

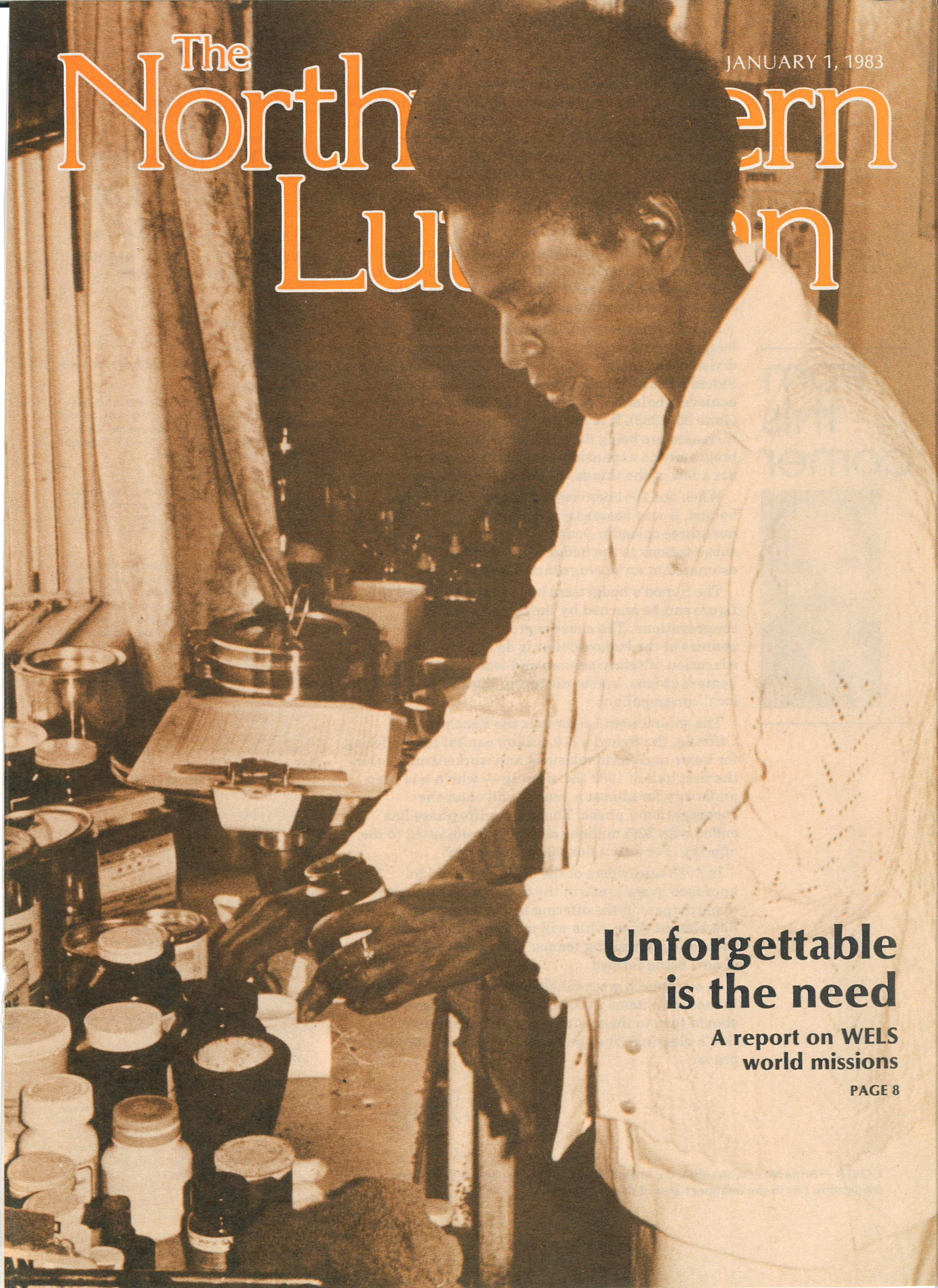
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## from this corner



As you read these lines the new year will be nearing or just past. The new year with all its uncertainties of life and fortune. The new year with its great sorrows and greater joys. All of this is hidden from our sight. "From whence cometh my help?" asks a psalm appointed to be read New Year's Day. "My help cometh from the Lord," is the unfaltering reply. That word has sustained God's people for almost 3,000 years. Let it do for another year.

But in the year ahead there are certain matters which can be clearly seen. It is to two of these items that I would like to refer. The first of these is the Synod's operating budget.

I am still temporarily involved rather deeply in the budgeting process of the Synod as chairman of a division and member of the Coordinating Council, the Synod's budgeting agency. We are struggling to achieve a balanced budget by the end of our fiscal year (June 30, 1983). It is not easy: promised salary increases are being deferred temporarily, no new programs, no expansion of existing programs — those are a few of the things that have been necessary.

When the 1981 convention adopted the biennial budget, it was necessary to estimate offerings for the next three calendar years. Congregational subscriptions to the budget for calendar 1983 were estimated at an *average* increase of eight percent.

The Synod's budgeteers hope that under God this figure can be reached by the Synod's 1,150 congregations. The cause is great: all but a few pennies of the budget dollar is devoted to the education of future pastors and teachers, to world and home missions, and to nurturing the saints of God in local congregations.

The second item I refer to is the Reaching Out Offering, the Synod's \$10 million capital fund offering for home and world missions and worker-training. In the first half of 1983 the offering — which has been underway for almost a year — will enter the congregational phase. The major gifts phase has ended with \$2.5 million (and more) committed to the offering. For that a doxology is in order!

In 1983 the leaders of the offering intend to approach every home in the Synod with an invitation to participate in the offering in the measure that God has blessed them. This will mobilize thousands and thousands of visiting teams. The organization to do so is now being formed.

In our church work much depends on what happens to these two items in the new year. Our attention should turn to them with a prayer in our heart for God's blessing. That too would be a good new year prayer.

*James P. Schaefer*

COVER — Anna Masele, an aide at the Mwembezi, Zambia dispensary. She is shown at the medication cart in the treatment area of the dispensary.

May the Lord our God be with us  
as he was with our fathers;  
may he never leave  
or forsake us. 1 Kings 8:57

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# Out of Egypt I called my son

When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay here until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him."

So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: "Out of Egypt I called my son" (Matthew 2:13-15).

The Christmas season is a most joyous one for us Christians. And it should be, for it marks a high point in our worship, based as it is on the church year cycle. But even without our church year, that first Christmas season was a mountain peak also for Joseph and Mary, marking the fulfillment of all that the angels had announced about the wonderful Child who would be born to them.

## A spiritual high

The shepherds substantiated that with the good news of God's favor resting on men. Simeon in the Temple took the Child in his arms and rejoiced over the salvation which God had "prepared in the sight of all people." Anna kept speaking of him to all who were "looking forward to redemption in Jerusalem." And as a crowning touch, wise men came from the east, worshiping him as their King and presenting him with precious gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Our study opens with the departure of those wise men. Matthew tells us, "When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream." But then, like a jarring discord in a lilting and harmonious symphony, comes the shocking announcement, "Herod is going to search for the child to kill him."

## Shocking, but true

That warning of danger also came through an angel. It was God's message, as truthful and reliable as the

joyous prediction of the Savior's birth. It was a message that allowed Joseph no arguing or pleading. "Get up," the angel ordered, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you." Stunned but obedient, Joseph "got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, where he stayed until the death of Herod."

Our immediate reaction is one of outrage. "Why should a petty kinglet like Herod be allowed so to mistreat the Son of God?" we ask. Scripture gives us a simple but surprising answer. He suffered it *for us*. It was part of Christ's humiliation. Though he was rich, yet for our sakes he became poor. He humbled himself and became obedient unto death. Willingly, intentionally, he subjected himself to hardship and danger — yes, even death, *for our sakes*.

## In fulfillment of prophecy

But why flee to Egypt? Why not join the wise men, themselves on their way home by a route that avoided Herod? Why not flee to friendly territory in the east? Again Scripture gives us the answer. Matthew says of the flight, "And so was fulfilled what the Lord has said through the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I called my son.'"

As we look at the prophecies of the Old Testament, fulfilled in the New, we realize that our gracious God is completely in control. Nothing happens by chance or by accident in this

world. Even the details of Christ's flight to Egypt were foreknown by God and foretold through his prophet Hosea. To be sure, Hosea in the first instance was speaking of the children of Israel whom God had rescued from Pharaoh's bondage in Egypt and of whom God says, "When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son" (11:1). But that did not exhaust the prophecy. Its ultimate fulfillment was reached in Christ, when God restored his Son to Palestine, there to live a perfect life for us and to die an innocent death in our stead.

## For our assurance

God knows and controls all things, — even a wicked king Herod. How important it is for us to know that as we stand at the threshold of a new year! There will come in the next 365 days a mixture of joys and sorrows, hardships and pleasures. God knows them all, and he will control them for our benefit.

But how can we be sure of that? Scripture says: Look what he has done in and through his Son, Christ Jesus. The Apostle Paul in writing to the Romans, confidently declares, "He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all — how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?" (8:32.) Therein lies our confidence for today, for the new year, and for all eternity. □



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## Thou canst help when earthly armor faileth

The devastation wrought by a nuclear war is frightful to contemplate — cities incinerated, tens of millions of their inhabitants burned to a crisp, millions of wretched survivors suffering horribly and hopelessly, a nation paralyzed and in havoc. We shrink from even visualizing such a holocaust.

Appalled by this dreadful prospect, church groups are issuing ringing calls for nuclear disarmament. Some of their leaders verge on demanding that our nation abandon or destroy its nuclear arsenal even if an aggressive, powerful, and perfidious Soviet Union has both declared and demonstrated that it is bent on domination and nuclear supremacy.

Catholic bishops have asserted: "In the nuclear arsenals of the United States or the Soviet Union alone, there exists a capacity to do something no other age can imagine. We can threaten the created order. Today the destructive potential of the nuclear powers *threatens the sovereignty of God over the world* [emphasis added] he brought into being. We could destroy His work." The Lutheran Peace Fellowship had voiced the same dread: "Nuclear weapons in existence at this time have the potential to destroy life on this planet."

Aside from the fact that these churchmen are committing the folly of trying to operate the kingdoms of the world like the kingdom of God, though our Lord clearly said, "My kingdom is not of this world," and aside from exercising political judgment they do not have and where they cannot declare, "Thus saith the Lord," they may well be representing the concerns of Christian citizens regarding nuclear war. Christian citizens have the right to call upon nuclear powers to work for a reduction of nuclear arms or even nuclear disarmament. Christian citizens have the right to appeal to reason and humanity to reduce the threat of nuclear destruction. They have the right to call for national diplomacy and negotiation to slow down his buildup to a holocaust. They have the right to work and pray for our nation's welfare. But neither Christians nor their leaders have the right to dethrone God. Nothing man is or can do can *threaten the sovereignty of God over the world*.

The strains of the Hallelujah Chorus have not yet died away: "The Lord God omnipotent reigneth." What kind of God do these spokesmen have that they question his sovereignty to prevent the destruction of his creation? Does the Creator lack the almighty power to overrule man's destruction of life on this earth?

Don't these church leaders remember what Jehoshaphat knew, "O Lord God of our fathers, art not thou God in heaven? and rulest not thou over all the kingdoms of the heathen? and in thine hand is there not power and might so that none is able to withstand thee?" Or the Psalmist, "He is the governor among the nations"? Or the hymnist, "He his church hath firmly founded, he will guard what he began"?

Why don't these spokesmen for the churches remind Christian people that they have a God who can overrule the plans and designs of evil men, who can stop naked power in its tracks, and who can turn human events to his purposes? Why don't they assure their people that they have a gracious God who cares for his children and his saints, even "when earthly armor faileth"? Where God loves, God will rule. Our Savior God is also the King of kings.

Carleton Toppe



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# letters

## Reservation about column

As a regular reader of the letter column, I have some reservations about the column which may be shared by others.

First of all, an individual's personal views may be interpreted by some as "what the Synod says." I do not say that this should be so — only that the possibility exists. Furthermore, people who write in may not represent a good "cross section" of Wisconsin Synod members, since people preoccupied with certain issues are more apt to write.

At times, discussion of certain issues can be frustrating because space does not permit the issues to be resolved. A case in point is a letter (October 15, p 293) on Mark Braun's story about infant baptism. I felt that Pastor Braun was criticized unfairly. Did he really wait 26 days so his child could be baptized on the same day he was? When I read the article, I thought it was just a coincidence. The writer of the letter also implied that it was a laudable practice to baptize children in the hospital. I would hate to see the day when our practice of administering the sacrament of baptism becomes a private affair and no longer takes place before the congregation of saints, to whom God entrusted it as a means of grace. (Except, of course, in cases of emergency.)

Space does not permit me to weigh the pros and cons of this issue. I suppose someone out there will be frustrated because this has not been fully discussed or resolved. Someone else may read this letter and think that baptizing in the hospital except in cases of emergency is wrong.

Get the point? But having said all this, I would not like to see the column dropped. It does give people of our Synod an opportunity to express their concerns, as I have just done.

Charles F. Degner  
Prior Lake, Minnesota

## Unique ministry

I read with great interest the article: "That's the Spirit . . . Catch It!" (October 1, p. 283).

About the time that Pastor Baumann received the assignment to do exploratory work in San Diego County, I was beginning the same kind of work in Orange County (Orlando), Florida.

The unique ministry that Pastor Gerlach describes sounds very familiar to me now. No congregation, no meetings, no

shut-in calls, no counseling, not even sermons to prepare at the outset.

Obviously there is a great amount of freedom in this type of ministry. Sometimes so much freedom and flexibility can be difficult to handle — it can be hard not to work with a congregation or by-laws! There aren't the immediate joy and satisfaction that come from sharing a Good News message with a hospitalized or shut-in member. Now the joys are the excitement and satisfaction that come almost exclusively from canvass and evangelism calls and adult information classes.

The article speaks of a ministry that may sound novel to many people, but as more and more pastors are called to exploratory fields the novelty will undoubtedly wear off. What must always remain are the continual prayers of all the members of WELS for this work and their gifts to the Church Extension Fund, of which the author also speaks.

By the way, when readers of The Northwestern Lutheran visit Walt Disney World and Epcot Center, we'd be pleased to have them worship with us in the Windermere Town Hall also.

Peter H. Kruschel  
Orlando, Florida

## Dedicate your interest

Most of us have heard and read about the financial needs and problems of our home churches and synod. Many programs must be frozen and some curtailed completely — the need becomes greater and greater. I am sure many of us have searched our hearts and reexamined our budgets, concluding we are giving all we can to the Lord's work here on earth. The needs of our family are also important and in today's economy it is sometimes a struggle just to meet these needs.

Allow me to present an idea I feel will adequately satisfy the needs of the church and give us the means to provide for our family needs as well. *Dedicate our savings to the Lord.* The idea is to give all interest earned on our savings and investments to the Lord in addition to our regular weekly contributions. The church will benefit without causing any hardships on our family budget. Our principal will stay intact to earn more interest for the Lord. The family savings will still be there should a need arise to use them.

Saving for the Lord makes sense. The church will have sufficient funds to carry out the Lord's wishes here on earth and we will be blessed in ways we never imagined. Let's join together and try it. It will be amazing what can be accomplished.

Larry R. Schneider  
Sheboygan, Wisconsin

## Exposition wanted

Today it may be hard for a Christian to oppose injecting the Bible into public life when fundamentalists are preaching "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people" and "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance," and when widespread disregard for Christian values has undermined American society, and in view of the fact that this nation, which had many Christians among its founders, some of whom did not differentiate clearly between church and state, became the mightiest nation to arise in centuries (even millennia) and an example of civic enlightenment to the rest of the world.

It may, however, become clearer to your readers why not to inject the Bible into public places if the editors would present a correct exposition of Proverbs 14:34 and Psalm 33:12, and some illustrations from New Testament history. How about comparing how the gospel fared in heathen Rome at Paul's time vs. in "Christian" Rome later? How about some incidents from English and Colonial American history?

Stephen Charles Allen  
Tucson, Arizona

## Helping people

Hooray for your column on helping those who need help both in foreign countries and at home (October 15, p. 290).

It has been said that the trouble with America is that it will go to church on Sunday morning, put a dollar in an envelope for foreign missions and then go home and tell its neighbor to "get lost."

Perhaps the church is not a social agency, but can we see people in need and do nothing?

We need not join other church groups but let's take a look at what they are doing. Maybe they are doing something right!

Max O. Ross  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

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O Father in heaven, I'm pregnant and I'm scared to tell my parents. I can't blame you, God. You didn't tempt us to sin. My boyfriend and I have to accept responsibility for the sexual sin that led to this. I need your forgiveness for my sin. But "I'm being tempted to believe that this is the "Unforgivable sin." I dread the looks I'm going to get. I'm afraid of being a mother. Some of my

Father, when I was younger, I had to battle sexual lust and alcohol. I didn't do very well, as you know. Now I'm tempted to worship my job, and neglect worshiping you, studying your Word, sharing your love with my family. I'm tempted to "sell my soul to the company store." I need your strength right now to challenge my priorities and my middle-aged lusts for power, pres-

grace and power, I could plunge into the abyss of godlessness, and lose you, my family, and life, while chasing an illusion of "the good life." Keep using your Word and Sacrament to strengthen me. I'm going to take advantage of them a whole lot more, starting now!



## Lead us not into temptation

friends try to comfort me by telling me "everybody's doing it," but I want your power to admit and confess my sin. Other girlfriends are urging me to get an abortion so no one will know. O Lord, two wrongs won't make a right. Snuffing out the life of the baby inside me is a tempting nonsolution. Give me the courage to choose life for us both.

Help my parents be understanding and supportive. Help my pastor and my church to share the strength of their fellowship with me so I can courageously do what's right for my baby and for me. When Satan threatens to smother me with guilt-feelings, hopelessness and fear, beat back his attacks with your gospel. Crush the tempting fear that you don't love me anymore, that you don't want me in your family. Help me remember that you claimed me in my baptism as your very own child and that I belong to you even now. It really helps me meet these temptations just to pray to you, Father. It's a comfort to know that even though we failed one temptation, you're still willing to help me overcome these new ones.



tige, security and notoriety. Temptations don't get any fewer as we get older, only different. Even Jesus prayed for his disciples "not that you should take them out of the world, but that you should keep them from the evil one" (John 17:11,15). Help me to see the dangerous threats to my soul in the worldly value system all around me so I don't get sucked in by it and neglect the really important issues now. All of life is a trial. At any point, without your

Lord, I'm tempted to feel bitter when I see other women my age still with their husbands to take trips together. I know Satan would love to use my loneliness to fracture my faith in you. Other people are trying to get me to believe that I've had so much misery in my life that I've earned the right to be with you in heaven by my suffering. O Father, protect me from that tempting lie! I can't just pray for me, either. There's a whole bunch of my friends who are being tempted to believe lies about you and the way of salvation. I really mean *us* when I pray "lead *us* not into temptation." They need your help, too. So does our pastor and my church so they don't ever get pushed off your Word and teach appealing errors. We never grow too old to be tempted, do we, Lord? "I need Thy presence every passing hour. What but Thy truth can foil the tempter's power?" Thank you, Father! □



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# Precious was her death

by Susan Degner

“Precious is the death of his saints” — that was the verse on the sympathy card. The card slipped from my hand, and my mind wandered back to Mother.

There she lay, the most beautiful mother anyone could ever have. The morning sun filtered through the bedroom window and caressed her face gaunt from the battle with cancer. My kind, patient mother would soon slip away. We had been up much of the night watching each labored breath.

O death, I grieved, what kind of beast are you? You’ve taken a vibrant woman and left her with no strength to speak.

I remembered when we first found out that the tumor was malignant. We were stunned, but Mom was undaunted. She took up the challenge and fought bravely.

When she felt discouraged she would recount the unchanging blessings from her Lord. Her hope so filled us we looked past her failing strength and saw only her radiant, determined spirit.

She did not want to leave the husband she loved and cherished for forty-one years. She did not want to leave the children with whom she shared so much joy. She fought cancer because she loved us and knew how much we would miss her. She fought — but did not fear.

I remembered her telling me how her sickness kept her away from the frantic busyness of the world. It gave her lots of time, she said, to spend quietly with God’s Word, “and that’s good for me.”

I remembered back a few years when all was well. She wondered — with hesitation in her voice — whether she would really be in heaven. We talked about how God doesn’t want any uncertainty. That’s why he took our salvation out of our hands and put it completely in his hands. She appreciated hearing again Jesus’ words, “It is finished.” In later years she would return to them. They sustained her now.

Day by day her strength ebbed. She wondered why she felt so tired, so weak. “Mom,” we said, “we think God is going to take you home to heaven.”

“Good,” she whispered.

We gathered in her bedroom, her coronation room — Dad, we children and their pastor to bring all of us the comfort of God’s Word. He spoke on the words of Jesus, “It is finished.” Together we had communion. We sang:

*Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness  
My beauty are, my glorious dress . . .*

The words had new meaning for me. Though cancer had robbed Mom’s body of its beauty, she lay at peace, beautiful in the righteousness of her Savior. We sang only four verses. “I know it’s a long hymn,” she said, “but aren’t there three more verses?” We sang on . . .

*When from the dust of death I rise  
To claim my mansion in the skies  
E’en then this shall be all my plea:  
Jesus hath lived and died for me.*

The hours dragged on. Now weakness robbed her strength to speak. We read a morning devotion: “Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace.” A flutter of her eyelids told us she had understood. Yes, we were to let her go. Let her go home. Let her stand in front of the throne of the Lamb. Let her drink of his pleasures forevermore. Peacefully the angels carried her home.

Precious is the death of his saints . . . □



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# UNFORGETTABLE is the NEED

by Ernst H. Wendland

## A report from our world mission fields

If you have been listening around the Synod carefully, you may have heard words about world mission board members — quite a few of them — traveling to faraway places at the Synod's expense. If it is true, are these trips really necessary in these days of budget stringencies? What purpose do they serve?

The world mission program of the Synod is supervised by a Board for World Missions. The board is composed of five stateside executive committees which directly administer the work carried on in a specific area of the world.

There is an executive committee for Central Africa, for Japan, for Southeast Asia, for Latin America, and for the mission among the Apaches in Arizona. Two pastors and a layman elected by the Synod in convention belong to each executive committee, 15 members in all. An executive secretary called by the Board for World Missions coordinates the work of the committees. This is the way the Synod's constitution — for the past 30 years — has mandated the administration of the world mission program.

In 1982 every one of our world mission churches received a visit by its executive committee. This does not happen often. Usually the visits are staggered. But because of budget stringencies some visits had been postponed for as long as six years — even though board policy calls for a visit every three years. This year they could no longer be postponed if the system of administration adopt-

ed by the Synod was expected to function efficiently.

Perhaps one needs to be directly involved in world mission work to appreciate what it means both to missionaries and executive committees to meet formally and informally on these visits over a longer period of time. Mission fields can be lonely frontiers and visitors from the states are most welcome to missionaries and families. Correspondence can be unsatisfactory when dealing with difficult situations and problems. Misunderstandings impair rapport, and it doesn't help when thousands of miles are between the persons.

It is important that executive committees observe the work of their

fields firsthand. It is impossible to make intelligent policy and budget decisions stateside when the conditions in the field are known only from written reports. The executive committees must also interpret to the conventions and constituency the needs and progress of the various fields. In this process, second-hand knowledge will not do.

The Board for World Missions meets twice a year — in spring and fall. The fall meeting in later 1982 was a particularly encouraging and inspiring one. All but one of the executive committees (Latin America would be visited later in the year) could give firsthand reports to the board. I want to share with you excerpts from these reports.

### SOUTHEAST ASIA

Pastor Kurt F. Koeplin of Milwaukee, Wisconsin reported for the Southeast Asia executive committee. "This trip," he reported, "was one of the memorable highlights of our lives. Never has the future looked so bright, the outlook so positive. God



Pastor Gary Schroeder greets members and visitors worshipping at Grace Lutheran Church, Hong Kong.



is doing marvelous things in Southeast Asia."

The work in Taiwan "is going forward with a new direction and purpose with our three-man team on the island," according to Koeplin. The committee was able to attend a funeral service of a Taiwanese brother. "The service reflected a victory celebration," he said, "in stark contrast to the gloomy atmosphere surrounding Buddhist funerals."

At Grace Church in Hong Kong where Sunday attendance frequently exceeds 100 "we were impressed by the active participation of the members in their worship service," Koeplin reported. "They follow in their Bibles the sermon references. They know their Bibles!" Over 100 young people participate in Bible study in the Christian Youth Fellowship.

In Indonesia, Koeplin told the board, "work is moving steadily ahead." With the arrival of Pastor Robert L. Sawall, who had to wait more than three years for his visa,

the three-man team is complete in this promising field. Missionary Sawall's entrance into the country, said Koeplin, "is nothing short of miraculous since it appears that he was the only missionary granted entrance in the last three years."

For the first time all missionaries in Southeast Asia met together in Hong Kong. The conference discussed current problems in the field and set the course for future work. The hours of the conference were long but rewarding. "The day normally started at 7 a.m.," Koeplin reported, "and lasted until 2 or 3 a.m. the following day."

### CENTRAL AFRICA

In August a long overdue visit was made by the executive committee for Central Africa where the Synod has been carrying on mission work in Zambia (since 1953) and Malawi (since 1963).

"The committee scheduled personal meetings with 12 missionaries and their wives," reported commit-

tee chairman Pastor David E. Kock of Rhinelander, Wisconsin. "Each missionary's workload was reviewed. Living conditions, education of children, and special concerns were discussed." In addition all properties were inspected and conferences were held on a formal and informal basis with the national workers and the missionaries.

"The highlight of the visit came," Kock told the board, "in worshipping with the members of the Lutheran Church in Central Africa. We attended services in bush and urban churches, rented homes, elephant-grass and mud-brick churches, under a tree and in newly dedicated facilities. The ability of our national pastors, evangelists, layworkers and vicars to preach and teach was impressive. The energetic way in which our missionaries are serving the spiritual needs of the people is everywhere apparent."

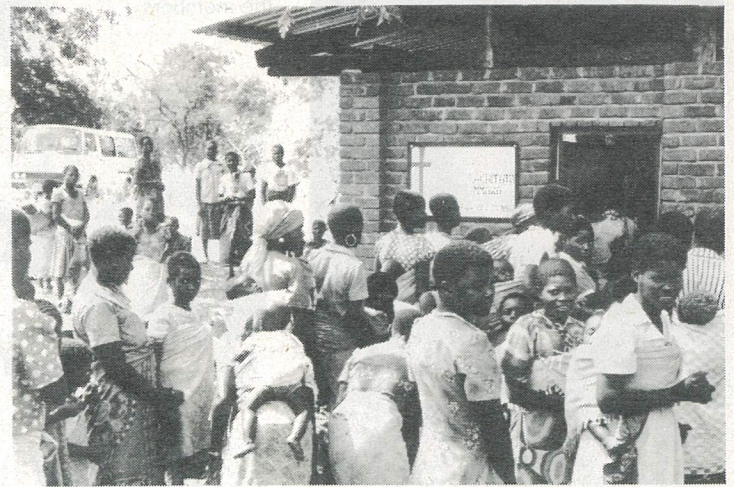
Kock said the committee would never forget the dedication service of the Nambano church in the Zomba



Pastor Deverson Ntambo distributes communion at the dedication of the Nambano church.



The executive committee met with the national pastors in the Lutheran Church of Central Africa. Left to right are Benson Maveka, Salimo Hachibamba, Benford Kawaliza, Lot Lubaba, and Deverson Ntambo.



The patients at Chagunda, Malawi await treatment at the Salima Lutheran Mobile Clinic.

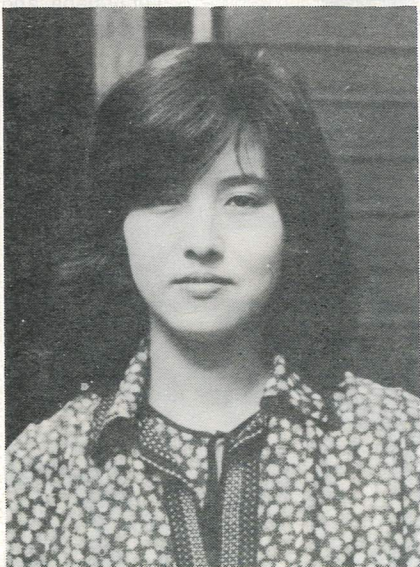
area of Malawi. "In addition to the dedication rites of this church and parsonage there were 46 baptisms, 92 confirmations, and 414 receiving communion, all occurring in a service which lasted four hours."

Dr. Jerome Brooks of Racine, Wisconsin, a member of the committee, reported on the medical mission work in Mwembezhi, Zambia and Salima, Malawi. "I found the nurses in both areas excellent in diagnosing and treating the difficult problems that occur in Africa. The majority of their learning must take place from experience in the field and in learning from one another. The women of our Synod who are supporting this program could not be involved in a greater humanitarian effort touching so many lives than that which lies at our door in Mwembezhi and Salima."

## JAPAN

The visit of the executive committee for Japan coincided with the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Lutheran Evangelical Christian Church in Japan. Also present at the celebration were President Carl H. Mischke and Pastor Theodore A. Sauer, executive secretary of the Board for World missions.

"Happy satisfaction, joy, excitement, thankfulness," reported Pastor Ronald F. Freier of St. Joseph, Michigan, committee chairman, "these and other words begin to de-



Kuniko Igarashi, the first infant baptized in the Japan mission in 1959.

scribe the prevailing attitude as we joined our fellow Christians in Japan in worship, conferences, and fellowship gatherings. The more personal fellowship enjoyed with our missionaries and their families in their homes only emphasized the prayerful dedication of our workers. The days spent together helped to reinforce a mutual understanding between the executive committee and our church in Japan."

## No pleasure trip

For those who may imagine that trips of this kind are all sweetness and light, one of the committee chairman appended this comment to his report: "Being cooped up in a crowded flying bus with crying babies for exhausting hours on end is not normally considered a fun thing.

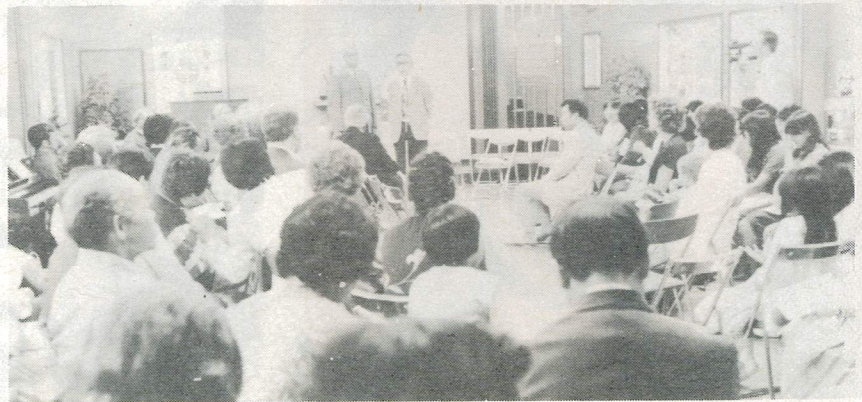
"High heat," he went on, "coupled with debilitating humidity, sometimes surly and indifferent stewards, strange foods and stranger smells, hernia-inducing public transport, the sheer mind-bending boredom of airport terminals, the constant has-

sle with grabby and grubby porters, the besieging beggars, the strange too-short beds and rock-hard pillows, the wretchedness and poverty which hammers one's senses into dulling depression, the soul-assaulting shock of seeing hordes of people bowing down to useless idols, the worship of which keeps them from Christ — these and related items forever remove the nonsensical notion of a pleasure trip or a vacation junket being remotely related to an executive committee's field visit."

One wishes that every member of the Synod could visit our world mission fields. Unforgettable is the need which screams everywhere for attention. Impressive are the marvelous blessings which the Lord has showered upon our feeble efforts. In his name we can reach out confidently, knowing that he has entrusted us with the only answer which this world still needs so desperately. □

*Professor Wendland teaches homiletics and Old Testament at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, Wisconsin. He served as a missionary in Africa from 1962 to 1978.*

Pastor Richard A. Poetter, superintendent of the Lutheran Evangelical Christian Church in Japan, gathers oral history from one of the members



Igarashi-Sensei translating as President Mischke (left) greets members of the LECC at their 25th anniversary celebration.

## Merging is birth and burial

by Edward C. Fredrich

Church merging is a process of birth and also a process of burial. By the merger a new and bigger church body is born, but in the process something always is buried. Among the many examples, let the telling of one suffice as introduction. The Presbyterians, divided since slavery and secession arguments, will be reuniting next year into a bigger church, but the merger will bury a strong Southern scriptural and confessional commitment. The commitment has actually been ailing and dying for much of the prolonged merger planning. Next year will simply supply the epitaph.

A strong majority of Lutherans in our land in their fall conventions opted for a merger five years from now. A 5.5 million church body will then come into being. The merging units of the Lutheran Church in America, the American Lutheran Church and the Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches will go out of existence in the process.

That is not all that will be buried. Much about the Lutheran body to be is not yet known — its name, its structure and its polity. One thing, however, is clear beyond a shadow of doubt. It will not be pledged to teach Scripture inerrancy.

The October 1 issue of *The Lutheran Standard*, the official publication of the American Lutheran Church, that announced the decision to merge was followed by an October 15 issue that hastened to broadcast an unmistakable disavowal of inerrancy. The lead editorial on "The back page" states flatly:

The ALC's constitution describes the Old and New Testaments "as the divinely inspired, revealed, and inerrant Word of God" and "the only infallible authority in all matters of faith and life."

The LCA constitution, while affirming with vigor the authority of the Word, avoids such misleading and mischief-making words as "inerrant" and "infallible."

The words quoted deserve to be commended on one count, their complete candor. The point is made perfectly clear. The merged Lutheran church of the future wants out from the inerrancy and infallibility pledge to Scripture that graced its 1960 constitution. That commitment is to be buried. What remains is candor.

The burial is all the more an occasion for sadness because of the obituary, the *vita* of the doctrine being disposed of in the interest of amicable merger. Before the original ALC could be created in 1930 by a union of the Buffalo, Iowa and Ohio Synods a spirited inerrancy battle was waged. The issue was compromised with one view prevailing in the constitutional paragraph and the other, full inerrancy, finding a haven in an appendix. From there, it emerged to an honored place in the 1960 ALC constitution. But the ink was hardly dry before inerrancy was being quite officially limited as applying to Bible truth, but not to Bible text. What that limitation means is indicated by the editorial in the recent *Lutheran Standard*.

Those who want to view their Bible as being short of full inerrancy will feel comfortable in the big new Lutheran church. Others will regret that that church is being built on a foundation formed in part by a tombstone. The epitaph on the tombstone reads, "Inerrancy." □

*Professor Fredrich is head of the department of church history at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, Wisconsin.*

# THE SPOTLIGHT

## A notable record: 350 years

When Dr. Martin Luther College observed the 50 years of teaching carried out by Professor Erich Sievert in a special service recently it was discovered that among his brothers and sisters — and his father, — more than 350 years of teaching service have been completed in WELS schools.

Both Professor Sievert and his twin brother, Richard, principal at St. Paul's Lutheran in Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin are still active after 50 years of teaching. The father of these twins, Louis C. Sievert, taught for 45 years. The twin's older brother, Karl G. Sievert, had studied for the ministry and served congregations as pastor in South Dakota until he was called to the faculty of Northwestern Lutheran Academy, Mobridge, South Dakota, as its first president in 1928. He served there until 1971.

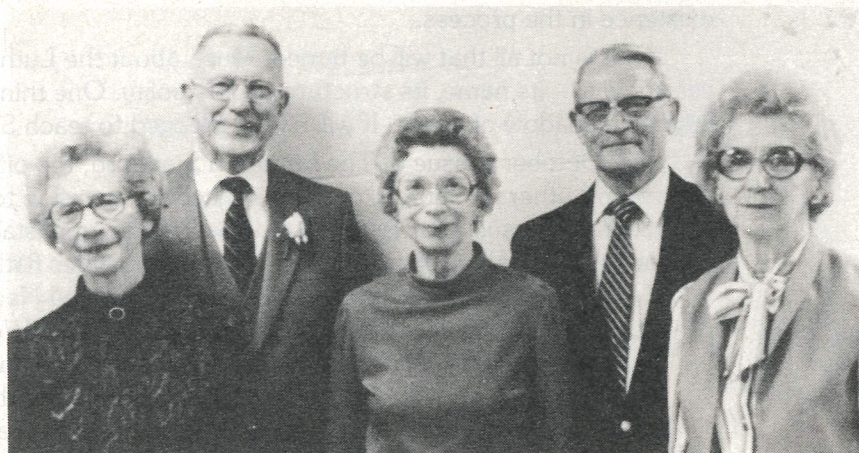
Another brother, Rudolph, taught for seven years at Winnebago Lutheran Academy in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin and later

at Northwestern College, Watertown, Wisconsin, for 27 years. Two of his sisters, Ada and Hertha, each taught for 52 years. The former spent most of her years at St. Mark's in Watertown, teaching in St. Mark's until 1978 and then continuing in Trinity's new school until 1980. A third sister, Alma, also taught a total of

more than 30 years, 13 of them in Christian day schools and 20 as piano instructor at Wisconsin Lutheran College and Northwestern College. She was married to the late Pastor Melvin Schwenzen who spent a good share of his ministry in Milwaukee.

The three sisters and Richard were able to be present at Prof. Sievert's 50th anniversary. A fourth sister, Gertrude, also residing in Watertown, Wisconsin was also able to attend.

The Sievert family — left to right, Ada Sievert, Erich Sievert, Mrs. Alma (Melvin) Schwenzen, Richard Sievert and Hertha Sievert.



## WELS historical journal to be published

The WELS Historical Institute will take a step forward when it launches the institute's publication, *The WELS Historical Journal*. The journal will appear semi-annually on April 1 and October 1. The first issue is scheduled for April 1, 1983.

Serving as the publication's editor is Rev. James P. Schaefer. The managing editors are Dr. Arnold Lehmann, Professor emeritus of music at Northwestern College, and Tom Schulz, managing editor of the *Watertown Daily Times*.

Charter memberships in the historical institute will be held

open until October 1983. Individual memberships are \$10; husband and wife memberships, \$15; and sponsor memberships, \$25. Charter memberships will be suitably acknowledged.

The purpose of the institute is to promote interest in the history of the Lutheran Church, particularly the Wisconsin Synod; to stimulate historical research; and to serve as the official department of archives and history of the Wisconsin Synod.

Serving as president of its ten-member board of directors is the Rev. Roland C. Ehlke, associate editor of the *Northwestern*

*Publishing House*.

The institute proposes to maintain Salem Church, site of the organizational meeting of the Synod in 1850, as a museum. The institute, according to Ehlke, "will be pleased to receive items of historical interest for the museum or for its archives. If you have such items, you can reach me at the publishing house." Membership applications are also to be directed to Ehlke.

The publication of the first two issues of the institute's journal is made possible by a grant from the Aid Association for Lutherans, Appleton, Wisconsin.

## School opens in New Mexico

In September Shepherd Lutheran Church of Albuquerque, New Mexico opened its one-room school with 18 children enrolled in grades one to seven.

Before opening day was possible, hundreds of hours by volunteers were needed to transform a fellowship area of the church into a classroom. From sanding and painting used desks to installing blinds to cut down on the sunlight in the classroom — every bit of work was done by volunteers from the congregation.

Just ask any of the volunteers whether it was worth it, and they will tell you, "Absolutely!" After the long hours, the congregation is beginning to see the fruits of its labors.

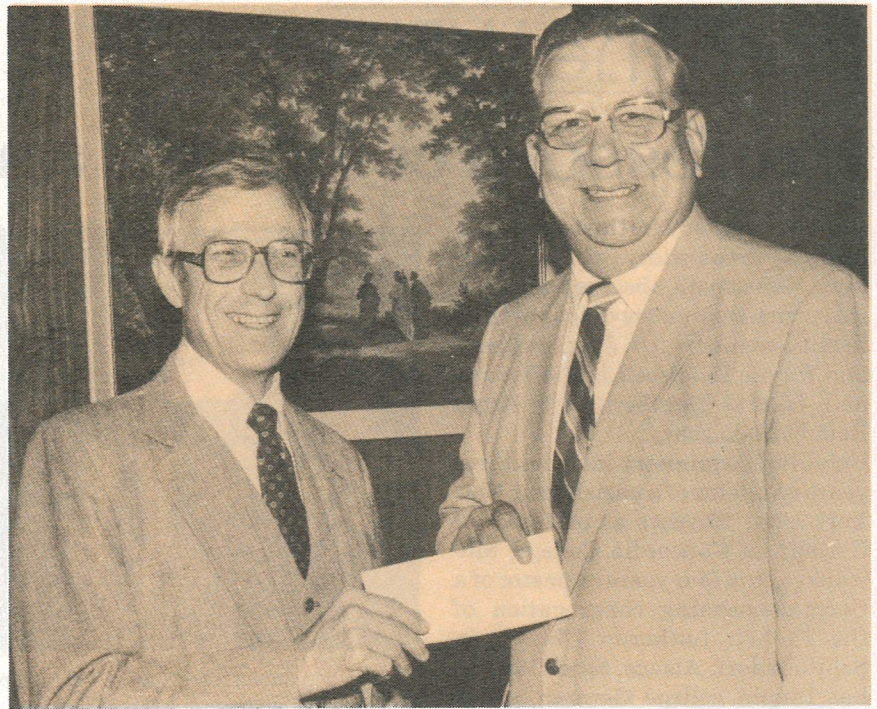
James Hahn, a recent graduate of Dr. Martin Luther College, presides over the classroom. Pastor Wayne C. Vogt has been at the church since 1974.

## Milwaukee church disbands

At a July meeting of its voters' assembly, the 44-years old Parkside Lutheran Church of Milwaukee, Wisconsin unanimously resolved to disband the congregation at the end of the year — after the New Year's Eve service.

Dwindling membership — under 100 — and the need for extensive repairs to the church and parsonage made the congregation no longer economically viable, according to its pastor, Richard C. Stiemke, who has served the congregation for all but nine years of its existence.

Parkside was organized in 1938 by 19 families and individuals as a daughter congregation of St. Matthew's of Milwaukee, then



**JACK HARRIS** (left), president of the Siebert Lutheran Foundation of Milwaukee, presents a check for \$3,075 to Pastor Kurt F. Koeplin of Atonement Lutheran Church, Milwaukee for 1982 grants to five students at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary who are members of Atonement. Since 1977 when the program was begun, the Foundation has made 128 grants totaling \$101,590 to WELS churches in Wisconsin on behalf of their seminarians. Neil A. Turnbull, president of the WELS Foundation board of directors, is a member of the Siebert Lutheran Foundation's board of directors. The Foundation distributes slightly under \$2 million annually.



Stiemke



Vitense

located at N. Tenth and W. Garfield Streets. The daughter congregation was self-supporting from the day of its organization.

The new congregation was able to purchase the Sherman Boulevard Congregational Church which had been erected in 1924. After extensive remodeling, the church was dedicated on October 29, 1939.

After the congregation has disbanded the church and parsonage will be sold, and the assets turned over to related church agencies.

## Secretary for 50 years

St. Marcus of Milwaukee, Wisconsin in November celebrated an unusual anniversary: Edna Vitense's 50 years as its church secretary. During the 50 years she served with four pastors. There was a worship service conducted by the present pastor, Mark A. Jeske, and a formal presentation of a certificate of appreciation.

The congregation hosted a dinner for almost 200 friends. Various church organizations gave Edna a picture of Jesus and the Emmaus disciples and friends presented her with gifts totaling more than \$1500.

By holding the special celebration, Jeske said, "the members anticipated their Lord's judgment, 'Well done, good and faithful servant,' and look forward to many more years of competent and cheerful service." □

## from the WELS

# Professors celebrate anniversaries

In November Northwestern College and Preparatory School, Watertown, Wisconsin observed anniversaries in the ministry of four of their faculty members: Dr. John Sullivan and Wayne Ten Broek, both 40 years; and Leland Dahlberg and Arlyn Boll, both 25 years.

Sullivan's ministry includes three years as pastor of a parish near New York City, 15 years as professor of German at Concordia College, Milwaukee, and four years as pastor of a German-speaking congregation of the French Lutheran Church in Schillersdorf, Alsace. Since 1964 he has taught college German, philosophy, and sociology.

Ten Broek was pastor of congregations in Rapid City, Florence, and Henry, South Dakota. From 1954 to 1979 he was a member of the faculty of the recently-closed Northwestern Lutheran Academy, Mobridge, South Dakota. Since 1979 he teaches Latin and Greek in the college.

A 1958 graduate of Dr. Martin



Celebrating anniversaries were, left to right, Arlyn Boll, John Sullivan, Wayne Ten Broek and Leland Dahlberg.

Luther College, Dahlberg served as principal of the schools of St. Paul's, Menomonie, Wisconsin and Palos Heights, Illinois. In 1967 he came to the preparatory school where he teaches mathematics, serves as registrar, and coaches prep baseball and JV football.

Boll, also a 1958 graduate of Dr.

Martin Luther College, taught at St. Paul's, Stevensville, Michigan, and at St. Croix Lutheran High School in West St. Paul, Minnesota. In 1966 he became principal of Atonement Lutheran School in Milwaukee. Since 1973 he has taught English, coached dramatics, and served as advisor for the paper in the preparatory school.

## *DMLC auxiliary meets*

Over 500 women attended the twenty-third annual fall meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary of Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota. Mrs. Robert Marzinske of Janesville, Minnesota, president of the auxiliary, presided.

Projects amounting to \$7,000 were voted during the meeting. These included an annual gift to the library for books and a gift to the financial aid office.

Professor Edward Meyer of the college faculty explained the work of the music division, using the organ, college choir, and Pro Musica, a recorder ensemble.

The following were elected: Mrs. Aldon Enstad of St. Paul Park, second vice-president and Mrs. David Schulz of Blaine, secretary. Other officers for the coming year are Mrs.

Eldor Nelson, Hanska, president; Mrs. Gerald Tjernagel, North Mankato, first vice-president; Mrs. Richard Kuckhahn, Gibbon, treasurer; and Pastor James Cloute, Marshall. All are from Minnesota. □

## Minnesota \_\_\_\_\_ 25th anniversary noted

St. Peters of Goodhue and St. John's of Minneola Township recently celebrated the 25th anniversary in the ministry of their pastor, Theodore H. Kuske.

Kuske, a 1955 graduate of seminary, served as instructor at Michigan Lutheran Seminary from 1955 to 1957. Before arriving in Goodhue, he served congregations in Minneapolis and Bloomington, Minnesota; and in Cochrane and Alma, and Buffalo, Wisconsin.

## Iowa \_\_\_\_\_

### Dedication at Clinton

Our Savior's of Clinton recently dedicated its new house of worship — after five years of worshiping in temporary facilities.

The new building is a worship/education/fellowship unit, constructed at a cost of \$109,000 with a loan from the Synod's Church Extension Fund. It is designed so that a church and classroom building may easily be added in the future.

In the special afternoon service 113 members and friends gathered to dedicate the church. Pastor Ardin D. Laper, former chairman of the district mission board, was the guest speaker. Gerald C. Hintz, pastor of the congregation, read the rite of dedication.

Our Savior's was organized in 1977 and presently has a baptized membership of 50. □

## CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES

### MINNESOTA

#### ST. CROIX PASTORAL CONFERENCE

**Date:** February 8, 1983; 9:00 a.m. Communion service.  
**Place:** St. James, West St Paul; C. Bolle, I. Johnson and R. Stadler, host pastors.  
**Preacher:** H. Bittorf; R. Pudell, alternate.  
**Agenda:** An Isagogical Study of Roman 9-11 in View of Current Events in the Land of Israel: R. Pudell; Satan — The Scope of His Power: J. Schumann. P. Damrow, Secretary

### NORTHERN WISCONSIN

#### RHINELANDER PASTOR-TEACHER CONFERENCE

**Date:** January 21, 1983; 9:00 a.m. Communion service.  
**Place:** Trinity, Minocqua; E. Kock, host pastor.  
**Preacher:** S. Pope; C. J. Siegler, alternate.  
**Agenda:** "Names of God in the Old Testament"; D. Fleming; Discussion of Lutheran Worship: F. Horn, leader (all are to prepare). C. J. Siegler, Secretary

#### WINNEBAGO PASTORAL CONFERENCE

**Date:** February 7, 1983; 9:00 a.m. Communion service.  
**Place:** Good Shepherd, Fond du Lac; J. Bare, host pastor.  
**Preacher:** P. Kolander; B. Kuschel, alternate.  
**Agenda:** Exegesis of 1 Timothy 2: D. Schulz; Augsburg Confession Art. XX-XXII, Triglot pp. 53-61: A. Capek.  
**Note:** Please excuse to host pastor. D. Jensen, Secretary

### SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN

#### CHICAGO PASTORAL CONFERENCE

**Date:** January 10-11, 1983.  
**Place:** Hope, West Chicago; J. Ziesemer, host pastor.  
**Preacher:** C. Papenfuss; E. Renz, alternate.  
**Agenda:** Ephesians 6; J. Zickuhr; Hebrews 1: K. Gawrisch, alternate; "Receiving Adults into Communicant Membership" (continued); P. Prange; "The Dignity and Authority of the Christian Pastor"; R. J. Voss; "Church and Ministry"; J. Naumann, alternate.  
**Note:** Please excuse to secretary. R. Pasbrig, Secretary

#### METRO-NORTH PASTORAL CONFERENCE

**Date:** Monday, January 17, 1983.  
**Place:** St. Matthew, Port Washington; D. Simons, host pastor.  
**Preacher:** F. Zimmerman; alternate, R. Zimmermann.  
**Agenda:** Exegesis and Sermon Study of Habakkuk 2:1-4: W. Gawrisch; Report from the Ad Hoc Committee on the Role of Man and Woman: W. Mueller; The Lutheran Reformation in England: A. Schuetze.  
**Note:** Please excuse to the secretary. C. Jahn, Secretary

#### SOUTHERN PASTORAL CONFERENCE

**Date:** January 11, 1983; 9:00 a.m. Communion service.  
**Place:** Mt. Zion, Kenosha.  
**Preacher:** N. Pope; alternate, R. Pope.  
**Agenda:** Exegesis: Romans 13:1-10: R. Weeks; Romans 13:11-14:8: L. Wenzel, alternate; "Christian Spirituality — What is it? How can it be increased in our midst?"; M. Hahm.  
**Note:** Please excuse to the host pastor or secretary. D. Gruen, Secretary-Treasurer

#### METROPOLITAN MILWAUKEE LUTHERAN TEACHERS' CONFERENCE

**Date:** February 17-18, 1983, 9:00 a.m.  
**Place:** St. Paul's, Hales Corners. R. Zink, R. Lehmann and G. Albrecht., host pastors; O. Dorn, host principal.  
**Agenda:** Teaching the Child of a Non-Christian Home: M. Jeske; Assigned sectionals and workshops; business meeting. Steven Enter, Program Committee

### COMING SOUTH?

A directory of our WELS congregations in Florida and the southeastern United States is available. Addresses, times of worship, pastors, phone numbers, etc. are provided. For a copy of the directory contact Pastor Marvin Radtke, 619 Newport Ave., Altamonte Springs, Florida 32701; phone 305/339-5829.

## INSTALLATIONS

(Authorized by District President)

#### Pastor:

**Wiechmann, Richard L.**, as pastor of Zion, Gainesville, Florida on November 14, 1982, by R. Wiechmann (SA).

#### Teachers:

**Schwartz, Kenneth**, as teacher at Grace, Yakima, Washington, on August 29, 1982, by M. Teske (PN).  
**Willey, Robert**, as teacher at Christ our Redeemer, Bend, Oregon, on August 22, 1982, by M. Dietz (PN).

## ADDRESSES

(Submitted through the District President)

#### Pastors:

**Schull, Gary F.**, 1437 Hunting Saddle Dr., Hudson, FL 33567.  
**Wiechmann, Richard L.**, 4618 NW 41st St., Gainesville, FL 32601.

#### Teachers:

**Schwartz, Kenneth**, 1212½ S. 20th Ave., Yakima, WA 98902.  
**Willey, Robert**, 20147 Powers Rd., Bend OR 97702.

### 25TH ANNIVERSARY

St. Croix Lutheran High School, 110 Crusader Ave., West St. Paul, Minnesota is celebrating its 25th anniversary in 1982-83.

A special weekend is planned for Feb. 18, 19, and 20, 1983. On Feb. 18 an evening secular choral and band concert will be held. On Feb. 19 an alumni basketball and chess tournament for both men and women is planned. Sunday, Feb. 20, President Mischke will be guest speaker at the anniversary service to be held at St. James Lutheran Church, Cherokee and Annapolis, West St. Paul, beginning at 2:30 p.m. St. Croix Lutheran High School began its classes at St. James Church in September 1958.

### 1983 HANDBELL FESTIVAL

The 1983 WELS Handbell Festival will be held the weekend of April 30 to May 1, 1983. It will be hosted by Christ Lutheran Church, West Salem, Wisconsin. The festival will be held at First Lutheran Church, La Crosse, Wisconsin. All handbell choirs throughout the Synod are invited to participate. Handbell choir directors please contact Timothy Russow, Sr., 124 South Youlon Street, West Salem, Wisconsin 54669, if you are planning to participate.

### CHOIR ROBES AND MUSIC WANTED

The WELS mission congregation in Port Washington, Wisconsin is looking for used choir robes (black) and choir and organ music. Contact Pastor Daniel Simons, 913 Noridge Trail, Port Washington, Wisconsin 53074; phone 414/284-6501.

### 1983 YEARBOOK

The official directory of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, 6 x 9 inches, 164 pages with a spiral binding. The 1983 Yearbook contains a complete listing of the name, address and telephone number of WELS pastors, professors, missionaries and teachers; the name, location, and time of service of WELS churches; and a listing of all WELS organizations, officers, boards, commissions and committees. Stock number 29N1421, net price \$4.50.

Please add 10 percent of the total dollar amount of the order — \$1.50 minimum — to cover the cost of transportation and handling. Wisconsin residents are asked to add 5 percent sales tax. Order from: Northwestern Publishing House, 3624 W. North Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53208-0902; phone 414/442-1810.

### PBS NOTICE

The cutoff date for PBS receipts in the Synod's Post Office Lock Box is the last business day of each month. December 1982 lock box offerings will be credited as 1982 receipts through January 14, 1983 as long as they are received in the lock box on or before that date and are clearly labeled as "December" offerings.

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS DR. MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE MATHEMATICS

Because Prof. John Oldfield will retire at the conclusion of the current academic year, the Board of Control of Dr. Martin Luther College, with the concurrence of the Commission on Higher Education, herewith petitions the voting constituency of the Synod to nominate candidates for a professorship in the field of mathematics. All nominations, with as much accompanying data as possible, should be in the hands of the secretary no later than January 10, 1983.

### Music

Because Mrs. Gertrude Nolte will retire at the conclusion of the current academic year, a vacancy will occur in the music division of Dr. Martin Luther College. Since the Commission on Higher Education has approved the conversion of Mrs. Nolte's position on the teaching staff to a full professorship in music, the Board of Control petitions the voting constituency of the Synod to nominate candidates for a professorship in the field of music. The men and women nominated for this position should have experience conducting active music programs in Christian day schools and congregations. It is also desired that nominees are willing to pursue programs of advanced study, especially in piano and class piano methods. Nominations should be in the hands of the undersigned no later than January 10, 1983 and should be accompanied by all available pertinent data.

Darrell Knippel, Secretary  
DMLC Board of Control  
4818 Garfield Ave. South  
Minneapolis, MN 55409

### SYNOD NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Synod Nominating Committee will meet at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 13, 1983 at the Synod Administration Building, 3512 West North Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The Nominating Committee is to propose a slate of three candidates for the following 20 offices:

Executive Committees of the Board for World Missions —  
Apache (pastor); Latin America (pastor); Central Africa (pastor); Japan (pastor); Southeast Asian (pastor).  
Northwestern Publishing House Board (one layman and two pastors).  
Special Ministries Board (two laymen and one pastor).  
Coordinating Council (two laymen).  
Board for Parish Education (one layman and one teacher representative from the Area Lutheran High Schools).  
Commission on Higher education (one principal from the Area Lutheran High Schools).  
Chairman of the Board for Home Missions (pastor).  
Chairman of the Board for World Missions (pastor).  
Chairman of the Board of Trustees (pastor).  
Chairman of the Commission on Higher Education (pastor).

The list of candidates nominated will be published twice in The Northwestern Lutheran prior to the Synod convention. The Synod will elect one of the candidates on each slate at its convention in New Ulm, Minnesota, August 1-6, 1983.

Any board, committee or member of the Synod is invited to suggest nominations for these offices. Kindly send names with appropriate information to the secretary of the Synod, Pastor David Worgull, 4055 Lancer Circle, Manitowoc, Wisconsin, 54220 by January 8, 1983.

David Worgull, WELS Secretary

### WISCONSIN LUTHERAN SEMINARY MISSION SEMINAR

**Date:** January 26-27, 1983, 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. January 26, 1983, 7:30 p.m.

**Theme:** "Reaching out to the World"

I. As a local congregation  
II. As a synod  
III. As service organizations  
IV. As strangers and foreigners  
V. As a General Board for World Missions  
Seminar booklets may be ordered at cost prior to January 22 from: David Kolander, 6717 W. Wartburg Cr., Mequon, WI 53092.

**WELS CONTEMPORARY SACRED MUSIC  
EXPOSITION — 1983**

The second Contemporary Sacred Music Exposition will be held at Wisconsin Lutheran College January 29-30. A workshop for WELS composers, music directors and those interested in WELS-written music will be held on Saturday, January 29. The morning workshop session will address the issue of "Blending Text and Melody" and Professor James Engel will speak on the topic: "The Composer's Frame of Mind." The afternoon portion will feature choral readings of current WELS-written music. Fees: morning session \$7.50; afternoon session \$7.50; full day \$12.00 (meal not included).

Concerts will be offered on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 3:00 p.m. Admission: adults \$2.50, students \$1.50.

For additional information and workshop registration, call or write: Wisconsin Lutheran College, 8830 W. Bluemound Rd., Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53226, 414/774-8620.

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**EXPLORATORY SERVICES**

are being held in the following places to determine the potential for establishing a WELS mission in the area. Services are held on Sundays unless otherwise noted.

**RUSSELLVILLE, ARKANSAS** — Seventh Day Adventist Church, Corner of 8th and Boston Ave. Russellville. 10:30 a.m.; Bible class / SS 9:45 a.m. Pastor Douglas Lange, 2803 N. Erie, Russellville, Arkansas 72801; phone 501/967-2088.

**SOUTHWEST ORLANDO, FLORIDA** — Orange County area. Windermere Town Hall, Main Street and Hwy 439, Windermere. 10:30 a.m.; Bible class/SS 9:15 a.m. Pastor Peter H. Kruschel, 5231 Merimont Ct., Orlando, Florida 32810; phone 305/299-7394.

**SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI** — Zion, Rivermonte Chapel, 4500 S. Lone Pine, Springfield. 10:00 a.m.; Bible class/SS 9:00 a.m. Pastor Paul E. Thierfelder, 1515 E. Price St., Springfield, Missouri 65807; phone 417/883-7609.

**KEARNEY, NEBRASKA** — Commercial Federal Savings and Loan, 4407-2nd, Kearney. 7:30 p.m.; Bible class/SS 6:30 p.m. Pastor Jerome L. Enderle, 1300 N. Grand Island Ave., Grand Island, Nebraska 68801; phone 308/382-1988.

**BRYAN COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS** — Beautiful Savior, South Knoll Elementary School, Langford and Southwest Parkway, College Station. 7:00 p.m.; SS 6:30 p.m.; Bible class 8:00 p.m. Mr. Billy Feldman, 1302 Laura Lane, College Station, Texas 77840; phone 713/693-0777.

**PLANO/ALLEN, TEXAS** — Turrentine-Jackson-Morro Funeral Chapel, US Highway 75 at Ridgeview exit 37. 10:45 a.m.; Bible class/SS 9:30 a.m. Pastor Thomas A. Valleskey, 1826 Santa Fe, Lewisville, Texas 75067; phone 214/436-3835.

**SUGAR LAND, TEXAS** — Redeeming Grace, M. R. Wood School, Sugar Land. For time of service contact Rev. Mark Barenz, 1807 Trinity Station, Sugar Land, Texas 77478; phone 713/980-4632.

**WAUKESHA COUNTY SOUTH, WISCONSIN** — Waukesha Town Hall, Center Road just north of A. 11:30 a.m. Pastor Carl T. Otto, 5363 N. 37th St., Milwaukee, Wisconsin; phone 414/466-1657, or Dennis Nelson, 1829 Waterview Lane, Waukesha, Wisconsin 53186; phone 414/549-4093.

**GILLETTE, WYOMING** — Foothill's Community Center. 8:00 a.m., SS following. Pastor James L. Bolda, 2405A Greenway Drive, Gillette, Wyoming 82716; phone 307/686-4080.

**CHANGE OF TIME  
OR PLACE OF WORSHIP**

has occurred in the following exploratory areas or mission congregations.

**TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT** — Christ Redeemer, 1732 Huntington Turnpike (lower level), Trumbull. 9:30 a.m.; Bible class 10:30 a.m. Pastor Kieth B. Kuschel, 44 Rocky Ridge Dr., Trumbull, Connecticut 06611; phone 203/378-1270.

**BETHEL PARK, PENNSYLVANIA** — Bavarian Village shopping center in South Park Township, Allegheny County; 9:00 a.m. SS 10:15 a.m. Pastor Clayton E. Krug, Rt. 2, West Newton, Pennsylvania 15089; phone 412/872-9710.

**KILLEEN/FT. HOOD, TEXAS** — Messiah, Harper-Talasek, 506 N. 38th, Killeen, Texas; Pastor Loren Fritz, 1202 Pine Dr., Killeen, Texas 76543; phone 817/526-8125.

**LEWISVILLE, TEXAS** — Prince of Peace, Kinder-Care, 936 Ralston. 9:00 a.m.; SS 10:30 a.m. Pastor Thomas A. Valleskey, 1826 Santa Fe, Lewisville, Texas 75067; phone 214/436-3835.

**MANASSAS, VIRGINIA** — Bethlehem, Ben Lomond Community Center, 10300 Sudley Manor Dr. 9:30 a.m.; Bible Class/SS 10:45 a.m. Pastor Paul Ziemer, 4013 Greenville Dr., Haymarket, Virginia 22069; phone 703/754-2935.

**NAMES WANTED**

Survey work preliminary to conducting exploratory services is being done in the following places. If you know of people in these areas interested in WELS services, contact pastors noted.

**WINCHESTER, VIRGINIA / MARTINSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA** — Pastor Paul Ziemer, 4013 Greenville Dr., Haymarket, Virginia 22069; phone 703/754-2935

**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	Apache Junction*
	Green Valley*
Arkansas	Russellville*
California	Poway*
	Rancho Cucamonga
	San Diego*
Colorado	N. E. Denver*
	S. Denver*
Florida	Coral Springs
	Daytona Beach*
	S. Orlando*
	Lehigh Acres
Georgia	Warner/Robbins/Perry
Maine	Portland*
Michigan	Novi
	Traverse City*
Mississippi	Columbus*
Missouri	St. Charles County*
	Springfield*
Nebraska	Kearney*
New York	Poughkeepsie*
	Rochester
	Springville*
North Carolina	Charlotte
North Dakota	Minot*
Ohio	Dublin/Worthington*
	S. E. Cincinnati*
Oregon	Medford
South Dakota	Milbank*
Texas	Allen/Plano*
	Arlington*
	Killeen
	Lewisville
	S. W. Ft. Worth*
	Sugarland/Stafford/
	Missouri City*
	Tyler*
Vermont	Barre
Virginia	Manassas
Washington	Moses Lake*
Wisconsin	Chippewa Falls*
	Merrill
	New Richmond*
Wyoming	Casper
	Gillette*
Alberta	Calgary
	Red Deer*
Ontario	Toronto*

\*Denotes exploratory services.