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Recently I conducted an unscientific sampling of pastors, teachers and laypersons in the Milwaukee area about probable major issues to come before the August convention of the Synod. I want to share the results with you.

There was one major issue which appeared without fail on everyone's list. It was **The Hymnal**. I was not surprised. No other issue in the past year has brought so much response from our readers.

The 1981 Synod convention "recognized a growing need for a new hymnal within the next decade." Those were the convention's words. The convention instructed the Commission on Worship to lead the Synod in a study of the new Missouri Synod hymnal, *Lutheran Worship*. The commission was also instructed to consider other options that would serve the Synod's hymnal needs, including the feasibility of preparing a WELS hymnal. On the basis of these studies the commission was asked to recommend to the 1983 convention the most acceptable course for the Synod to pursue.

The report of the commission is contained in the *Book of Reports and Memorials* to the 1983 convention. "The commission is convinced," the report says, "that our Synod needs a new hymnal. We ask that it not be put off until some later time." The commission hopes that those "who have simply stated 'what we have is good enough' would keep in mind that we need to look also to future needs. What may be good enough for those of us who have grown up with the present hymnal may be beyond the grasp of our next generation."

The commission proposes three major principles to be followed in the preparation of the hymnal. First, the liturgical section should preserve "with appropriate modifications" the liturgies currently in use, but should also make some provision for newer forms. Secondly, the hymn section should retain as many of our present hymns as possible. Thirdly, modernization of language should be carried out "with appropriate restraint."

The commission is suggesting a publication date of 1990 for the new hymnal. To meet this deadline the commission is recommending the immediate selection of a full-time project director who will coordinate and direct the work of four committees in preparing the hymnal. The commission estimates that the total make-ready costs for the new hymnal will be in the neighborhood of \$50,000 per year (which includes the director's salary).

These proposals are sure to be debated at length by the delegates and with some passion. A new hymnbook is a sensitive question and involves the fate of a book that has been a source of joy, comfort, and strength for WELS Lutherans for almost two generations. A question like that will not be frivolously settled.

James P. Schaefer

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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But for the grace of God

As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him. While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and "sinners" came and ate with him and his disciples (Matthew 9:9-10).

Ice cream never tasted so good! Back in the late 1930s, one of the highlights of the week was the pint of ice cream my father bought after church on Sunday. It was divided among the six of us and every spoonful was a treat. Now we have it in bulk in the home freezer and no longer treasure it so highly.

Is that how we at times view our discipleship? Something we've had so long and in such measure that we take it for granted? If so, perhaps there's a lesson for us in Matthew's call to discipleship, one that reminds us *but for the grace of God!*

What we might have remained

What might Matthew have remained had God's grace not called him that day? Among other things, perhaps a rather disliked and distrusted tax collector. Taxes have never been popular and when the tax collection system is riddled with corruption, as Rome's was, you can understand how the dislike grew. A Jew who turned tax collector lost his standing among his countrymen. They would no longer allow him to worship in the synagogue or accept his word in court. He was classed with the scum of society.

Such was Matthew at whose desk Jesus stopped. To the outward eye, even if Matthew were one of those rare ones who kept his skirts clean, yet his credentials for discipleship were skimpy indeed. To Jesus' eye there were no credentials at all. When the Master looked at Matthew, he saw the same things once visible in us. He saw unbelief and sin. That's what Matthew was and would have

remained — *but for the grace of God!*

They tell us only 25% of the world's current 4 billion population can be called Christian. That means that 3 out of every 4 people alive right now either haven't heard of, or having heard, don't have Jesus. They also tell us that at the present population growth rate, by the time a baby born today graduates from high school, another 2 billion will have been added to the world's population. And most of the them will have been born among people for the most part non-Christian.

*Am I eager to share
what God's grace
has given me
and even to sweat
in trying?*

What do such statistics shout out at us? Do we realize what our chances were of remaining in the ranks of unbelievers? Do we realize what the chances were of our children or grandchildren never leaving those ranks in a burgeoning world? From Matthew comes the vivid reminder of what we, too, might have remained — *but for the grace of God!*

What we instead became

"Follow me," Jesus said and Matthew did. Called and moved by grace, he walked in the company of the Master. For Matthew discipleship meant getting. Great were the things he received, all that the Savior had to offer. Tax careers and custom receipts must have seemed petty compared to the treasures received from Christ.

For Matthew discipleship meant also giving. One form his giving took was the holding of a dinner party for Jesus. In the parallel account (Luke 5:29) it appears that he gave this party just as much for his friends

as for Jesus. Was Matthew hoping that by talking and listening to Jesus, his friends would find what he had received? So the tax collector became a soul gatherer, the recipient a sharer — *by the grace of God!*

Would we ever want to give up what God's grace has given us? Such a thought horrifies us. No beautiful Savior to tell me, "My blood purifies you from every sin." No heavenly Friend to remind me, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." No mighty Victor to calm me, "Because I live, you also will live." No loving Judge to welcome me, "Come, take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you." Who would ever want to lose such treasures?

Still the nagging question remains, "How come I'm not more eager to share such treasures with others?" How concerned am I about that three-fourths of the world's population which doesn't profess Christianity? How concerned am I about the world mission thrust I help carry on through my WELS? Does it bother me to hear that my Synod has expatriate missionaries working in only eight countries beside my own and that these 39 men are trying to reach a population of 329 million in those countries? Does it bother me to hear that less than three cents out of every dollar given by the members of my Synod for overall church work goes to world missions? Does it bother me to hear that world mission budgets have been pared, that the closing of one entire world mission field has been seriously proposed, that no new work can be put forward in the foreseeable future? Does such information only momentarily alarm and mildly disturb me? Or does it make me more eager to share what God's grace has given me and even to sweat in trying? □

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Voice of conscience

Two very different developments have combined in recent weeks to give new emphasis and meaning to an old, old factor in the continuing struggle between good and evil. That factor is the voice of conscience.

The force of conscience has been highlighted in an award-winning cinema, *Gandhi*, that portrayed a national hero following his conscience where it led and leading his followers to national independence. In the real world the debate over nuclear weapons has produced a rash of statements from church spokesmen, all of them appealing ultimately to the dictates of conscience.

The appeal to conscience in any case is a strong appeal, even when the issues do not involve the liberation of millions or the destruction of billions. The church has always stood for the sanctity of conscience. When Luther at Worms defied temporal and religious powers because his conscience compelled him, he was taking a stand clearly taught in the Scriptures.

By definition conscience is a God-given inherent urging to do what is regarded as right and to avoid what is regarded as wrong. To deny conscience is therefore to deny God who gave it. That is why an appeal to conscience carries weight with all who still admit that God has claims on his creatures and their doings.

Is the voice of conscience then the very voice of God? It is certain that no one can ever go against his conscience with impunity. But it is just as certain that man's conscience in his fallen state can be misled by faulty conceptions of right and wrong and can then mislead away from right and into wrong.

It is therefore imperative that the moral convictions our conscience rests on be instructed and corrected by the infallible guide we have in the Word of God. That Word clearly reveals the unchanging will of our holy God. It is to *that* will of God that we are at all times to submit our convictions and our conscience. At Worms Luther took his stand on his conscience because it was bound by the Word of God.

Celebrating that Reformation stand three hundred years later, Claus Harms in a new set of Ninety-five Theses maintained:

When the conscience ceases to read and begins to write for itself, the result is as various as the handwritings of men. Name me a sin, which every man regards as sin! When the conscience ceases to be a servant of the divine judgment against sin, it will not permit God to be even a servant in its court. The idea of divine punishment of sin vanishes altogether.

Almost two more centuries have passed since then and the situation has not improved. Quite the contrary! Our moral convictions are being blunted more and more in an age that glorifies doing what comes naturally and that applies changing ethical standards to changing situations. Our consciences can err. They need God's guidance as never before.

Edward C. Fredrich



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letters

Number one priority

There can be no doubt that mission work within the United States is very, very important. We want to share our Savior with the missions of our fellow Americans (native born and newly arrived immigrants) who still stumble in the darkness of unbelief. Yet, I do not believe that we as members of the Synod accept the statement in a recent editorial "Home missions first" (May 15, p. 148) as reflecting our aim. Adopting such a "home first" priority in this case could lead to a de-emphasis on global mission outreach and even retrenchment in an era in which we need to be expanding and extending our overseas mission thrust as well.

Here's why. The multitude of heathen "out there" multiplies by the tens of thousands with each passing day. Note also that our risen Savior not only said: "You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria." He added, "and to the ends of the earth."

If *God's Church* is to continue to grow, "missions home and world" must remain our number one priority. If we continue to concern ourselves with the growth of God's Church worldwide, then our Synod will continue to grow as well, in more ways than one.

Kirby A. Spevacek
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

More than "gross shortcomings"

Pastor Gerlach's article "The Readers' Digest Condensed Bible — is it the Word of God?" (April 15, p. 120) states "neither would we say that a sinner could not come to know his Savior by reading it. And if one sinner comes to repentance by reading, God's angels will rejoice over the fact."

One might also wonder how many people could be led astray and lose their Christian faith due to the inaccurate Revised Standard Version translation, the altering of text, and the introductory material rampant with the unscriptural assumptions of modern scholarship of the Readers' Digest Condensed Bible. Pastor Gerlach merely calls these "gross shortcomings."

Ruth Nixon
Los Angeles, California

Read the Bible

A letter in a March issue, (March 1, p. 69) entitled "Celebrate with the Bible" prompted me to write this one. I want to share with your subscribers the enthusiasm I have for home Bible studies.

Hundreds of years ago Martin Luther wrote the Catechism and translated the Old and New Testaments so that every Lutheran would be thoroughly equipped to study them. He wanted to make sure the people would never again be led astray by false doctrine.

We in the Wisconsin Synod can be glad that the freedom to study Scripture on our own time is part of our Lutheran heritage. Let's pray to the Lord that it always remains that way. Let's make full use of this freedom, and challenge those who would compromise it.

Curt Fletemier
Kalamazoo, Michigan

Questions wisdom of Lutherans for Life

I am the mother of five children, now all grown. As a Christian mother, I deeply deplore and abhor abortion. Yet, I cannot help but question the wisdom of forming an organization within the Synod which corporately opposes the sin of abortion. This special effort carries with it the danger of diverting us from the "one thing needful," that is, the proclamation of the gospel.

Much attention has been given to the "Lutherans for Life" movement within our church body. Its pamphlets are making the rounds in our congregations — I have received one. Meetings are being held, and sermons are being built around its purposes. Its activities and efforts within the constituency are snowballing.

I submit that Lutherans have always been "for life" — especially eternal life. And it has always been the gospel alone in its truth and purity that has quickened the assurance of eternal life and produced a God-pleasing walk of life. Surely, we want to be remembered by posterity as people who unswervingly proclaimed salvation in Christ as our sole focus, not activists set against the prevailing evil of the day.

Babies have always been slaughtered — by a pharaoh, by a Herod. Until Jesus comes, such evils will not cease, but

increase in one form or another, as God tells us. If abortion is made illegal, it will merely go underground again. Murder is like other sins. It is the fruit of unbelief. In a world that could so eagerly crucify deity why should "humanicide" shock us into collective action?

Of course abortion is murder! And of course the "fear of the Lord is to hate evil." Because of the latter, the individual Christian does ever stand firm against abortion — unless the Christian becomes the victim of the flesh. Only the righteousness of faith enables the Christian to stand firm.

As Herod slaughtered the babies of Bethlehem, God's hand was not shortened. Neither can the Herods of today go unchecked. God's will will be done, without the well-meaning diversionary activism which would creep into God's church. Meanwhile, the church has been commissioned by God to preach the Word, and that alone.

Humanity will not first be turned from sin and then after that hear the gospel. It's the other way around. As a precedent we have Luther himself who said in so many words, "You cannot draw pure water from a polluted stream." Godly behavior will not flow from an ungodly heart.

God still has his 7000 in the Israel of every age. We will want to remain among them. It is said the gospel moves on like a shower from where the thirst for it is becoming displaced by other interests, and Christians cease to guard it well. May that never happen in our Synod which has been so blessed by the Lord in times past and even until now. We were vigilant against being caught up en masse in previous atrocities. God grant that we be not swept away by the current one.

Mrs. Thomas W. Gohlke
Janesville, Wisconsin

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A means to an end

While attending the recent funeral of a pastor's widow, the mother of a colleague, I was reminded of similar victory celebrations during my parish ministry. Generally, I found the funeral service to be a rewarding experience. Not because I'm morbid! Not because I enjoyed seeing people cry. In fact, I was usually fighting my own emotional involvement.

But although these services were often conducted with a heavy heart amid many tear-filled eyes, they were essentially victory celebrations. Sometimes there was joy that an aged and weary sufferer had been set free. At other times we marveled at God's



wisdom in directing the life of a brother who had stumbled often so that he had fallen asleep penitently trusting in Jesus as his Savior. At last he was safely home. No more temptation to sin, no more opportunity to fall from the faith and be lost!

Even when God's ways and God's thoughts did not coincide with ours as we laid to rest a child, a teenager, a young father or mother, there was still a readiness, an eagerness to hear what the Word of God had to say in this situation. You always had an attentive audience, quite unlike some audiences a pastor must address. You made very sure you had something to offer them. This was not a time for vague generalities. You had to come to grips

with the eternal truths of the Christian faith.

Often there was a meeting of the Church Council that same evening. That brought you back to reality in a hurry. Buildings in need of repair! Another loan to meet the monthly payroll and to make sure the city would not be tempted to shut off the utilities. Somehow the exhilarating experience of the afternoon was lost in the mundane business of the evening's meeting. The two seemed poles apart, totally incongruous.

But what if there had been no Christian congregation in our community? What if there had been no place where the saint whom we had buried that afternoon could have been brought to the Lord in Holy Baptism, could have been instructed in the saving truths of God's Word, could have been nourished regularly by the life-giving Means of Grace? Would the service that afternoon still have been a victory celebration?

All at once the pieces fall into place. Unfortunately, we have to spend a lot of time talking about bricks and mortar, salaries and utilities in the meetings of our congregations and of our Synod. But that's only a means to an end. What we're really doing is equipping people for that inevitable moment when God taps them on the shoulder and whispers, "Time's up!"

And that makes it all worthwhile.

Carl H. Muschke

With the Lord

Lydia A. Monhardt 1886-1982

Lydia A. Monhardt, widow of Pastor Paul Monhardt, died on November 15, 1982 at Sparta, Wisconsin. She was 96.

A graduate of St. Cloud Teacher's College, St. Cloud, Minnesota she taught in public and parochial elementary schools in Appleton, Wisconsin and Echo and Wood Lake, Minnesota. In 1915 she married Pastor Monhardt, then at Whitehall, Wisconsin. When he accepted a call to Wellington Township, Wisconsin she assisted her husband for the next 45 years as organist, choir director and Sunday-school teacher.

Mrs. Monhardt is survived by three daughters, Mildred Jessie, Althea Leland, and Clarice Piper; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held on November 18 at St. Jacob's Lutheran Church, Norwalk, Wisconsin.

Johanna Uplegger Rosin 1896 - 1983

Johanna Uplegger Rosin was born October 11, 1896 near Gillett, Wisconsin. She died April 20, 1983 at San Carlos, Arizona.

A 1916 graduate of the Lutheran high school in Milwaukee, she taught school at Emanuel, New London, and at Jerusalem, Milwaukee.

In 1920 she married Pastor Henry E. Rosin of the Lutheran Apache Mission. For the next 50 years she devoted her life to the Mission in the Peridot Mission school, teaching there for longer and shorter periods of time. The San Carlos Apache Indians as a token of their esteem received her and Pastor Rosin as honorary members of the tribe.

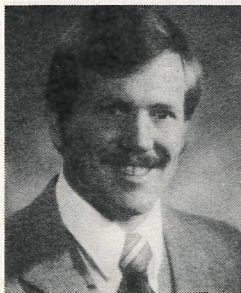
She is survived by a son, Rupert; sisters, Gertrude and Dorothea (Paul) Behn; one brother, Alfred; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted on April 24 at Peridot, Arizona. □

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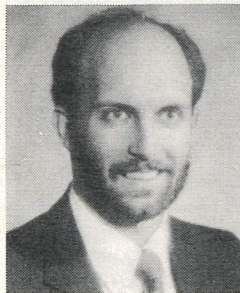
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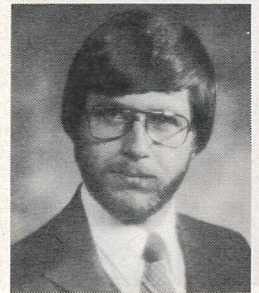
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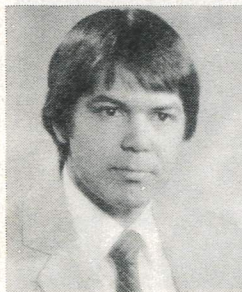
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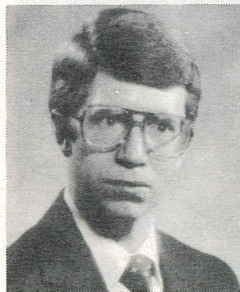
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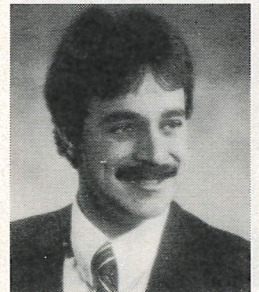
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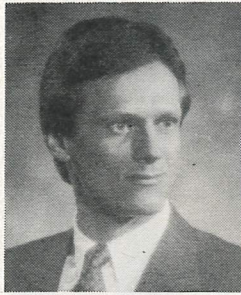
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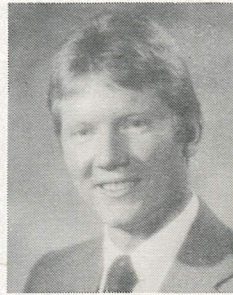
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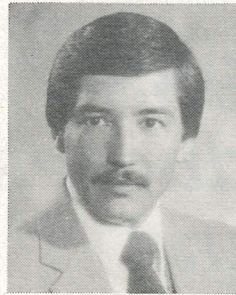
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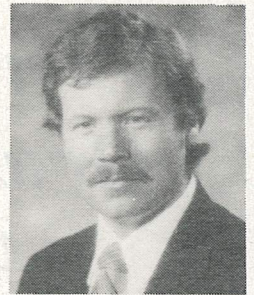
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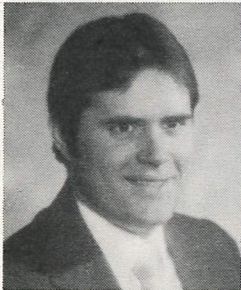
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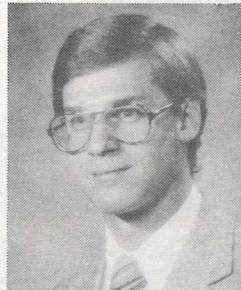
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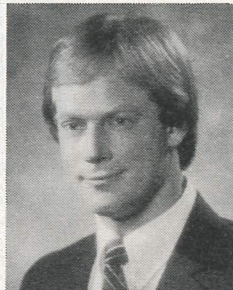
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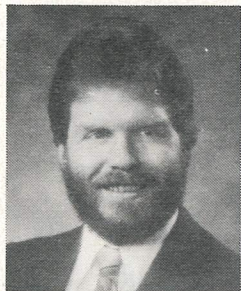
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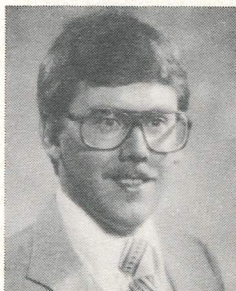
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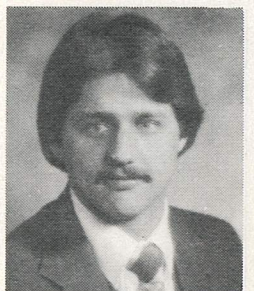
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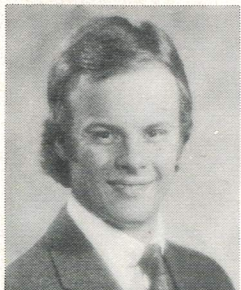
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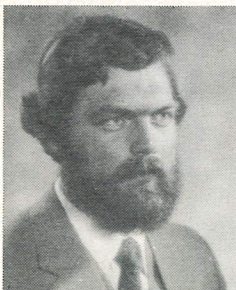
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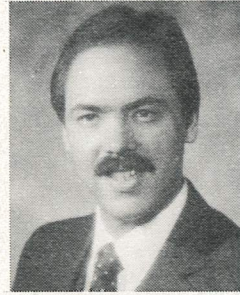
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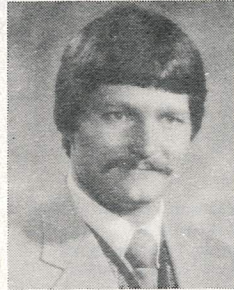
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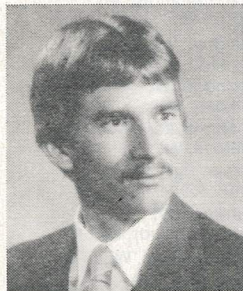
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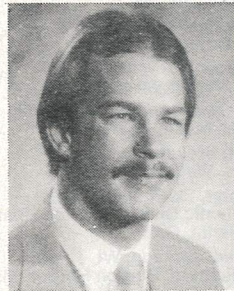
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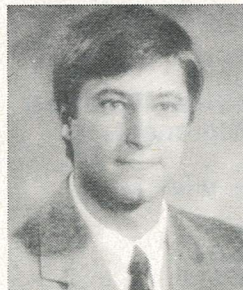
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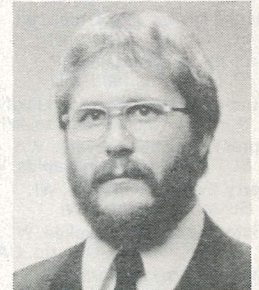
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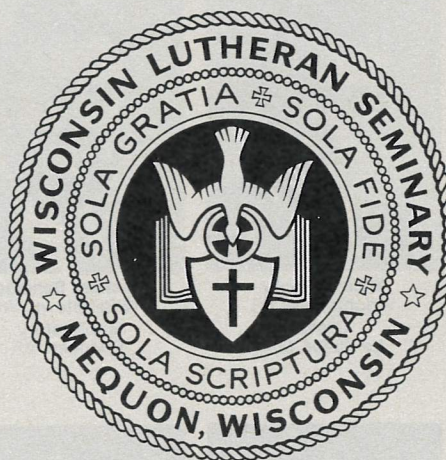
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New Ulm, Minnesota, August 1-6, 1983

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**Wisconsin Evangelical
Lutheran Synod
CONVENTION**

The forty-seventh biennial convention of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod will be held, God willing, August 1-6, 1983 at Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota. The convention is scheduled to adjourn no later than Saturday noon.

The opening communion service at St. Paul Lutheran Church will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, August 1. Professor Erwin R. Scharf, Chairman of the Luther Anniversary Committee, will preach the sermon. The closing service will be held on Friday, August 5, at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Carl W. Voss, president of the Northern Wisconsin District, will preach the sermon. In the event the convention adjourns earlier, the closing service will be held immediately following adjournment.

The opening session of the convention will be held immediately following the opening service in the college auditorium. Delegates are asked to arrive early enough to register in the lobby of the auditorium either on Sunday or before the beginning of the opening session.

The convention theme is "IN HIS WORD — MADE FREE." Dr. S. W. Becker will deliver an essay on Luther's two propositions concerning the freedom and bondage of the spirit: "A Christian is a perfectly free lord of all, subject to none. A Christian is a perfectly dutiful servant of all, subject to all."

Housing for the delegates will be provided in the school dormitories, and meals will be served in the school cafeteria. Meal tickets will also be available to visitors at nominal rates.

Mail sent to delegates during the convention should be addressed in care of Dr. Martin Luther College, College Heights, New Ulm, Minnesota 56073. Delegates may be reached by telephone by calling 507/354-8221.

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ARIZONA-CALIFORNIA DISTRICT

Conference

Apache
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Lay Delegates

Rufus Johnson
James Bersema
George Green

Congregations

Gethsemane, Cibecue, AZ
St. Peter, Globe, AZ
Pilgrim, Mesa, AZ

Pastors

H. Eugene Hartzell
Raymond Zimmermann
William Meier

Teachers

Willis Hadler
Peter Bauer
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California-South	Rev. Manfred Lenz Dean MacDonald David Dinnel	Alpine, Alpine, CA St. Paul, Riverside, CA Reformation, San Diego, CA		
California-North	Dean Baerman Raymond Schumacher	St. Paul, Honolulu, HI Gloria Dei, Belmont, CA		
Texas	David Schweppe Marvin L. Adams	Lord of Life, Friendswood, TX Immanuel, Fort Worth, TX		

DAKOTA-MONTANA DISTRICT

Conference	Lay Delegates	Congregations	Pastors	Teachers
Alberta-Montana Eastern	Arnold Korfman Martin Lohmiller Harvey Noble Wallace Redlin Niel Vollmer Robert Eckelberg Ervin Preszler	St. Peter, St. Albert, Alberta, Can. St. Paul, Henry, SD Immanuel, Ward, SD St. John, Summit-11SW, SD Trinity, Sturgis, SD Redeemer, Hettinger, ND Hope, Spearfish, SD	Roy Beyer William Allwardt David Linn Loyal Schroeder Paul Heiderich	Alan Draeger
Western				

MICHIGAN DISTRICT

Circuit	Lay Delegates	Congregations	Pastors	Teachers
No. 1	Warren Kramp	Good Shepherd, Benton Harbor, MI	Patrick Bell	Max Schram
No. 2	James F. Foley	St. Paul, South Haven, MI	Arthur Clement	Michael Brodbeck
No. 3	Edward Thurow	Redeemer, Scottville, MI	Frederick Adrian	Ronald Sosinski
No. 4	Duane Reid	St. John, Gladwin, MI	James Bourman	Alan Treder
No. 5	Marcus V. Ruediger	Hope, St. Charles, MI	Steven Peters	Stan Cole
No. 6	Thomas Schindler	St. Bartholomew, Kawkawlin, MI	Forrest Bivens	Edward Barthel
No. 7	Robert Adrian Sr.	Holy Redeemer, Port Huron, MI	Lloyd Lemke	Marc Meihack
No. 8	Kenneth Prost	Hope, Swartz Creek, MI	David Krueger	William Zeiger
No. 9	Alfred Dann Hansen	Shepherd of the Hills, Lansing, MI	Daniel Gieschen	Ronald Pape
No. 10	Arnold Heyer	St. Paul, Monroe, MI	Herbert Winterstein	
No. 11	Dave Keller	Immanuel, South Lyon, MI	Karl Vertz	
No. 12	George Miesel	Zion, Warren, MI	Robert Ehlers	
No. 13	William Rausch	Grace, Kenton, OH	Robert Gurgel	
No. 14	Andrew Schut	Prince of Peace, Reynoldsburg, OH	Larry Prahl	
No. 15	Dale Anderson	Grace, Falls Church, VA	Robert Hoepner	
No. 16	Matthew Jacob	Triune God, Ramsey, NJ	David Scherbarth	
No. 17	Larry Michaud	Our Shepherd, Poltimore, Quebec, Can.	Paul Schweppe	
No. 18			Karl Peterson	

MINNESOTA DISTRICT

Conference	Lay Delegates	Congregations	Pastors	Teachers
Crow River	Bruce Buttenhoff Donald Kurth	St. John, Hancock, MN Grace, Hutchinson, MN Trinity, Smiths Mill, MN	Thomas Frey Harold Schwertfeger Martin Birkholz Thomas Kutz	David Nack Donald Koch Kurt Schmidt Steven Rutschow Arden Wentzel Adair Moldenhauer David Ross Gerhard Bauer Gary Dallmann John Micheel Harold Yotter
Mankato	Bertram Braun		Jon Rupprecht Richard Buss Marvin Doelger Herbert Muenkel	Winfred Vatthauer
New Ulm	Arthur Glende	St. Paul, New Ulm, MN		Arden Wentzel
Red Wing	Clarence Vonderohe Edwin Schrimpf Oscar Patzer Harvey Raddatz Milford Paxton Gerald Dorst Dale Herold Robert Heidenreich Donald C. F. Strehlo David Sauer Richard Venter Edward Weeding Donavon Hellickson	First, La Crescent, MN St. John, Goodhue, MN Resurrection, Rochester, MN St. John, Redwood Falls, MN Christ, Marshall, MN Faith, River Falls, WI Beautiful Savior, Eagan, MN Emmanuel, Hudson, WI Christ, Cambridge, MN Christ, Eden Prairie, MN Grace, Oskaloosa, IA Trinity, Johnson, MN Zion, Sanborn, MN	Dale Arndt Oscar Lemke Robert Schumann Carroll Sengbusch Donald Grummert Donald Meier David Koepflin Donald Hochmuth Gary Kirschke	Adair Moldenhauer David Ross Gerhard Bauer Gary Dallmann John Micheel Harold Yotter
Redwood Falls				
St. Croix				
Southern At Large				

NEBRASKA DISTRICT

Conference	Lay Delegates	Congregations	Pastors	Teachers
Central Colorado	Charles Emert Frank Page Mark Steiner Karl Smith Richard Zeisler Paul Bader	Redeemer, Council Bluffs, IA Christ Our Redeemer, Denver, CO Good Shepherd, Cheyenne, WY Gethsemane, Kansas City, MO St. Paul, Naper, NE Zion, Valentine, NE Grace, Geneva, NE Grace, Seward, NE	Paul Albrecht Charles Found James Kuehl Douglas Bode Derrick Kolterjahn Jerome Enderle Larry Wiederich	Robert Adrian Richard Brei Keith Lauber
Mid-America Rosebud	William Bauer, Sr. Keith Schleusener			
Southern				

NORTHERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT

Conference	Lay Delegates	Congregations	Pastors	Teachers
Fox River Valley	George Anderson Edward Kaphingst Paul Pagel Wilbur Rath Edwin Schroeder Orville Schopf Ernest Haack Darrell Dobberpuhl Harry A. Beach Alphonse J. Filteau Harold J. Wolf Harry Larzelere Elmer Vogt Paul L. Streubel Glenn Erdmann Albert Delzer Arnold Baganz Alfred Zellmer Dallas E. Arndt Gerald Mathe Clifford Gelhar Norbert Guenther Delbert Kutz	Mt. Calvary, Kimberly, WI Trinity, Kaukauna, WI St. Luke, Little Chute, WI St. Paul, Hortonville-5NE, WI Immanuel, Appleton-8W, WI St. Peter, Sturgeon Bay, WI St. Paul, Algoma, WI Divine Savior, Shawano, WI St. John, Florence, WI Salem, Escanaba, MI Trinity, Brillion, WI St. Peter, Mishicot, WI St. John, Manitowoc-5SW, WI Grace, Manitowoc, WI St. John, Pelican Lake, WI Faith, Fond du Lac, WI St. Paul, Mt. Calvary, WI St. Peter, Winchester-4W, WI Bethel, Menasha, WI Faith, Oshkosh, WI Peace, Wautoma, WI St. Paul, Marquette, WI St. John, Princeton, WI	Ronald Ash Lyle Luchterhand Andrew Martens Frederick Toppe Ralph Waack Johannes Hering Philip Kuckhahn Richard Warnke Terry Deters Verlyn Dobberstein Dean Fleming Allen Capek Marvin Putz Robert Diener Steven Stern Richard Poetter David Haberkorn	Eugene Strusz Jerry Gronholz Paul Wendland James Bilitz Howard Heup Thomas Buege James Petermann Willard Lueders Jerald Radichel Gordon Pape Thomas Schroer William Radue Robert Boeck Merlyn Kruse Steven Gauger Steven Carlovsky
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Conference	Lay Delegates	Congregations	Pastors	Teachers
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Conference	Lay Delegates	Congregations	Pastors	Teachers
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Metro South				
Southern				

WESTERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT

Conference	Lay Delegates	Congregations	Pastors	Teachers
Central	Rodger Bobholz Herman Scharine Tom (Sherburne) Menz Carl E. Wolff Leland C. Schmidt John Manthe Paul Snyder Gerald E. Flynn Delmar Winning Sr. Thomas Cotheau	St. Peter, Juneau-3SW, WI Christus, Richmond, WI St. John, Waterloo-7SE, WI Immanuel, Watertown-8W, WI St. Mark, Watertown-6NW, WI Wisconsin Lutheran Chapel, Madison, WI St. James, Prairie du Sac, WI St. John, Watertown, WI Good Shepherd, Beaver Dam, WI Peace, Loves Park, IL St. Katherine, Menomonie-8NE, WI St. Peter, Chaseburg, WI St. Peter, Chaseburg-3NW, WI St. Michael, Fountain City, WI Christ, Cochrane, WI St. John, Sparta, WI Peace, Cataract-5NW, WI St. Peter, Marshfield-4NE, WI Salem, Wausau, WI St. Peter, Savanna, IL Christ Our Lord, Springfield, IL	Karl R. Gurgel Robert Hoenecke Louis Meyer David Plocher Henry Paustian Larry Schlomer James Fricke Gerhard Franzmann Gary Brown Glenn Moldenhauer Frederick Mutterer LeRoy Martin David Krenke John Meyer Waldemar Geiger Richard Agenten Kenneth Kratz Herbert Jaster	Steven Beilke Gregory Hoffmann John Metzger Orville Degner Donald Hartwig Jerome Kruse John Nolte Geoffrey Hoffman Douglas Nass Roger Wolff Robert Snell Keith Heinze Carl Lemke
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NOMINATIONS FOR THE 47TH BIENNIAL CONVENTION OF THE WISCONSIN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD

By the Nominating Committee

The following slate of candidates has been chosen by the Synod Nominating Committee to be presented to the delegates at the forty-seventh convention of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, August 1-6, 1983. The delegates will elect one for each position listed. The district affiliation of each candidate is noted in parenthesis. Incumbents are noted by an asterisk (*).

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By the Districts

The following slate of candidates will be presented to the delegates at the forty-seventh convention of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, August 1-6, 1983, one to be elected to each position. The nominating district is indicated in parenthesis. Incumbents are noted by an asterisk (*). The order is determined by the districts and at times expresses preference.

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The deadline for submitting items for publication is five weeks before the date of issue

PRICE CHANGE

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Continuing a policy adopted last year as an economy measure, no Northwestern Lutheran will be published on July 15 and December 15 of each year.

CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES

Dakota-Montana District, Western Delegate Conference, June 14 at Zion, Moberidge, South Dakota. Agenda: Book of Reports and Memorials.

Nebraska District, Mid-America Delegate Conference, June 21 at Messiah, Wichita, Kansas. Agenda: Book of Reports and Memorials

Northern Wisconsin District, Rhinelander Delegate Conference, June 26 at Zion, Rhinelander. Agenda: Book of Reports and Memorials.

INSTALLATIONS

(Authorized by District President)
Installed

Pastors:

- Belter, Dennis W.**, as pastor of Gloria Dei, Grand Blanc, Michigan on March 20, 1983, by H. Birner (MI).
Braun, Mark E., as pastor of St. John's, Sparta, Wisconsin on April 10, 1983, by K. Gast (WW).
Haakenson, Reed A., as pastor of St. Paul's, Douglas and Grace, Warren, Arizona on May 1, 1983, by T. Schulz (AC).
Hellmann, Robert, as pastor of St. Paul's, Montrose and Trinity, Buffalo, Minnesota on May 1, 1983, by S. Smith (MN).
Kante, Paul E., as pastor of Peace and St. Paul's, Cataract, Wisconsin on April 10, 1983, by H. Klug (MI).

Commissioned

- Liesener, Thomas A.**, as missionary to South Anchorage, Alaska on May 1, 1983 by G. Frey (PN).

ADDRESSES

(Submitted through the District President)

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Kante, Paul E., Atwood Drive, PO Box 197, Cataract, WI 54620.
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Teacher:

- Schlawin, Matthew**, 722 East Frances Street, Appleton, WI 54911.

CIRCUIT PASTOR ELECTED

Pastor Gary A. Griep has been elected circuit pastor in the Ohio Conference of the Michigan District to replace Pastor Reid Haakenson who has moved to another district.

President W. J. Zarling
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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.

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NORTHWESTERN COLLEGE CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The members of the Synod are invited to place in nomination the names of men qualified to fill the German professorship that will be vacated when Prof. John Sullivan retires at the close of the 1983-84 school year. An additional classroom assignment, outside the field of German, will be determined by mutual consent. Nominations, including pertinent information, should be in the hands of the secretary no later than June 29, 1983.

W. A. Schumann, Secretary
6120 South 5th Street
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NORTHWESTERN PREPARATORY SCHOOL NOMINATIONS

The following have been nominated for the vacant professorship in the English Department at Northwestern Preparatory School:

Mr. Steven Grosinski	Kowloon, Hong Kong
Rev. Mark Jeske	Milwaukee, WI
Mr. David Lauber	Waco, NE
Mr. Keith Lauber	Fond du Lac, WI
Mr. Phillip Leyrer	Lake Mills, WI
Rev. Marcus Manthey	Melbourne, FL
Mr. Martin Moldenhauer	Lake Mills, WI
Rev. Richard Starr	Worthington, OH
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I will always remember

by Ronald K. Heins

He had continued washing the right front fender as I talked. The topic was controversial. Twelve-year-olds do not leave home and set out on their own. When I asked if he would support me in the decision I had made, he turned off the hose. He slowly turned and put out his hand to take mine. That day my father said yes to my life. Thus began my study for the ministry.

My father had a way of saying yes to the lives of his children. He was a quiet man, a third generation immigrant who grew up hoeing his father's fields. Most of his life would be touched by struggle, and this effort to survive would limit his own life to few outside interests. Yet he never imposed those limits upon his sons.

*...the image of
the Father's presence
will stamp and mold
a believing father.*

As I grew up, he was willing to do things he didn't care about so that a son could do things the son was interested in. Despite the pain of a joint problem, a game of catch in the driveway was always available. Despite being scared to death of water and boats, he would take his son out on a lake and fish all day. Though he would never take a gun in his own hand, he would find the hunting grounds and walk them with his son. It wasn't that we did these things often. I treasure that he did them at all.

We have a way of taking for granted the special and of treating as common the exceptional. Take my father's love of his Savior. I knew he served on boards and committees of his church all his life. I remember helping count the offerings when he was financial secretary. I remember him faithfully going to choir each week. I remember the people we would pick up for church. I remember his walking to work all week so we would have enough gas to go to church on Sunday. I remember his answer when, given our family's other needs, I once questioned the size of his Sunday offering. I remember the sidewalks we shoveled for those who couldn't.

I grew up under a father — and mother — who was always helping someone with something. Most of the time I thought it was normal behavior. But it was not until I was well into my own parenting that I fully recognized the hand of God in the hands and voice of my father's life. What I had thought normal, what I had taken for granted, I have come to see as God's grace.

When we are children, what our parents are is often unseen. Perversely, we focus our attention on what they are not. Being sinful human beings, there is a lot our parents are not. As children we have that knack of finding almost every wart. We quickly resent our parents' busy lives as they go about caring for their family and for others. We want what we want — now. And when they say no to our well-reasoned and logical requests, well. . . .

*I will remember
a father who said yes
to my life so often
when I deserved it
so seldom.*

But when God opens our eyes, we begin to see not their sins, for they are forgiven, but their love which was given — given by God to them and through them to us. We begin to see his care in their actions. Our father on earth will not be a perfect reflection of our Father in heaven but the image of the Father's presence will stamp and mold a believing father.

The Lord asks us to honor those who represent him, to honor them for being his representatives, not bent and warped sinners. As God's representatives, fathers are not always given the acclaim they deserve because they are out of the house so much. They will be gone to work. They will be gone to serve. This is what God has given them to do. My father may have been away all day at work. He may have been busy with his church and household responsibilities, but I will always remember. . . .

I will remember the quiet, patient way he went about his work. I will remember the affection he showed to my mother. I will remember how he cared for us when mother was sick. I will remember how he let a son take in a stray dog — for 13 years. I will remember how he put the Lord's work and worship at the head of his life. I will remember how quick he was to express appreciation — how slow to criticize. I will remember the hours in a boat, the afternoon on the hunt, the games of catch in the drive. I will remember a father who said yes to my life so often when I deserved it so seldom.

I hope and pray the Lord will enable me to represent him to my children as well as my father did to me. □



Pastor Heins
is at St. John's, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin.