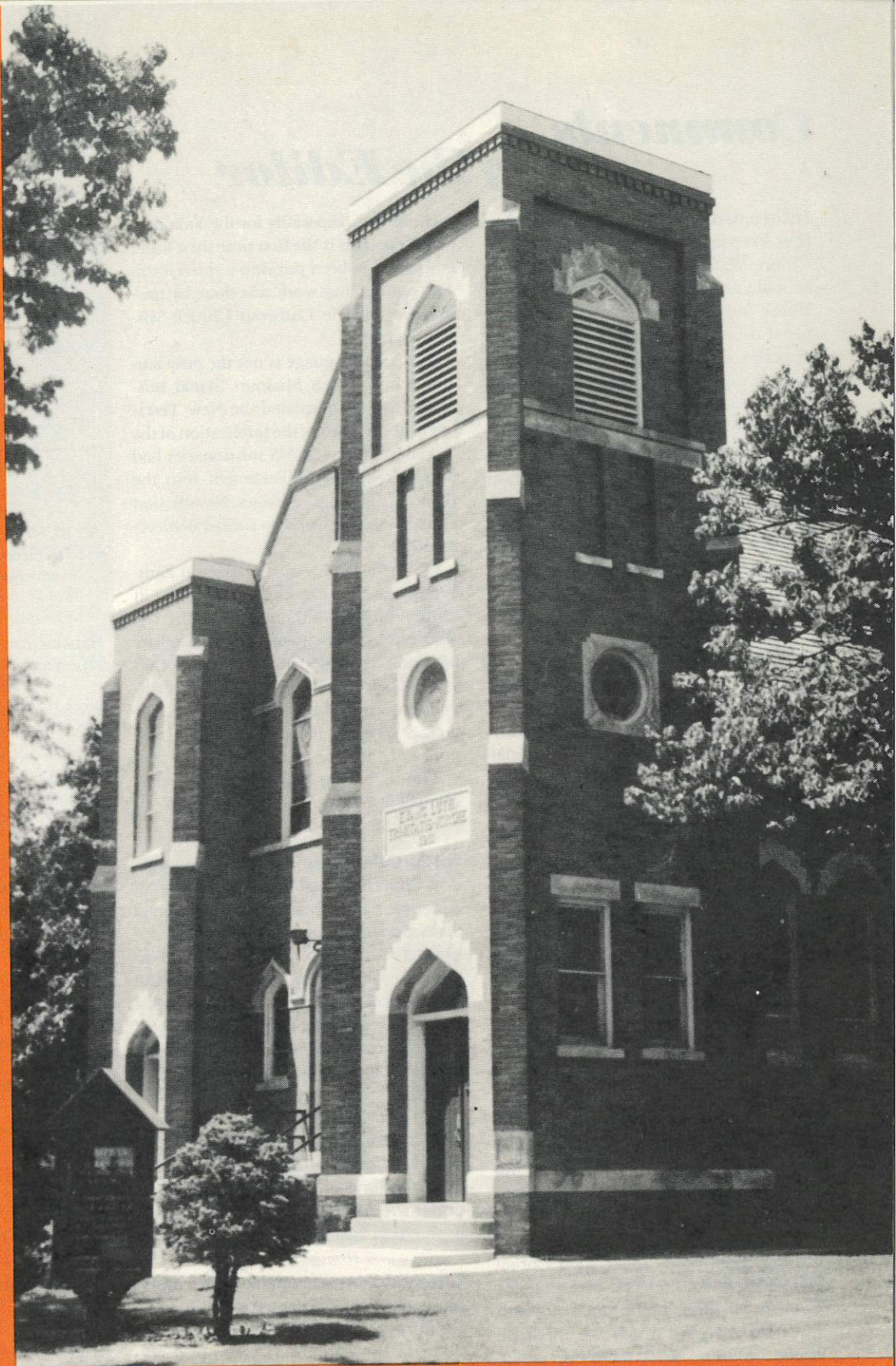


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# Comments by the Editor

**Interesting Statistic** — Martin Luther Preparatory School at Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, entered its second school year with an enrollment of 351. These students come from 26 states plus Canada and West Germany. What is perhaps even more exciting is that there are 45 pastoral conferences in the Synod and that MLPS students come from 42 of those conferences. Though most of the students come from Wisconsin and Minnesota, where our Synod's membership is concentrated, yet all parts of the Synod are represented in the student body. The change in location has therefore not undermined the school's potential.

**Only One Savior** — An article in a recent issue of *The Christian Century* suggests that "the God described in the Bible is none other than the God who is already known in the framework of traditional African religiosity." The author, Dr. John Mbiti, an African theologian, insists that "God's revelation [of himself] is not confined to the biblical record."

God in Scripture, however, leaves no room for idols — African or otherwise. We read in First Chronicles 16:26, "For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the LORD made the heavens." And, as if to emphasize that truth, the words are repeated verbatim in Psalm 96:5.

If the idols had been a true revelation of God, there would have been no cause for Christ to send out his disciples with the assignment we know so well: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."

The Apostle Peter was right when he told the Sanhedrin concerning Christ: "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved." Mission work has never been, and is not now, a waste of time, manpower, or money!

**NT in Yala** — In 1979 the New Testament was printed in the language of the Yala people in Nigeria. What makes this an

exciting item, especially for the Yala people, is that this is the first time their tonal language has been put into written form. The painstaking work was done by missionaries of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

The Yala language is not the only language into which Missouri Synod missionaries have translated the New Testament. Shortly before the publication of the Yala translation, LCMS missionaries had translated the New Testament into the Boki and Kukele languages. Few mission agencies can lay claim to similar achievements.

Our own WELS missionaries in Zambia, Africa, have likewise been involved in translation work, although not so directly. They have, however, assisted the personnel of various groups in their translation work. Their concern was to have the truth as expressed in the original Biblical languages correctly reflected in the translation.

Translating the Scripture is also a part of mission work. An important part!

**For the Defenseless** — The 125-congregation Church of the Lutheran Brethren of America in its 80th annual convention at Stanwood, Washington, unanimously approved a resolution stating that "abortion is not a moral option." It allowed for but one exception, namely, when the act is a "tragically unavoidable byproduct of medical procedures necessary to prevent the death of another human being" (the mother).

The resolution also acknowledged as a clear Biblical truth that the living but unborn are "persons" in the sight of God from the time of conception and stand under the full protection of God's own prohibition against murder. We agree.

**Correction** — We apologize for skipping one of the officers of the Arizona-California District entirely in listing them in the August 31 issue and assigning a different position to still another. The officers, all of them re-elected, are: Pastor Immanuel G. Frey, president; Pastor Marcus C. Nitz, first vice-president; Pastor David J. Valleskey, second vice-president; and Pastor David E. Gray, secretary.

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

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### The Cover

This year Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Caledonia, Wisconsin, in a series of services is observing 125 years of the Lord's blessings. Trinity has a communicant membership of 635 and an enrollment of 160 in its Christian day school. See page 332.

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## Editorials

**Memorable Meeting** Just a hundred years ago this October a meeting took place in Chicago that merits mention and consideration in our time. At a special pastoral conference over 450 Missouri Synod pastors met for a week to thresh out doctrinal concerns in the debated issue of eternal election.

The issue itself is not the point. It can, however, be briefly summarized — some will say oversimplified — as a dispute about the causes of eternal election. Were there only two: God's mercy and Christ's merits? Or could one add to them the notation that this election occurred "in view of faith"?

The point is that so many pastors took so much time to participate in a doctrinal debate with their *Book of Concord* in hand. A doctrine termed "the gospel in the superlative" and "the quintessence of the gospel" was under fire. For those pastors it was a matter of course that they should personally, almost to the man, join in defending the Bible's two-cause election doctrine.

That was a long time ago. Today, doctrinal problems cannot command such concerns. If they get attention, it takes the form of position papers, committee reports, delaying tactics, and avoidance of action. It has been said that the only heresy that still is recognized in our time is the "heresy" that there is heresy.

Oh, for the good old days!

Edward Fredrich

**Humanist Tag-Alongs** Christian churches ought to be in the forefront of the struggle against godless humanism, but a number of them are actually its strong supporters and promoters.

The humanist believes that men can "control our environment, conquer poverty, markedly reduce diseases, extend our lifespan, significantly modify our behavior, alter the course of human evolution and cultural development, unlock vast new powers, and provide humankind with unparalleled opportunity for achieving an abundant and meaningful life." Humanists believe that this world can become a brotherhood, that we can eliminate poverty and want, that social justice can be assured everywhere, and that true democracy can be established worldwide.

The World Council of Churches apparently buys the entire package. This assembly of churches has become so "politicized," so concerned with social progress, so involved in using politics in order to achieve a latter-day Eden in the Third World that it turns our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ into a social, political and economic liberator, as Dr. Robert McAfee Brown of Union Theological Seminary did in his major theological address to the Fifth Assembly of the World Council of Churches at Nairobi in 1975. In effect, the "Christianity" of the

World Council of Churches has become so secular, so this-world minded, that it is not only compatible with humanism but also with much of Marxism, whose social and economic justice line these churches are parroting.

The humanists and Marxists are exploiting the support of these churches. But as these churches become mere tag-alongs of liberal secular thinking, preoccupied with the pursuit of a more just society and with the material problems of humanity; and as they lose more and more of their Christian goals and character, their Christianity will decay to the point where humanists and Marxists may still continue to use these churches for their programs of secular redemption, but do so with increasing disdain for the little that remains of the Christian character and authority of such churches.

Carleton Toppe

**Ideas for Sermons** In his weekly column the religion editor of a metropolitan newspaper raised the question, "How do ministers get ideas for sermons?" At least once a week a pastor delivers a sermon from his church's pulpit. He generally addresses himself to a specific subject. How does he go about choosing a subject week after week? Quite a few people wonder about that.

In an attempt to find out, the religion editor interviewed a number of parish pastors in his area, and he got a variety of answers. Some of them sort of picked a subject out of the air each week, often related to personal experience. Some got their ideas from a magazine or book they had read recently. Some were captivated by catchy ads or snappy sayings.

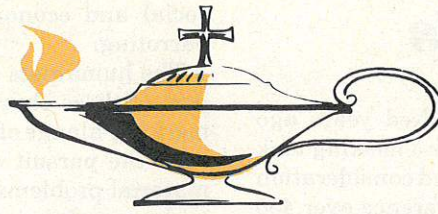
If this religion editor could have interviewed the apostles in their day, he would not have found them searching for sermon topics. They had a built-in source of supply. They identified it when they said, "We cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard." They spoke from their personal faith and knowledge of Jesus Christ, and preaching wasn't just one of the requirements of the job. It was a natural response to what was in their minds and on their hearts. Their preaching was a practical illustration of the adage coined by Jesus: "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh."

Sunday after Sunday, as well as for special occasions, the pastor prepares sermons. Pastors trained in our own fellowship are taught simply to turn to the Scriptures, the source of their own faith and doctrine, for directions and material. Most often they will turn to a portion of Scripture previously suggested by knowledgeable churchmen as being appropriate to the respective occasion or time of the church year. They search it diligently and see what God has to say. That is where their "topics" or "ideas" come from.

This is a practice worth retaining in our circles. It keeps our pastors honest in speaking "as the oracles of God," which is what they are supposed to be doing. After all, outside the church the hearers are exposed to enough human ideas to last them all week.

Immanuel Frey





## *Studies in God's Word*

### God is Always There

Read Genesis 40:1-23

"God is dead," said the graffiti splashed on the brick wall near the university several years ago. Underneath was an answer, scrawled by another hand. "My God is not dead; sorry about yours," it read.

There must have been times during Joseph's long stay in the Egyptian prison that he wondered about the reality of God. Was God really there and were his promises really any good? With Joseph we'll learn that "God Is Always There."

#### **His Ways Are Always Best**

We've learned in life that hindsight is often better than foresight. It's also when we as Christians look back that we can often more clearly see the Lord's hand and ways in our daily life. So it was with Joseph and his lengthy prison stay. It was the Lord's hand that carried Joseph, now robbed even of the fresh air and sunshine because he had resisted the advances of his master's wife, to the royal prison instead of elsewhere. It was the Lord's hand that kept him cheerful in his prison cell instead of sulking in despair so that he was made the chief trustee in that prison. And it was the Lord's hand that brought two special prisoners to that particular jail one day.

Because of some palace intrigue Pharaoh's chief butler and chief baker were thrown into prison. Both were men high in Pharaoh's palace and close to his ear and as such they were

placed into the hands of faithful Joseph for special care. One morning while making his rounds, Joseph noticed that their faces were gloomy. "So what?" he might have thought, but divine providence moved him instead to ask about their problem. "We have dreamed a dream and there is no interpretation of it," both sadly answered. "Do not interpretations belong to God?" Joseph rightly replied, showing that he had not lowered his sights or forgotten his God. Though the Lord later would warn his people, "Much dreaming and many words are meaningless. Therefore stand in awe of God" (Ecclesiastes 5:7), yet here we see his hand.

With the guidance of God, Joseph then explained the butler's dream. Within three days that butler would be back on the job in Pharaoh's palace and back in the good graces of the king. So confident was Joseph of the correct interpretation that he asked the butler, "Think on me when it shall be well with thee, . . . and make mention of me unto Pharaoh and bring me out of this house." Joseph also correctly explained the baker's dream, though it must have been a painful duty. Three days later that baker was dead, executed in horrible fashion. Though Joseph revealed a glimmer of hope in his request to be remembered by the butler, he knew nothing of the great things God would accomplish through this prison episode. Later Joseph would see and marvel at how God's ways are always best.

When we look one by one at the many different-shaped and colored

pieces which make up the puzzle of life, we may scratch our heads and wonder where they fit. We may even wonder if they fit. Joseph's story reminds us again that God's hand is at work fitting the pieces together to form the right picture for our life. A loving Father who concerns himself with the hairs on our heads and the sparrows in the trees will not forget us his beloved children in Christ. He will be there working out his right ways in our lives.

#### **His Time Is Always Right**

With the butler restored and the baker executed, two cells stood empty in that prison, but Joseph's was still filled. In vain did Joseph hope that the butler would put in a word for him to Pharaoh. Either out of negligence or ingratitude, as so often happens in life, the butler forgot Joseph. As two more years inched forward, day by day, God was still with Joseph, though he must have wondered. In his wisdom God had in mind to do more for Joseph than that butler ever could. Joseph's faint hope was to regain his freedom and return to the homeland from which he had been stolen; God's great plan was to refine Joseph's character and ready him for use for the next important step in the divine plan of salvation. Later Joseph would view those prison years as a most vital part of his life. He would recognize that the clock of divine providence runs neither too fast nor too slow, but always on time.

Waiting for the Lord's time is one of the hardest things in life. In the tears of life, at the sickbeds and graves of loved ones, we may sob with Martha, "Lord, if thou hadst been here" (John 11:21). In the storms of life when the winds howl and earthly props give way, we may shriek with the disciples, "Carest thou not that we perish?" (Mark 4:38.) But the Lord is always there. The faint knocking of the believer's heart in prayer at heaven's door is not unheard and the fervent, repeated requests of the church never lie like unopened letters on heaven's table. In his own time, at the right time, God will speak his "peace, be still" and we'll experience again what Paul meant when he spoke about the peace of God which passes all understanding, keeping our hearts and minds through Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:7).

Richard E. Lauersdorf



# Mining the Treasure of God's Word

Matthew 8:28-34  
Mark 5:1-20  
Luke 8:26-39



BY JULIAN G. ANDERSON

## Jesus Shows His Power Over The Devil

In our last lesson Jesus was sailing east across Lake Galilee when a violent storm struck the boat. We now pick up the story after the storm has suddenly stopped.

### Read Mark 5:1-10

Read also the parallel accounts in Matthew 8:28,29 and Luke 8:26-31, noting that Matthew tells us that Jesus met two demon-possessed men when he landed, while Mark and Luke mention only one. Note also that Mark and Luke record Jesus' conversation with the man they mention, while Matthew omits this conversation. Thus we see how each evangelist handled the material in his own way. Notice also how each one describes the condition of these men differently in the opening verses. But their initial words to Jesus are the same in all accounts (Matthew 8:29, Mark 5:7, Luke 8:28).

We often have problems with the names of towns, because ancient writers seldom described the location of towns, and often little towns, such as this one, suddenly disappeared, and soon nobody knew where it had been. This one had disappeared by 200 A.D. You can see the problem if you will check the name in Matthew 8:28, Mark 5:1 and Luke 8:26 in several translations. Was it Gadara, Gergesa or Gerasa, three towns which were somewhere in this area and all of which sound pretty much alike? The confusion is caused by the fact that we find all

three of these names in each verse in the many hundreds of manuscripts. Thus we aren't dealing here with contradictions, but with scribal errors. And certainly any translation should use the same name in all Gospels.

The area on the east side of the lake was in Gaulanitis (see your map), and it was populated mainly by gentiles. This explains the presence of the pigs, which were unclean for Jews.

The brief conversation about the demon's name (Mark 5:9, Luke 8:30) is interesting, since it is the only reported case of multiple demon possession, making this a very severe case. "Legion" was the Latin word for a division of 6,000 soldiers. Notice again that the demons recognized Jesus as God's Son and acknowledged his authority to drive them out or to torture them, while all the Jewish leaders and most of the Jewish people refused to acknowledge these self-evident facts. The word "abyss" (Luke 8:31) was a Greek term for hell. It means "the bottomless pit."

### Now Read Mark 5:11-17

This points out another interesting fact, namely, that animals also could be possessed by demons. In this case it made them go crazy. Note that only Mark gives the size of the herd. This is characteristic of Mark's account. It was probably a common herd, made up of all the pigs in the town or area, so that its

loss was a real catastrophe for the whole area. In the NE corner of Lake Galilee there are especially high and steep cliffs rising from the water, which explains verse 13. This gives us a striking example of Jesus' power over Satan and his angels.

Notice the reaction of the swineherds in verse 14a, and the natural reaction of the people in verse 14b. Verse 15 focuses our attention on what happened when they first arrived. It was indeed an amazing sight. Note their reaction in the last phrase of verse 15. Power to cure men like this could come only from God or the devil, and their request in verse 17 shows vividly the blindness of unbelief. Remember, however, that they had suffered a terrible financial loss and were no doubt angry. For Jesus it was another sad occasion. He had already been rejected by the leaders of Israel (John 2:18-20, Mark 2:6 and 3:1-5) and by the people of his own hometown (Luke 4:28,29). And now the people of Gerasa were more concerned about their pigs than about their souls and their eternal salvation.

### Then Read Mark 5:18-20

This is the only bright spot in this incident. One of the demon-possessed men came to faith. His request in verse 18 was perfectly natural, but Jesus' reply was also perfectly natural. This man was now his only possible contact with the people of that area, his only witness, his only hope to win some of the others there. Therefore the man had to forego the pleasure of Jesus' companionship and carry on Jesus' work in that area (v. 19, underline). These are Jesus' orders and instructions to every one of his followers, to every one of us! And this man was faithful to the Lord's orders (v. 20). The Decapolis (Ten Towns) was the name for the whole area, and for one man to cover that large area must have taken him a long time. But this is the way the church grows, and in this one man we have a striking picture of the church at work. How we wish that we had more information about this one nameless man! One thing about our study of the four Gospels is that we meet so many interesting people like this one whom we would like to know much better. That will be one of our pleasures when we arrive in the Kingdom of Glory!



# DMLC Installs New President, Welcomes Faculty and 810 Students

The 1980-81 school year at Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota, opened earlier than in former years because of the change to the early semester. The faculty orientation session was held on Monday and Tuesday, August 18 and 19. Its theme was "Growing in Wisdom and Stature: Student Development on the Dr. Martin Luther College Campus." New faculty members were introduced and guests from the Synod's Board for Parish Education and the Commission on Higher Education were welcomed, as were President C. Mischke and emeriti faculty members. The new president of Dr. Martin Luther College, the Rev. Prof. Lloyd O. Huebner, conducted the opening devotion on the first day, and the new dean of students, the Rev. Thomas F. Zarling, conducted the opening devotion on the second day.

## Discussion Topics

A major topic, "The Thought World of the Contemporary DMLC Student," was presented in three papers. Dr. Thomas Kuster discussed "Youth Thought in the Seventies"; Prof. Theodore Hartwig, "How DMLC Students Differ"; and Prof. Darwin Raddatz, "Religious Influences." The results of a survey of students made by the previous essayists were presented in a session titled "The Expectations That Shape the DMLC Student."

Another topic, treated by five groups in separate sessions, was "The Encouragement of 'Controlled Rebellion' in Classroom and on Campus: Investigating Levers for Action." The five group leaders, Professors B. Backer, A. Koelpin, A. Koestler, J. Wandersee, and F. Wulff, summarized the reactions of their respective groups and led a lively discussion.

The meeting closed with an instructive paper by President Carl Mischke: "The Faculty's Responsibility in Presenting Candidates for Assignment to the Teaching Ministry: The District Presidents' Point of View."



**DMLC President Lloyd O. Huebner** graduated from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in 1951. After serving as parish pastor at Akaska, South Dakota, and Wood Lake, Minnesota, he became principal of Lakeside Lutheran High School, Lake Mills, Wisconsin. In 1967 he accepted the call as Dean of Students at DMLC and taught in the Religion-Social Studies Division. He succeeds Prof. Conrad Frey as president of the college.



**Prof. Thomas F. Zarling**, new dean of students at DMLC, graduated from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in 1969. He has served as pastor in Des Moines, Iowa, and Brookings, South Dakota. While at Brookings, he also was in charge of the WELS campus ministry at South Dakota State University. At DMLC he will also teach in the Religion-Social Studies Division.



**Prof. Rolland Menk** is a 1963 DMLC graduate and has done postgraduate work in Wayne, Nebraska, and Brookings, South Dakota. He has served as principal of schools in Hoskins, Nebraska; Watertown, South Dakota; and Green Bay, Wisconsin. As member of the Education Division, he will teach curriculum and supervise student teaching.



**Prof. David Wendler** graduated from DMLC in 1970 and earned an MS in administration and supervision from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. Until coming to DMLC, he was principal at Riverview, Appleton. In the Education Division he will teach curriculum and supervise student teaching.



On Tuesday evening a welcome banquet was held at the Cat 'N' Fiddle, at which new faculty members, their spouses, and guests were introduced. Special recognition was given President Lloyd Huebner, now stepping into his new calling as head of DMLC.

### Decline in Enrollment

Registration of new students took place on Friday and of returning students on Saturday and Sunday. For the first time in several years the total enrollment at DMLC has shown a decline. The registration indicated there were 235 freshmen for a total of 810 students. This was a 7.8 percent decline in freshmen and 4.7 percent decline in total enrollment. These figures indicate that a more concerted effort will have to be made by all to avoid a further downward trend, since all graduates were assigned and since there were again vacancies which needed to be filled by emergency teachers.



The Rev. Kenneth Pasch, a 1980 graduate of WLS, will serve as assistant to the dean.

### Installations

The school year's opening service was held on Sunday, August 24. Liturgist and officiant for the installations was the Rev. Edgar A. Knief, chairman of the board of control. The sermon was delivered by the Rev. Gerhard Birkholz, president of the Minnesota District. During the service Professor Lloyd Huebner was installed as president of DMLC, Rolland Menk and David Wendler as professors in the education division, and Thomas Zarling as dean of students. Also installed as members of the faculty in the music division were Miss Brenda Black, Mark DeGarmo, and Judy Ozburn, the latter two 1980 graduates of DMLC. During the service Mr. Kenneth Pasch, a 1980 graduate of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, was ordained into the holy ministry and



Brenda Black

Mark DeGarmo

Judy Ozburn

### New Members of Music Division



REGISTRATION

installed as assistant to the dean and as a member of the religion-social studies division. Assisting at the ordination were President Lloyd Huebner, Prof. Lyle Lange (Mr. Pasch's former pastor), Dean Thomas Zarling, and Pastor Mark Zarling, a classmate of

Mr. Pasch.

Thus began the 1980-81 school year. We pray that the Lord will richly bless both students and faculty as he has in the past, especially the new faculty members and in particular the new president and the new dean.

## Northwestern Begins Year 116

School year number 116 began at Northwestern College and Northwestern Preparatory School, Watertown, Wisconsin, on August 26 with a service in the school auditorium. Prof. Carleton Toppe, president of the college addressed the students of both schools, urging them to run their course at Northwestern with patience as they strive for the goal of the Christian ministry.

A total of 255 students registered at Northwestern College for the first semester, an increase of 14 over last year. The most noteworthy aspect of the enrollment is the gratifying increase in the number of new students. The 87 who have enrolled represent an increase of 24 first-year pastor-training students over last year. Twenty-three have come to us from Northwestern Preparatory School; 22 from Martin Luther Preparatory School; 10 from Michigan Lutheran Seminary; 21 from Lutheran high schools. Three of the six new students who have had

college training also have some Lutheran high school background. There were eight public high school graduates.

The school year began with the same teaching staff that served last year. Both tutors have returned for their second year.

The faculty will be increased to 20 when the new recruitment officer who has been authorized for Northwestern College joins the staff. The board has issued the first call for this position. The addition of this recruitment officer will permit the present part-time officer to resume his full teaching load. It will also make possible a more extensive recruiting program for Northwestern College, particularly in the day schools and in contacts with pastors to increase the number of enrollees from public high schools.

The new school year has had an auspicious beginning. We look to the Lord of the church for a continuation of the blessings that have made it so.

Carleton Toppe



## Trinity of Caledonia Celebrates 125 Years of Blessings

"Our God our help in ages past . . . our hope for years to come" has been the motto for Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Caledonia, Wisconsin, during its 125th anniversary year, a year marked by special church services, confirmation reunion banquets, a concert and picnics.

The anniversary festivities opened with a father-son banquet on March 8. On the following day Rev. James Gorseger of Appleton, Wisconsin, a son of Trinity, preached on "God's Grace and the Christian Family." On March 30 the members of Trinity presented a "Concert of Praise."

April was marked by two confirmation reunions. A special German service and confirmation reunion for the years 1896-1934 was held on April 13. Prof. Irwin Habeck of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary conducted the German service, which was followed by a dinner and social hour amid kerosene lamps and early American decor. A second confirmation reunion was held on April 26-27 with Pastor George Rothe of Brown Deer, another son of the congregation, preaching on "The Importance of Evangelism." The week

prior was spent canvassing the local area.

During the month of May two further special services were conducted. The service on May 3 highlighted the confirmands of the years 1950-59. In a service on May 25, following a reunion banquet held for the classes of 1960 through 1964, Prof. Arnold Koelpin, a son of Trinity now teaching at Dr. Martin Luther College, spoke on "Christian Education Through the Ages."

A gala picnic on August 17 welcomed the confirmands of the years 1965 through 1980. A former pastor of Trinity, the Rev. William Hein of Muskegon, Michigan, spoke to the congregation on "Our Faith Expressed in Music."

Since Trinity Congregation was formally organized in September 1855, the chief anniversary celebration was held on September 21 with an old-fashioned picnic on the church grounds. Guest speaker for the occasion was the Rev. Carl H. Mischke, president of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod.

The traditional Trinity Harvest Festival will be held on October 26 and

will feature a harvest dinner prepared by the ladies of the congregation. This will be followed by a special dinner in November for the members and friends of Trinity who desire to show their thankfulness to a kind and gracious God by bringing a special donation for Trinity's church building fund. Pastor George Boldt, president of the South-eastern Wisconsin District, and Pastor James P. Schaefer, stewardship counselor, will be the guest speakers.

An anniversary booklet has been prepared depicting the growth of Trinity and listing the many pastors and teachers who have faithfully served the congregation. Not to be forgotten is a most special member, Alma Berg, who has devoted her life to being church organist at Trinity for the past 57 years.

During the last 125 years Trinity has grown from a few dedicated German immigrant families to its current membership of 850 souls. More important, though, is the fear and love of God that has been instilled in its members' hearts and minds. We thank God for his Word of Salvation, truly the greatest heritage from "ages past, our hope for years to come."

Pastor John Schroeder

## Marriage Enrichment Seminar



From June 15 to June 20, 1980, fifteen WELS pastors and their wives attended a marriage enrichment seminar conducted by Mr. Fred Matzke of Wisconsin Lutheran Child and Family Service. The location of the retreat was the Seven Mile Pinecrest Resort

in the heart of Nicolet National forest, Eagle River, Wisconsin.

The purpose of the four-day seminar was to improve husband-wife communication skills and to strengthen the bond of love and respect in the Christian home. Mr. Matzke gave

practical advice on self-expression, listening skills, efficient ways of communicating and respect for one another. The principles were applied to every-day life in group discussion and role playing.

The sessions lasted from 9:00 A.M. until noon. Bob and Elaine Otterstatter, owners of Seven Mile Pinecrest, provided recreation and entertainment for nearly 50 children of the couples. The afternoons and evenings were free for boating, fishing, playing softball, volleyball, tennis, hiking or just relaxing. All of the couples expressed their thankfulness for Mr. Matzke's guidance and the Otterstatters' fine hospitality.

The valuable communication skills, the Christian fellowship, as well as the reasonable rates, will make a similar retreat a blessing for the families of pastors, teachers and laymen in the future.

Pastor Wayne Laitinen



## Why Are They Turning Away From the Church? Part II

Church membership and support of churches has been declining steadily in America since 1965. Would it surprise you to learn that most of the people who do not belong to any church still profess faith in the traditional doctrines of the church? That is the claim of William McKinney.

Based on his own research on the Pennsylvania State University campus, and based on the findings of a Gallup poll conducted in 1978, McKinney said that 64 percent of American adults who do not belong to a church say they believe Jesus to be God or the Son of God. Seventy percent believe the Bible to be divinely inspired. More than half believe in life after death. This among people who do not belong to any church!

If they believe that God's Son established the church, and that the church proclaims the inspired Bible and calls people to prepare for life after death, why are they staying away from the church? McKinney claims that the "biggest difference between the church and the unchurched is not belief, but lifestyle."

### Lifestyle the Key

What does that mean? It means that many of those who are staying away from the church are doing so because they know that the church condemns something in their way of life. Let's cite a few examples.

A rich young ruler went to Jesus; he was interested in being a follower of the Messiah. Jesus said: "Sell all your possessions first." The man loved his riches too much to give them up for Jesus. So he turned away, sadly. Was he in disagreement with Christ's doctrines? Not really. He was simply not willing to change his lifestyle.

Joe is in college. "Work hard and play hard" — that's his motto. He studies and goes to classes all week. But weekends he parties. He drinks a lot of beer; he even sleeps with the girls. He used to go to church. But when the preacher condemned drunkenness and extramarital sex as sins, Joe figured the church wasn't "with it" anymore. Now he no longer goes to church,

though he does not renounce Christ or any of the basic teachings of Christianity.

Arnie and Anita are a hardworking couple. He sells furniture; she is a social worker. Both get to see plenty of the seamy side of humanity. Some evenings they gather with friends. They smoke marijuana to relax and forget about the dog-eat-dog world. They sometimes feel the need for the church and her message of forgiveness and peace in Christ, but they know that most church members will not approve of smoking pot, so they stay away.

And so it goes — whether it's the man who does not want to give up his lodge membership, or the woman who is planning to dump her husband without a shred of Scriptural grounds, or the practicing homosexual. Many people are bright enough to know that for them to continue in the church would be rank hypocrisy. Their choices are to change their lifestyle or to drop out of the church. The lifestyle often wins. Too often! Still they call themselves Christians and claim to believe most of the doctrines they were once taught.

### The Church's Response

What can the church do about these situations? First of all, the church can rejoice that the seeds of the Word of God which were so carefully sown in earlier years are not so easily snuffed out. It can pray that those seeds will sprout and grow and bring people to a realization of what they are doing to themselves.

The church can also evaluate carefully her own motives. How do we come across to people who are going through the lifestyle conflict? Are we like Jesus as he dealt with Zacchaeus and as he talked with the woman who was caught in adultery? When we denounce the sins so common in our times, do we give the impression that we love people and we want them to give up their sins for Jesus' sake and for their own good? Or do we appear to be looking down our noses at them and

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## With the Lord

### Pastor Otto W. Heier 1910-1980

Otto W. Heier, was born July 16, 1910, in Akaska, South Dakota, the son of Gottfried Heier and Eva nee Schaeffer. To prepare for work in the parish ministry, Pastor Heier attended Dr. Martin Luther Academy, Northwestern College, and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary.

He was ordained into the holy ministry on July 14, 1935, in Circle, Montana. Other congregations which he served before becoming pastor of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Tomah, Wisconsin, were located in Mazeppa, South Dakota; Jamestown, North Dakota; Millersville, Wisconsin; and Crete, Illinois. Recently he had been called as assistant by St. Mark's of Watertown, Wisconsin, and had accepted that call. But the Lord had other plans for Pastor Heier and took him to himself on August 26, just 45 days after the death of his wife. At the time of his death he had reached an age of 70 years, 1 month, and 10 days.



Otto W. Heier

His marriage to Clara Mehlberg on July 29, 1936, was blessed with three daughters, all of whom survive their parents. They are Mrs. William (Marilyn) Godfrey, Mrs. Joseph (Suzanne) Banholzer, and Mrs. Roger (Lynda) Oemig. Also surviving are the sons-in-law, eight grandchildren, and one sister.

The funeral service was conducted at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Tomah, with Pastor Kenneth Gast officiating. Using Romans 8:28 as his text, he spoke on "The Christian's



Death is Good News." Pastor Donald Bitter, president of the Western Wisconsin District, also addressed the mourning congregation.

Those who knew Pastor Heier are confident that he died in saving faith in his Redeemer, Jesus Christ.

**Prof. Karl G. Sievert  
1889 - 1980**

It pleased the Lord God to call out of this life the soul of Prof. Karl G. Sievert on Monday, August 11, 1980. He was born March 25, 1889, in Watertown, Wisconsin, the son of Louis C. and Emily Sievert.

Professor Sievert served the Savior for 50 years in the public ministry, from 1921 to 1971. He attended Michigan Lutheran Seminary and Northwestern College. Upon his graduation from the Seminary at Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, in 1921, he accepted the call to be the first missionary at Willow Lake Lutheran Church, Willow Lake, South Dakota. In the spring of 1925 he accepted the call to serve Emmanuel Lutheran at Grover, South Dakota. In July 1928 he accepted the call to be the first

professor and president of Northwestern Lutheran Academy, Mobridge, South Dakota. For 43 years Professor Sievert (known affectionately by hundreds of students as "KG") labored tirelessly for his Lord, teaching all subjects at one time or another, and privately tutoring a number of Mobridge young people in Latin and German. In addition to this, he still found time to serve as vacancy pastor for a number of churches in the area and to serve as secretary of the Dakota-Montana District.

On July 27, 1923, Professor Sievert married a daughter of the congregation, Bertha H. Gehrke. Left to mourn his passing, in addition to his faithful wife, are four sons, John, Walter, Arthur and Richard; one daughter, Mrs. Norma Neumann; 15 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. He is also survived by three brothers, Professor Rudolph of Watertown, Wisconsin; Teacher Richard of Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin; and Professor Erich at New Ulm, Minnesota. Also surviving are four sisters, Ada, Hertha and Gertrude and Mrs. Alma Schwenzen, all of Watertown, Wisconsin.



Karl G. Sievert

Professor Sievert was a member of Zion Ev. Lutheran, Mobridge, where his pastor, the Rev. Mark Lindner, on August 15, 1980, comforted relatives and friends on the basis of 2 Timothy 4:7,8. By God's grace Professor Sievert has fought the good fight and has finished the course that Jesus laid out for him. Professor Sievert's hope of eternal life is now realized. That is the confident hope which all faithful pastors, teachers and lay people look forward to.

**Direct from the Districts**

**MICHIGAN**

Reporter Edward Schaeve

**First Confirmands at Redeemer, Pembroke, Ontario**

The members of Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church live each day aware of the love and mercy of him whose name they bear. As early as 1973 Lutheran Christians began meeting in Pembroke, a town of 16,000 along the Ottawa River, to hear the Word of God minus the seeds of doubt and deception. Public services were started in 1974 in a local school. The years 1973-1978 saw Redeemer being served on an alternating basis by the Wisconsin Synod pastors and vicars of our Ottawa area churches, 200 miles southeast.

In 1978 a small chapel unexpectedly became available and was purchased with gifts and loans from supportive

friends. Volunteer labor beautifully renovated it for worship. Rev. Frederic H. Zarling was installed as the first resident pastor on Feb. 11, 1979, in the middle of a cold winter snap. No matter . . . hearts were warmed by the Redeemer.



Joy at Pembroke

July 6, 1980, saw the Redeemer add Gregory and Jeffrey Quast to his church. These two young men represent the first adult confirmation class.

Pictured with them are their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Quast, also recent members, and their grandmother.

Redeemer Congregation does not have the most impressive church building in town. It does not have the largest membership in town. In fact, quite the opposite is true. Yet this Canadian congregation along the Trans-Canada Highway has all that it needs: the Redeemer, faithfully proclaimed in word and deed.

Rev. David E. Priebe

**Building Up and Going Out!**

Proceeding north from the Ohio Turnpike up Ohio 108, you pass simultaneously into Michigan and the City of Morenci, "The Friendliest Gateway to the Water Wonderland." This rural community of 2,200 people was without a Lutheran church until Trinity was organized on May 15, 1950.

Thirty years later, on Sunday evening, May 18, 1980, members and friends of the congregation gathered to give glory to God for the blessings of Word and sacraments for these 30



years. A former pastor of Trinity, the Rev. Mark Lenz, using Romans 10:1-17 and the theme "Reaching Through Preaching," stressed the inestimable benefits that the preaching of the church has brought to this sin-laden world and to each of Trinity's members in particular. Then he reminded them of their obligation and joy to preach this good news to others.

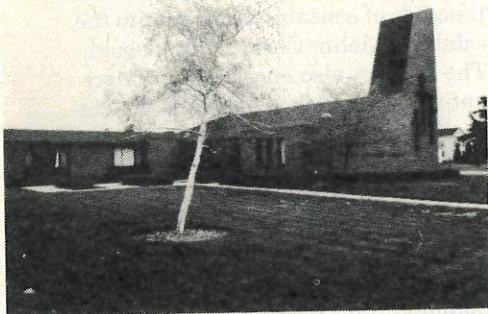
After the service Pastor Lenz was dazzled by the sight of the completed family wing which he had last seen under construction when he left Morenci seven years previously. He and his family were Trinity's guests of honor.

Other parts of the anniversary year included cottage meetings, featuring the slide presentation "Building Up and Going Out," and canvass outreach leading into a Bible Information Class. The congregation is presently striving to pay off its loan to the Church Extension Fund while also increasing its giving for mission purposes. In all these tasks, we pray the Lord for strength so we can put the slogan "Building Up and Going Out" into action in our lives.

The following had a role in the exploratory work (44-49) in Morenci: R. Scheele, C. Schmelzer, E. Schmelzer, A. Baer, T. Thurow. Pastors who have served Trinity are: Adolph Hueschen (49-64), Larry Pautz (64-68), Mark Lenz (69-72), Edward Fredrich (73-78), and Lynn Hukee, since 1978.

"Strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life" (Matthew 7:14). So Jesus speaks to us in 1980. In "the Friendliest Gateway to the Water Wonderland" may Trinity have friendly doors to point souls to that gate leading to the wonders of eternal life!

Lynn Hukee



Trinity, Morenci, Michigan

## MINNESOTA

Reporter Del Begalka

### Claire Reiter Observes 25th

"A Review of Our Ministry" was the theme which Pastor Gerhard Schmelting of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, expounded on in a service marking the 25th anniversary of the Rev. Clare Reiter in the holy ministry. Pastor Schmelting had confirmed him in Henry, South Dakota.

The anniversary service was held at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Willmar, Minnesota, on July 13, 1980. Teacher John Campbell of Seminole, Florida, son-in-law of Pastor Reiter, served as organist. The liturgist was Pastor Gerhard Birkholz, president of the Minnesota District.

Pastor Reiter's preseminary years differed from those experienced by most of the young men entering the WELS ministry. After graduation from high school, Clare Reiter became a farmer in Henry, South Dakota. During World War II he served three years in the U.S. Army. In 1944 he married Alvina Lohmiller and returned to farming. Only later did he decide to prepare for the ministry and enroll in Northwestern College, Watertown, Wisconsin. He graduated from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in 1955.

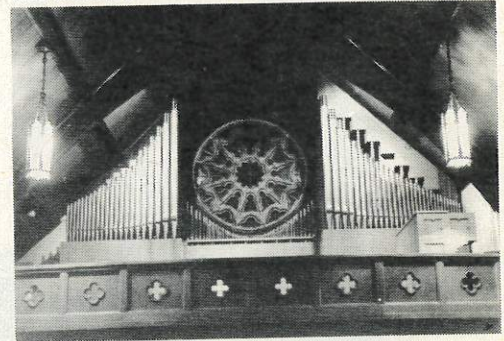
On July 17, 1955, he was ordained and installed as pastor of Trinity, Hendricks, Minnesota, and of St. Paul's, Argo Township, South Dakota. From 1960 to 1965 he was pastor of Redeemer Congregation, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. He served Trinity of Kiel, Wisconsin, from 1965 to 1975. He has been pastor of Immanuel, Willmar, Minnesota, since December 7, 1975.

Pastor and Mrs. Reiter are the parents of six children, all of whom were present for the special observance.

### Organ Dedicated at Trinity, Johnson, Minnesota

On Sunday, July 13, 1980, the members of Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Johnson, Minnesota, dedicated their new Wicks organ to the service of the Triune God. The dedication was held in connection with a special organ concert at which Prof. Edward Meyer of Dr. Martin Luther College presided at the organ. Each of the congrega-

tion's three organists, Robin Meers, Erika Moldenhauer, and Fran Fuhrman, also played a selection during the concert.



The new organ has 11 ranks, 15 stops, and 628 pipes. It utilizes some parts from the congregation's previous organ which was installed in 1902.

The dedication was conducted by the Rev. John Moldenhauer, pastor of Trinity at that time. The present pastor of the congregation is the Rev. Andrew Backus.

## NORTHERN WISCONSIN

Reporter Harlyn Kuschel

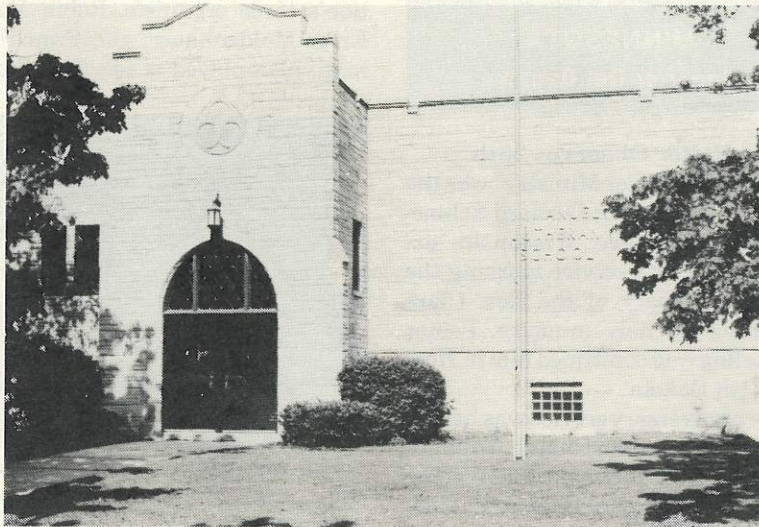
### Immanuel School, Kewaunee, Observes Centennial

The paramount theme of Immanuel Lutheran School, Kewaunee, Wisconsin, for the past 100 years has been "Feed My Lambs." On October 18 and 19, 1980, Immanuel Lutheran Congregation will celebrate a century of doing just that. Members and friends will join together on those two days in Christian fellowship to give thanks for the many blessings bestowed upon them and upon their Christian ancestors.

In 1875 Heinrich Nietmann, the son of Pastor L. Nietmann, activated a Bible study group. A more formal gathering was conducted by young Nietmann's sisters, the Misses Lydia and Christine Nietmann, in the later 1870s. It was Pastor A. Pieper who, in 1880, called upon the parents of Immanuel Lutheran to send their children to a full-term Christian day school conducted by himself.

There followed a succession of instructors which included Emma Kleinlein, Carl Brenner, William Bergholz, Fred Siegler, William Boelte, Hans Herfurth, Margaret Hartwig, Anna Theis, Ella Schaefer, Lillian Hoffmann and Elfrieda Pautz — to mention just a





Immanuel Lutheran School, Kewaunee, Wisconsin

few. It is interesting to note that Odelia Stuebs (Mrs. Carl Schwantes), who taught from 1927 to 1929, is a granddaughter of the above mentioned Lydia Nietmann (Mrs. Anton Hoffmann), thus carrying on a fine Christian family tradition.

One of the highlights of the two days of festivities in October will be a reunion of Immanuel Lutheran confirmands. On Saturday, October 18, a social gathering will be held in the fellowship hall for members and friends of the congregation. The centennial services will be conducted on Sunday, October 19, followed by a meal for the assembled guests.

#### October 1980 at Trinity in Kiel, Wisconsin

Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Kiel, Wisconsin, is celebrating its 75th anniversary during the month of October. The anniversary theme chosen by the congregation is Psalm 117: "O praise the Lord, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people. For his merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the Lord endureth forever. Praise ye the Lord." All Sundays in October are being used to "praise the Lord."

One of Trinity's former pastors, the Rev. Clare Reiter, opened the series of anniversary services emphasizing the "Gospel Ministry" as carried on in Trinity Congregation. The next Sunday, October 12, a son of the congregation, Pastor Robert Krueger, is speaking on "Christian Education."

On October 19, another son of Trinity, Pastor Kenneth Gast, will help the

congregation look beyond the city limits of Kiel and praise the Lord for "Missions." This Sunday has also been designated as Confirmation Reunion Sunday.

All of the above services are scheduled for 10:00 A.M. But on October 26 there will be two services — an English communion service at 7:30 A.M. and a German communion service at 10:00 A.M. In both services, Trinity will praise the Lord for its "Reformation Heritage." Pastor Donald Nimmer will speak in the 7:30 service and Pastor Robert Meiselwitz in the German service. Both are sons of the congregation.

Pastor of Trinity Congregation is the Rev. Richard E. Warnke.

#### SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN

Reporter Robert Kleist

#### H. J. Lemke Retires

After serving in the parish ministry for 49 years, Pastor Herbert J. Lemke retired as of July 20, the day he preached his farewell sermon at Emmanuel, Hartford, and Zion, Theresa, Wisconsin. He and his wife, the former Helen Kussow, are making their home in Lomira, Wisconsin.

From 1931 to 1938 Pastor Lemke served the parish in Crandon-Argonne, Wisconsin. During that time he also served Enterprise-Monico from 1931 to 1933 and started a mission at Hiles in 1933. The years 1938 to 1941 were spent at Manistique-Germfask,

Michigan, after which he was installed a second time at Enterprise-Monico, serving there until 1944. St. John's at Lomira, Wisconsin, was his next parish. While there he was instrumental in opening a Christian day school in 1945. He served Trinity Lutheran in Lincoln, Michigan, from 1951 to 1958, and while there organized the congregation in Mio. Memorial Lutheran at Williamstown, Michigan, was his charge from 1958 to 1962. Since 1962 he had served Emmanuel at Hartford and Zion at Theresa.

#### WESTERN WISCONSIN

Reporter Harold Sturm

#### Centennial Observed by Trinity of Mt. Carroll, Illinois

Trinity Lutheran Church of Mount Carroll, Illinois, celebrated its centennial on June 29, 1980. A former pastor of Trinity, the Rev. Lester Hieber of Indianapolis, Indiana, delivered the sermon in the morning service, and the president of the Synod, Pastor Carl H. Mischke, brought the centennial message in the afternoon. A son of the congregation, the Rev. James Rath of Plymouth, Wisconsin, assisted with the liturgy. The noon meal, served by the ladies of the congregation, was followed by a program and pageant.

The congregation's history dates back to 1880 when it was organized. At first affiliated with The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, it turned to the Wisconsin Synod for pastoral care in 1956. Since 1962 it has been served as part of a dual parish together with St. Peter's of Savanna.

Throughout its history, Trinity Congregation has enjoyed many visible blessings. Among them is its parish hall which was built in 1975 with the proceeds of a sizable bequest from the estate of John Charles Heinbaugh. The bequest also enabled the congregation to remodel its church completely. The legacy will certainly benefit Christ's church in Mount Carroll for many years to come.

Twelve pastors have served Trinity over the past 100 years. They are: L. Schwartz, J. Graupner, C. Mueller, C. Sommer, Ph. Estel, J. Buenger, L. Hoepfner, E. Wiedbusch, L. Hieber, C.





Trinity Lutheran Church, Mt. Carroll, Illinois

Noffke, H. Hahnke, and at present Wayne E. Schneider.

As an expression of its gratitude to God for 100 years of his grace and blessing, Trinity Congregation decided to give \$5,000 to the Wisconsin Synod Scholarship Fund. It is the hope and prayer of every member that this gift will glorify God and help train more pastors and teachers to go out into the world's harvest field.

As Trinity looks into the future, it is confident of God's continued blessings.

W. E. Schneider

#### REFORMATION AT GLORIA DEI-BETHESDA

A special Reformation service will be held at Gloria Dei-Bethesda Ev. Lutheran Church, 9420 W. Capitol Drive, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on Friday, October 31, 1980, beginning at 7:00 p.m. President Carl H. Mischke will be the guest preacher. You are invited to attend.

#### WELS LUTHERANS FOR LIFE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

**Date:** November 9, 1980; 6:15 p.m. buffet; 7:00 p.m. meeting.  
**Place:** Christ the King Ev. Lutheran Church, 100 W. Michigan Avenue, Palatine, Illinois 60067.  
**Program:** What Can a Christian Do About Abortion? Prof. J. Gerlach; Pearson Foundation slide presentation, entitled "LIFE"; How a Pregnancy Counseling Center Operates: Mrs. Cindi Sampe; Election of a Board of Directors.  
**Note:** All interested WELS members are invited to participate.

Norman T. Paul, Pastor

#### REFORMATION SERVICE

The annual Reformation Service of the Central Conference, Western Wisconsin District, is scheduled to be held at Lakeside Lutheran High School, Lake Mills, Wisconsin, on Sunday, November 2, at 2:30 p.m. The speaker will be Prof. James Fricke. Professor Fricke will direct attention to the Lutheran Confessions, especially to the *Formula of Concord* and the *Augsburg Confession*.

Area adult and children's choirs will also help beautify the service. All are welcome to attend.

## CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES

### ARIZONA-CALIFORNIA DISTRICT PASTORAL CONFERENCE

**Date:** October 28-30, 1980; Communion service at 10:00 a.m., October 28.  
**Place:** Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Mesa, Arizona; D. Schultz, host pastor.  
**Agenda:** Exegesis of Revelation 20; J. Naumann; Historical Background to the *Book of Concord*; J. Huemann; The Mission Message of Isaiah; E. Hoenecke; The Age of Accountability; W. Diehl; Brotherly Admonition; L. Smith; Guidelines for Organizing Special Ministries Boards in Local Congregations; M. Wagenknecht.  
 P. A. Koelpin, Secretary

### MINNESOTA DISTRICT LUTHERAN TEACHERS' CONFERENCE

**Date:** October 16-17, 1980; 9:00 a.m. Opening Service.  
**Place:** St. Croix Lutheran High School and Emanuel Lutheran School, West St. Paul, Minnesota.  
**Agenda:** Effective Discipline in the Light of God's Word; A. Quist; Human Engineering; D. Ponath; Certification in Minnesota; Sectionals, Reports, Business Meeting.  
 B. Leier, Secretary

### NEBRASKA DISTRICT TEACHERS' CONFERENCE

**Date:** October 16-17, 1980; 9:00 a.m. Opening Service.  
**Place:** Trinity Lutheran, Hoskins, Nebraska.  
**Preacher:** W. Bruss.  
**Agenda:** The Address and First Petition as Applied to the Life of the Child; Pastor R. Beckmann; The Christian Teacher's Place in the Congregation; Pastor Dennis Hayes and Faculty of Good Shepherd Lutheran School.  
 N. Enter, Secretary

### NORTHERN WISCONSIN LAKE SUPERIOR PASTORAL CONFERENCE

**Date:** October 21-22, 1980; Communion service at 9:30 a.m. CST.  
**Place:** St. John's, Grover, Wisconsin; K. Wenzel, host pastor.  
**Preacher:** W. Steffenhagen; D. Tills, alternate.  
**Agenda:** *Augsburg Confession*, Article XIII; E. Lindquist; Isagogical Study of Micah; J. Kingsbury; Today's Concept of Baptismal Sponsorship; K. Wenzel; Scriptural Injunctions Which Have Not Become Part of Our Tradition; J. Hering; Exegesis of 1 Peter 2: P. Baldauf; Preparing for Adolescence; M. Hannemann; Is Celibacy a Valid Option?; K. Wenzel.  
 M. Hannemann, Secretary

### WISCONSIN

#### WISCONSIN LUTHERAN STATE TEACHERS' CONFERENCE

**Date:** October 23-24, 1980.  
**Place:** Wisconsin Lutheran High School, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.  
**Agenda:** **Thursday:** 9:00 Opening Service; 9:55 Announcements; 10:00 Doctrinal Paper on "Dealing with Humanism in Today's World"; Prof. A. Koelpin; 11:15 Elections, NWC and NPS Reports; 1:15 Devotion; 1:25 BPE Report; 1:55 DMLC and MLPS Reports; 2:30 Sectional — **Friday:** 9:00 Devotions; 9:15 Business Meeting; 10:00 Sectionals; 1:00 Devotion and Sectionals; 2:40 WLC Report, Unfinished Business and Closing Service.  
 J. Tetzlaff, Secretary  
 Program Committee

#### LUTHERAN SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS' CONFERENCE

**Date:** October 23-24, 1980.  
**Place:** Wisconsin Lutheran College, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.  
**Agenda:** **Thursday:** 9:00 Opening Service; 10:00 Educating the New Man; Prof. T. Kuster; 1:30 Devotion; 1:45 Departmental Sectionals; 3:15 High School Soul Conservation — How to Hold through High School and Retain after Graduation; Prof. R. Baige. **Friday:** 9:00 Devotion; 9:15 Reports; 10:30 Business Meeting; 1:00 Devotion; 1:15 Departmental Sectionals; 2:15 The Challenge of Secondary Education for the 80s — The Role of Each Individual; Rev. J. Parcher; 3:15 Closing.  
 M. P. Sponholz



## ORDINATIONS AND INSTALLATIONS

(Authorized by the District Presidents)

### Ordained and Installed

#### Pastors:

- Birner, Phillip M.**, as pastor of St. Matthew's, Iron Ridge, Wisconsin, on July 13, 1980, by H. Birner (SEW).
- Blitter, Mark**, as assistant pastor at Zion, South Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on July 20, 1980, by P. Hartwig (SEW).
- Haefner, Mark A.**, as pastor of Zebaoth, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on July 13, 1980, by R. Westendorf (SEW).
- Jeske, Mark A.**, as pastor of St. Marcus, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on June 29, 1980, by E. Huebner (SEW).
- Klusmeyer, Thomas A.**, as assistant pastor at Gloria Dei-Bethesda, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on July 6, 1980, by L. Ade (SEW).
- Lehrkamp, Robert W.**, as pastor of St. Paul's, Lomira, and of St. Luke's, Knowles, Wisconsin, on July 6, 1980, by E. Kitzewer (SEW).
- Noldan, Robert III**, as pastor of Zion, Town Theresa, Theresa, and of Emmanuel, Town Herman, Hartford, Wisconsin, on August 3, 1980, by H. Lemke (SEW).
- Pasch, Kenneth H.**, as instructor and assistant to the dean at Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota, on August 24, 1980, by E. Knief (Minn.).
- Plagenz, Michael G.**, as pastor of St. James, Evanston, Illinois, on July 13, 1980, by G. Schaumberg (SEW).
- Ray, Keith W.**, as pastor and instructor at Michigan Lutheran High School, St. Joseph, Michigan, on August 24, 1980, by P. Bell (Mich.).
- Rosenow, David D.**, as assistant pastor at Salem, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on July 13, 1980, by W. Nommensen (SEW).
- Russow, David P.**, as missionary pastor in Caspar, Wyoming, on July 20, 1980, by H. Russow (NE).
- Simons, Daniel W.**, as pastor of St. Matthew's, Port Washington, Wisconsin, on July 6, 1980, by A. Buenger (SEW).
- Zell, Edward G.**, ordained as missionary to the Medford, Oregon, area at Lola Park Lutheran Church, Detroit, Michigan, on June 29, 1980, by E. Zell, Sr., and installed at Medford, Oregon, on July 27, 1980, by W. Widmann (PNW).

### Installed

#### Pastors:

- Enderle, George**, as pastor of St. Paul's, Slinger, and of St. Paul's, Cedar Lake, Wisconsin, on June 15, 1980, by F. Gilbert (SEW).

- Huebner, Lloyd O.**, as president of Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota, on August 24, 1980, by E. Knief (Minn.).
- Pope, Nathan R.**, as second pastor of First Lutheran, Racine, Wisconsin, on June 29, 1980, by R. Pope (SEW).
- Semenske, Douglas M.**, as pastor of St. Andrew's, Chicago, Illinois, on June 15, 1980, by D. Dolan (SEW).
- Thompson, Donald L.**, as pastor of Our Shepherd, Crown Point, Indiana, on May 25, 1980, by J. Zickuhr (SEW).
- Wendland, Mark T.**, as instructor at Winnebago Lutheran Academy, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, on August 25, 1980, by M. Putz (NW).
- Zarling, Thomas F.**, as dean of students at Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota, on August 24, 1980, by E. Knief (Minn.).

#### Teachers:

- Bartelt, David W.**, as teacher at Bethany, Hustisford, Wisconsin, on August 24, 1980, by J. Graf (SEW).
- De Garmo, Mark**, as instructor at Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota, on August 24, 1980, by E. Knief (Minn.).
- Diener, Richard A.**, as teacher at Salem, Stillwater, Minnesota, on August 24, 1980, by D. Gosdeck (Minn.).
- Essmann, David H.**, as teacher at Mt. Olive, Bay City, Michigan, on August 10, 1980, by S. Korth (Mich.).
- Grebe, Karl E.**, as principal and teacher at St. Luke's, Little Chute, Wisconsin, on August 24, 1980, by L. Vaccarella (NW).
- Gronholz, John E.**, as instructor at Evergreen Lutheran High School, DuPont, Washington, on August 24, 1980, by D. Sabrowsky (PNW).
- Haakenson, Cary J.**, as principal and teacher at St. John's, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, on August 10, 1980, by G. Jahnke (SEW).
- Holtz, Roger C.**, as principal and teacher at Christ, Beatrice, Nebraska, on August 3, 1980, by W. Wietzke (NE).
- Jaeger, Gene A.**, as instructor at Nebraska Ev. Lutheran High School, Waco, Nebraska, on August 24, 1980, by P. Zarling (NE).
- Klukas, Larry**, as instructor at Winnebago Lutheran Academy, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, on August 25, 1980, by K. Gurgel (NW).
- Lohmiller, Frederick M.**, as teacher at Trinity, Kaukauna, Wisconsin, on August 24, 1980, by A. Martens (NW).
- Menk, Roland R.**, as professor at Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota, on August 24, 1980, by E. Knief (Minn.).
- Meyer, Henry J.**, as principal and teacher at St. John's, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on August 24, 1980, by M. Schulz (SEW).

- Nelson, Jason M.**, as principal and teacher at Shepherd of the Valley, Westminster, Colorado, on July 20, 1980, by J. Kuehl (NE).
- Neujahr, David J.**, as instructor at Evergreen Lutheran High School, DuPont, Washington, on August 24, 1980, by D. Sabrowsky (PNW).
- Ohland, Duane E.**, as teacher at Grace, Portland, Oregon, on August 3, 1980, by W. Widmann (PNW).
- Pekrul, William A.**, as teacher at Martin Luther, Neenah, Wisconsin, on August 24, 1980, by C. J. Albrecht (NW).
- Pelischek, Randall**, as teacher at Bethany, Kenosha, Wisconsin, on August 17, 1980, by J. Martin (SEW).
- Peterson, Kenric F.**, as instructor at California Lutheran High School, Tustin, California, on August 31, 1980, by A. Habben (Ariz.-Calif.).
- Rodmyre, Stephan L.**, as principal and teacher at Trinity, Kaukauna, Wisconsin, on August 24, 1980, by A. Martens (NW).
- Rupnow, Kenneth C.**, as instructor at Manitowoc Lutheran High School, Manitowoc, Wisconsin, on August 25, 1980, by H. Kuschel (NW).
- Sawall, Robert L.**, as teacher at Fairview Lutheran School and director of Christian education at Nain Lutheran, West Allis, Wisconsin, on August 17, 1980, by G. Snyder (SEW).
- Schumacher, Peter**, as instructor at Wisconsin Lutheran College, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on August 24, 1980, by W. Mueller (SEW).
- Sellnow, Larry M.**, as teacher at East Fork Lutheran Apache Mission, East Fork, Arizona, on August 31, 1980, by H. Hartzell (Ariz.-Calif.).
- Sitz, Jeffrey**, as instructor and dormitory supervisor at Evergreen Lutheran High School, DuPont, Washington, on August 24, 1980, by D. Sabrowsky (PNW).
- Uecker, Scott E.**, as principal and teacher at Trinity, Waukesha, Wisconsin, on August 3, 1980, by W. Mueller (SEW).
- Uttech, Frederick H.**, as principal and teacher at Bethany, Manitowoc, Wisconsin, on August 31, 1980, by L. Ellenberger (NW).
- Voigt, Steven P.**, as principal and teacher at St. John's, Lomira, Wisconsin, on July 27, 1980, by N. Retzlaff (SEW).
- Wendler, David O.**, as professor at Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota, on August 24, 1980, by E. Knief (Minn.).
- Zemple, Dean D.**, as teacher at Zion, Toledo, Ohio, on August 7, 1980, by N. Maas (Minn.).

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## NEW WELS CHURCHES

### Names Requested

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

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

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

Alaska	Kenai
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
	Novi*
	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.

## EXPLORATORY

### 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.

### NOVI, MICHIGAN

WELS exploratory services are being held in the Novi, Walled Lake, Wixom area near Detroit, Michigan, on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. Novi Area Lutheran Church offers worship services followed by Sunday school in the Novi Middle School NORTH on Taft Road near 11-mile. Send names of interested people to Pastor David J. Farley, 24260 Hampton Hill Road, Novi, Michigan 48050; phone: 313/340-0565.

## 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.

### AMHERST, NEW HAMPSHIRE

St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church formerly of Nashua, New Hampshire, is now worshipping in its own building on Craftsmen Lane in Amherst, New Hampshire. The time of service is 9:30 a.m. with Sunday school and Bible class at 10:30 a.m. For more information, please contact Pastor Richard H. Schleicher, Naticook Road, Merrimack, New Hampshire 03054; phone 603/889-3027.

## NAMES WANTED

### 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.

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## Leaving the Church

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striving to purge our church of their likes?

The church can, and should, carefully teach that her position on the sins of our times is God's position as he makes it known in the Bible. It can plead with people to make them realize that when they turn away from Christ's church, they are also in serious danger of losing Christ as well.

Above all, the church can be patient, hoping and praying that the Holy Spirit will work repentance in the person who has chosen a sinful lifestyle. We can watch, like a father awaiting the return of a prodigal, for those little signals which people put out indicating that they want to talk and to re-evaluate the way they have been living. And when the Lord leads them to repent, we can joyfully accept them back into the family of our Lord Jesus Christ.

T. Franzmann

### 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 Board of Trustees

### HANDBELL FESTIVAL

A handbell festival is being planned for April 25-27, 1981, at St. John's Lutheran Church, Burlington, Wisconsin. All WELS and ELS children and adult handbell choirs are invited to participate.

For information write: Mrs. Harvey Schaal, c/o St. John's Lutheran Church, 198 Westridge Avenue, Burlington, Wisconsin 53105.

### SYNOCDICAL CERTIFICATION COURSES

Dr. Martin Luther College has arranged to offer an extension course, *Rel. 2E New Testament History*, at St. Croix Lutheran High School, St. Paul, Minnesota, beginning November 1 and meeting regularly on Saturday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. until February 28, 1981. Pastor Roderick G. Luebchow of St. Croix Lutheran High School has consented to teach the course.

All teachers who have been accepted into the Synodical Certification program are encouraged to enroll. Others may enroll for audit or credit.

If you are interested, please contact Prof. George Heckmann, Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, MN 56073, Phone (507) 354-8221 Ext. 231.



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# Controller's Report

## PREBUDGET SUBSCRIPTION PERFORMANCE

Eight months ended August 31, 1980

	Subscription Amount for 1980	8/12 of Annual Subscription	Subscription and Pension Offerings	Per Cent of Subscription
Arizona-California	\$ 642,765	\$ 428,510	\$ 394,898	92.2
Dakota-Montana	296,950	197,967	163,108	82.4
Michigan	1,602,097	1,068,065	904,570	84.7
Minnesota	1,717,765	1,145,177	1,018,990	89.0
Nebraska	363,830	242,553	208,139	85.8
Northern Wisconsin	1,797,860	1,198,573	1,023,752	85.4
Pacific Northwest	167,520	111,680	94,013	84.2
Southeastern Wisconsin	2,166,313	1,444,209	1,248,232	86.4
Western Wisconsin	2,049,987	1,366,658	1,133,057	82.9
South Atlantic	164,456	109,637	100,786	91.9
Total — 1980	\$10,969,543	\$7,313,029	\$6,289,545	86.0
Total — 1979	\$ 9,456,061	\$6,304,040	\$5,841,191	92.7

## CURRENT BUDGETARY FUND

### Statement of Income and Expenditures

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

Twelve months ended August 31

	1980	1979	Increase or (Decrease)	
			Amount	Per Cent
<b>Income:</b>				
Prebudget Subscription Offerings	\$10,169,739	\$ 9,391,772	\$ 777,967	8.3
Pension Plan Contributions	68,556	80,044	(11,488)	(14.4)
Gifts and Memorials	512,684	202,976	309,708	153.6
Bequests	469,562	194,447	275,115	141.5
Earnings from Fox Trust	80,238	67,427	12,811	19.0
Other Income	5,135	11,496	(6,361)	(55.3)
Transfers from Other Funds	41,762	93,813	(52,051)	(55.5)
Total Income	\$11,347,676	\$10,041,975	\$1,305,701	13.0
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
Worker-Training	\$ 4,329,173	\$3,722,832	\$ 606,341	16.3
Home Missions	2,238,416	2,026,320	212,096	10.5
World Missions	1,898,460	1,989,834	(91,374)	(4.6)
Benevolences	1,149,110	1,094,920	54,190	4.9
Administration and Services	1,250,256	1,029,597	220,659	21.4
Total Operations	\$10,865,415	\$9,863,503	\$1,001,912	10.2
CEF — Interest Subsidy	817,369	788,548	28,821	3.7
Appropriations — Bldg. Funds	679,875	295,948	383,927	129.7
Total Expenditures	\$12,362,659	\$10,947,999	\$1,414,660	12.9
Operating Gain/(Loss)	\$ (1,014,983)	\$ (906,024)		

Norris Koopmann, Treasurer & Controller  
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There is a change in the way PBS offerings will be credited between January 1 and January 15. During this period remittances should be identified as either *December Offerings* or *January Offerings*. *December Offerings* will be included in the 1980 calendar year PBS Performance Report sent to congregations. If no designation is shown on the remittance form during this period the offerings will be credited as January receipts.

## HOPE LUTHERAN'S 50TH

As part of Hope-Detroit's 50th anniversary celebration all former youth and adult confirmands are invited back to be guests at our Christian Education Sunday worship and potluck on November 9, 1980. Worship service at 10:45 a.m. and potluck at 12:00 noon.

## AVAILABLE: CHURCH FURNITURE

Altar, pulpit, lectern, hymnboard, communion rail, 22 pews (9') to any church for the cost of transportation. Parameters for all seasons included. Contact Rev. James P. Seelow, Box 425, Mayville, Michigan 48744; phone: 517/843-5851.

## NEEDED

St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Exploratory Mission, Wheeling, Illinois, is in need of used hymnals and two sight-saving hymnals. Shipping charges will gladly be paid by the congregation. Address answers to Pastor Michael G. Plagenz, Apt. 1, 2238 Central Street, Evanston, Illinois 60201.

## COMMUNIONWARE NEEDED

If any congregation has communionware that it is not using, esp. a common cup chalice and flagon, our mission in Leesburg, Florida, will put them to good use. We will pay the cost of shipping. Please contact Pastor Earl Noffsinger, 1317 Mariva Avenue, Leesburg, Florida 32748; phone: 904/728-1827.

## EVANGELISM REFORMATION SERVICE

A new worship service stressing evangelism is now available for the Festival of Reformation. It is entitled "The Truth Preserved — For Us to Share." It was prepared by the Commission on Evangelism of the Nebraska District. This attractive six-page service, which includes all the hymns, is published by the The Evangelism Bookshop. The price is 25¢ for reproduction on your own equipment. It may also be ordered in lots of 50 at reduced cost. Order from: THE EVANGELISM BOOKSHOP, 3624 W. North Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53208, or call: 414/442-6092.

## NEW RECORDINGS SEMINARY MALE CHORUS

Two new recordings of the Seminary Male Chorus, "The Life of the Christian," the song service sung in spring of 1980, and "Christmas Vespers at the Seminary" are available in disc or cassette form for \$6.00 each, postpaid. Order from

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