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Inner-City Cooperation — With the start of a new school year, four Milwaukee WELS inner-city congregations are combining forces in getting some 200 children to school and home again. The congregations involved are Siloah, Zebaoth, Garden Homes and Atonement.

The new bus plan will save both time and mileage. Many children will spend less time on the buses, and the older buses will serve as back-up vehicles in case one of the regular buses breaks down.

The plan called for some adjustments, since individual congregations will no longer have complete control over the use of their buses. A number of the schools even had to change their daily schedules and vacation days. A Christian spirit of cooperation, however, made these sacrifices possible. We agree with the *Siloah Lutheran* that "that in itself is a major benefit of the new program."

Life at 100 — In a previous issue we reported that Alex O. Benz, long-time president of the Aid Association for Lutherans, had reached the age of 100 on July 17. His pastor, the Rev. Richard Pankow of Mt. Olive, Appleton, has now informed us of Mr. Benz's death, stating that the Spirit-wrought "desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far" (Philippians 1:23) was granted Mr. Benz on August 10. Burial took place on August 13.

Perhaps not well known is the fact that in 1944 Mr. Benz was the last person to run for governor of Wisconsin on the Progressive Party ticket.

Lutheran, but not Biblical A Gallup Poll of Clergy conducted for *Christianity Today* reveals a startling disagreement among Lutheran pastors on the doctrine of creation.

Slightly more than 50% of the Lutheran pastors polled said God created Adam and Eve, and that this "was the start of human life." Some 38% chose as their answer: "God began an evolutionary cycle for all living things, including man, but personally intervened at a point in time and transformed man into a human being in His own image." However, six per cent would not go even that

far. They claimed that God "did not personally intervene." And another five per cent said that the origin of man is "unknown."

If a similar poll had been conducted among WELS pastors and teachers, we are convinced that 100% would have taken their stand with what God has revealed in the first chapters of Genesis and in other parts of the Scripture. The Bible leaves no room for the theory of evolution.

The above poll makes it clear that Lutheran is not necessarily Biblical. How sad!

Centennial — The Salvation Army had its beginnings in England back in the fifties and sixties of the last century. It came to the shores of America on March 10, 1880, when eight uniformed persons, one man and seven women, arrived in New York City.

Religiously, the Army's background is Wesleyan Methodist. Though it teaches that the Scripture was given by inspiration of God and constitutes the divine rule of Christian faith and practice, it also holds that the Bible is not absolutely necessary since God reveals his will directly through their spiritual leaders. According to the Salvation Army, Baptism and the Lord's Supper are likewise unnecessary for salvation or the development of the spiritual life. Perhaps these are the underlying reasons why the Salvation Army puts less emphasis on religious services and preaching today than it did 100 years ago.

Though we cannot agree with the Army's doctrine, we can learn much from its concern for the poor and the downtrodden, drug addicts and runaway teenagers, the inner cities and the slums, the destitute and the handicapped. These, too, are our concerns as the work of our Special Ministries Board in the Synod, the districts and the congregations illustrates.

Compared with the Salvation Army we are newcomers in these areas of Christian concern. We pray, however, that we can offer a better combination, namely, both faithfulness to God's Word and love for those in need. Those who make that principle theirs will be true soldiers of the cross.

*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

On all our mission fields the missionaries' wives are also very busy people — not just taking care of their own families, but also instructing the new converts, conducting Sunday school, etc. Pictured is Mrs. Harold Johnne of Japan teaching one of her classes in Ishioka. See page 294.

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Editorials

Fractured Families

A very recent study of almost 20,000 American learners, ranging from first graders to high-school seniors, comes down solidly for the conclusion that the problems in our country's schools have their roots in broken homes. The learners from one-parent homes, the study shows, have many more disciplinary, dropout, expulsion, and juvenile problems than do their counterparts in two-parent families and homes.

This simply means that our nation's very extensive educational system has bleak prospects ahead. Schools reopening their doors these weeks are in trouble, and the future looks worse. By the end of the decade, statistical trends predict, almost half of our country's learners will come from one-parent homes.

The schools will try to cope with the mounting problems by enlarged programs of parental counseling and by new procedures in record keeping. More power to them but also more pity for them!

This is the first national survey attempting to find out what happens to the children in school when families fracture. It may precipitate some action but it will not solve any ills. Schools cannot get any better until the home situation improves. Parents must put an end to the idea that God and his will for the family can be mocked. When homes are broken, it is young Johnny and little Mary that are most damaged. And the schools pay the price.

Edward Fredrich

Fathers Are Not Mothers

Social planners are determined to install equal rights across the board — in the military, for example; in athletics, in the workplace, in the church, in the home. With the blinders of their liberal ideals on, they do not see both the issues and the consequences that often make such absolute efforts not only inappropriate but folly.

They fail to distinguish between equal rights and equal authority, for example, between equal rights and equal privileges and rank, between equal rights and equal responsibilities, between equal rights and equal functions.

Take husbands and wives, for example. They have in common such civil rights as the right to protection of life and property, the right to a job, the right to vote. In the family they have equal rights to their children's obedience and respect; they have equal responsibilities to be faithful to each other, to love each other, and to help each other; and equal rights to the blessings that accrue from such devotion.

But equal rights do not mean equal authority and equal responsibility in the home. Equal rights do not mean equal functions, as if man and woman were interchangeable in their roles in the home. God gave the father greater authority and the ultimate responsibility

for the welfare of the family, but gave the mother a special responsibility for the management of the home. The Apostle Paul instructs the young women to "marry, bear children, and guide the house [manage their homes — NIV]." In Titus the same apostle directs them to "be . . . keepers at home [busy at home — NIV; home lovers — Phillips]." Scripture does not establish the same role for the father. God has assigned to the mothers, the childbearers, a primary responsibility for the day-by-day rearing of the children in the home. The father can and should be supportive, but he does not have the same family responsibility as the mother has, nor does he become the mother. Dr. Bettelheim has observed that when a man tries to be a "better" father by acting like a mother, when he is merely "mother's little helper," he is not only less fulfilled as a father, but as a man, too.

Throughout the ages the differential between fathers and mothers has been recognized. Latter-day "insights" of equal rights advocates can only breed mischief in the home as they seek to overturn human biology, human nature, human experience, and above all, God's created order.

Carleton Toppe

That Uneasy Feeling

One of the strange things that afflicts us mortals much of the time is a feeling of uneasiness. That feeling may plague us in good times or in bad. It is caused, at least in part, by a sense of the impermanence of things. They won't stay the same.

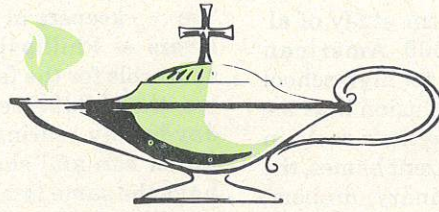
This is why we like familiar surroundings. This is why we like to go home after an extended absence. Familiar things provide a semblance of permanence and solidity as we live in a changing environment with an uncertain future.

Change is quite pronounced when you return after years to a place where you once lived. Many familiar things are no longer there. Most have deteriorated. Some have been replaced. Many, if not all, the people you once knew are gone. Those who are still there have aged. They have changed in appearance so much that you may not even recognize them. All this makes your visit rather sad, much as you may have looked forward to it.

One thing in life, however, that does not change is God. Scripture puts much emphasis on this. "Thou art the same," wrote the Psalmist. "With whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning," said St. James of the heavenly Father. "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday and today and forever" is a well-known statement found in the Epistle to the Hebrews. Scripture throughout asserts the constancy of God and his Word. This truth has been echoed in many a familiar hymn.

In an unstable world, amid changing surroundings, we need this assurance. In fact, it is the only thing that can overcome that nagging feeling of uneasiness which we all experience at times. When that feeling comes, often out of nowhere, there is a ready cure for it: Look to God! He is always there, and he never changes.

Immanuel Frey



Studies in God's Word

“But God Was With Him”

Read Genesis 37:12-36

One of the most significant words in the English language is the little word “but.” While the word “and” indicates that more of the same will follow, “but” implies the opposite. When we hear this word, our ears perk up for a contrary opinion or a canceling of what has gone before.

Stephen on trial for his faith used that all-important word “but” in summarizing the events of our chapter, telling the Jewish Council, “And the patriarchs moved with envy sold Joseph into Egypt, **but** God was with him” (Acts 7:9). For Joseph, in hours fogged by men’s sins, that word “but” made all the difference in the world. We, too, can find light and hope for life’s dark hours and great trials in the sentence “But God was with him.”

The Dominoes of Sin

“Resist the beginning” is always good advice when it comes to sin. For sin which is allowed to live unchallenged in a corner of the heart will eventually end up controlling all of that heart. Look at the example of Joseph’s brothers. Instead of squashing the green bug of envy, they allowed it to gnaw and grow in their hearts. Soon envy’s inevitable children, anger and hatred, were hatched in those hearts. Then hatred, already planning of murder, led to the actual planning of murder. As they fed their flocks miles away from home and

watchful eyes, they saw their hated brother approaching, sent by a concerned father. The sight of that despised dreamer and his hated coat set their anger into action. “Let us slay him and cast him into some pit,” they said callously, ready to shed the blood of their own brother and then cleverly to cover up their crime by casting his corpse into some empty cistern.

Reuben’s counter suggestion, whether born out of concern for his brother or for himself since he as the firstborn son would have to answer to his father, seemed even better. The verses with their concise prose don’t detail the heated anger of the brothers or their coldhearted disregard for their 17-year-old brother’s anguished cries as they tear off his cloak, throw him into the cistern to face slow death, and then callously sit down to eat their dinner. Years later in Egypt they would recall the awful scene as they confessed, “We are verily guilty concerning our brother in that we saw the anguish of his soul when he besought us and we would not hear” (Genesis 42:21). But now anger stepped up their actions and stopped up their ears.

Judah’s scheme was little better. To be sold into slavery was hardly much better than to be dead. So little did they think of their brother and so much did they hate him that 20 pieces of silver from those Ishmaelite and Midianite traders seemed preferable to them. Toward their father they showed just

as little concern when they sent Joseph’s hated coat, stained with goat’s blood, to him with the brutal message, “This we have found, know whether it be thy son’s coat or no.” And then after they had broken his heart with their lies, they hypocritically tried to comfort him. Like a row of dominoes, set on end, that first sin of envy led to another and then another, right down the line.

What’s the lesson for us in this dark chapter? Is it not to take care lest we allow sin’s germ to find refuge in our heart? Is it not to turn to God’s Word and sacraments, for pardon for those sins and power to fight against them?

The Dominance of God

At the time it must have seemed that Joseph’s story was at an end. For him there seemed to be only the crushing yoke of slavery, for his father the consuming burden of grief, for his brothers the continuing slide into sin. **But** God had other plans. In his own mysterious way he was at work overruling men’s sins in order to accomplish his gracious purpose in Joseph’s life and to move closer to the carrying out of his plan of redemption for the world. Twenty-two years later, reunited in Egypt, Joseph and his family would look back and see how God’s grace and wisdom had been dominating the scene.

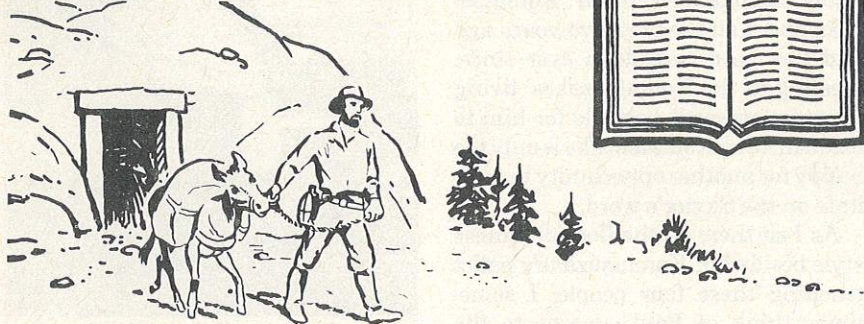
Some of us, like Joseph 22 years later, can look back at the once seemingly dark detours and apparent dead ends of life’s road and now trace the loving hand of God. Others, like Joseph at 17, can only plow ahead trusting that though God’s ways are higher than our ways, yet they will prove the right way (Isaiah 55:8,9). All of us, though, can look forward to that eternal day when we shall know him and his gracious ways through all the changing scenes of our lives in full (1 Corinthians 13:12).

Joseph’s story, perhaps more than any other account in Holy Scripture, teaches how sweet it is to be able to sing in faith, “If thou **but** suffer God to guide thee and hope in Him through all thy ways, He’ll give thee strength whate’er betide thee and bear thee through the evil days. Who trusts in God’s unchanging love builds on the Rock that naught can move” (518:1).

Richard E. Lauersdorf

Mining the Treasure of God's Word

Matthew 13:24-43
Mark 4:21-32
Luke 8:16-18
Luke 13:20,21



More Parables About the Seed

Before you begin your digging today, it might be well to reread the last lesson, dealing with the parable of the sower and the discussion as to why Jesus used parables. Then turn to

Luke 8:16-18

This little section discusses further the purpose of the parables and their right use today, elaborating on Matthew 13:11,12 (last lesson). Verses 16 and 17 explain Matthew 13:11. Underline verse 16b and hi-lite the phrase "see the light," hi-liting "light" the key word. Note how verse 17 illuminates what we said about the "mysteries" of the kingdom. Here Jesus states clearly his purpose in using parables, and suggests to us how we should use them in teaching our children and others. Notice Jesus' admonition in verse 18a, "Pay attention to the *way* you hear!" What follows in verse 18b was a little Hebrew maxim that is still in use today in a slightly changed form, "The rich will get richer, and the poor will get poorer." It applies to our study of the Bible. Now go to

Mark 4:26-29

Notice again what Jesus says about the general contents of this parable in verse 26a (hi-lite "the kingdom of God"), and observe the similarity of this story to the former one (v. 3, hi-lite "seed"). Now see what the Lord says about the seed in verse 27. Underline beginning "the seed(s) . . .", since this is the main thought of the parable. The

next key phrase is verse 28a (underline). The TEV best expresses the Greek, which reads, "automatically (the Greek word used) the land brings forth the fruit." Thus Jesus is saying that the *power* to sprout, grow and bear fruit is in the *seed* itself, and is not the result of anything the farmer does. The writer of Hebrews 4:12 has summed it up very well. Remember that "quick" means "alive." The growth of the seed is all God's work, perfectly described in verses 27b and 28. The man, however, does the planting and harvesting (v. 29), a beautiful picture of the church at work. Long before, God had expressed these thoughts in Isaiah 55:10,11. Now read

Matthew 13:24-30

This is the third parable about a man sowing seed (v. 24b, hi-lite "seed"), but here it is described as "good" seed; and an enemy appears sowing bad seed on top of the good (v. 25). This bad seed was a kind of "black," mildly poisonous wheat, which looked just like good wheat in the early stages. But after the heads had formed, the bad wheat *became evident*. That is, *they could tell* that some of the plants were "black" wheat. Notice the reaction of the man's slaves in verses 27 and 28, and the man's reply in verses 28 and 29. Now for the explanation, read

Matthew 13:36-43

This conversation took place when Jesus had returned home (v. 36), and

the explanation is clear and quickly given (vv. 36-39). Since there is a difference between the seed and the plant that grows out of the seed, we could still take the seed as a picture of the Word, which produces good plants, the believers, while the devil's lies (bad seed) produces bad plants, the unbelievers (v. 38). Note that this story is simply a picture of the world as it has been since the Fall, and as it will be until the end of the world, with the church existing in the midst of a mass of unbelievers. Notice that there will be no separation of the believers from the unbelievers prior to the judgment, as is taught in the false schemes of the millennialists. The parable also gives a clear and detailed picture of the final judgment in verse 30, explained in verses 40-43. Here compare Matthew 25:31-46, noting the presence of the angels in verse 31. And now turn to

Mark 4:30-32

Read verse 30a and hi-lite "the kingdom of God," noting that this is the fourth parable about the seed (hi-lite). Then observe how this seed is described in verse 31b, and what is said about it in verse 32b. Compare Matthew 13:32 for a more detailed description. If the seed again represents the Word, what does the plant that grows from it represent? See Matthew 16:18. Now, then, you should be able to explain to someone else what the main point of this parable is (see v. 32 and underline "becomes . . . the plants"). It is probable that when Jesus told this parable, he had in mind the tree of Daniel 4:20,21.

Notice that the accompanying parable of the yeast in Matthew 13:33 and Luke 13:20,21 gives a similar picture of the church, picturing the fact that besides becoming large, it will *spread* all over the world (Daniel 4:20).

All of these parables, and the parable of the sower, have to do with the planting of the seed and its results; and Matthew and Mark have both gathered them together in one section, typical of the arrangement of the material in their Gospels, which is generally topical, not chronological. Thus we must remember that Jesus may have told these parables at different times on different occasions.

Julian G. Anderson

The Varying Pace of Mission Work

There were times when our Lord spoke to thousands of people who had gathered to receive his miraculous help and to hear his wondrous message. It was not always like that. There was also a time when, beside a well, he spoke to one woman alone.

There are times in Japan when we speak to what we feel is a crowd, perhaps a hundred people or so. Most of the day-by-day mission work here, however, is a matter of speaking to only a few, frequently speaking to only one at a time.

Mission work in Ishioka is like that. Ishioka is a small city located about 15 kilometers from Tsuchiura, where we have our seminary. When I began helping with the work in Ishioka about eight years ago, I said to myself, "This place is like Charlie Brown's Christmas tree. It needs lots of love." I felt that with love and perseverance, the Ishioka congregation would grow.

My family shared my enthusiasm. My children went through the neighborhood distributing pamphlets to any children they could find at schools, playgrounds, on the streets. Our seminary student at that time taught Sunday school. I remember him walking through the neighborhood Sunday mornings like the Pied Piper, leading the children to Sunday school.

In spite of eight years of love and perseverance, however, only a few have come. The crowds never did. My wife has been teaching Sunday school in Ishioka for several years now. There is a strong bond of love between her and the few children who do come. She is thrilled when some expression of faith from the lips of one of these children indicates that another one has come out of the eternal darkness and into the light of the Savior's love.

For some time now, two elderly ladies have been sitting in on the Sunday-school classes at Ishioka. One of them has had a stroke, which has not only hampered her physically, but has also slowed down her responses as well. Several months ago I began conducting a very simple beginners' course for these ladies during the week. We meet in the living quarters adjacent to

the church. The people living there, the Komatsuzakes, are faithful members of our Ishioka church. Mr. Komatsuzake had a stroke over two years ago and has been bedridden ever since. Meeting in the Komatsuzakes' living quarters makes it possible for him to listen in. Mrs. Komatsuzake is only too happy for another opportunity to meditate on the Savior's word.

As I sit there on the floor Japanese style beside Mr. Komatsuzake's pallet teaching these four people, I sometimes think of Paul's words to the Corinthians: "For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called; but God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise, and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty, and the base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to naught things that are: that no flesh should glory in his presence" (1 Corinthians 1:26-29).

What does the Lord have in mind for Ishioka? He certainly hasn't sent us masses of people with which to quickly establish an indigenous congregation. Rather he seems to be using us to call these few precious people to be his own and to live with him eternally.



The Ishioka Church is an extra room added to the Komatsuzake home to serve as a chapel.



Barbara and Harold Johnne

May the Lord grant us the love needed to persevere at Ishioka! May he grant us the wisdom to realize that the final results are in his hands! May he grant us the faith to be happy that this is so!

Missionary H. Johnne



Missionary Johnne teaching a class in the Komatsuzake's living quarters

Martin Luther Preparatory School

First Year on Campus

The summer of 1979 marked the relocation of Martin Luther Academy from New Ulm, Minnesota, to Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin. One hundred and fifty-one Martin Luther Academy students joined 14 faculty members and a dormitory housemother in the move. At the same time, with the closing of Northwestern Lutheran Academy, Mobridge, South Dakota, in August of 1979, another 60 students transferred from Northwestern Lutheran Academy to Prairie du Chien. Four professors and one tutor from Northwestern Lutheran Academy accepted calls to join the faculty, and a dormitory housemother became a part of the staff at Martin Luther Preparatory School.

The school year opened on September 4, 1979, with the registration of 362 students. Of that number 99 were enrolled as pastor-course students and 237 as teacher-course students. In addition to the 211 students who had been enrolled formerly at the New Ulm and Mobridge schools, 151 new students enrolled. The students came from 26 states and Canada. The enrollment far exceeded the anticipated 220 students which had been projected for the first year.

The formal dedication service was conducted on Sunday, October 14, 1979, with the prayer that our heavenly Father would graciously bless this venture of faith on the part of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod, and that the new school might ultimately serve in guiding more and more young people toward the goal of becoming full-time laborers in the Lord's kingdom as pastors or teachers.

Faculty

With the larger than expected enrollment, the faculty had to be greatly augmented. Faculty members with permanent calls who were added to the staff are Alan Jeffers (science, geography), Diane Karrow (piano), Daniel Kirk (religion, English), Robert Krueger (Latin, German), Carl Lemke

(mathematics, coaching), Harold Schewe (English, history), and Daniel Malchow (German, history). Tutors and instructors for the school year were Thomas Lindloff, Jonathan Schultz, Richard Starr, Susan Gorz, Rachel Kaesmeyer, Warren Backer, and Paul Zell. Three women served on a part-time basis: Mrs. Sandra Schulrud (personal-use typing), Mrs. Gwen Hirsch (piano), and Mrs. Carol Lemke (piano). Mrs. Esther Van Dyk was added to the staff as assistant housemother.

After the remodeling undertaken on the campus following the purchase of the property by our Synod, the new campus facilities have proved to be very well suited to achieve the purpose and objectives of a worker-training school on the secondary level. Many hours of donated labor were given by members of various congregations in the surrounding area as the campus was prepared for occupancy. At the same time numerous gifts were received from individuals, societies, schools, and congregations from all parts of the Synod. Some of the needs were also met by the transfer of equipment from Mobridge to the new campus at Prairie du Chien.

Activities

During the year many visitors have toured the campus and have attended games, recitals, banquets, instrumental and vocal concerts, and special services. Nor was there any lack of activities. The senior class play, under the direction of Prof. Daniel Kirk, "The Mouse That Roared," proved an entertaining attraction. The school's first musical, "Oklahoma," under the direction of Prof. Kermit Moldenhauer, provided a challenge for those who took part and an entertaining time for those who attended. The football team won the Class B Championship among Wisconsin Independent School Athletic Association teams. Other teams, groups, and clubs provided students with opportunities to participate and fill their leisure hours.

Those who visited our campus during the year were greatly impressed with the facilities. The library, with much left to be done, has already taken on an atmosphere conducive to study. More and more books are being accessioned regularly, and the periodical racks and reference shelves are being put to good use by the students. The chapel has served us well, and the organ installation is continuing at a rapid pace during the summer hours.

Future Needs

But despite all the facilities which serve the school adequately, it is necessary to point out a few things that

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First graduating class in procession

Districts in Action

This past summer the Ten Districts of our Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod met in convention to advise the Synod in the carrying out of its mission and to grapple with the specific problems and opportunities facing the districts themselves. Unlike at synodical conventions, at district meetings every congregation is represented by delegates and every pastor and male teacher is expected to attend. These are the grass-roots assemblies of our church body.

Conclusion

Michigan

Unusually cool weather greeted the pastors, teachers and lay delegates as they gathered at Michigan Lutheran Seminary in Saginaw on June 10-12 for the 90th convention of the Michigan District.

The opening devotion introduced the convention theme, "God's Word Is Our Great Heritage" and in doing so directed the attention of the delegates to the 400th anniversary of the Book of Concord and particularly to the Formula of Concord itself. The theme was carried out in the devotions which presented the various articles of the Formula. Every devotion closed with the singing of the familiar hymn, "God's Word Is Our Great Heritage."

President's Report

After calling the convention to order, President Waldemar J. Zarling reminded the delegates of the signs which Jesus predicted would precede his final coming: apostasy and false teaching in the church, unrest in human relationships leading to violence and war, disturbances and destructive forces in the realm of nature. He noted that these had intensified with the passing of another decade. In conclusion he urged: "May this 90th convention of our district sharpen our efforts to work while it is day, and to work not with plodding obedience only but with the kind of anticipation which in a decomposing world still lifts up its head knowing that its redemption draweth nigh." The statistical portion of the president's report indicated that during the past two years 27 pastors were ordained and installed in the district, 29 pastors and 27 male teachers were installed, and that at this con-

vention five congregations were being received into membership.

The convention essay, delivered by the executive secretary of our Synod's Commission on Higher Education, Robert J. Voss, was entitled "Fulfilling Our Obligations in the Area of Christian Secondary Education." The essayist made four points: "I. Our obligation to learn from history; II. Our obligation to understand the mission; III. Our obligation to plan wisely; and IV. Our obligation to sustain effectively." Although it was the shortest part of the paper, the third point received the strongest emphasis by the essayist particularly in his additional comments. He wrote: "Some argue that insistence on planning loses sight of the faith factor. There is a role for faith in our planning, but it is faith in the Word and promises of God wherever his promises apply. With such faith in our hearts we should use all the wisdom God gives us to plan wisely. Areas that now have Christian secondary schools or that are studying the feasibility of such schools are well advised to follow carefully *Planning for Lutheran High Schools*."

The convention's Communion service was held on Wednesday evening at St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Saginaw. It was an edifying service, aided by the singing of St. Paul's Choir and playing of trumpets and tympany. The sermon was preached by Pastor Floyd Mattek, who based his message on John 17:14a and once again brought out the convention theme in the theme of his sermon: "God's Word — Our Great Heritage."

Much convention time was devoted to the reports of the various boards and committees of the district and the Synod. Welcome news for congregations with parochial schools came in the district board for parish education

report: "No immediate college courses are necessary for Dr. Martin Luther College graduates who were assigned to Michigan schools this year. The accreditation of DMLC has apparently eliminated this need."

The Michigan District Special Ministries Board was made a permanent district committee by convention vote and was requested by the delegates to enter the area of adult foster care for the mentally retarded.



Left to right — Seated: W. Zarling and W. Balza; standing: J. Brenner and R. Mueller

"The Role of Man and Woman"

A lengthy discussion was evoked by the report of the district's special ad/hoc committee to formulate the reaction of the conferences to the theses: "The Role of Man and Woman According to the Holy Scriptures." The convention finally resolved to express its appreciation for the concerns of the Commission on Higher Education as well as for the exegetical and expository work that has been done. It strongly recommended further study of this document by individuals, congregations, conferences and districts. It also resolved to request from the Commission on Higher Education further elaboration and clarification regarding this doctrine, and implored God by his grace and wisdom to grant us all a correct and harmonious understanding of this doctrine.

Elections

Elected as district officers were: Rev. Waldemar Zarling, president; Rev. Robert Mueller, first vice-president; Rev. John Brenner, second vice-president; Rev. William Balza, secretary.

The devotion which opened the final session of the convention on Thursday afternoon was a memorial service for

those servants of the Lord in the district who were called to their eternal rest during the past biennium, Pastor Karl F. Krauss and Pastor Jack A. deRuiter.

Pastor E. Schaewe

South Atlantic

"Unchanging Landmarks for a Changing World, 1580 — 1980" was the theme of the fourth biennial convention of the South Atlantic District held at the Admiral Benbow Inn in Tampa, Florida, June 16-17. Concerning the 400th anniversary of the *Formula of Concord* and the 450th anniversary of the *Augsburg Confession*, President Raymond Wiechmann reminded the convention delegates that faithfulness to God's Word must ever be our watchword in all our work. In a very inspiring essay, Prof. Arnold Koelpin of Dr. Martin Luther College demonstrated "The Relevancy of the Formula of Concord for the Church Today."

Elections

Pastor Wiechmann was reelected as district president, having served in this capacity since the South Atlantic District was first formed in 1973. Also reelected were Pastor Keith Kruck, first vice-president; Pastor Rodney Busch, second vice-president; and Pastor James Vogt, secretary.

"The Role of Man and Woman"

On Sunday evening, June 15, an open hearing on the paper, "The Role of Man and Woman According to Holy Scripture," was held by the special committee that was assigned the responsibility of reacting to the paper. Pastor Ted Olsen served as the moderator. The discussion was candid and lively, with both pastors and laymen participating. On Tuesday afternoon, after even more discussion, the delegates of the convention expressed their appreciation for much of the paper but felt that certain changes and improvements would be necessary before the paper could serve as a consensus for the general membership of the Synod.

Another matter that evoked lively discussion was the matter of calling a full-time executive secretary for evangelism, a matter deferred by the 1979 Synod convention. The delegates were unanimous in stating that such an executive secretary could greatly aid in the coordination and facilitation of the evangelism efforts and work being done by the various departments of our Synod. The delegates voted to memorialize the 1981 Synod convention to call such a full-time executive secretary for evangelism.

The convention delegates were privileged to have Pastor Larry Zwieg, associate executive secretary for the General Board for Home Missions, and Pastor William Fischer, Secretary of Part-time Education, in attendance. Pastor Zwieg spoke about the work of Mass Media Ministry and the materials available to local congregations. He also introduced the new "Standard Accounting System for Lutheran Congregations" available from Northwestern Publishing House. Pastor Fischer presented samples of the nursery Sunday-school materials and spoke about the work being done to revise the rest of Sunday-school materials.

Highlights of the convention were two evangelism presentations, one by Pastor Ronald Roth of St. Lucas Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, and the other by Pastor Robert Hartman, mission counselor of the Michigan District. Pastor Roth's paper was entitled, "Who Is To Speak?" He stated that all Christians have the assignment to carry out the Lord's great commission. Pastor Hartman's presentation was geared to showing the delegates, "How We Are To Speak!"



Left to right — J. Vogt, R. Busch, K. Kruck and R. Wiechmann

Growth

The number of congregations in the South Atlantic District were increased to 40 with the addition of the three received into membership: Christ, Keystone Heights, Florida; Emmanuel, Zephyrhills, Florida; and Prince of Peace, Augusta, Georgia. These 40 congregations are served by 38 pastors. In addition, the South Atlantic District has seven Christian day schools, served by 21 teachers.

Throughout the convention the delegates expressed their appreciation and thankfulness to the Lord for all the work he continues to accomplish through the efforts of the various departments, boards, and committees of our Synod.

Edward P. Schuppe

Western Wisconsin

The 32nd biennial convention of the Western Wisconsin District opened on Monday, June 9, 1980, with a Communion service at St. John's Lutheran Church, Watertown, Wisconsin. The speaker was Pastor Otto Heier of Tomah, Wisconsin. Registered were 161 pastors and professors, 140 teachers, and 120 lay delegates. Devotions at the opening and closing of each session were conducted by members of the District Commission on Evangelism. At the Tuesday evening worship service Prof. William Gabb, Dean of Northwestern Preparatory School, addressed the worshipers on the convention theme, "We Cannot But Speak. . . ."

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Elections

Elected to the district praesidium were Pastor Donald Bitter, president; Pastor Henry Paustian, first vice-president; Pastor Richard Lauersdorf, second vice-president; and Pastor Herman Winkel, secretary.

Convention Actions

Among the actions taken by the convention of broad synodical interest were these: 1) The convention asked the Conference of Presidents to re-study and clarify the theses on "The Role of Man and Woman According to Holy Scripture." 2) The district expressed its concern for the care of the mentally retarded by asking Wisconsin Lutheran Child and Family Service to aid it in trying to determine the cost of group home facilities for the mentally retarded in a selected area of the district. 3) A motion was made and carried that the Western Wisconsin

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District Mission Board and the Synod's World Mission Board look into the possibility of mission work among the Cuban refugees.

If all delegates took to heart the things they saw and heard, they will speak, and God's kingdom will continue to grow as he blesses their efforts.

H. Sturm

Northern Wisconsin

The Northern Wisconsin District's thirty-second biennial convention was held at Winnebago Lutheran Academy in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, August 4-6, 1980. Over 400 registered delegates and guests, representing congregations in northeastern Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, took part in the convention sessions. Despite the discomforts of August's high temperatures and humidity the convention proceeded smoothly and on schedule. A cordial and fraternal atmosphere prevailed.

Faith Lutheran Church of Fond du Lac and its vacancy pastor, Rev. William Stuebs, hosted the opening communion service. Vice-president Clarence Koepsell delivered the sermon on Acts 4:1-12, "Boldness in Confessing Christ: Privilege and Responsibility." The 25th anniversary in the ministry of District President Carl Voss was also noted in the service.

President's Report

In his report at the opening of the convention, President Voss tied the convention theme, "Boldness in Confessing Christ," to the 400th anniversary of the *Book of Concord*. He reminded the delegates that the three "*solae*," *sola gratia*, by grace alone; *sola fide*, by faith alone; and *sola Scriptura*, by the Scriptures alone were the great confessional principles on which our Lutheran forefathers took their stand; and they remain the foundation of our confession today. President Voss urged the delegates to go about their business of reviewing and recommending in the same spirit of confessional boldness.

Elections

Pastor Voss was entrusted by the delegates with another two-year term as district president. Pastor Koepsell

was elected as first vice-president; Pastor Larry Ellenberger as second vice-president; and Pastor David Worgull as secretary. Pastor Ellenberger is the new member of the district praesidium, succeeding Pastor Martin Janke.

Synodical President Carl Mischke was the district's guest essayist. Expanding on the general theme *WELS—1980*, President Mischke reviewed our mission as a church body and discussed the implementation of that mission. The latter part of the essay touched on many of the practical aspects of the carrying out of our mission as a confessional church body, including stewardship, kingdom balance, the ministry, evangelism, worker-training and congregational-synodical relationships. The essay was well received. Other guests of the convention included Pastors Huebner, Sauer, Zwiig and Fischer of our synodical offices; Pastor Michel of the Child and Family Service; and Missionaries Poetter and Haberkorn (Japan) and Schlei (Europe).

Floor Committees

Ten floor committees studied and reacted to the reports of the synodical committees contained in the *Report to the Ten Districts*, as well as the reports of various district officials and committees. Three major items of concern occupied much of the convention's floor time: the Synod's current financial plight; reaction to the essay *The Role of Man and Woman According to Scripture*; and debate regarding the district's involvement in an institutional ministry program.

Several floor committee reports noted the synodical fiscal difficulties. Efforts by synodical departments to function more efficiently were noted and commended. The convention also encouraged its own congregations to strive with the Lord's help to increase their budgetary subscriptions in the next year by 15 percent or more.

The district expressed its "agreement in substance" with the essay on the role of man and woman. At the same time, however, it adopted all the recommendations of an ad hoc committee that had been studying the essay prior to the convention. Among these recommendations were the call for further study of the Scripture passages pertinent to this topic, and the request for a



Left to right — Seated: C. Voss and D. Worgull; standing: C. Koepsell and L. Ellenberger

revision and expansion of the essay which would both elaborate on the role of man and present in a more positive way the opportunities for service the Lord opens for women in the home, the church and society.

To better serve the institutionalized and the troubled within the boundaries of the district, the convention directed the District Mission Board and the District Special Ministries Board to pursue the calling of a full-time district institutional missionary. The convention did not, however, immediately determine the manner of funding such a ministry.

The convention also voted to change the traditional August date of the convention. Future conventions will be held during the last full week of June, in keeping with the scheduling of most of the other district conventions.

District conventions do not set the policies of the Synod. They only react, encourage and advise. Yet by virtue of the opportunities for fellowship, mutual encouragement and education they provide, they play a unique role in the life of our church body. The pastors, teachers and delegates who were privileged to attend the 1980 Northern Wisconsin District Convention were again provided with these opportunities and blessings. Sharing in them enabled convention participants to return to their homes strengthened in their determination to exercise an ever greater boldness in confessing Christ.

H. Kuschel

Minnesota

The 32nd biennial convention of the Minnesota District, was held on June 24-26, 1980, on the campus of Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota.

In attendance at the convention were 132 pastors, 38 professors, 47 teachers, and 139 lay delegates from Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, and Missouri.

Pastor Gerhard Birkholz of Litchfield, Minnesota, was reelected president of the district. Pastor Edmund Schulz of Hutchinson, Minnesota, was reelected first vice-president and Pastor Gerhard Horn of Red Wing was elected second vice-president, succeeding Pastor David Ponath of North St. Paul. Pastor Warren Henrich of Delano, Minnesota, was reelected secretary.

The Rev. Robert Voss of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, executive secretary of the WELS Commission on Higher Education, delivered the convention essay: "Fulfilling our Obligations in the Area of Christian Secondary Education." He pointed out that "growth in education in our Synod has been almost breathtaking." He stated that since the early fifties there has been a 35.6 percent growth in the number of congregations, a 48.2 percent growth in the number of parish pastors, a 28 per-

cent growth in the number of baptized members, and a 40.5 percent growth in the number of communicants.

"In this same time span, the number of parish schools has increased by 93.5 percent, enrollments by 88.6 percent, the number of elementary teachers by 201 percent, and area Lutheran high schools from an enrollment of several hundred to 4,104."

Missionary Gary Kirschke of Kowloon, Hong Kong, was present at the convention and reported on the Lord's work being done there.

"The Role of Man and Woman"

A special committee brought a resolution to the floor regarding the Synod's Commission on Higher Education's statement, "The Role of Man and Woman According to Holy Scripture." It noted that the statement has generated considerable discussion and debate within synodical circles which may have been given impetus by some unclarity regarding the inter-relationship

and meaning of such terms as "order of creation," "immutable will of God," "moral law," and the interpretation of word "subordination." The resolution, which was approved by the delegates, noted that the CHE's statement by design does not concern itself with the practical considerations of the position of man and woman for our society nor with the whole scope of women's role in the work of the church. As a result of the resolution, the delegates voted to refrain from endorsing the statement at this time. Furthermore, the delegates requested the Conference of Presidents to initiate another comprehensive study of this subject, giving particular emphasis to aspects presently not included in the CHE's statement and to questions that press for answer. The resolution closed with the determination to pray God for his Spirit's guidance to know and do his will in this and all other areas of doctrine and practice within the Synod.

Del Begalka

With the Lord

Pastor E. F. Hy. Lehmann 1899 - 1980

Pastor Emil Frederick Henry Lehmann was born in Stanton County, Nebraska, on June 10, 1899, the son of Frederick and Martha (Biehls) Lehmann. He attended Dr. Martin Luther Preparatory School, New Ulm, Minnesota, and later Northwestern College, Watertown, Wisconsin. He graduated from the Theological Seminary in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, in 1926. He was ordained into the holy ministry on December 6, 1926, and then installed at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Colome, South Dakota.

On April 11, 1928, he was united in marriage with Martha Horn of Burke, South Dakota. In September of that year they moved to Firth, Nebraska, where he served as pastor for 20 years. In 1948 he accepted a call to serve Calvary Lutheran of Valentine, Nebraska, and in 1951 followed a call to Prentice, Wisconsin. In June 1957 he accepted the call to serve St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Cataract and Peace

Lutheran Church of Prince Creek, Wisconsin. While serving these two congregations, he also for a time served Hope Lutheran Church of Millston, Wisconsin. He retired on October 8, 1972, and moved to Sparta, Wisconsin.

The Lord of the church called his faithful servant to his eternal rest on Friday, June 13, 1980. Pastor Lehmann attained the age of 81 years and eight days.

Surviving are his wife, Martha; five sons: Harold, Richard, Marlin, David and Robert; 18 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; one sister and two brothers. He was preceded in death by a son, Daniel, in 1962.

The funeral service was held on Tuesday, June 17, 1980, in St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Sparta, Wisconsin, with the Rev. H. Winkel officiating. The remains were laid to rest in Cataract, Wisconsin.

H. Winkel

Teacher Arvin Jantz 1903 - 1980

On July 7, 1980, a gracious Lord ended the trials and sufferings of his faithful servant, Teacher Arvin Jantz, by calling him home to glory.

Arvin Jantz was born March 13, 1903, in Reedsville, Wisconsin, the son of Daniel Jantz and Bertha nee Wohlschlaeger. After graduating from high school, Mr. Jantz prepared for the teaching ministry in our Wisconsin Synod by attending Dr. Martin Luther College, graduating in 1925. He was



Teacher Jantz

assigned as the first called teacher of St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran School, Benton Harbor, Michigan. It was his task to reopen the school after it had been closed for six years. This school was the arena of Mr. Jantz's 44 years of teaching. He served as principal of the school for 40 years, as teacher a total of 44 years, and as organist 51 years. As St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran

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Looking at the Religious World

information and insight

Convention Roundup

Last summer's convention actions of several Protestant denominations are newsworthy because of their implications for the future. We offer a summary of some of the more noteworthy resolutions and actions.

Southern Baptists

In St. Louis, the 13.3 million member Southern Baptist Convention, the nation's largest Protestant denomination, demonstrated a continuing commitment to its historic position upholding the inerrancy of Scripture. It elected Bailey Smith, pastor of the denomination's fastest growing church in Dell City, Oklahoma, as president. Smith, like his predecessor Adrian Rogers, is an avowed advocate of inerrancy. Smith and Rogers are the only two men in the history of the SBC to be elected to the presidency on the first ballot, a clear indication that the conservatives in the church were in control of the convention.

The primary concern of conservatives has been the infiltration of seminary faculties by moderates who reject Biblical inerrancy. The convention expressed itself on that matter by adopting a resolution on doctrinal integrity which included a section directing the trustees of SBC seminaries "to employ faculty members and professional staff who believe in the divine inspiration of the whole Bible, the infallibility of the original manuscripts, and that the Bible is truth without any error."

In other actions the convention opposed permissive abortion, favored a constitutional amendment prohibiting abortion, went on record against ERA, and approved a \$90 million annual budget.

Presbyterians

In Detroit the United Presbyterian Church's 192nd General Assembly grappled with three thorny and controversial issues. All three are related

to the growing problem of churches seceding from the UPC.

Presbyterians believe that church property, regardless of who pays the mortgage, belongs to the denomination as a whole and is merely held in trust by a congregation. The US Supreme Court ruled last year that the UPC constitution did not specifically state this, a ruling which eased the way for seceding congregations to retain their property. The Detroit messengers (delegates) initiated the steps to get specific "trust" language into the UPC constitution.

A previous General Assembly action required all UPC congregations to include women as elders and deacons on local church boards. That action induced some congregations to withdraw from the denomination on the ground that Scripture prohibits the ordination of women. The Assembly considered a dozen overtures asking that the rule on women be rescinded. It rejected all of them, at the same time taking steps to insure that all congregations comply with the rule (1,300 of the 8,700 congregations do not have women officers).

Messengers also heard proposals requesting the UPC to reaffirm the full deity and humanity of Jesus Christ. The proposals were prompted by the appointment of Mansfield Kaseman to the pastorate of a Maryland congregation. Kaseman has publicly asserted his belief that Jesus is not God. The Assembly took no action on the matter on the ground that it would prejudice a case pending before the denomination's judicial system.

The Assembly's actions induced Michigan's largest Presbyterian congregation to withdraw from the denomination. Ward United Presbyterian Church in Livonia, a 3,600-member church voted 2,133 to 5 to secede. Congregations in Peoria, Baltimore, and East Liverpool, Ohio, are in the process of withdrawing, and others are sure to follow.

In Toronto, the 106th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Canada reaffirmed its decision to ordain women. About 15 percent of its 100 pastors are opposed to the denomination's ruling on Scriptural grounds. The Assembly gave the opponents 10 years to change their minds or to leave the denomination.

Anglicans in Canada

At Trent University the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada received a report from its Doctrine and Worship Committee which suggests that it is time to drop "conventional prissiness" about couples living together without being married. The report states: "In an age when devout Christian men and women are found living together without official sanction of marriage, we know from their experience that they minister God's grace to one another. . . . We must be prepared to marvel in silence when we see that God can make 'common law marriage' on occasion a means of grace." The report refrains from identifying the practice as sin.

Business Magazine Indicts NCC

Fortune magazine (June 26, "The Corporation Haters") has joined conservative Christian groups in criticism of the National Council of Churches' support of leftist programs. The *Fortune* article asserts: "The spirit of the New Left lives on in an anti-business coalition, sponsored by none other than the National Council of Churches." The article accuses the NCC of "harboring Marxists marching under banner of Christ." It criticizes churches for lending respectability and legitimacy to radical politics. "What better way to challenge the existing system than to brand it an offense to the will of God?" the author asks. The author is particularly critical of the NCC's campaign against American corporations for such "sins" as marketing infant formula overseas.

The NCC deserves the criticism.

Novices in the Church

Prominent public figures who convert to Christianity sometimes embarrass those who seek to capitalize on their fame in the interest of the church. A current case in point is Eldridge Cleaver, the former Black Panther who gained notoriety in 1968 when he escaped from prison in California and fled to Algeria. After Cleaver's widely publicized conversion to Christianity, he returned to the U.S. in 1976 where he gained instant popularity among Evangelicals, especially in the Bible belt. Cleaver was a speaker in constant demand at conferences and retreats.

A year ago Cleaver gave his promoters cause for second thought. He spent six weeks at a Unification Church ranch in California and later said he would prefer to be the littlest Moonie rather than Billy Graham.

More recently Cleaver founded a new church in Oakland, California. He named it "Christlam," a name derived by combining the words Christian and Islam. He also acknowledged in an interview that he is a wife-beater. He justifies it as a form of corporal punishment which a husband may employ as a "right" in disciplining a disobedient wife.

We are in no position to judge whether Cleaver's born-again experience was genuine or not. We are safe in asserting that any church which claims to be a combination of Christianity and Islam is not a church of Jesus Christ, and that anyone who founds such a church is not serving the Lord.

St. Paul cautions Christians against elevating a person who is a novice to a place of prominence in the church (1 Timothy 3:6). It appears that some Christians cannot appreciate the wisdom of Paul's counsel regardless of how often novices embarrass them.

An Opening in the Bamboo Curtain

Mainland China remains closed territory to regular American missionaries. But there may be another way to get the gospel to the teeming millions behind the bamboo curtain. A Lutheran seminary professor with a heart for world missions is determined to explore that "other way." He is Dr. Morris Watkins, first dean of the new School of World Missions at Faith Evangelical Lutheran Seminary in Tacoma, Washington.

Dr. Watkins is an experienced man in world mission work. He began his career as a missionary serving in Ni-

geria for six years. Subsequently he established Lutheran Bible Translators in Orange, California. LBT is a Lutheran version of Wycliffe Bible Translators. Watkins will begin his work at Faith Seminary at the start of the new school year.

Watkins' idea for penetrating the bamboo curtain with the gospel is a novel one. China is introducing English into its school classrooms, and is seeking 50,000 teachers to implement the program. Christians who offer their services for such positions are not allowed to preach, but they are permitted to witness one-to-one. Watkins notes that this is not the best way to do mission work, but in some countries it is the only way. It offers the advantage that teachers are salaried by the host country, a significant factor in a world in which the mission of the church is hampered by spiraling costs.

Watkins, who also serves as president of All Nations Frontier Missions, hopes to be able to recruit and train volunteers to serve as teacher-witnesses in China. The prospect of such service could be as exciting as it would be challenging.

Joel C. Gerlach

Direct from the Districts

DAKOTA-MONTANA
Reporter Thomas Schmidt

District President Retires

On July 1, 1980, Pastor Arthur P. C. Kell retired from the ministry in which he had served the Lord for nearly 45 years and from the presidency of the Dakota-Montana District in which capacity he had served since 1966. Pastors and laymen who benefited from his Christian leadership, friendship and encouragement were happy to attend a special thanksgiving service at St. Martin's Lutheran Church in Watertown, South Dakota, on June 18, the Wednesday evening of the Dakota-Montana District Convention.

Pastor Elwood Habermann served as liturgist. Prof. Richard Strobel of



Hilde and Arthur Kell

Northwestern College, a former vice-president of the district, was the guest speaker. His sermon was based on the words of Matthew 26:71: "This fellow was also with Jesus of Nazareth." It was a service in which God's people were led to praise and thank him for the blessings which the Synod and the

Dakota-Montana District received through his servant, Arthur P. C. Kell.

After the special service, a commemorative plaque was given Pastor Kell and his wife Hilde. The circuit pastors, representing their conferences, had the opportunity to address President Kell. At the reception which followed, Pastor Kell responded by saying, "I don't deserve all this, but it is deeply appreciated."

On June 22, Pastor Kell's congregation in Hazelton, North Dakota, St. Paul's Lutheran, hosted a farewell-retirement party for him and his wife. Various people of the congregation spoke and provided amusing skits. Songs were sung by the Kell grandchildren and lighthearted and serious speeches were given by area pastors.

In addition to being a parish pastor for nearly 45 years, Pastor Kell also held the following offices: circuit pastor, conference chairman, chairman of

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the Board of Education and the Mission Board of the Minnesota District, member of the Board of Trustees of the Synod, second vice-president, first vice-president and finally president of the Dakota-Montana District. The Lord has bestowed many blessings upon Pastor and Mrs. Kell, among them five grandchildren, Amy, Beth, and Jon Zabell and Laura and Paul Kell. Let us thank God for the blessings of faithful servants and always be ready to esteem them "highly for their work's sake."

Church Dedicated at Jamestown

February 3, 1980, is a date that will long live in the hearts and memories of the members of James Valley Ev. Lutheran Church, Jamestown, North Dakota. On that date they were given



James Valley Lutheran

the joy of dedicating their worship facilities to the glory of God and the proclamation of the gospel. The Rev. Roger Kovaciny, pastor from neighboring Tappen, answered the question, "Why Bother?" in his sermon based on Deuteronomy 27:26. Why bother with "another Lutheran church" in a city crowded with those who call themselves "Lutheran"? The answer? This Lutheran church doesn't believe in changing the unchangeable and only saving truth. The afternoon speaker was another neighboring pastor, the Rev. Douglas Weiser of Aberdeen, South Dakota. He addressed the people on the theme "Let Every Valley be Exalted," based on Isaiah 40:3-5. The local pastor, W. H. Allwardt, served as liturgist for both services.

The building, which they call "our church" in Jamestown, was purchased and remodeled with a \$20,000 loan from the Church Extension Fund. The members of the congregation gave freely of their time and abilities to

make of this building a beautiful house of worship. The chancel furnishings were designed and built by two members of the congregation in Valley City, which forms a dual parish with Jamestown.

Was it worth it? Many people, basking in the sunny and saving gospel of Jesus Christ, indeed felt it was worth "the bother."

MICHIGAN
Reporter Edward Schaewe

Hope Lutheran Observes 50th Anniversary

Hope Lutheran Church, Detroit, Michigan, held its first Sunday service 50 years ago on March 16, 1930. Whether meeting in a store front or in the house of worship on Morang Street at Cadieux on Detroit's east side, the church home which Hope Congregation occupies today, believers in the triune God have always confessed their sins and been refreshed with God's forgiveness. Pastor of the congregation during its anniversary years is David W. Clark.

On Sunday, March 16, 1980, the first of six anniversary services was held. Hope Congregation enjoyed a congenial potluck dinner afterward and planned for the year ahead.

September has been designated evangelism month. The service held on September 14 will consider the theme "Verbalizing Our Hope — Jesus Christ." During September some 10,000 evangelism brochures will be distributed, inviting people in the area to share the good news of the gospel with Hope Congregation. This sharing is engrained in the members of Hope for they began as a mission congregation and have continually striven to bring additional souls to the feet of the Savior.

Four additional anniversary services will be held. On October 12 the theme will be "Committed to Our Hope — Jesus Christ." October being stewardship month, Hope's charter members will be recognized for their efforts in establishing the congregation.

"Learning about Our Hope — Jesus Christ" will be the theme on November 9. In celebrating Christian education, information will be provided on Hope's Martin Luther School as well

as on the schools and colleges of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. All former confirmands are invited.

Celebrating home and world missions, Hope Congregation will hear about "Spreading Our Hope — Jesus Christ" on January 11, 1981. The final anniversary service is scheduled for February 22, 1981, its theme being "Celebrating Our Hope — Jesus Christ." Hope Congregation invites all WELS members to join it in thanking God by attending the special afternoon service on that Sunday.

A special anniversary booklet will be available in the February 22 service, and a historical photo collage will be on display.

Hope Congregation will conclude its anniversary celebrations in the same way it began 50 years ago, praising the one and only true God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Kathleen Herschelmann

St. Matthew's Lutheran School Marks 75 Years

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Benton Harbor, Michigan, observed 75 years of operating its Christian day school with the publication of an anniversary booklet giving the history of the school. The event was also marked with worship services on Sunday, June 8, 1980. Pastor William Fischer, the Synod's secretary for part-time education, was the guest speaker.

After the services, a light lunch was served in the school gymnasium for parents, students, alumni of the school, congregation members and friends. A brief program followed and an open house.

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church and School were founded in 1898. Pastor A. Behrendt was the school's first teacher. The enrollment that year was 40 students and was limited to grades 6 through 8.

Operation of the school was suspended for a number of years when a new church was being built and the classroom space used as a storeroom. The congregation had also incurred a sizeable debt in constructing its new church at Colfax Avenue and Kline Street. The school reopened in 1925 and has operated continuously since. The current celebration marks the completion of 75 years of actual operation.

Today, St. Matthew's School at 671 McAllister Avenue has an enrollment of 127 students in grades K-8 and a faculty of six. Kermit Biedenbender is pastor of the church and Philip Potratz is school principal.

The anniversary booklet, entitled "Receiving God's Children for 75 Years," is dedicated to Arvin Jantz, teacher and principal of the school from 1925 until his retirement in 1969. Mr. Jantz wrote the historical portion of the book. The anniversary booklet also includes messages from Pastor Biedenbender and Principal Potratz, a pictorial history of various building phases, and pictures of the 1979-80 faculty and students.

NEBRASKA

Reporter Richard Kuckhahn

Church Dedication at Norfolk, Nebraska

The sun beating down on the Nebraska prairie wasn't the only sunshine in Norfolk, Nebraska, on Sunday, July 6, 1980. At midafternoon on that day the members of Shepherd of Peace Ev. Lutheran Church basked in the wonderful sunshine of God's grace as they gathered to dedicate their new church to his glory. Some 250 guests joined the members of this small mission congregation to give praise and thanks to a gracious and loving God. The date was a special one for the congregation in a double sense, since it was five years ago to the day, July 6, 1975, that the first worship service was held in the gymnasium of a local school. Thus the congregation was privileged to observe its fifth anniversary and the dedication of its new church on the same day.

Rev. Richard Schlieve of Immanuel Lutheran, Hadar, Nebraska, preached the dedication sermon. He reminded the members to give all glory to God. Pastor Schlieve had served Shepherd of Peace from its inception until the first permanent resident pastor was installed in June 1978.

The new church has a traditional A-frame design and has a seating capacity of 150 people, with the balcony and an overflow area providing seating for an additional 100. A small wing on the east side of the church contains a mechanical room, a kitchen, and a foyer area. The construction



Shepherd of the Peace, Norfolk

cost of the 3,100-square-foot building was \$150,886.00. To help cut down on costs, all of the painting and staining was done by members of the congregation.

Serving on the building committee were Walter Dreyer, Dale Pohlman, Erhardt Wagner and Pastor Dennis Lemke.

The members of this mission congregation would like to express their sincere thanks to the fellow members of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod, who through their support of the Church Extension Fund made possible the loan to build their church. All glory be to God alone!

NORTHERN WISCONSIN

Reporter Harlyn Kuschel

Organ and Organist

Friedens Lutheran Church of Bonduel, Wisconsin, dedicated a new church organ on May 4. The instrument is a Rodgers Model 150 combination pipe and electronic organ. The pipes are free-standing and the electronic speaker is recessed into the wall behind the pipes.



Mrs. A. Boerst and new organ

The sermon text for the service was Psalm 150, which encourages us to praise God, using for that purpose the best and fullest instrumentation that man's art can devise.

Mrs. Anna Boerst, organist at Friedens since 1936, played for the dedication service. After the service, the congregation honored her in a surprise dinner at which she was presented with gifts from the Ladies Aid, the choir, and the congregation.

A cake, decorated in the form of an organ console and keyboard by one of the women of the congregation, was also presented to her. Frosted writing on the cake thanked her for her faithful service "past, present, and future," thus echoing the congregation's prayer that God will continue to bless her service to it also in the years to come.

Mrs. Theodora Lau Dies

Theodora Johanna Meta Lau, nee John, was born on April 23, 1899, in Markesan, Wisconsin, the daughter of Pastor Emil John and his wife Gertrud nee Gieschen. After completing her studies at Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato, she taught for a time at St. James, Minnesota.

On August 9, 1922, she married Pastor Herbert Lau. During the early years of their marriage they served parishes in Goodwin, Aurora and Roscoe, South Dakota. From 1951 until her husband's retirement in 1967 they lived in Elkhorn, Wisconsin, where Pastor Lau served First Lutheran Church. Since 1967 Mrs. Lau has lived in rural Fond du Lac, where her husband passed away in 1968. Mrs. Lau

breathed her last on Friday, April 25, 1980, at the age of 81 years and 2 days.

Surviving are her four children: Margaret Muhleka, Prof. John Lau, Rhoda Krause, and Pastor David Lau; three sisters, two brothers and 14 grandchildren.

Funeral services for Mrs. Lau were conducted at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Fond du Lac on April 28. Pastor J. Ruege read the liturgy and Pastor L. Ristow delivered the sermon. Burial was in Spring Valley, Wisconsin.

O. Rockhoff Ordained 60 Years Ago

It isn't often that a pastor is privileged to observe the 60th anniversary of his ordination. By God's grace Pastor emeritus Oscar Rockhoff passed that milestone in October 1979. The members of First German Congregation of Manitowoc noted the anniversary on May 11, 1980, with a small reception.

Pastor Rockhoff is a graduate of Northwestern College and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. For 40 years he served Missouri Synod congregations, until failing eyesight forced him to retire in December 1959. In 1971 he returned to the Wisconsin Synod for doctrinal reasons. Since then he and his wife have been members of First German in Manitowoc, the congregation which had been their home church in their earlier years.

Manitowoc Lutheran Breaks Ground

Ground was broken for an addition to Manitowoc Lutheran High School in a special ceremony preceding the MLHS Federation and Ladies' Guild meetings on May 18, 1980. Pastor H. J. Kuschel of Reedsville, chairman of the board of control, conducted the rite. Principal David Worgull, student council president Michael Jindra, members of building committee, and representatives of the architect and general contractor also participated. Construction work began the next day. Dedication is planned for early spring.

After receiving a faculty report entitled, "Planning for the Future," in December 1977, the MLHS Board of Control, then under the chairmanship of Pastor Glenn Unke of Manitowoc, appointed a planning committee, which eventually became the nucleus

of permanent building and finance committees.

Under the skilled leadership of two Manitowoc laymen, Oscar Dick and Paul Kunz, building plans gradually took shape. "A Time to Build Up" was selected as theme for the expansion program. A key element in preparing for the project was the development of an audio-visual presentation on the school's needs and the proposed building plans. This presentation was given in every one of the 19 member congregations of the MLHS federation, as well as in several nonfederated congregations which support the high school. Each congregation was encouraged to instruct its federation delegates concerning its wishes. On February 17, 1980, the delegates approved the project by a two-thirds majority. Bids totaling \$590,000 were accepted May 1.

The building project will improve and expand some of the high school's existing facilities, and provide room for serving an expanded enrollment with a more varied curriculum. The 22,000-square-foot addition will include an expanded lobby area, a new office complex, expanded science and business education facilities, six additional classrooms, new locker rooms, a study hall, a new kitchen and cafeteria, and space which could later accommodate several other courses. The federation is offering its members a member-note program in the hope that the project can be privately financed. The MLHS family prays for the Lord's continued blessings also on this venture of faith.

WESTERN WISCONSIN
Reporter Harold Sturm

Centennial at Town McMillan

The history of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Town of McMillan, Wisconsin, began before December 15, 1880, but it was on that date that the congregation was officially organized. The members of this community were first served with the Word of God by a traveling missionary by the name of John Schuette. It was under his guidance and leadership that the congregation was organized on the above date. Pastor Schuette continued to serve the congregation, but also served other communities in the area.

Despite the great amount of work which the members had in clearing the timberlands for their own farms and dwellings, they succeeded in constructing a house of God for their congregation within a year after its organization. This building, made of logs and measuring 25' x 35' served the congregation for 22 years. It served as a church and school until 1894 when the present church, with its 100-foot spire, was constructed and after that period as a school for another nine years until it was torn down in 1903 to make room for a new school building. This latter building served as a school until 1919 when the parish school was discontinued. After that time the building served as a place for parish activities until the present parish hall was built in 1951.



St. Peter's, rural Marshfield

The congregation was served by nonresident pastors for the first 19 years of its history. Among those serving during this period were J. Schuette, F. Heinke, and R. Reichmann, all of whom were traveling missionaries. Later, Pastor Thom, who was pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Marshfield, served this congregation for 13 years.

In 1899 the congregation called its first resident pastor, Theodore Engel. It was during his pastorate that Emmanuel Lutheran Church, March Rapids, was organized, which together with St. Peter's forms one parish.

Since 1902, when Pastor Engel accepted a call elsewhere, the following pastors have served St. Peter's: Martin Bunge (1902-07); August Paetz (1907-27); Walter Gutzke (1927-35); Carl J. Bast (1935-47); D. H. Kuehl (1947-54);

Alfred Pautsch (1954-61); Edward Schaewe (1962-67); Kent Schroeder (1967-71); and Walter J. Koepsell since 1972. With Pastor Koepsell's retirement on August 31, 1980, Victor Headrick will become the 11th resident pastor. He will be ordained and installed on September 7, 1980.

In observance of the centennial celebration two festival services were held on August 17 with Pastors Edward Schaewe and Kent Schroeder as guest speakers. Pastors Russel Kloehn and Lyle Luchterhand, sons of the congregation, served as liturgists.

The Lord has richly blessed St. Peter's Congregation during its 100 years of existence. It is to him that we give all honor and glory for whatever may have been accomplished in building his kingdom in this community.

Organist Honored at Cornell

On Sunday, March 30, 1980, members of St. John's and Trinity Lutheran Churches, Cornell, Wisconsin, gathered to take note of 50 years of faithful service by their organist, Mrs. Elmer (Alvina) Prenzlow.

Mrs. Prenzlow's life parallels her organ playing. She began her service to the Lord as a young girl in the Bloomer, Wisconsin, area in 1917, accompanying her father on his round of four congregations. They were St. John's, Eagleton; St. Paul's, Tilden (later Bloomer), and the no longer existing congregations in rural Brush Creek and New Auburn.



Mrs. Alvina Prenzlow

Following her marriage in 1926 to seminarian Elmer Prenzlow, her God-given talents were taken to Stanton, Nebraska. In April of 1930 she accompanied her husband to Cornell, Wisconsin, where for 50 continuous years she has faithfully served as church

organist. At the reception, congregation members presented her with numerous gifts and sang hymns, among them her favorite, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross."

Organist for 40 Years

Mrs. Vernon Cobb has served her Savior well by playing the organ for more than 40 years at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Marshall, Wisconsin. Having received both talent and interest from the Lord, she used it to praise him in song, beginning at the young age of 12 years.



Mrs. Vernon Cobb

Worship back in 1926 at St. Paul's was conducted in both German and English. Then, as now, there were over 100 services a year, plus weddings and funerals. But there was always edifying music, thanks to organists like Mrs. Cobb.

Upon her retirement, the congregation honored her at a dinner on June 22, 1980. Gifts of appreciation were presented by the congregation's president, Mr. Douglas Scheel, and others. Reminiscences and words of thanks to the Lord were spoken by Pastor David Plocher, Mrs. Orvella Haupt and Mr. Arnold Raether.

Teacher Arvin Jantz

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School celebrated its 75th anniversary in June, the anniversary booklet was fittingly dedicated to Mr. Jantz.

In 1929 Mr. Jantz was united in holy wedlock with Henrietta Steinke. She mourns his departure, as do two sons, Arvin and Allan, and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted on July 10, 1980. Pastor Henry Peter of neighboring St. Paul's Congregation in Sodus, Michigan, preached the funeral address on Matthew 25:34: "Come ye blessed of my Father." The altar service was conducted by Vicar James Langebartels. President Waldemar J. Zaring addressed the mourners in behalf of the Michigan District, in which Mr. Jantz had served throughout his teaching ministry.

"God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away," Revelation 21:4.

Kermit W. Biedenbender

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must be entered on the page entitled "future needs." Inadequate music facilities may eventually handicap the school's music program, especially as enrollments continue to grow. The teacher-course and pastor-course programs involve a considerable emphasis in the field of music — theory, choral, piano, and organ. During the first year approximately 180 students received piano or organ lessons. For those who attended dramatic presentations it was quite obvious that a stage and staging equipment would prove beneficial. Another area that got along with less than good conditions was the girls' and boys' track program in which races were run on the asphalt roadway that surrounds the "commons" area in the center of the campus. How wonderful it would be to enjoy an actual track!

Grateful Hearts

Let it be understood that as we point out inadequacies and further needs,

we have not overlooked the adequacies, the blessings. When we view the new campus with its many outstanding facilities, we can only express our humble gratitude for our heavenly Father's guidance. What a blessing our move has been for Dr. Martin Luther College as its enrollment continues to increase, and space formerly occupied by our students may now be used by the college students at DMLC!

This year witnessed observance of the silver jubilee of Prof. Harold Kaiser in the teaching ministry at Dr. Martin Luther College and Martin Luther Preparatory School. He taught science, mathematics, and physical education on the college and preparatory-school levels. In addition he taught driver education on the secondary level. While college and prep athletic director he initiated many interscholastic sports programs and has coached college basketball, baseball, and tennis. On the prep level he coached football, baseball, tennis, girls' volleyball and, for 24 years, boys' basketball. At MLPS

he is athletic director, tennis coach, and teaches algebra.

Professor Theodore Hartwig of Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota, a cousin of the jubilarian, was the preacher for the service in the campus chapel on April 20. The Rev. E. O. Schulz, chairman of the Board of Control-MLPS, served as liturgist.

Commencement exercises took place on Saturday, June 7, with 82 seniors graduating. Of the 43 boys and 39 girls graduating, indications are that about 63% plan to train for full-time church work.

What rich blessings the Lord has bestowed on the school, its students, its faculty, and the other workers who perform the tasks which fall under business and office administration, engineering and maintenance, and food service! We thank the Lord, and we ask that you keep Martin Luther Preparatory School in your prayers, asking God for his continual guidance and thanking him for all he provides.

J. Braun

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.

Arizona	Deer Valley
California	Rancho Cucamonga*
Florida	Brooksville*
	Keystone Heights
	Leesburg
	Lehigh Acres*
	Melbourne*
	Zephyrhills
Georgia	Augusta
	Warner/Robbins/Perry*
Illinois	Wheeling*
Indiana	Muncie*
Kansas	Topeka
Louisiana	Baton Rouge*
Michigan	Mt. Pleasant
	Perry
Montana	Helena*
Nebraska	Fremont
New York	Rochester*
North Carolina	Asheville*
Ohio	Englewood
Oregon	Gresham*
	Medford*
South Carolina	Greenville
South Dakota	Hot Springs
Texas	Killeen/Ft. Hood*
	Midland/Odessa
	Tyler*
Vermont	Barre*
Wisconsin	Cottage Grove*
	Genesee Depot
	Port Washington
	Rice Lake
Wyoming	Casper*
Alberta	Calgary*
Ontario	Toronto*

*Denotes exploratory services.

TIME AND PLACE

MISSOULA, MONTANA

Mount Zion Ev. Lutheran Congregation on September 7 ceased worshiping at the Red Lion Inn and began conducting services in the Seventh Day Adventist Church across from Sentinel High School, 800 South Avenue West, at the usual hour, 11:00 a.m.; Pastor Harold A. Wood, 6 Carriage Way, Missoula, Montana 59801; phone 406/542-2034.

TIPLER, WISCONSIN

Vacationers to Wisconsin's north woods (spring, summer, fall or winter) are always welcome to worship at St. Paul's, our log cabin church at Tipler, Wisconsin. Tipler is on Highway 70, about 35 miles east of Eagle River and 18 miles west of Florence, Wisconsin. The time of service is 11:00 a.m. C.S.T.

EXPLORATORY

BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

The Baton Rouge exploratory group is now meeting at Millerville Academy (Tiny Town), 1615 Millerville Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. If you are visiting the capital city of Louisiana, you are cordially invited to worship with us. Names of potential members are also requested. Please contact Pastor Gregory D. Gibbons, 11888 Longridge #1007, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70816, or phone 504/292-2276.

CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE

The South Atlantic District Mission Board is exploring the possibility of beginning a WELS mission congregation in the Chattanooga, Tennessee, area. Please send the names of all WELS members and other interested parties to Mr. Tim Galbreth, 221 Stratford Way, Signal Mountain, Tennessee 37377; phone: 615/886-5483.

BARRE, VERMONT

WELS exploratory services are being conducted every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. at Spaulding High School in Barre, Vermont. For information, or to send names, call or write to: Pastor Daniel Myers, 401 Prospect Street, Barre, Vermont 05641; phone: 802/476-6820.

NAMES WANTED

KENAI, ALASKA

The "Great Land" gives birth to a new WELS congregation! Services are being held every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. in the Seventh-Day Adventist Church on the Kenai Spur Road, Mile 8.3. If you know of any WELS or ELS members up here in Kenai, Soldotna, Kasilof, Nikishka, or any other town on the Kenai Peninsula, please contact Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 1683, Kenai, AK 99611, or call 907/283-3977 or 907/344-2600.

FT. DIX, NEW JERSEY

Monthly services are held in the main chapel lounge at Ft. Dix, New Jersey, for the military personnel at Ft. Dix and McGuire Air Force Base and civilians living in the area. The service is conducted at 3:00 p.m. on the fourth Sunday of each month. For further information contact Sgt. Donald Davis at 609/723-3332. To submit names, contact Pastor James Tauscher, 151 Milltown Road, East Brunswick, N.J. 08816; phone: 201/254-1207.

SERVING SOUTHERN WEST VIRGINIA AND SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Beckley, West Virginia, worships at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays at the Rural Acres Garden Club, 512 Rural Acres Drive, Beckley. If you know of anyone living in the area, write in care of Good Shepherd, P.O. Box 601, Beckley, West Virginia 25801 or call 304/252-5820.

INSTALLATIONS AND ORDINATIONS

(Authorized by the District Presidents)

Ordained and Installed

Pastors:

- Eckert, David M.**, as assistant pastor at First Lutheran, La Crosse, Wisconsin, on August 3, 1980, by R. Sachs (WW).
- Ewerdt, Kenneth A.**, as assistant pastor of St. Paul's, Onalaska, Wisconsin, on June 22, 1980, by J. Mumm (WW).
- Meiselwitz, Robert H.**, as pastor of Zion, Stetsonville, Wisconsin, on July 13, 1980, by M. Zank (WW).
- Noldan, Robert III**, as pastor of Emmanuel, Hartford, Wisconsin, and of Zion, Theresa, Wisconsin, on August 3, 1980, by H. Lemke (SEW).
- Piepenbrink, Frederic E.**, ordained by A. Kretzmann and commissioned by J. Guse, as pastor and missionary of St. John's Lutheran, St. John's, Antigua, West Indies, in a service at Atonement, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on July 13, 1980 (SA).
- Pudell, Rodney D.**, as pastor of Mt. Olive, Shakopee, Minnesota, on July 13, 1980, by C. Degner (Minn.).
- Ristow, Stephen K.**, as pastor of St. John's, Darfur, Minnesota, and of St. Matthew's, Butterfield, Minnesota, on July 6, 1980, by C. Henkel (Minn.).
- Schmiege, Glen F.**, as pastor of Christ, Keystone Heights, Florida, on July 13, 1980, by P. Schmiede (SA).
- Wichmann, Donald P.**, as pastor of St. Paul's, Batesland, South Dakota, and of Our Redeemer, Martin, South Dakota, on July 13, 1980, by M. Westerhaus (NE).
- Zarling, Mark G.**, as pastor of St. Matthew's, Danube, Minnesota, on July 13, 1980, by W. Zarling (Minn.).

Installed

Pastors:

- Agenten, Richard A.**, as pastor of St. Paul's, Platteville, Wisconsin, on June 1, 1980, by J. Kutil (WW).
- Beckman, David J.**, as pastor of Living Word, Mobile, Alabama, on July 20, 1980, by H. Warnke (SA).
- Bradtko, Martin T.**, as pastor of Faith, Elizabeth, Illinois, on June 1, 1980, by W. Schneider (WW).
- Reede, Paul N.**, as pastor of Bethel, York/Waco, Nebraska (an additional parish), on July 13, 1980, by W. Hilgendorf (NE).

Teachers:

- Beyer, John M.**, as principal of Peace, Bradenton, Florida, on August 3, 1980, by J. Vogt (SA).
- Carver, Richard D.**, as teacher at St. Paul's, Cannon Falls, Minnesota, on July 27, 1980, by R. Stevens (Minn.).
- Cole, Stanley R.**, as teacher at Memorial, Williamston, Michigan, on July 27, 1980, by R. Hennig (Mich.).
- Ewerdt, David O.**, as principal of Sola Scriptura, Decatur, Georgia, on July 13, 1980, by W. Fischer (SA).
- Kallies, Ronald T.**, as teacher at Shepherd of the Mountain, Reno, Nevada, on July 20, 1980, by D. Palmquist (Ariz.-Calif.).
- Miller, Gregory A.**, as principal and teacher at Christ, Eagle River, Wisconsin, on July 27, 1980, by E. Ahlsvede (NW).
- Rubin, Raymond H.**, as teacher at Good Shepherd, Vallejo, California, on July 27, 1980, by E. Halverson (Ariz.-Calif.).
- Schultz, Steven M.**, as teacher at St. Matthew's, Appleton, Wisconsin, on August 3, 1980, by S. Johnson (NW).
- Walker, Patrick D.**, as teacher at St. Stephen's, Fallbrook, California, on July 20, 1980, by S. Kugler (Ariz.-Calif.).
- Wehrauch, Carl J.**, as teacher at Our Redeemer, Madison, Wisconsin, on July 27, 1980, by R. Ehlert (WW).
- Whitney, Daniel E.**, as teacher at Good Shepherd, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, on August 3, 1980, by D. Hayes (Dak.-Mont.).
- Winkel, Jonathan W.**, as principal and teacher at River-view, Appleton, Wisconsin, on July 20, 1980, by L. Luchterhand (NW).

CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES

DAKOTA-MONTANA

WESTERN PASTORAL CONFERENCE

- Date:** September 30-October 1, 1980; 10:00 a.m. (Mountain Time).
- Place:** Trinity Lutheran, corner of Baldwin & Marshall, Sturgis, South Dakota; G. Lemke, host pastor.
- Preacher:** G. Lemke; W. Schulz, alternate.
- Agenda:** Exegesis of 2 Timothy 4; B. Wietzke; Split Between Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox Churches and Roman Claims to Primacy; R. Kovaciny; What to Do on Delinquent Calls; C. Lindemann; The Role of Man and Woman According to the Holy Scripture; D. Krause and T. Yahr; Study of the 1980 Report of the Committee on Grants; D. Shook and D. Neyhart.
- Note:** All requesting overnight lodging, please notify the host pastor well in advance.
- Wm. Russow, Secretary

MICHIGAN

SOUTHEASTERN PASTORAL CONFERENCE

- Date:** September 15-16, 1980.
- Place:** Grace, Tecumseh, Michigan; K. Strack, host pastor.
- Preacher:** D. Anderson.
- Agenda:** The First Doctrinal Convention (Acts 15); R. Hartman; Historical Development of the Book of Concord; E. Fredrich; Application and Use of the Book of Concord in Our Ministries; W. Koelpin, L. Koeninger and E. Zell, discussion leaders.
- C. Holub, Secretary

MINNESOTA

MISSISSIPPI RIVER VALLEY PASTORAL CONFERENCE

- Date:** September 16, 1980; 9:00 a.m.
- Place:** Jehovah Lutheran, Altura, Minnesota.
- Preacher:** J. Liggett.
- Agenda:** Exegesis of Habakkuk 2: F. Mutterer; *Formula of Concord*, Article VIII: D. Fischer; What Does the "Fear of God" Mean in the Commandments? K. Mau.
- E. Klumb, Secretary

NEW ULM PASTOR-DELEGATE CONFERENCE

- Date:** September 21, 1980; 2:30 p.m.
- Place:** Zion Lutheran, Morgan, Minnesota; James Schmidt, pastor.
- Agenda:** To be announced.
- Note:** Send excuses to circuit pastor.
- J. Schmidt, Secretary

REDWOOD FALLS PASTORAL CONFERENCE

- Date:** September 30, 1980.
- Place:** Zion Lutheran, Olivia, Minnesota.
- Preacher:** D. Meyer; J. Miller, alternate.
- Agenda:** Exegesis of 1 Corinthians 3:1ff.; R. Beckmann; *Formula of Concord*, Article 7: R. Hellmann; The Pastor as Coach — the Role of the Laity in the Work of the Church; J. Cloute; What Is the Minimum Knowledge We Should Expect for Confirmation? O. Lemke.
- R. Hellmann, Secretary

MANKATO PASTORAL CONFERENCE

- Date:** October 7, 1980; 9:00 a.m. Communion service.
- Place:** Trinity, Belle Plaine, Minnesota.
- Preacher:** R. Polzin; O. Lindholm, alternate.
- Agenda:** Exegesis of 1 Corinthians 4:6ff.; F. Fallen; History, or Development, of Higher Criticism of Scripture; A. Stuebs; Casuistry.
- Note:** Please excuse to the host pastor.
- W. E. Wagner, Secretary

NEBRASKA

CENTRAL CONFERENCE

- Date:** September 22-23, 1980.
- Place:** Redeemer Ev. Lutheran, Council Bluffs, Iowa.
- Preacher:** L. Sievert; D. Lemke, alternate.
- Chaplain:** R. Beckmann.
- Agenda:** An Exegetical Study of Romans 5:12-21; M. Zander; An Isagogical Study of Habakkuk; P. Albrecht; Sermon Study of Psalm 103:1-5 as a Thanksgiving Text; F. Berger; Adiphora with its Application to Congregational and Synodical Life; R. Schlieve.
- R. Beckman, Secretary

MID-AMERICA CONFERENCE

- Date:** September 30-October 1, 1980; Communion service 7:30 p.m. on September 30 (followed by a special session to include wives of pastors).
- Place:** Mt Olive, Overland Park, Kansas; P. Soukup, host pastor.
- Preacher:** T. Speidel.
- Agenda:** Today's Dangers of Proselytizing in Mission Outreach; C. Seefeldt; Exegesis of James 2:1-13; J. Strackbein; Scriptural and Moral Principles Concerning Test Tube Babies; J. Gawrisch.
- Note:** Please send all excuses to host pastor.
- E. Stroh, Secretary

COLORADO FALL PASTORAL CONFERENCE

- Date:** October 7-8, 1980.
- Place:** St. John's, Montrose, Colorado; J. Schmidt, host pastor.
- Preacher:** M. Cares; E. Krueger, alternate.
- Agenda:** Building Better Bible Classes; J. Kuehl; Isagogical Treatment of Titus; T. Kretzmann; Exegesis of Philippians 2:5-11; T. Bauer; Reports and Conference Business.
- M. Cares, Secretary

NORTHERN WISCONSIN

MANITOWOC PASTORAL CONFERENCE

- Date:** September 15, 1980; 9:00 a.m. Communion service.
- Place:** Trinity Lutheran, Brillion, Wisconsin; T. Deters, host pastor.
- Preacher:** T. Deters; V. Dobberstein, alternate.
- Agenda:** Exegesis of 1 Timothy 4; G. Unke; Sermon Study; D. Worgull; *Formula of Concord*, Articles IX and X; H. Kuschel.
- P. J. Damrow, Secretary

FOX RIVER VALLEY PASTORAL CONFERENCE

- Date:** September 16, 1980; 9:00 a.m. Communion service.
- Place:** St. Paul's, State & 4th, Algoma, Wisconsin; L. Dobberstein, host pastor.
- Preacher:** R. Siirila.
- Agenda:** A Closer Look at Rock Music; J. Suhr; The Baptism of the Holy Spirit; R. Waack; Exegesis of 1 John 4; J. Gorsegner.
- R. Ash, Secretary

SOUTH ATLANTIC

FLORIDA PASTORAL CONFERENCE

- Date:** September 15-16, 1980; Communion service on Monday at 7:00 p.m.
- Place:** Bethany Lutheran, North Fort Myers, Florida.
- Preacher:** E. Schuppe; V. Thierfelder, alternate.
- Agenda:** Isagogical Study of Micah; G. Wenzel; Exegesis of 1 John 1:1-7; H. Huhnerkoch; Mormonism; K. Kruck; Religious Aspects and Teachings of the YMCA and YWCA; E. Schuppe; Practical Communion Distribution; J. Aderman.
- H. Huhnerkoch, Secretary

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN

SOUTHERN PASTORAL CONFERENCE

- Date:** September 16, 1980; 9:00 a.m. Communion.
- Place:** St. John's, Burlington, Wisconsin; R. Weeks, host pastor.
- Preacher:** M. Hahn; T. Horton, alternate.
- Agenda:** Exegesis of Romans 10:1-13; R. Otto (Romans 10:14-21; R. Pope, alternate); Test-tube Babies; G. Stahlecker (Transcendental Meditation); M. Turriff, alternate).
- J. Schroeder, Secretary

WESTERN WISCONSIN

SOUTHWESTERN PASTORAL CONFERENCE

- Date:** September 23, 1980; 9:30 a.m.
- Place:** Faith Lutheran, Reedsburg, Wisconsin.
- Preacher:** L. Wendland; F. Werner, alternate.
- Agenda:** Exegesis of 1 Timothy 3; E. Toepel; The Principles and Practice of Soul Conservation; D. Tollerson; Tax Laws and Clergy; G. Johnson; Blessings Protected by the Ten Commandments; R. Siegler (alternate); What Is the Sin Against the Holy Ghost? R. Kloehn.
- R. W. Kloehn, Secretary

WISLOWA PASTORAL CONFERENCE

- Date:** October 6-7, 1980, noon to noon.
- Place:** Divine Savior, Belleville, Illinois.
- Preacher:** J. Willie.
- Agenda:** More Effective Communicators of the Gospel; Prof. J. Jeske; Exegesis of Psalm 73; S. Radunzel; The Doctrine of the Call; M. Lenz; Nouthetic Marriage Counseling; P. Krieger.
- J. Kutil, Secretary

OFFER

St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Congregation of Rocky Road, Colorado, is now worshipping jointly with Christ Our Savior of Ordway, Colorado. It would like to give its altar and pews to a WELS congregation. The altar is 10 feet wide, 3 feet in depth, and 13 feet high, painted white with gold trim. It has a statue of Christ 51 inches tall. There is also a matching curved railing 25 feet in length. The oak pews are 9½ feet long. Also available are a baptismal font, an altar crucifix, and a pair of candlesticks. Interested congregations should contact Mr. Jake Maier, RR 1 Box 70, Rocky Ford, Colorado 81067; phone 303/254-7236.

HYMNALS NEEDED

Beautiful Savior Ev. Lutheran Church, Topeka, Kansas, is in need of two dozen used hymnals for choir rehearsal and Saturday school. We will pay the cost of shipping. If you can help, please contact Pastor Curtiss Seefeldt, 2412 W. 29th Terrace, Topeka, Kansas 66611; phone: 913/267-4802.

Controller's Report

PREBUDGET SUBSCRIPTION PERFORMANCE

Seven months ended July, 31, 1980

	Subscription Amount for 1980	7/12 of Annual Subscription	Subscription and Pension Offerings	Per Cent of Subscription
Arizona-California	\$ 642,765	\$ 374,946	\$ 341,683	91.1
Dakota-Montana	296,950	173,221	145,222	83.8
Michigan	1,602,097	934,556	807,375	86.4
Minnesota	1,717,765	1,002,029	923,331	92.1
Nebraska	363,830	212,234	189,296	89.2
Northern Wisconsin	1,797,860	1,048,752	934,181	89.1
Pacific Northwest	167,520	97,720	85,036	87.0
Southeastern Wisconsin	2,166,313	1,263,683	1,116,839	88.4
Western Wisconsin	2,049,987	1,195,826	1,015,959	85.0
South Atlantic	164,456	95,933	89,164	92.9
Total — 1980	<u>\$10,969,543</u>	<u>\$6,398,900</u>	<u>\$5,648,086</u>	<u>88.3</u>
Total — 1979	<u>\$ 9,456,061</u>	<u>\$5,516,036</u>	<u>\$5,119,453</u>	<u>92.8</u>

CURRENT BUDGETARY FUND

Statement of Income and Expenditures

Twelve months ended July 31, 1980 with comparative figures for 1979

	Twelve months ended July 31		Increase or (Decrease)	
	1980	1979	Amount	Per Cent
Income:				
Prebudget Subscription Offerings	\$10,246,909	\$ 9,255,527	\$ 991,382	10.7
Pension Plan Contributions	71,665	77,445	(5,780)	(7.5)
Gifts and Memorials	497,651	204,782	292,869	143.0
Bequests	321,764	152,361	169,403	111.2
Earnings from Fox Trust	79,623	67,230	12,393	18.4
Other Income	3,006	11,580	(8,574)	(74.0)
Transfers from Other Funds	43,781	102,965	(59,184)	(57.5)
Total Income	<u>\$11,264,399</u>	<u>\$ 9,871,890</u>	<u>\$1,392,509</u>	<u>14.1</u>
Expenditures:				
Worker-Training	\$ 4,282,505	\$3,734,337	\$ 548,168	14.7
Home Missions	2,229,746	2,016,574	213,172	10.6
World Missions	1,920,600	1,946,594	(25,994)	(1.3)
Benevolences	1,142,476	1,090,004	52,472	4.8
Administration and Services	1,247,477	965,204	282,273	29.2
Total Operations	<u>\$10,822,804</u>	<u>\$9,752,713</u>	<u>\$1,070,091</u>	<u>11.0</u>
CEF — Interest Subsidy	813,225	785,141	28,084	3.6
Appropriations — Bldg. Funds	677,798	257,979	419,819	162.7
Total Expenditures	<u>\$12,313,827</u>	<u>\$10,795,833</u>	<u>\$1,517,994</u>	<u>14.1</u>
Operating Gain/(Loss)	<u>\$(1,049,428)</u>	<u>\$(923,943)</u>	<u>\$(125,485)</u>	

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Note: Future cutoff dates of PBS receipts in the Synod's Post Office Lock Box are as follows:

For the Month of	Cutoff Date
September	September 30
October	October 31
November	November 30

SYNODICAL CERTIFICATION COURSES

Dr. Martin Luther College has arranged to offer an extension course, Rel. 75E *Lutheran Confessional Writings*, at Wisconsin Lutheran High School, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, beginning September 30 and meeting regularly on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. until January 20, 1981. Prof. Wilbert Gawrisch of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary has consented to teach the course.

All enrollees must have earned a minimum of nine semester hours of credit required for Synodical Certification.

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

YOUTH COUNSELORS' SEMINAR

The fifth annual Youth Counselors' Seminar will be held Friday, September 19, 1980, through Sunday, September 21, at the Kettle Moraine Youth Camp near Campbellsport, Wisconsin (about 50 miles north of Milwaukee and 20 miles south of Fond du Lac). The seminar is intended for clergy and lay counselors.

This fast-moving, intensive weekend will present a wide range of ideas which have been used in different areas. Participants will explore the importance of a balanced approach to youth ministry in a congregation. Time will be available for asking questions, sharing ideas and evaluating suggestions.

A registration fee of \$40.00 per participant will cover the cost of meals, lodging, and materials for the seminar. For more information or to register write or call: Prof. Allen Zahn, 617 South Twelfth, Watertown, Wisconsin 53094; phone: 414/261-0301.

NOTICE

The next regular plenary session of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for

October 14-15, 1980

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.

Richard K. Pankow, Secretary
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