, we acknowledge God's direction in the year so rapidly gone by and yet shamefacedly we admit that we did not always wait for or fully follow that direction. Now another year stretches before us. What will it bring? Even more important, how will we walk in it? From God's dealings with *Abraham — Father of the Faithful* comes a lesson about "Learning to Follow God's Direction."

Impatient and Imperiled

Ten years had gone by, long years since God had first promised a son to Abraham, and yet none had been born. Abraham was already 85 years old, Sarah not much younger, and both were getting older. How much longer would they have to wait? How much longer could they afford to wait? Impatiently, and at the cost of considerable self-denial, Sarah suggested following the custom of the land and giving her personal maid, Hagar, to Abraham as a second wife. Perhaps from this union a son would come whom Sarah then could claim as her own. Because the plan came from Sarah and seemed to speak to the whispered doubts in his own heart, "Abraham hearkened to the voice of Sarah."

This plan, however, went contrary to the monogamous nature of marriage (Ephesians 5:31; Matthew 19:5) and as a result brought distress into Abraham's home. It also revealed a lack of trust in the Lord. Instead of trusting that the Lord who made prom-

ises also had plans for keeping his promises, Abraham and Sarah sought impatiently to help him out.

When men refuse to wait for God's direction, only trouble can follow. For Sarah came bitterness and anger, jealousy and wounded pride as her maid showed disdain for her childless mistress. For Abraham the son which Hagar seemed to promise became a source of sorrow and later a scourge for his people, the Jews. For Hagar came resentful treatment from her mistress and rebellious flight toward Egypt. Such are the perils when men grow tired of waiting for God's providence to act and take matters into their own hands.

By now you'd think that we'd have learned the lesson that God always delivers what he plans. One look at the Christmas manger, at how God "when the fulness of time had come sent forth his Son" (Galatians 4:4) should convince us that he knows what he is doing and when to do it. Yet how impatient we can be at times! If we aren't presumptuously demanding that he explain what he has done in our life yesterday, we are arrogantly trying to tell him what to do today. When he doesn't seem to answer our prayers, do we recheck their content or just treat him like some clerk who should hand over what we order? When he doesn't seem to change the unhappy circumstances in our life, do we try taking the pen out of his hand and drafting our own pattern? Faith is of good courage and waits on the Lord (Psalm 27:14). On a cellar wall in Germany after World War II were found these words,

"I believe in the sun even when it is not shining. I believe in love even when I feel it not. I believe in God even when he is silent." God give us the patient faith to wait even when he seems silent!

Retrieved and Relieved

As Hagar stopped at the well in the wilderness, "the Angel of the Lord found her." This special Angel of the Lord was the Second Person of the Holy Trinity as he appeared at various times in the Old Testament. So the context shows. He made promises to Hagar which only the almighty God could make (v.10). He foretold the future of her descendants as only the all-knowing God could do (vv.10-12). And Hagar addressed him as Lord (v.13). What a rare privilege the gracious Lord gave this handmaiden in appearing to her and how lovingly he dealt with her.

First he called her, "Hagar, Sarah's maid," reminding her of her position. Then came a searching question to sting her conscience, "Whence camest thou and whither wilt thou go?" Then followed the command to "return and submit." At last came the promise of a son and the name Ishmael, "God hears," as a constant reminder that the Lord had heard her in her affliction.

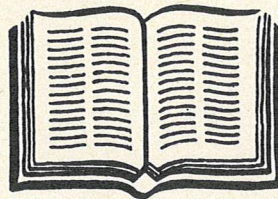
Such a rare experience called for a reaction. Awed and amazed, she gave a new name to this Lord who had dealt so graciously with her. "Thou God seest me" she called him who with love had looked on her, retrieving her from erring ways and relieving her of impossible burdens. Also in grateful reaction, she returned to Abraham's tent and, trusting the Lord's continued help, awaited her son's birth.

Are not we even more blessed than Hagar? We have the Bible with its full message of how God retrieves and relieves the sinner. Page after page reveals how the Lord hears us in affliction. He who in concern knows each sparrow which falls to the ground surely knows each tear which rises to our eye. He who in compassion tracked Hagar as she fled into the desert will not lose sight of us on life's way. More and more we need to stop on life's steep climb, shut out life's strident clamor, and softly say in appreciation, "Thou God seest me."

Richard E. Lauersdorf

Mining the Treasure of God's Word

John 1:32-51



BY JULIAN G. ANDERSON

Jesus Begins His Work in Judea

As we begin a new year we are beginning our study of Jesus' work as our Savior. That work began at his temptation (last lesson), where he stood firm against all the devil's evil tricks and tests and won the victory in the first battle (compare Eph. 6:11), in fulfillment of that great promise made in Genesis 3:15b. Now we turn to

John 1:32-34

Here we are back in the southern Jordan River valley (v. 28), and in verses 32-34 the Apostle John gives us a summary of John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus *after* Jesus' baptism. John's popularity was such that the people would have kept on coming out to see and listen to him. Notice the point John was emphasizing here (v. 32). In verse 33 he told the people why this was such an important event, and in verse 34, what it all meant (underline). Here again John was the second supporting witness to Jesus' identity (see Deuteronomy 19:15). Now read

John 1:35-42

Note how simply the Evangelist gives us a picture of the opening characters and the time in verse 35. Then see how the camera shifts to pick up the main character in verse 36a. Then comes a brief summary of what John the Baptist had to say, in verse 36b (underline and compare v. 29 and what

was said about this in the lesson for December 9).

Observe what the two disciples did in verse 37. Their reply in verse 38 sounds strange, but they wanted to know where they could find Jesus later. Note his invitation (v. 39a), which is offered to *all* who come in contact with him (Matthew 11:28; John 7:37). Verse 40 tells us that "Andrew . . . was one of the two (disciples)," and verse 41 tells us that "Andrew . . . found *his* brother Simon." Who was the other disciple? It has to be John, the writer, and he must have found *his* brother James (see Matthew 4:18-22). These four men were partners in a fishing business (Luke 5:10). John let readers know that he had been there in this modest way, and by giving the exact time they arrived at Jesus' house, 10:00 A.M. John used the Roman system of telling time, which is the same as ours, not the Hebrew system. He wrote this account years later, but he remembered every detail of that day down to the time they got to the house! Cephas (v. 42) is the Aramaic name for Peter, meaning "a stone." John explains these words because he was writing for Greek people. Finally, note what Andrew told his brother in verse 41 (underline and hi-lite "Messiah," which means "the Anointed One." Here compare Isaiah 61:1 and Luke 4:18). Can't you feel the excitement in Andrew's announcement? Next read

John 1:43-51

Note the time in verse 43a, and whom Jesus now found (vv. 43b and 44; underline what Jesus said to him in v. 43b). Now observe what Philip did in verse 45a, and what he told him (v. 45b). The reference to Moses' writings would certainly include Genesis 3:15; 12:1-3; 49:10; Exodus 12:1-14; Leviticus 16; Numbers 21:18; 24:17; and Deuteronomy 18:15,18. The mention of the other prophets would include all the Messianic prophecies in the rest of the Old Testament. Nathanael was probably a native of Judea, and his comments about Nazareth reflect the feelings of the "real" Jews there, that nothing good could come from Nazareth, and certainly not the promised Messiah! But note what Jesus said about Nathanael in verse 47, and see how this led to Jesus' next statement (v. 48), which convinced Nathanael that Jesus truly was the Messiah. Underline Nathanael's reply to this (v. 49). The phrases "Son of God" and "King of Israel" suggest that Nathanael was probably thinking of Psalm 2:6,7, which all the Jews regarded as Messianic. Possibly he was also thinking of Isaiah 9:6 and 2 Samuel 7:12-16. Nathanael's surname was Bartholomew (the son of Tolmai), which is used in all the lists of the apostles (Matthew 10:3; Mark 3:18; Luke 6:14).

Next hi-lite the three closing words of verse 51. This was the title Jesus chose for himself, the "Son" promised in Genesis 3:15, the "seed of the woman," which made him a true "Man." This title is found in the Old Testament as a reference to the Messiah in Psalm 8:4 and Daniel 7:13, but it was not in common use among the Jews in Jesus' day. The "greater things" that the disciples would see (v. 50) were all of Jesus' miracles, which would assure them that he truly was God's Son, the King of the Universe, whom all the angels of heaven serve. This is the meaning of verse 51, which refers to Jacob's ladder in Genesis 28:12, picturing Jesus as the *only way* (ladder) for us to get into heaven (see John 14:6b).

Now Jesus had found six of the 12 apostles. We notice that the second one in each of these three pairs was found and brought to Jesus by the first one, which teaches us that mission work begins at home.

Shoreland Lutheran Dedicates New Building

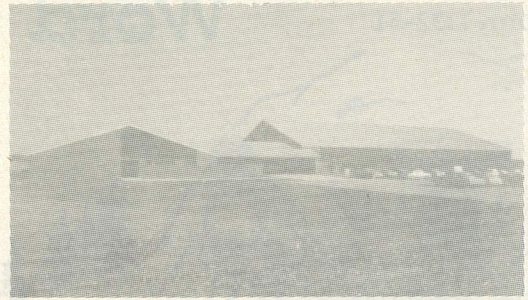
What started with thousands of prayers over a decade ago became a reality on August 19, 1979. On that date a permanent home for Shoreland Lutheran High School was dedicated. The new school is west of Kenosha in Somers Township, Wisconsin, at the corner of highways E and H, just east of I-94. The school was built entirely from private funds and many thousands of hours of volunteer work by members of the 13 Wisconsin Synod churches who make up the SLHS Federation.

The school is located on 17 acres of land and was built at a cost of \$1.3 million. While the building does not contain all the frills often associated with high schools today, it is very functional. There are 15 classrooms and a gymnasium. The structure totals 44,000 square feet.

The dedication service was held in the gymnasium. Over 1,200 people attended. The Reverend Kenneth Gawrisch, member of the board of directors and pastor of Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church, Waukegan, Illinois, served as liturgist. The Reverend Reinhart Pope, also a member of the board



View of Shoreland's New Building



of directors and pastor of First Ev. Lutheran Church, Racine, dedicated the cornerstone.

The Reverend Robert Voss, executive secretary of the WELS Commission on Higher Education, addressed the worshipers on the theme, "Shoreland — Like the Ark of Noah — a Ship of God." He based his message on selected verses from the sixth chapter of Genesis. He said that just as the ark saved Noah and his family so also Shoreland is a ship of God to keep God's people alive — spiritually alive. The Reverend Gerald Meyer, a member of the board of directors and pastor of

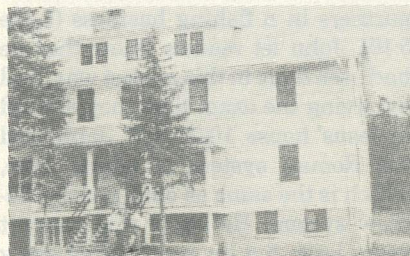
St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Oak Creek, Wisconsin, read the rite of dedication. The Shoreland Lutheran High School choir sang two selections. A mass adult choir of 120, representing each of the federation congregations, also sang two selections. The mass choir was under the direction of Prof. Martin Albrecht of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary.

After the service everyone toured the spacious facilities and partook of refreshments served by the SLHS Ladies Guild. It is our prayer that God will continue to bless Shoreland as he has in the past.

East Fork Lutheran Planning New Dormitory

East Fork Mission Lutheran High School, East Fork, Arizona, is a Lutheran high school not too well known to the membership of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod. It is operated under the direction of the Board for World Missions and offers a four-year course for Apache Indians, as well as non-Indians, of the White Mountain and San Carlos Reservations. It has a faculty of four and an enrollment of about 100. Students from beyond the local area are housed in dormitories.

Last summer the Board for World Missions faced the question of providing additional funds for the construction of a new girls' dormitory at East Fork, since the bids had far exceeded the amount allotted. Where to get the additional money?



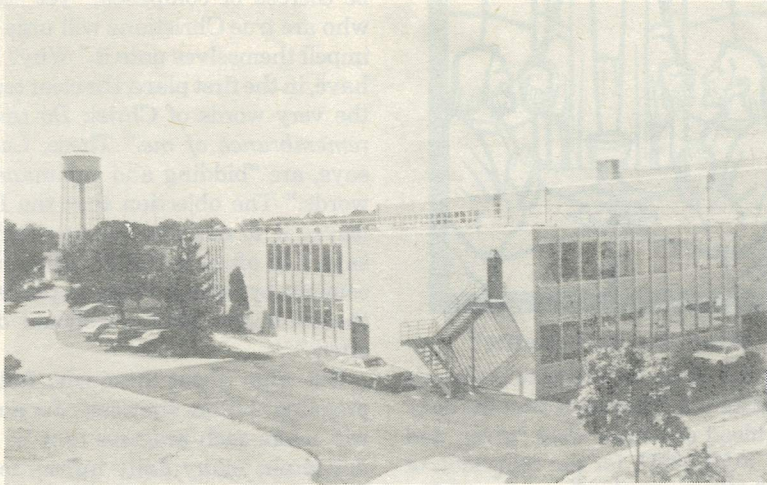
Old Dormitory for Girls

Missionary Dennis Meier of the San Carlos-Peridot parish in Apacheland was a guest at the meeting. He had a suggestion: Although it might not be the entire solution, why not approach his congregations about the matter. Never before had the congregations in Apacheland been asked for offerings to help support this high school. Pastor Meier was encouraged to bring it to the attention of his congregation.

Grace Ev. Lutheran Church of San Carlos considered the matter and decided to contribute \$1,000 toward the cost of the new dormitory. It also decided to dedicate the offering of the second Sunday of each month for the project. The children of the mission school added another \$436.84. The fund now has \$2,574.94 in it and has a final goal of \$7,000.

In late years, the Apache Christians have been assuming more and more of the financial costs of the mission. Last year they gathered almost \$200,000 for all purposes, including almost \$50,000 for the salaries of the missionaries and teachers and \$17,000 for the mission treasury of the Synod. Considering the widespread poverty existing in Apacheland, this is indeed a fine contribution.

Facility Expanded at Wisconsin Lutheran High



Wisconsin Lutheran High School observed a special day of dedication on Sunday, October 7, 1979. Some 5,000 people toured the newly expanded facilities, and over 3,000 adults and youth raised their voices in song and prayer in the 6:00 P.M. dedication service. Three short addresses were presented rather than the customary sermon. The general theme for the day was "Dedicated to Growth." Fittingly, the first sermonette, "Dedicated to Growth in Christ," was delivered by Pastor Erhard Pankow, chairman of the board 20 years ago when the original building was constructed. The second, "Dedicated to Growth in Facilities," was delivered by Pastor Robert Voss, member of the building committee that supervised the project. The third, "Dedicated to Growth in Commitment," was presented by Pastor George Boldt, president of the Southeastern Wisconsin District.

Featured in the service was a 300-voice choir of the Conference's Christian-day-school youth, future WLHS students. Leading the worshippers in a responsive prayer of dedication was the WLHS Board of Directors' chairman, Pastor Wilbert Krueger. The high-school choirs and brass ensemble also participated.

Changing Needs

Over the past 77 years, the concept of an area Lutheran high school has

undergone great changes. Initially intended to offer only the basics, these schools have greatly varied curriculum listings today. These changes recognize the need to keep pace with the course offerings requested by today's students.

That's why the school where the Lutheran high movement began in 1903, Wisconsin Lutheran High School, found it necessary to expand its facilities. The 58 congregations that form the supportive high-school conference voted approval for the \$1.5 million expansion in order to assure their youth the kind of education they want and need to face today's world, an education that recognizes the needs of the college-bound student as well as the job-oriented student specializing in business education or industrial arts. Ground for the 30,000-square-foot project was broken on October 9, 1978. Work progressed well over the winter months and was completed in late August 1979, less than a week before classes resumed.

A highlight of the project was utilizing the construction-manager concept. Reporting on this, Wisconsin Lutheran High School administrator, Pastor Wayne Borgwardt, stated: "The initial step in this agreement was the careful selection of a contractor who would serve the role of construction manager from the planning stage to occupancy." He added: "This arrangement pro-

duced two results: continuous involvement of the school throughout the project and maximum value for every construction dollar." It proved most advantageous!

Enlarged Facilities

With this addition, certain facilities previously unavailable were gained and other severely limited facilities were enlarged. Outstanding is the spacious new media center/library. Carpeting was included to create an atmosphere conducive to research and reading. Workrooms for the production of audio-visual materials, as well as a special data-processing room, have been included.



Library-media center

On the lower level of the addition, the art department has been expanded into two large rooms so that various types of crafts can be separated from the work of painting and drawing. The printing department has been moved from a storage closet in the woodshop to its own full-sized classroom. Outfitted with its own special darkroom, this room serves as both printing classroom and workroom to serve the school's printing needs.

The Viking band also received its own rehearsal room. This ground-level area offers several individual practice rooms and a band office. Special effort was made to soundproof the walls and ceilings of this area.

On the upper level is a new practice gymnasium. It will adequately serve as a second gym for competition in basketball, volleyball and wrestling. To improve the facilities in athletics, shower and dressing rooms were added on the lower level.

Remodeled Areas

Several areas of the existing building were remodeled. The old library

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The Lord's Supper

With the discussion of the Lord's Supper we come to the close of our consideration of Luther's Catechisms, the two teaching tools Luther published in 1529. In his Catechisms Luther reveals himself both as an excellent teacher, applying sound pedagogical principles, and as a faithful pastor, concerned about his people.

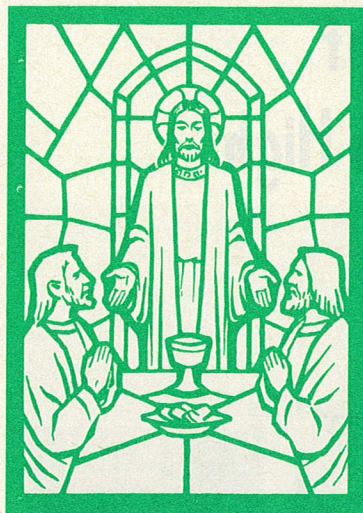
His ability as a teacher is demonstrated by his answers to the three questions he asked about the Sacrament of the Altar. They are: "What is it? What are its benefits? and, Who is to receive it?"

For his answers Luther turns to "the words by which Christ has instituted it." He quotes them in both of his catechisms: "Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you; this do in remembrance of me. — After the same manner also he took the cup when he had supped, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; this cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me."

What Is the Sacrament?

Luther points out that the words of institution teach that "the Sacrament is bread and wine, but not mere bread and wine, such as are ordinarily served at the table, but bread and wine comprehended in and connected with the Word of God," and therefore "the body and blood of Christ."

When fanatics ask, "How can bread and wine be the body and blood of Christ?" Luther simply answers: "Here stands the Word of Christ" who "can never lie or deceive." The real presence also depends neither on the holiness of those who dispense the Sacrament nor on the worthiness of those who receive it. "You have . . . his body and blood by virtue of these words which are added to the bread and wine."



What Are Its Benefits?

Luther again directs us to the words of institution. They state that the body and blood of Christ were "given and shed FOR YOU, for the remission of sins." "We go to the Sacrament," Luther says, "because there we receive such as treasure by and in which we obtain forgiveness of sin. Why so? Because the words stand here and give us this." He adds: "On this account it is indeed called a food of souls, which nourishes and strengthens the new man."

In answering the mockers who say, "How can bread and wine forgive sins or strengthen faith?" he again points to the Word. The sacrament consists not of mere bread and wine but, through the Word, is the body and blood of Christ. When others object: But "the body and blood of Christ are not given and shed for us in the Lord's Supper," he answers again: "Although the work is accomplished and the forgiveness of sins acquired on the cross, yet it cannot come to us in any other way than through the Word."

Who Receives the Benefit?

Luther answers: "Whoever believes it has what the words declare and bring. . . . Because (Christ) offers and promises forgiveness of sin, it cannot be received otherwise than by faith. . . . (It is) as if (Christ) said: For this reason I give it, and bid you eat and drink, that you may claim it as yours and enjoy it."

Why Receive It Frequently?

Addressing his readers, Luther says: "There is indeed need of some admonition and exhortation, that men may

not let so great a treasure . . . pass by unheeded, that is, that those who would be Christians make ready to receive this venerable Sacrament often." We today need the same exhortation.

Though "no one should by any means be coerced or compelled," yet "those who are true Christians will urge and impell themselves unto it." Why? "We have, in the first place, the clear text in the very words of Christ: *Do this in remembrance of me.*" These, Luther says, are "bidding and commanding words." The objection that the Lord leaves it to our free choice when he says, "As oft as ye do it," Luther right counters by saying: Those words nevertheless imply "that we should do it often."

But what about those who feel unprepared? Luther answers: "For no one will make such progress that he will not retain many daily infirmities in flesh and blood" and the "Sacrament does not depend upon our worthiness. . . . But whoever would gladly obtain grace and consolation should . . . allow no one to frighten him away."

"Besides this command (there is) also the promise . . . *given for you . . . shed for you, for the forgiveness of sins.*" Luther says: "Put yourself into this YOU." Regard the Sacrament "as a pure, wholesome, comforting remedy imparting salvation and comfort, which will cure you and give you life both in soul and body."

But what "if I cannot feel . . . distress or experience hunger and thirst for the Sacrament?" "I know no better counsel," answers Luther, "than that they put their hand into their bosom to ascertain whether they also have flesh and blood." And then "look about you whether you are also in the world." "Besides this, you will also have the devil about you." "If you could see how many knives, darts, and arrows are every moment aimed at you, you would be glad to come to the Sacrament as often as possible."

As we close this series of articles on Luther's Catechisms, let us not close our hearts to the truths we have reviewed. That we need what Luther wrote, the fathers of 1580 demonstrated when they included the Small Catechism and the Large Catechism in the Book of Concord.

H. Wicke

New Faculty Members at DMLC

Two permanent faculty members were added to the Dr. Martin Luther College roster this school year. They are Prof. Roger Klockziem and Dr. Elaine Bartel, both in the education division.

Mrs. Elaine Bartel is a graduate of Milwaukee Lutheran High. She attended DMLC, graduating in 1950. Mrs. Bartel also earned an MA in elementary education at the University of Wisconsin in 1962 and a doctorate in elementary education at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in 1965. She was assistant and associate professor of education at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee from 1965 to 1979. She also served as visiting professor at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minnesota, and at Mankato

State University in Mankato. Mrs. Bartel will supervise student teachers in the primary grades at St. Paul's in New Ulm. Her husband, Prof. Fred Bartel, is a member of the music division at DMLC. Their daughter Leanne is a student at DMLC and their daughter Sandra is a student at the new Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School in New Ulm.

At DMLC Prof. Roger Klockziem will teach elementary curriculum and supervise student teaching. He is a 1961 graduate of Michigan Lutheran Seminary and graduated from DMLC in 1966. In 1976 he earned an MA at Washington State University. He is married to Barbara Seager. Prior to coming to DMLC, Professor Klockziem taught in Christian day schools



Left to right: Klockziem, Bases, Heyer, Bartel, Mischke.

in rural Glencoe, Minnesota; Crete, Illinois; and Delano, Minnesota.

Inducted as instructors at DMLC for one year were: Mrs. Grace Heller Bases, who supervises student teachers at St. Paul's; Mr. Kurt Heyer, who interrupted his studies at DMLC to teach keyboard; and Mr. Philip Mischke, a 1979 graduate of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, who serves as assistant to the Dean of Students and teaches a course in Western Civilization.

Ordination and Installation in Sweden

In 1977 Biblicum, the Bible Research Center in Uppsala, Sweden, began a seminary program for the training of pastors to serve the Lutheran Confessional Church in Sweden. In August 1979, the first graduate of that program, Gunnar Edwardsson, was ordained and installed as pastor of St. Mark's Congregation in Ljungby in southern Sweden.

Gunnar Edwardsson was born in Gothenburg on the west coast of Sweden in 1950. His parents were devout, God-fearing people, but very strongly influenced by Pietism. His parents were intent on rearing godly children and conducted family devotions three times a day. The devotional writings read were strongly pietistic, so that the training the children received was, as Pastor Edwardsson says, "deeply legalistic, yes, so deeply legalistic that when I moved away from home in 1971 to go to school in Lund I did not know the gospel."

He entered the University of Lund to study chemistry. Soon, however, he came under the influence of liberal theology and decided to study for the ministry of the State Church of Sweden. All this time he was struggling to find rest for a disturbed conscience which could find no assurance of forgiveness.



Pastor Furberg ordains G. Edwardsson, assisted by two laymen, Dr. S. Becker, and Pastor Svensson.

In 1974 he returned to Gothenburg to gain some practical experience in church work. While in Gothenburg he married the secretary of one of the leading church officials in that city. He also met Pastor Ingemar Furberg, now a pastor in the Confessional Church. Pastor Furberg advised him to read Franz Pieper's *Christian Dogmatics*. His first reaction was to ask who Pieper was and what he knew that Bultmann, Barth, Nygren and Aulen did not know. "But," he says, "I was a little curious and ordered the set of books (Pieper's *Dogmatics*) from Northwestern Publishing House. The books

came and I read them. In two months I had read Pieper and the Book of Concord and I was a new man. What I had never dared to believe, I had found, the forgiveness of sins and the righteousness that avails before God. The Bible became a living book for me and by God's grace it has continued to be that."

Pastor Edwardsson had almost finished his theological training in the state universities when he and his wife left the state church to become charter members of Holy Trinity Congregation in Gothenburg when it was organized in the spring of 1977 with Ingemar Furberg as pastor. In the fall of that year the Edwardssons moved to Uppsala where Gunnar finished his theological training under Dr. Seth Erlandsson. At the same time, he served a vicarship in St. Matthew's Congregation. After his graduation from Biblicum, he was called to serve St. Mark's in Ljungby.

St. Mark's, as all the congregations of the Confessional Church, is not large enough to support its own pastor. For that reason Pastor Edwardsson, while serving the congregation, is also teaching in a high school in Ljungby to support himself, his wife and their two children.

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DMLC Auxiliary Observes Twentieth

On Wednesday, October 10, 1979, the Dr. Martin Luther College Ladies Auxiliary met for its 20th annual meeting on the New Ulm campus. More than 550 persons were in attendance.

The opening devotion was conducted by Pastor E. Peterson, the auxiliary's first pastoral adviser and a member of the committee which helped organize the group. He used 2 Kings 4:9,10 as his text and the 20th anniversary motto as his theme: "Our Auxiliary — An Evidence of God's Continuing Grace." The current pastoral adviser, Pastor O. Lindholm, served as liturgist.

During the service a choir of 80 voices, under the direction of Mrs. Alfred Jannusch, sang two original numbers composed by her for the anniversary. They were "O Thank the Lord, Our God" and "Song of Service."

The business meeting was conducted by Mrs. Wayne Zaske of Renville, Minnesota. Prof. Lloyd Huebner, DMLC vice-president, welcomed the audience. A report on the new Martin Luther Preparatory School at Prairie du Chien was given during the meeting by Pastor J. Schneider, dean of students at that school.

Elected as new officers were Mrs. Ed-Verne Black of Fairfax as first vice-president, Mrs. Robert Marzinske of Janesville as second vice-president; Mrs. Larry Enter of Watertown (Minnesota) as treasurer, and Pastor Leroy Lothert of New Ulm (Courtland and Brighton Township) as pastoral adviser. Projects totalling \$4,500 were voted for both DMLC and the new MLPS. The total of all projects supported by the auxiliary over the past 20 years stands at more than \$92,000.

During the morning session, Prof. D. Brick was presented with a boutonniere for 20 years of service as DMLC faculty representative on the auxiliary's board. Past officers and board



Business Meeting

members were also recognized. During the afternoon session, Mrs. O. Myrlie of the Twin Cities showed slides on the work of the women who for several years have sewn drapes for campus

dormitories. The entertainment featured a group of DMLC students.

The auxiliary is indeed an evidence of God's continuing grace to both DMLC and MLPS! Prof. D. Brick

MLS honors Spaude on 25th

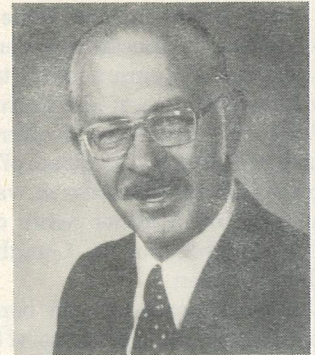
The Michigan Lutheran Seminary community recently honored Prof. Jerome E. Spaude at a service of thanksgiving for his 25 years of service to the Lord and his church. The service was held at St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Saginaw, on November 18, 1979.

Preaching for the service was Pastor John F. Brenner of Bay City, Michigan. Speaking on Hebrews 13:7,8, Pastor Brenner encouraged the assembly to "Remember One of God's Special People."

The liturgist was Prof. John C. Lawrenz, president of Michigan Lutheran Seminary. Pastor James Tiefel of St. Paul's, Saginaw, was the organist. The MLS concert choir, under the direction of Prof. H. Hosbach, provided choral music for the service. Following the service a reception for Prof. and Mrs. Spaude was held in the MLS student union.

Prof. Jerome Spaude was born at Lake Benton, Minnesota. He is a graduate of Martin Luther Academy, Northwestern College, and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. During his seminary years, Professor Spaude vicared at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

Upon his graduation from the Seminary in 1954, Professor Spaude was assigned to Salem Lutheran Church,



Prof. J. E. Spaude

Circle, Montana. As a part of his parish he also served at one time or another churches in Glendive and Presser-ville, Montana. In 1958 he accepted a call to Emanuel Lutheran Church, Flint, Michigan. Since 1970, Professor Spaude has been teaching Latin and religion at Michigan Lutheran Seminary, one of the worker-training schools of our Synod.

In 1954 Professor Spaude married Lily V. Ryser. The Lord has blessed this marriage with five children: Catherine, a nurse in Ann Arbor, Michigan; Philip, a student at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary; Karen and Sharon, students at Dr. Martin Luther College; and Rebecca, a senior at Michigan Lutheran Seminary.

Wm. Zeiger

St. Jacobi Dedicates Church



St. Jacobi on West Forest Home Ave.

Pastor Paul G. Eckert, shepherd of St. Jacobi Ev. Lutheran Church, Greenfield, Wisconsin, writes in the dedication booklet: "If the first period in St. Jacobi's history, 1873-1906, could be called a building period, then the 1961-1979 period could be called the same." St. Jacobi became a congrega-

tion with two locations in 1962. Both locations were on Forest Home Avenue a little over six miles apart, one at South 13th Street in Milwaukee and the other just past South 84th Street in Greenfield.

In 1964 the congregation built a school on the new site at a cost of

\$280,000. In 1973, its centennial year, the congregation built a new parsonage, and 8601 W. Forest Home Avenue became the congregation's official address. When the City of Milwaukee purchased the old property in 1977 as a part of its urban renewal program, plans were made for a new church home. Construction of the new church began in 1978 and was completed in 1979. The cost, including furnishings and the necessary paving, came to \$633,000. A seating capacity of 450 plus provides more space than the stately old church on South 13th Street.

"Some of the old church," Pastor Eckert states, "is to be found in the new church. The two bells in our bell tower will call to worship here, as they did at our first location. The organ pipes will sound again and assist us in our worship. The baptismal font will welcome into God's family as before. And God will be here, proclaiming his love in his Word, giving us his Spirit so that we believe all he accomplished for us in his Son. To him be all glory!" The dedication services were conducted on October 21, 1979.

Direct from the Districts

NEBRASKA

Reporter Timothy Bauer

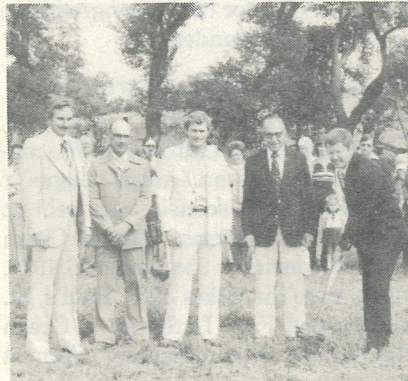
Groundbreaking at Norfolk

The members of Shepherd of Peace Ev. Lutheran Church, Norfolk, Nebraska, were privileged to hold a ground-breaking ceremony for their new church on Sunday, September 23, 1979. The new church will have a traditional A-frame design, and will have a seating capacity of 150. A small wing will contain a mechanical room, a kitchen and a small foyer. The total square-footage will be 3,100.

Those serving on the building committee for the congregation are: Walter Dreyer, Dale Pohlman, Erhardt Wagner and Pastor Dennis Lemke.

Shepherd of Peace Lutheran Church is a mission congregation that became organized in 1976. In June 1978 it received its first permanent resident pas-

tor. The mission has a sister congregation in Norfolk, St. Paul's Lutheran Church.



Groundbreaking

The new worship facility will be built on a beautiful 5-acre site that was donated to the mission congregation by Darius Raasch, a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. This past spring and summer the congregation was involved in building a new parson-

age. This was dedicated on Sunday, October 7, 1979.

The members of Shepherd of Peace Congregation eagerly look forward to the time they can worship in their new church. They wish to express their appreciation to all the members of the Wisconsin Synod who, through their gifts to the Church Extension Fund, are making possible the building of this new church.

NORTHERN WISCONSIN

Reporter Harlyn Kuschel

Fifty Years in the Ministry

Fiftieth anniversaries are special occasions for both pastors and their flocks. This was recognized last July when Trinity Congregation of Coleman, Wisconsin, observed the 50th anniversary of Pastor Waldemar F. Zink. The morning service on July 8 commemorated Pastor Zink's 14½ years of service to Trinity and the afternoon service, his 50 years in the ministry. Pastor Carl Ziemer, whom Pastor Zink had confirmed, spoke in the forenoon service and Pastor C. Koepsell, district vice-president, spoke in the afternoon.

Waldemar Zink, a son of Pastor and Mrs. John Zink, was born in Frankenmuth, Michigan. He graduated from Michigan Lutheran Seminary in 1922, from Northwestern College in 1926, and from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in 1929. His class was the last to graduate from the Seminary while located in Wauwatosa.

After serving as tutor at Michigan Lutheran Seminary from 1929 to 1931, Pastor Zink served in the following parishes, all of them in Wisconsin: St. Paul's, Dale, 1931-44; Immanuel, Kewaunee, 1944-65; St. Peter's, rural Kewaunee, 1961-65; and Trinity, Coleman, 1965-79. He also served the church at large in a number of capacities.

In 1932, Pastor Zink was married to Agnes Brunquell. The Zinks have four children and 13 grandchildren. On July 22 Pastor Zink preached his farewell sermon at Coleman, and he and his wife are now living in Manitowoc.

May our Lord continue to bless Pastor and Mrs. Zink in their retirement years!

Lake Superior Sunday School Teacher's Conference Observes 50th Anniversary

The 50th annual Lake Superior Lutheran Sunday School Teachers' Conference was held on September 16, 1979, at St. John's Church, Peshtigo (Tn. Grover), Wisconsin. The host pastor, Rev. Kenneth Wenzel, opened the convention with a devotion and a brief historical account of the conference's history. Mr. E. Klein was elected chairman at the business meeting. About 100 Sunday-school teachers attended.

Guest speakers were Prof. M. Albrecht and Pastor T. Trapp. Professor Albrecht spoke on the meaning of the Lutheran liturgy and Pastor Trapp gave a slide lecture on the recent Seminary-sponsored archaeological dig in Israel.

The Lake Superior Sunday School Teachers' Convention had its first meeting on October 4, 1929, and has met annually since then except for several years during World War II. The first meeting was held at Escanaba, Michigan. In the early years, conventions were usually full-day affairs. That practice was discontinued with the advent of more rapid transportation.

Throughout its 50-year history, the convention has provided Sunday-school teachers of the Lake Superior area with opportunities to dig into the Scriptures, to enjoy Christian fellowship and to grow in the skills necessary to feed the precious Lambs of the Lord Jesus. May our Lord continue to bestow his blessings upon this organization!

Christian Day School 50 Years Old

The members of St. John's Congregation, Montello, Wisconsin, observed 50 years of full-time Christian education in their midst in a special service on September 16, 1979. Pastor Larry Ellenberger, chairman of the District Board for Parish Education, preached the festival sermon on Matthew 18:14, asking the members of St. John's to consider "How Valuable Is Your Child's Education?"

St. John's Christian Day School opened its doors in the fall of 1929. Mr. Adolph Fuerstenau was the first teacher. In all, 36 teachers have served the children of St. John's during its first half-century. The first school building underwent a number of renovations and additions over the years, and then was replaced by the present school in 1965.

St. John's School has an enrollment of 80 students and is staffed by a faculty of four. They are Principal Dennis Schultz, Mrs. Hance Russell, Miss Rhonda Richgruber, and Mrs. Paul Kolander. Pastor of the congregation is Rev. Paul Kolander.

Wisconsin Synod Lutheran Ladies' League Meets

The 16th annual rally of the Wisconsin Synod Lutheran Ladies' League of Northeastern Wisconsin was held at St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church, Green Bay, Wisconsin, on September 26, 1979. Hosts were the ladies of St. Paul's, St. Mark's and First Lutheran of Green Bay and Mt. Olive of Suamico. Almost 500 ladies attended the day's festivities.

The morning program featured a lecture on the history and recent developments of our worship heritage, given by Prof. Martin Albrecht, chairman of the Synod's Commission on Worship. In the afternoon, Pastor Robert Voss, executive secretary of the Synod's Commission on Higher Education, spoke on the structure of the Synod and the

status of our preparatory schools, colleges and seminary. Special emphasis was given to Martin Luther Preparatory School, the Synod's newest prep school. The offering of the day was designated for Martin Luther Preparatory School.

Dedication at Two Creeks

St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church of Two Creeks, Wisconsin, dedicated a new entrance to its church building in a service on Sunday afternoon, November 4, 1979. Guest speaker was Pastor Floyd Mattek, a son of the congregation. He reminded the congregation that though the building project was not complete, the building of Christ's Church must continue to the end of time with the preaching of Christ crucified and risen again.



St. John's, Two Creeks

St. John's of Two Creeks was organized in 1867. It has always been served by pastors of neighboring congregations and, since 1877, has been a dual parish together with St. John's of Town Gibson, Wisconsin.

St. John's first church building was located two miles west of Two Creeks and was replaced by the present structure in the village in 1917. The new addition, 13 by 30, includes a spacious narthex, stairways to the narthex and basement, and a storage room. Cost of the addition was approximately \$30,000.

St. John's is the church home of 148 Lutheran Christians in the Two Creeks area. Pastor of the dual parish is Rev. Percy Damrow.

MINNESOTA
Reporter Del Begalka

A Ministry of 40 Years

On Sunday, September 16, 1979, members of Christ Ev. Lutheran Church of Zumbrota, Minnesota, commemorated the 40th anniversary of

the ordination of their pastor, Rev. Herbert Muenkel. He was ordained on September 17, 1939.

Liturgist for the service was Pastor Gerhard Horn, whose father had served Christ Congregation for many years. The 100th Psalm, read responsively, set the joyous tone of the service.

Pastor Karl Bast, a Seminary classmate, delivered the festival sermon on 1 Thessalonians 2:19,20. He reminded his classmate of how during the depression many seminarians returned home after graduation without a call. But to both of them the Lord did extend a call, and they could both now look back on 40 years of amazing grace.



Pastor H. Muenkel

Herbert Muenkel's first call was to Wabasha, Minnesota, where he organized Our Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church in 1939. In January 1944 he accepted the call to Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Dexter Township, rural Austin, Minnesota. On December 5, 1950, he became the pastor of Christ Lutheran at Zumbrota.

Pastor Muenkel is a graduate of Martin Luther Academy, New Ulm; of Concordia College, St. Paul; and of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary at Mequon with the class of 1937. Mrs. Muenkel is the former Myrtle Irene Ehlert. Pastor and Mrs. Muenkel have two daughters, Gwen (Mrs. G. Tjernagel) of North Mankato and Jenni (Mrs. W. Berg) of Rochester; also five grandchildren. Both of the Muenkel daughters played the organ during the festival service.

During the informal program following the service, Principal James Hennig read the congratulatory messages, after which Pastor Muenkel responded with humble gratitude to God. The festive occasion ended with a fellowship meal served by the ladies of Christ Lutheran.

To look back with a faithful pastor on 40 years of ministry is a joy indeed!

W. R. Hoyer

WESTERN WISCONSIN

Reporter Harold Sturm

At 90 Making Plans for 100!

The words of Psalm 115:1, "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy and for thy truth's sake," served as the text of the festival sermon preached by Pastor Arden Stuebs at the 90th anniversary of the organization of St. Paul's Lutheran at Bangor, Wisconsin. Pastor Stuebs of LeSueur, Minnesota, had served as pastor of St. Paul's from 1946 to 1961. The history of the congregation was reviewed at the dinner and program which followed. Mr. John Kaehler, president of the congregation, served as master of ceremonies and called on former presidents of the congregation to reminisce. The choir, joined by the congregation's 120 Christian-day-school children, adorned the occasion with songs of praise.

Lutheran services were started in Bangor in 1888 and St. Paul's was organized the next year under the leadership of Pastor Richard Siegler of Barre Mills. He continued to serve the congregation until 1895, when St. Paul's called its own resident pastor. Five pastors have served St. Paul's since 1895. They are: Th. Hartwig (1895-1904), Wm. Rader (1904-08), C. W. Siegler (1908-46), A. Stuebs (1946-61) and Reginald A. Siegler since 1961. The present pastor is a son of C. W. Siegler and was born in Bangor.

St. Paul's has conducted a Christian day school since 1909. It is staffed by five teachers. They are: Principal Ronald Brown, Robert Snell, Joyce Timm, Carol Montie and Shirley Bahr. To celebrate its 90th anniversary the congregation added two classrooms to its school, in addition to a number of other projects.

The congregation has also taken a step to preserve the details of its history lest the personal memories of the congregation's early days be lost with the death of its elderly members. It has appointed an official historian who will interview all the elderly members and make recordings. This will make

possible a well-documented history when the congregation turns 100 in September 1989. May that history show a congregation dedicated to serving and praising God!

Oak Grove Centennial

During the month of September 1979, St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Congregation of Oak Grove, Wisconsin, observed its centennial. The theme of the observance was "By God's Grace — One Hundred Years."

Rev. Alwin T. Degner, pastor of St. Peter's from 1972 to 1976, on September 16 reminded the congregation of the heritage of Biblical truth confessed by St. Peter's forefathers. In the afternoon the present pastor, Herbert C. Buch, addressed the confirmands from 1900 through 1939. President William Zell of Northwestern Preparatory School spoke to the assembly after the afternoon worship service.

On September 23 former Pastor Marcus Liesener (1945-51) stressed the truth that the future of the congregation lies in the Christian training of its children. President Carleton Toppe of Northwestern College addressed the worshipers at the conclusion of the morning service. In the afternoon, former Pastor Leonard Pankow (1965-72) called on the 1940-79 confirmation classes to seek strength from the Lord for continued faithfulness. At the conclusion of the afternoon service Pastor Kurt Eggert, a grandson of former Pastor August Kirchner, and President Carl Mischke addressed the more than 350 worshipers.

In October 1879, nine men and their families organized St. Peter's Congregation. In 1882, the members of St. Peter's erected a school, which also served as a place of worship until 1891. The school continued until 1965. Today the congregation sends pupils to St. John's Lutheran School, Juneau, Wisconsin. In 1927 the 1891 church was enlarged and a basement added. In 1978, as a part of their thankoffering to the Lord, the members of St. Peter's had the interior of the church completely redone at a cost of more than \$15,000.

The first resident pastor, Walter Piifer, came in 1912, at which time the parsonage was built. Up to that time St. Peter's formed a dual parish with Salem of Lowell.

During its 100 years St. Peter's has been served by 13 pastors: W. Hasz, Th. Hartwig, K. Machmueller, A. Kirchner, W. Pifer, Th. Kliefoth, M. Drews, M. Liesener, R. Mohrhardt, A. Dobberstein, L. Pankow, A. Degner and H. Buch.

At present the congregation numbers 135 communicants and 161 souls. The words of Solomon's prayer are ours: "The Lord our God be with us as he was with our fathers; let him not leave us nor forsake us" (1 Kings 8:57). We add: "May God's Grace be with our children as it has been with us!"

H. C. Buch

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN

Reporter Robert Kleist

Chaplain's Double 50th

The year 1979 was a milestone in the lives of Pastor Gerhard Schmeling and his wife, Anna. Fifty years ago a joint life of love and service was begun with their marriage and Pastor Schmeling's ordination into the Holy Ministry.

Following his seminary graduation, Pastor Schmeling was ordained at Jerusalem Lutheran Church in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on June 23, 1929. He followed his first call to serve three congregations in South Dakota, and later to Town Raymond, Bethel in Milwaukee, and St. John and Zion in Rib Falls Township, Wisconsin. In April 1978, he accepted the call to serve as chaplain at Wisconsin Lutheran Child and Family Service.

On October 12, 1929, the former Anna Brunquell and Pastor Schmeling were united in marriage in a service held at Gospel Lutheran Church of Milwaukee. This marriage was blessed with five children and 20 grandchildren.

These two 50th anniversary occasions were observed by family, co-workers and friends at a special service of praise and thanksgiving held at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Milwaukee on Sunday, October 14, 1979. May God's continued blessing rest upon their life of service together!

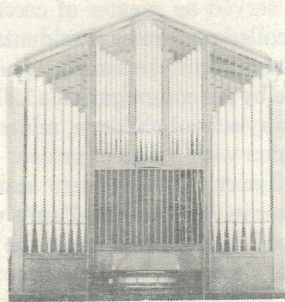
Organ Dedication

"Let Heavenly Music Fill This Place." That descriptive selection by the Senior Choir opened the dedication

services for the new 28-rank pipe organ at St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, 6802 W. Forest Home Ave., Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on September 16, 1979.

These services were the culmination of three years of work. They included two years of planning by the organ committee under the guidance of Dr. Paul Bunjes, designer of the organ; and an additional year for its construction by Casavant Freres, Limitee' of St. Hyacinthe, Quebec, Canada. Installation and directed over a two-week period was directed by Martin Ott, an "Orgelbaumeister" from St. Louis, Missouri.

Limited space in the balcony required deft planning by the designer to allow placement of all 1,447 pipes. The pipes range in height from 1/2 inch to 8 feet and include two ranks of wooden pipes. The organ has 21 stops.



St. John's Organ

The wide variety of pipes allows the playing of compositions from many styles and periods of organ literature. The organ's primary function, however, is that of leading the congregation in hymns and liturgical singing.

The organist for the dedication services was Mrs. Lynn Kozlowski, accompanist for the Lutheran Chorale of Milwaukee. Mrs. Kozlowski preceded each of the morning services with a 25-minute program which demonstrated the versatility of the instrument.

On Saturday, October 13, Dr. Bunjes offered a three-hour seminar for organists. The final chapter of the St. John's organ-story was the dedication recital on October 21. Prof. Wayne Wagner of DMLC was the recitalist. His program included selections as varied as the delicate and light music of Bach's Trio Sonata No. 1 and the vigorous full organ of Reger's Toccata in D.

St. John's thanks the Lord for enabling it to install this new organ to his

glory. May the new instrument serve as well as its predecessor which was retired after 75 years of service!

Donald Janke

WLHS (continued)

area was divided into two science classrooms plus several laboratories for individual student projects. A former architectural drawing room was completely remodeled into a metal shop. The section of the building formerly used for the faculty lounge was renovated to provide administrative offices.

The planning, funding and construction decisions which have brought to the Wisconsin Lutheran High School Conference this sizable facility were indeed great. Many gifts of time, money and skill were necessary to produce these facilities for the 1,000-member student body. But, in the words of Pastor Robert Krause, WLHS principal, "It is with an awareness for the spiritual and educational needs of the youth entrusted to us that we develop programs and construct facilities." He added, "Though this new addition does not increase our enrollment potential, it does provide the specialized facilities that allow us to meet the needs of all of the youth of our Conference. After all, it is to serve them that we exist."

G. Lambrecht

Sweden (continued)

To enable Pastor Edwardsson and others like him to have a little more time for church work, our Synod has established the Sweden Conference and Aid Fund. This is supported by freewill offerings from individuals and groups in the WELS and is used to meet the financial needs of some of the Confessional pastors. Unfortunately, this fund is being rapidly depleted and, unless more contributions are received, it will be impossible to meet those needs.

We wish Pastor Edwardsson the blessings of the Lord on his labors in Ljungby and pray that the Lord may use him and his gifts to bring many people in Sweden to a knowledge of that forgiveness which has come to mean so much to him.

Siegbert W. Becker

CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES

ARIZONA-CALIFORNIA

TEXAS PASTORAL-DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: January 24-25, 1980; Communion service at 10:30 a.m.

Place: Shepherd of the Plains Lutheran Church, Lubbock, Texas; R. Sawall, host pastor.

Preacher: R. Neumann; R. Plath, alternate.

Agenda: Visual Aids and Evangelism: C. Leyrer; Isagogical Treatment of the Book of Lamentations, T. Valleskey; Death and Dying: D. Mayer — Pastor's Response; M. Wagenknecht; The Positive and Negative Influences of Music on the Thought and Behavior of the Christian, C. Leerman.
D. Stuppy, Secretary

CALIFORNIA PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: January 28-29, 1980.

Place: Gloria Dei, Belmont, California; G. Geiger, host pastor.

Agenda: Guest essayist, Prof. C. Lawrenz, on "Biblical Principles of Church Fellowship."

Note: Please excuse to host pastor or secretary.

T. B. Nuckolls, Secretary

MICHIGAN

SOUTHEASTERN PASTOR-TEACHER CONFERENCE

Date: January 28-29, 1980.

Place: Faith Lutheran Church, Monroe, Michigan.

Preacher: E. Herman; D. Anderson, alternate.

Agenda: Monday: Reports; Teacher's paper: The Effects of the Broken Home on the Parochial School; H. Mears; Pastor's paper: Use of Flags in Church; W. Valleskey; Tuesday: Isagogical Treatment of Daniel 8; D. Sutton.

Note: Excuses are to be made to host pastor.

L. Hukee, Secretary

NORTHERN WISCONSIN

RHINELANDER PASTOR-TEACHER CONFERENCE

Date: Friday, January 18, 1980; 9:00 a.m. Communion service.

Place: Trinity Lutheran, Wabeno, Wisconsin; P. Johnson, host pastor.

Preacher: E. Ahlsweide; D. Fleming, alternate.

Agenda: Practical Application of Christian Discipline in the Classroom; T. Rodenbeck; Involvement of the Called Worker in the Congregation and the Community; D. Sternberg.

C. J. Siegler, Secretary

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN

SOUTHERN PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: January 8, 1980; 9:00 a.m. Communion service.

Place: St. Luke's, Kenosha, Wisconsin; M. Hahm, host pastor.

Preacher: D. Gruen; M. Hahm, alternate.

Agenda: Exegesis of Romans 9:25-33; L. Nolte (R. Otto, alternate); Panel Discussion of "The Role of Man and Woman According to Holy Scripture" (Panel: F. Schulz, T. Horton, M. Turritt).

Note: Make all excuses to host pastor.

J. Schroeder, Secretary

CHICAGO PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: January 14-15, 1980.

Place: Resurrection Lutheran, Aurora, Illinois; M. Bode, host pastor.

Preacher: R. Mueller; W. Meier, alternate.

Agenda: Exegesis of Joel 2: H. Schwertfeger (alternate, Joel 3; D. Deutschlander); A Review of *The Role of Man and Woman According to the Holy Scripture*; R. Rathje; The WLCFS; R. Michael (alternate, The Threat of the Charismatic Movement to Christianity; D. Thompson).

Note: Conference dues and Lutheran Educator subscriptions will be collected; bring along 1979 BoRaM; please excuse to the host pastor.

R. W. Pasbrig, Secretary

METRO-NORTH PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: January 21, 1980.

Place: Our Savior's Ev. Lutheran, 1332 Arrowhead Rd., Grafton, Wisconsin; E. Kahrs, host pastor.

Preacher: G. Rothe; T. Sauer, alternate.

Agenda: Exegesis of Passages in Timothy Regarding the Preacher's Task; E. Biebert; Discussion of CHE Theses on *The Role of Man and Woman According to Holy Scripture*; C. Lawrenz; Homiletical Study Helps; J. Jeske.

Note: Please excuse to host pastor of conference secretary.

J. Witt, Secretary

METRO-SOUTH PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: January 21, 1980; Communion service at 9:00 a.m.

Place: St. Peter's, 1215 S. 8th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; A. Schupmann, host pastor.

Preacher: C. Tessmer; D. Tetzlaff, alternate.

Agenda: Exegesis of Mark 8:34-9:1; W. Borgwardt (Mark 10:13-31; R. Brassow, alternate); *Augsburg Confession*, Article XI; M. Schulz; Love for Souls in the Pastoral Ministry; M. Volkmann.

Note: Excuses are to be made to host pastor.

P. Kruschel, Secretary

DODGE-WASHINGTON PASTOR-TEACHER CONFERENCE

Date: January 25, 1980; 9:00 a.m. Communion service.

Place: St. Peter's, Kekoskee (Mayville), Wisconsin; T. Knickelbein, host pastor.

Agenda: Drugs: Dodge County Sheriff's Department; What Disqualifies a Pastor or Teacher from the Ministry? Prof. I. Habeck.

Note: Please excuse to the host pastor.

P. Hill, Secretary

SOUTH ATLANTIC

DISTRICT PASTOR-TEACHER CONFERENCE

Date: January 23, 1980; Missionary Conference

January 24, 1980; Pastor-Teacher Conference

January 25, 1980; Teacher Conference

Place: Our Savior Lutheran Church, Jacksonville, Florida.

Note: Excuses are to be made to the host pastor.

J. Campell, Secretary

INSTALLATIONS

(Authorized by the District Presidents)

Pastor:

Welch, Roland W., as pastor of Emanuel, Flint, Michigan, on November 18, 1979, by R. Ehlers (MI).

Teachers:

Baumgart, Richard, as teacher at Faith, Antioch, Illinois, on September 2, 1979, by D. Gruen (SEW).

Hackbarth, Arthur, as teacher at St. John's, Lake City, Minnesota, on November 25, 1979, by L. Hohenstein (MN).

Taylor, Kenneth, as instructor at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School, Jackson, Wisconsin, on August 26, 1979, by D. Kannenberg (SEW).

Zander, James, as teacher at Bethlehem, Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin, on September 2, 1979, by R. Zimmermann (SEW).

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WISCONSIN LUTHERAN COLLEGE

Registration for the Second Semester at Wisconsin Lutheran College, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, will take place on Monday, January 7, 1980, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Classes will begin on January 8.

APPEAL FOR PEWS

If you are remodeling or rebuilding and wish to donate your old pews to a young congregation, or if you have old pews stored away somewhere and don't know what to do with them, please call Our Savior Lutheran, Rev. Norman Seeger, in Birmingham, Alabama, 205/967-5864.

WANTED

Divine Savior, a mission congregation of the WELS, located in Belleville, Illinois, is in need of the following items: church pews, Communion ware, piano or organ, altar furniture. Write: Pastor Richard Kogler at 308 Todd Lane, Belleville, Illinois 62221; or call collect 618/277-8446.

Rupperts Again Available

By popular demand, a reprint of F. Ruppert's *Bible History References* is again being made. Over the years this fine commentary on the Holy Scriptures has proved to be of tremendous value to pastors, teachers and laymen, and copies are eagerly sought.

Copies of the two-volume set will be available after February 1, 1980, and are being offered now at a special prepublication price. All paid orders received by February 1, 1980, will receive the following special price consideration: 1-4 sets, \$18.95 each; 5-9 sets, \$17.95 each; 10 or more sets, \$16.95 each. All prices include shipping and handling.

Please address all inquiries, orders and payments to: Ruppert Project, The Lutheran Home, 611 West Main Street, Belle Plaine, Minnesota 56011; Phone: 612/873-2215.

SYNODICAL CERTIFICATION

Dr. Martin Luther College has arranged to offer extension course, *Rel. 1E Old Testament History* at St. Croix Lutheran High School, West St. Paul, Minnesota 55118, beginning Saturday, January 26, 1980, and meeting every Saturday morning from 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. except for Holy Week. With this plan the last session would be held on Saturday, May 17. Pastor Roderick Luebchow of St. Croix has consented to teach the course.

Dr. Martin Luther College has also arranged to offer *Christian Doctrine II* as an extension course at Wisconsin Lutheran High School, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, beginning Saturday, January 26, 1980, until May 17, 1980, with the exception of Holy Week. Classes will run from 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Pastor Harold Wicke, editor of *The Northwestern Lutheran*, has consented to teach the course.

These courses may be taken for audit as well as credit toward the Synodical Certification requirements.

If you are interested, please contact Professor George Heckmann, Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota 56073; phone 507/354-8221, Ext. 231.

WELCOME TO ST. PETERSBURG

The first WELS service in St. Petersburg, Florida, was held on January 9, 1955. This service marked the beginning of our Synod's work in southeastern United States and in Florida.

Faith Ev. Lutheran Church of St. Petersburg, Florida, is observing the 25th anniversary of that service on January 13, 1980, with two special worship services. At the 10:00 a.m. service Pastor Julian Anderson, a regular contributor to the pages of *The Northwestern Lutheran*, will be the speaker. Pastor Daniel Gieschen, chairman of the Synod's General Board for Home Missions, will speak at the 4:00 p.m. service.

If you are visiting in Florida on that date, you are cordially invited to take part in the observance.

EXPLORATORY

NORTHWEST ROCHESTER, NY

WELS exploratory services are being held at the YMCA in the northwest Rochester suburb of the Town of Greece, NY, on Long Pond Road (3 miles north of Ridge Road or Hwy 104). Weekly Sunday worship is at 3:00 p.m., with Sunday school and Bible class at 4:15 p.m. Please send the names of any interested people living in the northwest area of Rochester, New York, to Pastor K. A. Kappel, 4276 Gemini Path, Liverpool, New York 13088, or call 315/652-7951

PORT WASHINGTON, WISCONSIN

Exploratory services are being held every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in the Knights of Columbus Hall, 107 E. Washington St., Port Washington. Please send names and information to Pastor Adolph C. Buenger, 1114 Crestview Drive, Port Washington, Wisconsin 53074; phone: 414/284-4037.

TORONTO, CANADA

Exploratory services are being held on Sundays in Mississauga at the Mississauga Valley Community Center just off Central Parkway. Services are at 9:30 a.m. and Bible class and Sunday school at 10:30 a.m. Please submit names of WELS people and other interested parties in the Toronto area to Pastor Roy W. Hefti, #72 — 525 Meadows Blvd., Mississauga, Ontario, Canada L4Z 1H2; or phone 416/275-6110.

DEER VALLEY, PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Exploratory services are being held at Deer Valley Junior High School, 27th Avenue and Deer Valley Rd., on the northwest side of Phoenix, the Deer Valley area. Sunday services begin at 9:00 a.m., Sunday school and Bible class at 10:15 a.m. Please send names and information to Pastor John Berg, 1954 W. Topeka Dr., Phoenix, Arizona 85027, or call 602/863-1923.

NAMES WANTED

PAYSON, ARIZONA

Services are being conducted every Sunday at Rock of Ages Lutheran Church, Payson, Arizona, in the basement of Bud's Plumbing Establishment at 709 Hwy 260. The time is 11:00 a.m. The services are conducted on two Sundays by Rev. Victor C. Schultz and Rev. David V. Schultz. The other two Sundays offer taped services. We welcome newcomers and visitors.

CALGARY, ALBERTA, CANADA

Preliminary survey work is being held in the Calgary, Alberta, area. Informational meetings are being held on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Please submit names to Pastor R. M. Beyer, 55 Stanley Drive, St. Albert, Alberta, Canada T8N 0J6; phone 403/458-5119.

TIME AND PLACE

YOU ALL COME!

When you are in the Mountain State of West Virginia, you are invited to worship in Beckley at Good Shepherd at the Rural Acres Garden Club, 512 Rural Acres Drive, on Sunday morning at 9:30. Or if you are in the Charleston area, come to Shepherd of the Valley which worships at the Tyler Mountain Firehouse, 5380 Tyler Mountain Road, in Cross Lanes at 3:30 on Sunday afternoon. For more information, contact Pastor Robert L. Hoepner, Box 601, Beckley, West Virginia 25801; phone: 304/252-5820.

SUN CITY, ARIZONA

WELS members who vacation in the Sun City, Arizona, area are herewith reminded that there is a WELS congregation in Sun City. The congregation is Our Savior Ev. Lutheran Church, located at 9825 North 103rd Ave. For information and directions visitors may call Pastor Frederic H.

Nitz, phone: 602/977-2872. Worship services during the winter months are held at 10:00 a.m. Country Meadows, Peoria, Sun City West and Youngtown are just a few miles from Our Savior Church.

HELENA, MONTANA

Reporting a change in place and a change in time for WELS exploratory services in Helena, Montana. Sunday school is at 8:30 a.m. Sundays, and worship service at 9:30 a.m., both at the American Legion Post No. 2 at the corner of Custer and Villard Avenues. Adult Bible class is at 8:30 a.m. at the District Missionary's residence, 965 Mottsiff Road, Helena, MT 59601. Loyal Schroeder is the District Missionary serving this exploratory group. His telephone number is 406/443-6326.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS DEAN OF STUDENTS — DMLC

Since Prof. Lloyd O. Huebner, currently serving the college as Dean of Students, has accepted the call to become its president upon the retirement of the incumbent on June 30, 1980, the Board of Control of Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota, with the concurrence of the Commission on Higher Education herewith petitions the voting constituency of the Synod to nominate candidates qualified to fill the important office of Dean of Students.

The basic function of the Dean of Students is to serve as a spiritual advisor of the student body, and to coordinate student supervision and all student services.

Nominees must be men who have had significant experience in the pastoral ministry, who have a clear understanding of law and gospel, who are markedly evangelical in their pastoral functions, who have an understanding of young people and can relate to them, who project an image in character and dress which contributes to respect for the office and for service in the church, and who have some ability and interest in administrative matters.

Letters of nomination should contain as much pertinent information as possible and must be in the hands of the secretary no later than January 25, 1980.

Darrell Knippel, Secretary
DMLC Board of Control
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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS EDUCATION — DMLC

The Synod's Coordinating Council and the Board of Trustees having approved the joint request of Dr. Martin Luther College and the Commission on Higher Education to make of an emergency teaching position in the Education Division a permanent professorship, the Board of Control of Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota, herewith requests the voting constituency of the Synod to nominate candidates qualified to serve in a specific area of education.

This professorship, though identical in nature, should not be confused with the call of nominations which has appeared in a recent issue of *The Northwestern Lutheran* to fill the vacant chair resulting from Prof. Arthur Glende's impending retirement. However, since the requirements of the calls are the same, it is the Board's intention to consider the names in the first call list together with any additional names submitted as a result of this announcement.

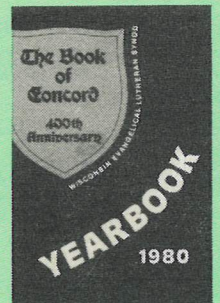
Nominees should be qualified to serve in the Education Division of the college, specifically to supervise student teachers in the off-campus program and in the alternating quarters to teach professional education courses on campus.

Nominees should have a background of successful teaching experience together with the ability to relate to student teachers and to maintain effective relationships with the teachers, principals and pastors of cooperating congregations.

Nominations should include complete information regarding the candidates and must be in the hands of the secretary no later than January 25, 1980.

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