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# BRIEFS by the Editor

Centennials are becoming almost commonplace in our Synod today. That's because the late sixties and the seventies of the last century were years of remarkable mission activity in our Wisconsin Synod.

The process of establishing mission congregations in those days, as might be expected, was totally different from what it is today. Now we usually start with a small nucleus of Wisconsin Synod members who happen to have moved to some new location in the United States. After exploratory services and the granting of mission status, it becomes for the most part a matter of contacting the unchurched and offering them the Gospel. Many of these, as it turns out, have never heard the message of the cross before. This method of establishing missions — the only one possible today — demands ample manpower and requires a large investment of money.

A hundred years ago it was more a matter of ingathering. Immigrants who were already Lutheran had come to America by the tens of thousands. They were there for the finding. In our Synod's early days this led to some remarkable mission trips, on foot and horseback, by many of our pioneer pastors. The same names

appear in the centennial histories of many congregations — names like Fachtmann, Koehler, Reim, Walddt. Some of the descendants of these circuit riders are still among us. Most of these hardy men were woefully underpaid even for those early days, and had to depend on their people for handouts. It took a long time before this situation changed.

All of us will agree that these men were real heroes of faith as they trudged weary mile after weary mile in all sorts of weather to serve isolated pockets of Lutherans with Word and Sacrament. It was in those years that congregations such as those in Oshkosh, Hortonville, New London, Maple Creek, La Crosse and Winona were founded. The story is a fascinating one.

And now it's a hundred plus years later. Yet, by God's grace, these congregations are not suffering from spiritual arteriosclerosis. They are as young as the youngest child in their midst, and no older than the oldest member. Their activity is that of preparing men, women, and children to live Christian lives and to graduate to the life which is eternal. And that's just as large a task today as it was 100 years ago.

The question is whether we are as ready today to bring the sacrifices those early settlers brought and to spend ourselves as those early pastors and teachers did. That's what our Lord is looking for. This is the way He puts it: "Occupy till I come." Have you considered that the Lord doesn't want you to put that off until your congregation is 100 years old? You may no longer be around. How about NOW?!

*One of the evident blessings God has been sending our way as a Synod is the opening of mission congregations in states where we were not represented as little as 10 years ago. Beginning with this issue, we are bringing you a new series of articles on Home Missions. It will be named "Home Missions — State by State."*

*The first state being featured is the state of Florida. The writer of the feature article is Pastor Larry G. Zwiieg of Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church of Merritt Island. He has been a missionary-pastor in Florida since 1968. He is a member of the Gulf-Atlantic Mission District Mission Board and has had the privilege of serving in some capacity in every congregation on the mission district's east coast from Columbia, South Carolina, to Miami, Florida. He also has another distinction. For alphabetical reasons he is the last pastor mentioned in the clergy roster of our Synod. Our thanks to Pastor Zwiieg for his interesting account.*

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

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**COVER** — The mission van in India and Pastor and Mrs. Paul Mitra (see page 281).

# Editorials

**"Be It Ever So Humble"** Nothing is so apt to make the average parent feel more incompetent and unqualified than the start of the fall school term.

Suddenly he finds himself talked down to in bewildering pedagogical jargon by educational authorities. He is embarrassed by the dazzling array of activities beckoning his child to leave the homely routine of home. He is led to believe that "active people" enlist in the full swing of church and community sponsored service organizations.

The parent should not lose heart, however, nor be overly impressed with all these nice activities that the Scripture is strangely silent about. For the Commandments of God still have everything to say about the HOME.

One weary father who plays catch with his son after supper has out-classed all the boys' clubs in the world. One mother who shows her little girl how to fry an egg or sew on a button has out-shone all the gleaming Home-Ec hardware.

The father who haltingly reads 10 verses of the Bible to his family at the supper table does more than any pastor can do in two years of confirmation class. The husband who refuses to attend meetings three and four nights a week and instead shares a glass of cheap champagne with his wife at the kitchen table after the kids are in bed makes fools out of the family counselors.

The child who looks up from his toys to see father give mother an affectionate squeeze may not get all of the biology and anatomy the sex experts are eager to diagram, but he knows all he needs to know: ma and pa got a good thing going.

Comfort and rock-ribbed courage come to those who believe: "This is the love of God that we keep His Commandments."

John Parcher

**Down the Garden Path** The Broadman Bible Commentary is a publication of the Southern Baptist Convention. For several years the 12-volume commentary has been the focus of controversy in that denomination because "a large segment of the material . . . is out of harmony with the spirit and letter of the 'Baptist Faith Message.'"

Two years ago the Convention resolved that Volume I of the commentary should be withdrawn from further distribution and be rewritten from the conservative viewpoint. This year that resolution was defeated. The Genesis volume will not be recalled or rewritten.

By this action one of America's most conservative major church bodies has given higher criticism official tolerance, if not approval. What was quietly taught by a few of their seminary professors a few years ago (and they were

not prevented from doing so) can now be taught openly: the Bible contains errors. The doctrine of sacred inspiration can henceforth be denied without penalty.

Even a beginning student of church history knows what the fateful consequences of this decision of the Southern Baptists will be. A few more years, and they will no longer be recognized as a confessional body that once sturdily upheld the inspiration of Scripture, even if it did not follow Scripture in all of its teachings. In the train of their yielding of the doctrine of inspiration will follow the inevitable denials of the doctrines of creation, of the virgin birth, of miracles, of salvation through Christ alone, and other clear Scripture teachings.

The Southern Baptists will walk down the garden path taken by the Methodists, the United Churches of Christ, the Presbyterians, the Lutheran Church in America, the American Lutheran Church, or even the Missouri Synod — stage by stage, doctrine by doctrine, step for step.

One doesn't have to be a prophet to foretell this disaster — just a reader of 20th century church history.

Carleton Toppe

## Ye That Forget God

A six-year-old boy on a weekend camping trip in the mountains with his parents disappeared from the campsite. For four days he was the object of a massive search by 250 men on foot, on horses, and in jeeps and helicopters. He was finally found moaning and half-frozen behind a log in eight inches of snow.

Commenting on those horrible days and nights of fear and anxiety during the search, the boy's father said, "For the first time in my life I prayed."

The father's reaction in this crisis was not an exceptional one. Those old enough to remember World War II will recall the simple truism, often repeated in those days: "There are no atheists in foxholes."

This reaction to crisis and danger does not constitute instant conversion, but it does bring into sharp focus man's need for God. Man likes to think of himself as self-sufficient, the captain of his own destiny. But when danger looms and death appears imminent, this arrogance quickly dissolves in an overwhelming backwash of weakness and helplessness.

Those who tend to think that at this stage of history man's need for God has been offset by the accumulation of knowledge and skill which enables him to transplant hearts and fly to the moon might well imagine themselves in the situation of the frightened father, or under fire in a foxhole, or on their deathbeds.

Under these conditions one is not apt to confuse faith with foolishness, or godlessness with self-sufficiency.

Immanuel Frey



# Studies in God's Word

## Obadiah — Minor in Length Only

**The vision of Obadiah. Thus saith the Lord God ... (Obadiah 1).**

For many a reader of the Bible the prophecy of Obadiah is unknown territory. Is it because of the brevity of its message? Obadiah's contribution to Holy Writ is the shortest book in the Old Testament. Scissor it out of your Bible and only a single page would be missing. Not much would be lost. Or would it?

Obadiah's prophecy is in the Bible. Its right to be in the Scriptures — its canonicity — is unquestionable. Obadiah's right to be heard ought not to be questioned either. Brief messages may be exceptionally important. Think of the general's terse communication at the Battle of the Bulge: "Nuts!" Like the other Minor Prophets, Obadiah is minor in length only, not minor in importance.

### Obadiah — Who?

Do people skip reading Obadiah because of the obscurity of his person? Not much is known of Obadiah beyond the meaning of his name: "Servant of Jehovah." His lineage is not mentioned. None of the 12 other men who bear the same name and are mentioned in the Old Testament can be identified with the writer of the prophecy. Can his message be important if he is not?

It may be significant that Obadiah's person is unknown. His very obscurity is like the minister's gown, serving to accentuate the message rather than the man. Besides, it harms him little to be known only as the "servant of the Lord." One thing we do know. Obadiah was the Lord's prophet, a forthteller as well as foreteller of the Word of God.

### Obadiah — When?

So little is known of the time and specific history in which Obadiah lived and preached that some might be inclined to dismiss his oracle as unintelligible. Scholars are not agreed in dating the book. Estimates range from 850 B.C. to 312 B.C. One scholar says, "This shortest book in the Old Testament bears the distinction of being the most difficult of all prophets to date" (Archer).

There may be significance also in the obscure references to history. Specific dating may tend to bind the application of Obadiah's words to specific events in history. May it not be that a wider application of his message was and is intended?

There are some hints, however, that the book has an earlier origin than some would like to think. Without elaborating on the evidence for an early date, we may follow the lead of the Hebrews who placed Obadiah fourth among the Minor Prophets, showing that he was regarded as early.

### Obadiah — What?

Judgment on Edom is the theme that Obadiah drives home with effective hammer blows. It makes one think of the Lord's utterance: "Is not My Word like as a fire? saith the Lord, and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?" (Jer. 23:29.) If the book is a "tract" against the sin of pride, as some think of it, its pungent directness serves it well.

This little book is characterized as a whole by Hugo of St. Victor in these words: "Obadiah is simple in language, manifold in meaning; few in words, abundant in thoughts, according to that 'the wise man is known by the fewness of his words.' He directeth his prophecy according to the letter against Edom; alle-

gorically he inveighs against the world; morally against the flesh. Bearing an image of the Savior, he hinteth at His coming through whom the world is destroyed, through whom the flesh is subdued, through whom freedom is restored."

### Obadiah — Why?

Why attempt a study of a book that admittedly few bother to read? Maybe that in itself is reason enough. If we neglect it entirely, we might as well tear that page out of our Bibles. But the opening words of Obadiah ought to give us reason to hear him out: "The vision of Obadiah." Scripture distinguishes between two kinds of visions. False prophets are labeled as such who "speak a vision of their own heart, and not out of the mouth of the Lord" (Jer. 23:16). But true prophets were sent "visions" by the Lord. The term is used to describe the way in which "holy men of God ... were moved" by the Lord to speak (II Pet. 1:21). The word refers to "prophetic perception." The prophet was given to "see" what God wanted him to perceive and transmit to His people.

The fact that Obadiah's vision was granted by the Lord is established immediately by the expression, "Thus saith the Lord God." What we have in Obadiah is the Word of God given by inspiration.

Two passages of Scripture should prompt us to turn to Obadiah. "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable" (II Tim. 3:16). "Search the Scriptures ... they are they which testify of Me" (John 8:39). We can safely assume that Obadiah is "profitable." We are also assured that if our search is proper, we shall find Christ therein. What greater reason do we need to be moved to study Obadiah?

Paul E. Nitz

A VAN IS SOMETHING TO BE GRATEFUL FOR,  
ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU'VE WAITED 25 YEARS.

After many months of anxious waiting due to the customary manufacturing delays in India, compounded by the Pakistani war, a dream that lived in the hearts of the Mitras for 25 years finally became a reality. Extra dollars given by many individuals, groups, and societies within our Synod provided the means to make this much-needed vehicle possible. The purchase price was \$7,500. Since its delivery the Mitras are able to serve and contact their people in Madras and in the surrounding villages with greater ease and regularity. Gone are the days of hour after hour waiting in railway stations to board a train — providing there was room — that traveled 25 miles an hour. Gone are the days of sleeping under the open sky and eating the few morsels that could be carried in a bag for a three- or four-day journey away from home.

Pastor Mitra writes, "With rejoicing and grateful hearts we acknowledge with thanks to God and to all those inspired by Him to donate generously for the much-needed 4-wheel-drive Jeep ambulance-motor van for the use of the India mission. We have waited for nearly a quarter century for such a boon to the mission for the furtherance of our Lord's kingdom. In these nearly 25 years many have prayed with us, and for many of those years all through the nights, that the Lord may provide such a facility. This is the only motor vehicle in India that is manufactured with West German collaboration. The *Kaiser-Jeep* firm in India gave the technical know-how for the design and engineering aspects to make this vehicle. It is powered by the economical 4-cylinder Jeep-Hurricane engine."

Pastor Mitra is presently serving four congregations and periodically visiting and conducting services in 10 other villages. We catch a glimpse of his activity from these words of his letter: "A trial run has been taken in the van to Nandalur on our recent visit of June 17-19, when the van was dedicated in a service held on June 18 to God's glory for the promotion of the Gospel. Except for some minor adjustments, the vehicle runs well. Though the cost of gasoline is higher than the rail fares, the compensating advantages such as avoiding the crowds, standing all the way of the journey, and dependence on the fixed times of the rail schedules and many others, outweigh the extra cost involved. The opportunities for witnessing with the saving Gospel en route to our destination are also greater."

May the vehicle, the fruit of extra love from our people, continue to aid our faithful mouthpiece in India as he declares the wonders of salvation through Jesus Christ! Funds that are still received for the vehicle, will now be used for insurance, repairs, and running expenses. It is with unending joy that the Executive Committee for Southeast Asian Missions submits this report. May the Lord richly bless the many donors who gave so generously for this project!

Marlyn A. Schroeder, Chairman

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# "A Fruit of Extra Love"



The panel truck is fitted with sleeping quarters. It has facilities for showing slides in connection with preaching and teaching trips into outlying areas. Also included is the equipment needed for a mobile dispensary for the use of Mrs. Mitra, who is a medical doctor, to treat the poor. — The photograph below pictures the congregation present when the van was dedicated to God's service on June 18, 1972. Pastor and Dr. Mitra are on the far right.



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VBS at Bay Pines Lutheran, Seminole, Florida. Pastor of this self-supporting congregation is the Rev. R. L. Wiechmann, chairman of the Mission Board.

## Home Missions — State by State

### PRESENTING FLORIDA

There are a great many people who seem to feel that the words "retired" and "playboys" pretty well summarize all of Florida. Even pastors in our northern states who receive calls to Florida congregations often have the impression that their members would all be older people and a certain amount of visitors during the winter. Nothing could be further from the truth!

Florida is the fastest growing state in the Union. Of the seven mission and four self-supporting congregations in the state, only one, Faith in

St. Petersburg, is made up predominantly of older people; and there, too, on any Sunday you will see many families and small children.

Besides Faith of St. Petersburg, the other self-supporting congregations are Peace of Bradenton, Ocean Drive of Pompano Beach, and Bay Pines of Seminole. In this article, however, we would like to introduce you particularly to your Florida missions to give you a clearer picture of what your missionaries and your dollars are doing here.

King of Kings, Maitland, Florida — Pastor G. Kionka



#### Jacksonville

On the northeasternmost corner of Florida is Jacksonville, "the bold new city of the South." Jax, as it is known, is an old city which has literally exploded in recent years. It has a population of 600,000 plus, is surrounded by three naval installations, and has become one of the leading industrial centers of the state. Our mission here is *Our Savior Ev. Lutheran*, served by Pastor John Vogt. This congregation has recently purchased land in a choice location in eastern Jacksonville and will soon begin construction of a house of worship which will include adequate space for a two-room school. The congregation, started in November of 1969, now numbers 43 communicants and 85 souls, including local families and such in the military.

#### Merritt Island

Halfway down the eastern coast is *Redeemer Lutheran Church*, Merritt Island. This congregation serves the space center workers at Cape Kennedy, the gateway to the moon. The first service was held on March 22, 1964, at the height of the space boom. The average age of the people on the island during the 10 years from 1962 to 1972 was 25. The changing fortunes of the space industry have seen

the congregation's number vary from 30 to 70 communicants. At present the congregation numbers 45 communicants but looks forward to rapid growth due to the stabilization of the area and the full-time service of their pastor after three consecutive years of serving vacancies. Redeemer dedicated its beautiful church and parsonage in 1966 and is served by the undersigned.

#### West Palm Beach

The small group of Wisconsin Synod Lutherans who worship at West Palm Beach is served by Pastor Wayne Bartelt of Pompano Beach. A vicar, Mr. David Krueger, has been assigned to the area for the coming year. The group has recently received mission status from the General Board for Home Missions and will soon organize and incorporate. Worship services are presently held in a funeral chapel. The congregation numbers 16 communicants and 20 souls.

#### Cutler Ridge (Miami)

Mention Florida, and everyone thinks of Miami. Cutler Ridge is a suburb, about 20 miles south of the center of Miami. A small group has been struggling along there since the fall of 1964. The congregation has had more vacancies than pastorate up to this point, but now with a new church (see dedication article) and a resident pastor who will be following up on a very thorough and very productive canvass of the area by Pastor A. T. Kretzmann of Crete, Illinois, who does this canvass work for our mission board, the future looks very bright indeed. At present the congregation numbers 35 communicants, mostly business and laboring people. There are only two retired families in the entire congregation.

#### North Fort Meyers

Moving to the west coast, *Bethany* of North Fort Meyers is our newest mission. It is very small, numbering only 16 communicants. Begun only recently, the mission is served by Pastor James Vogt of Bradenton. The area is a rapidly growing one, since much of the growth in southern Florida has shifted to the west coast.

*Bethany* is at present calling its first resident pastor and is planning the purchase of its land. The coming of a resident pastor will be a big boost, if for no other reason, simply because the time of services will then shift from 3:30 in the afternoon to a morning hour. How would you like to worship at 3:30 P.M. Sundays?

#### Tampa

At the center of the Gold Coast (central west coast) is *Mt. Calvary Ev. Lutheran Church* of Tampa. *Mt. Calvary* was organized 15 years ago by Pastor William Steih, then of St. Petersburg. The congregation has a lovely, functional church and a spacious parsonage plus five acres of land in north central Tampa. Age-wise, attending *Mt. Calvary* would be like worshipping in any of your congregations — some members are old, some are fathers and mothers with families, and there are many children for Sunday school. The congregation, numbering 110 communicants, is served by Pastor Edward Renz and looks forward to self-support beginning next year.

#### Holiday

*Peace Ev. Lutheran Church* in Holiday (Tarpon Springs) is our fastest growing mission. Begun early in 1968 by Pastor R. L. Wiechmann of Seminole, this group was given mission status in January, 1969. In July of 1969, it received its first resident

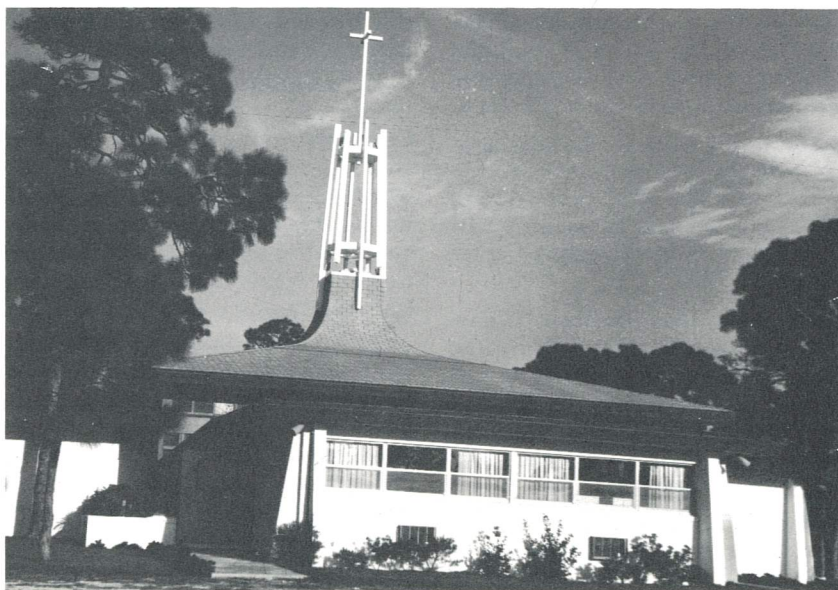
pastor, the Rev. Mark Goeglein. Soon after, land was purchased, and on May 16, 1971, groundbreaking was celebrated. The new chapel and parsonage were dedicated on February 27, 1972 (see April 23 issue of *The Northwestern Lutheran*). At present the congregation numbers 75 communicants with a Sunday school of 20 students.

#### Maitland (Orlando)

Disney World has come to Orlando, but *King of Kings Ev. Lutheran* was there first. Pastor Richard Wiechmann and his family arrived in Orlando in August of 1966. The first service was held in November. Two and one-half acres on Wymore Road in Maitland were purchased in December, 1966. After three years of worshipping in the Civic Center, the congregation dedicated a beautiful new church with fellowship wing on November 16, 1969. The congregation at present numbers 83 communicants and is considering the opening of a Christian day school in the fall of 1973. Rev. Gerhardt Kionka serves *King of Kings*.

These are your Florida missions, a mixture of people young and old, but, like our entire state, growing and looking to the future. If you come South, y'all stop and visit with us. Hear?

Pastor L. G. Zwieg



Redeemer Lutheran, Merritt Island — L. G. Zwieg, pastor



## Dedication at Miami, Florida

"Hallelujah! Hosanna! Amen!" "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all people." These texts for the dedication sermon by Pastor Larry Zwieg and the ordination sermon by Pastor Julian Anderson at morning and evening services on July 16, 1972, sum up both the spirit of thanksgiving filling the hearts of the members of Cutler Ridge Ev. Lutheran Church, Miami, Florida, and their prayers for the future.

The members of Cutler Ridge Lutheran had waited 11-1/2 months since the death of their former pastor, the Rev. William Steih, for the installation of a new pastor. On this evening, their prayers were answered in the ordination of the Rev. Ronald Litke, a 1972 graduate of our Seminary at Mequon.

An answer to the prayers of the congregation for a church building had been awaited for a considerable time longer, in fact, for 6-1/2 years.

Exploratory work in the southernmost suburbs of Miami was begun in the fall of 1964. The first services were conducted in a community hall in the Cutler Ridge Shopping Center in April of 1965.

In January, 1968, the Rev. William Steih was installed, and soon after, the worship services moved to the cafeteria of the Gulfstream Elementary School directly across from the five-acre plot purchased as the site for the future church.

Almost all the preliminary work for the new church was done during Pastor Steih's ministry. However, on August 2, 1971, the Lord in His wis-

dom called Pastor Steih home from his labors before the contracts could be signed and ground broken.

Work on the project continued as the undersigned became vacancy pastor. Mr. George Cribbs of Weslan Construction Company, Miami, was chosen as general contractor, and ground was broken on January 30, 1972.

The church building was designed by Arthur Rude A.I.A. Inc., Architects, of Pompano Beach. It is of modern design, constructed of concrete block, plastered inside and out, with a paneled chancel and entryway. Total space available is approximately 3,000 square feet, including the kitchenette-cryroom and the pastor's study, in addition to the sanctuary. The floors are carpeted, and the building has central air-conditioning. Total cost was \$68,000.

The members of Cutler Ridge Lutheran wish to thank all their fellow Christians in the Synod. Without your gifts for missions and the Church Extension Fund, they would not be able to carry the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the people of Miami and certainly would not have had these fine facilities for a long time to come.

Cutler Ridge Lutheran is the only Wisconsin Synod church in the metropolitan Miami area, which numbers 1,081,000 people. "The fields are white unto harvest." Now Cutler Ridge has a pastor and a beautiful, functional church with which the Lord will reap that harvest.

"Hallelujah! Hosanna! Amen!"

Pastor L. G. Zwieg

### SYNODICAL SCHOOL OPENINGS

#### Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Mequon, Wisconsin

Tuesday, September 12: Opening service at 10:00 a. m.

#### Northwestern College and Northwestern Preparatory School Watertown, Wisconsin

Monday, August 28: Orientation of new students in the Preparatory School at 9:30 a. m. — Orientation of new college students at 1 p. m.

Tuesday, August 29: Opening exercises at 2 p. m. in the college gymnasium.

#### Dr. Martin Luther College New Ulm, Minnesota

Saturday, September 9: Freshman registration, 1-4:30 p. m. — Welcome luncheon for freshmen, other new students, and parents of both groups, 6 p. m.

Sunday, September 10: Sophomore registration, 2-4 p. m.

Monday, September 11: Junior registration, 9:30-11:30 a. m. — Senior registration, 2-4 p. m. — Opening service at 7:30 p. m.

#### Michigan Lutheran Seminary Saginaw, Michigan

Sunday, August 27: Registration of new students, 1-5 p. m. — Testing of new students, 7-9 p. m. — Registration of returning students, 7-9 p. m.

Monday, August 28: Registration of returning students, 8-11:30 a. m. and 7-8:30 p. m. — 1:30 Opening service.

Tuesday, August 29: Registration of returning students, 9-11 a. m.

#### Northwestern Lutheran Academy Mobridge, South Dakota

Sunday, August 20: Registration from 1-4 and 7-9 p. m.

Monday, August 21: Registration from 9-12 a. m. and 3-5 p. m. — Opening service at 1:30 p. m.

#### Martin Luther Academy New Ulm, Minnesota

Tuesday, September 5: Registration of all students, 8-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-4 p.m.

Wednesday, September 6: Opening service at 8:30 a.m.

### OFFER

By October 1, 1972, Faith Ev. Lutheran Church of Dexter, Michigan, will be ready to donate to any mission congregation for the cost of transportation the following items: 12 10-ft. church pews, 1 altar (5' long, 27" in depth), 1 pulpit, 1 baptismal font. Please contact: Pastor John Huebner, 2035 Baker Rd., Dexter, MI 48130.

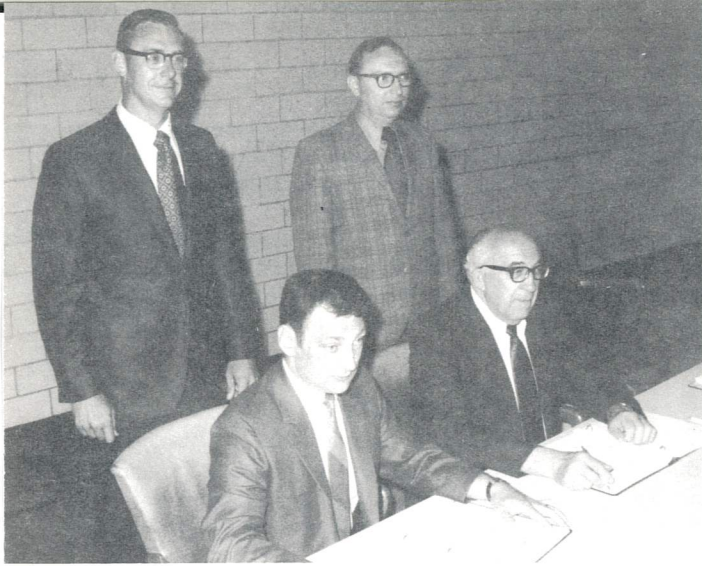
### CALL FOR NOMINATIONS — DMLC

Because William F. McCullum has resigned his office as professor in the education division, Dr. Martin Luther College in accord with current Synodical policies petitions the members of the Synod to nominate candidates for the existing vacancy. Men nominated should be qualified to supervise in the off-campus, student-teaching program and to teach courses in professional education.

Nominations should include as much pertinent data as possible and should be in the hands of the undersigned by September 5, 1972.

Gerhard S. Bauer, Secretary  
DMLC Board of Control  
8730 Nicollet  
Bloomington, Minnesota 55420





Standing: D. Krenke, second vice-president, and R. Strobel, first vice-president; seated: J. Engel, secretary, and A. P. C. Kell, president.

## “WE ALL BELIEVE IN ONE TRUE GOD”

### Dakota-Montana District Convention

Under the theme “We All Believe in One True God,” the twenty-sixth Biennial Convention of the Dakota-Montana District was called to order by the District’s president, the Rev. A. P. C. Kell, on June 20, 1972. We gathered on the picturesque campus of Northwestern Lutheran Academy, Mobridge, South Dakota. One-hundred and four delegates thus began the joyous task of studying the reports of the many blessings which the Lord of the Church in His grace and mercy has bestowed upon our Synod during the past biennium. As report blended into report and session into session, an observer could not help but be reminded of the words of the Psalmist, “Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised” (Ps. 145:3). Our Lord has truly prospered our hand throughout our District and to the four corners of our world.

In the opening sermon, Pastor Richard Strobel, addressing himself to John 15:1-3, underlined for the convention the Church’s only source of strength and blessing — the Vine, Jesus Christ. With each succeeding devotion, we were challenged to expend ourselves in being about our Father’s business of spreading the pure Gospel to every creature in every land. In his opening remarks based on II Corinthians 4:5, President Kell enlarged on the message which we are to disseminate. He reminded us that “we do not preach ourselves, our thoughts, our philosophies, but Christ Jesus our Lord. To preach Him and Him alone is the privilege and obligation of all the congregations of our District. It is to this end and for this purpose that we have been freed by Him from all other obligations.”

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### Special Joys

With the need to reach the lost so great and the time so short, it was most gratifying to note in the report of the District’s Evangelism Commission these words: “Though just a few years back you would have searched in vain to find five congregations which had an active evangelism committee in our District, today we are happy to report that 38 congregations have active committees. Of the 35 which have no evangelism committee, 19 have plans to establish one in the near future.”

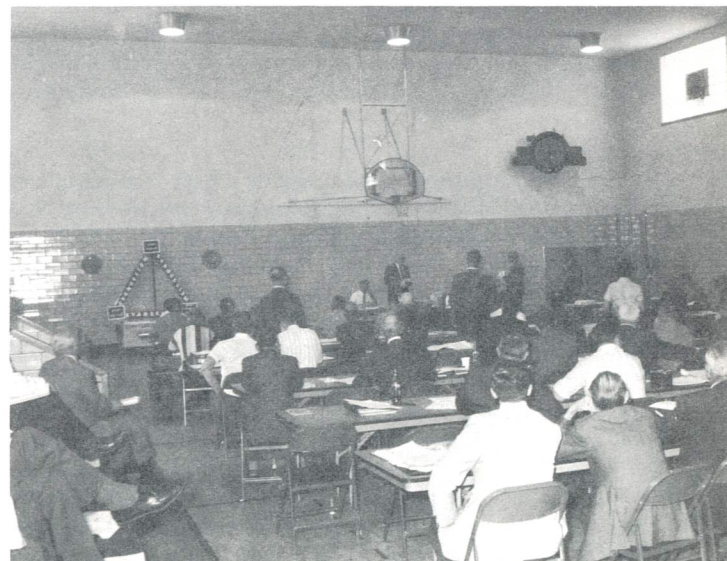
Other reports evinced similar blessings from our God. The mission at Yankton has been firmly established. Exploratory work has begun in Huron and Bozeman. A second congregation has been established in Sioux Falls as a self-supporting congregation. Our newly revitalized Canadian thrust is flourishing. Complete new mission plants have been dedicated at Brookings and Billings, and the enrollment at Northwestern Lutheran Academy continues to swell.

We were grateful to learn that our loving Lord had protected our fellow Christians in the Rapid City area during the recent disaster there. We also acknowledged the blessings which the Lord granted His church through the faithful services of Prof. Karl G. Sievert and Pastor Walter D. Herrmann, both of whom retired during the biennium.

### Special Concerns

The critically curtailed efforts to expand our Gospel mission into South America, increase our home mission openings and add to our Seminary staff were of special concern to our delegates and examined at length. The discussion concluded with the prayerful resolve to go back to our congregations and make every effort to solve these matters.

One of the special tasks given our convention was the request of the Commission on Higher Education that the District study the feasibility of possible partial support for general education students at Northwestern Lutheran Academy. Northwestern Lutheran Academy is unique among the academies of our Synod in that it has the dual



Dakota-Montana District Convention in session.

purpose of providing instruction for future church workers and supplying a more general Christian education. The convention noted with gratefulness the many blessings which the Lord has granted our congregations through the Academy, especially in offering a Christian education to the children of congregations throughout our District and Synod that are unable, due to distance and size, to provide for such themselves. In view of these blessings and the ever increasing need for such education for our youth, the convention voted to petition the people of our Synod to continue Northwestern Lutheran Academy in its unique role and promised to continue to explore the possibilities of some kind of non-Synodical support for the general education program.

A desire was also expressed for our own "home" for the mentally handicapped children of our Synod presently at Bethesda Lutheran Home. After two open hearings and a lengthy floor debate, the motion to pass the proposed re-districting of our Synod for Home Missions administration failed to achieve the votes necessary for passage.

#### Essay

Under the able guidance of Prof. Armin Schuetze in his essay *Scriptural Principles with Respect to the Church's*

*Mission and Christian Welfare Work*, delegates were led to view the question of Christian welfare work from the vantage point of our Savior's own mission on earth. The essayist pointed out that the unique role which the Lord has given to His churches on earth is to preach the Gospel of forgiveness in Christ. This role must always be given primacy. But, he added, preaching Christ "includes the preaching of the fruits of faith in Christ, a significant part of which is Christian welfare work."

#### Elections

To direct the District in carrying out the Lord's work, the following officers were elected: Pastors A. P. C. Kell as president, Richard Strobel as first vice-president, David Krenke as second vice-president and John Engel as secretary.

The work which the Lord has placed before us is great, the time is short, but His promise of blessing upon all those who rest their lives solely on Christ Jesus their Lord will enable us to carry it out successfully. In the closing service Pastor R. H. Roth reminded all that "we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us" (Rom. 8:37).

R. K. Heins

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## PACIFIC NORTHWEST DISTRICT CONVENTION

June 25-27, 1972

Small in number by comparison, but big in the spirit of thanksgiving for the opportunity to do kingdom work together with eight other Districts of our Synod! It was in such a mood that the Pacific Northwest District conducted its work at Grace Lutheran Church, Yakima, Washington, beginning on Sunday, June 25, 1972. In his opening words President G. Frey exhorted the delegates concerning their privilege of being a part of the Synod, walking together and sharing with fellow believers the responsibility of serving all people in God's world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ on the basis of Holy Scripture.

#### Guests

In the Convention service, Synod's first vice-president, Pastor Carl Mischke, emphasized the great blessing that is ours as members of the Synod. Basing his remarks on I Corinthians 12:12, he ably made the point that we are one body in Christ, and that every member is involved in the maintenance and spread of Gospel work. So it is in the Christian home, the congregation, the District, and the Synod, yes, in the Church which is the Body of Christ.

Pastor Mischke was also the Convention essayist and delivered an essay which was most practical for pastors and laymen alike. He submitted that amid all the many functions a pastor performs, he must realize that the Sunday service is the high point of the congregation's program. This is the time when a pastor can give spiritual help to the largest number of people for the remainder of

the week. Therefore, preaching the Word ought to receive the pastor's utmost and careful preparation.

Speaking to all who serve in the congregation, the essayist suggested that congregations carefully examine the purpose of every church organization. If it fails to serve a useful purpose, or degenerates into purely social activity, the pastor is actually being taken away from the essential things. Organizations, like duties delegated to individuals, must always serve a goal in the congregation, and be in the interest of the growth of the church. Congregations must endeavor not to overextend themselves with meetings that cause the more important work of the church to go undone.

Pastor Raymond Zimmermann, chairman of our Synod's Board for World Missions, addressed the delegates on the need of increased zeal in that field of our labor together. Delegates also heard a report on the activities of our Northwestern Publishing House by one of its board members, Pastor Gordon Schneider of West Allis, Wisconsin.

#### Christian Education

The 1971-72 school year saw the addition of two day schools, bringing the total to five within our District. The District overall enrollment now is 194. The chairman of the District Board for Parish Education reported: "What is particularly noteworthy is the fact that these (two) are not large, self-supporting congregations. Both are bearing

the entire cost of their Christian day school, and have remained exemplary in their financial support of our Synod's programs. From these two cases it becomes clear that the question is: Do we really *want* a Christian day school?!"

The District's Commission on Evangelism continues to do thorough work. It offers the use of an evangelism library and has conducted evangelism meetings in three areas of the Pacific Northwest during the past biennium.

### Missions

With 17 mission congregations in the District, the District Mission Board is never at a loss for a full agenda of work. Board chairman, Pastor Ralph Baur, writes: "We humbly admit that our outreach with the Gospel within our area of responsibility appears to be but a feeble effort in the light of the 'Great Commission' and the passing of another precious biennium of grace in which to pursue it."

Recognizing the vast potential, the Board keeps informed on population trends, and through the District Missionary conducts surveys in areas showing rapid growth. One such area is the valley region of Spokane, Washington. Other areas are those at Bellingham-Burlington, north of Seattle, and at Port Townsend on the peninsula. At the southern end of the District, interested people in Klamath Falls and Medford, Oregon, have been provided with taped services. The Boise, Idaho, field has brought the most excitement to the Board so far as mission outreach is concerned. The area is being probed thoroughly. Results have been so gratifying that mission efforts in Idaho will be further intensified this fall.

### Convention Business

Thirty-eight delegates represented the District's congregations at the Convention. Received into membership was Christ the King Lutheran Church of Bremerton, Washington. The new congregation will soon be under the leadership of seminary graduate Theodore Lambert.

When reporting, each floor committee brought resolutions of gratitude to God for the work He is doing through us and besought divine blessing to grant us greater Christian devotion and sacrificial willingness to supply more servants of the Word, and to open new home and world mission fields. In establishing priorities, the Convention favored the calling of additional Seminary professors and the opening of more home missions over an entrance into South America at this time.

To carry out the work within the District for the next two years, the following were elected to the praesidium: president, Pastor George Frey; first vice-president, Pastor Melvin Teske; second vice-president, Pastor Ralph Baur; secretary, Pastor David Bode.

Blessed by Word and Sacrament and having enjoyed brotherly encouragement for several days, the Convention adjourned on Tuesday, June 27. Having heard all that God had done, every delegate returned home instilled with a wider concept of the service which it is the Christian's privilege to render to his Lord!

David Bode

## ARIZONA-CALIFORNIA DISTRICT



Delegates met at King of Kings Lutheran Church, Garden Grove, California.

## TENTH BIENNIAL CONVENTION

### *"Evangelism"*

The site of the tenth biennial convention of the Arizona-California District was the chapel of King of Kings Lutheran Church, Garden Grove, California. King of Kings was the fifth WELS congregation to be organized in California. Now, 10 years later, there are 31. The sessions began at 10:00 A. M. on June 20, 1972, with 103 voting delegates in attendance. Only nine of the 69 pastors of the District were unable to attend. This is remarkable considering the vast territory covered by the District — from the Redding and San Francisco areas of central California to the eastern portion of Texas. One enterprising group of seven pastors rented a mobile home. This proved to be a comfortable method of travel and provided accommodations for them on the school parking lot.

### Opening Service

The sermon for the opening Communion service was delivered by the Rev. Edgar Hoenecke, executive secretary of the Board for World Missions. He addressed the convention on the words of I Corinthians 16:8,9: "I will tarry at Ephesus until Pentecost, for a great door and ef-



R. Hochmuth, second vice-president; M. Nitz, first vice-president; I. G. Frey, president; A. Keibel, secretary; and P. Heyn, retiring second vice-president.

factual is opened unto me." He asked the delegates to consider "This Moment of Opportunity" in the mission endeavor of our Synod. He told how the Synod, once a small church body, confined to the Great Lakes area, is now represented in almost every state of the union and in countries around the world and is today faced by opportunities which have never presented themselves with quite such urgency to any other Lutheran body. He laid stress on the items on "Top Priority" before our Synod and expressed the prayerful hope that the urgency of each of these pressing needs would be recognized and the tasks assumed at once.

The convention committee had chosen "Evangelism" as the theme for the convention devotions. The six speakers chosen to conduct the devotions spoke of The Motive, The Message, and The Ministry of Evangelism; Evangelism in Home Missions and in World Missions, and, finally, the Joy of Evangelism. These invitations to ponder deeply the serious but joyful business of proclaiming Christ struck a happy keynote for the entire discussions.

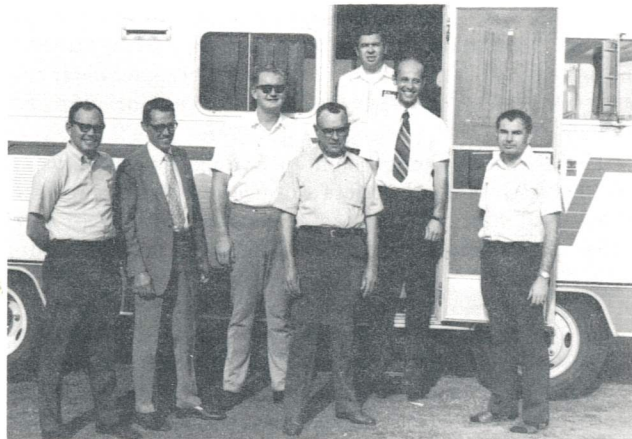
#### Essay

An essay, "The Story of the Wisconsin Synod — Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow," delivered by Past-President E. A. Sitz, elicited stirring comment. In speaking of the theology and practice of the Synod, Pastor Sitz, whose life spans more than half of the Synod's history, warned against becoming man-centered, rather than Gospel-centered. "Only so long as we remain Gospel-centered will we continue to proclaim the Word of God."

The convention reelected Pastor I. G. Frey as president of the District, Pastor Marcus Nitz as first vice-president, and Pastor Armin Keibel as secretary. Pastor Robert Hochmuth was elected second vice-president to succeed Pastor Paul Heyn.

#### Missions

Inasmuch as the life of the Arizona-California District centers around its missions, the reports of the chairmen of the Arizona-California Mission Board and the California and Texas-New Mexico Mission Districts were received with deep interest. Five missions were reported as matur-



Seven pastors and their Convention home.

ing in Arizona, and the progress of 10 stations in Texas and 20 in California was noted. New fields continue to beckon with a cry of urgency throughout the heavily populated Southwest.

In underscoring the need for ever more dedicated and effective witnessing as the only means whereby the lost will be won for the Savior, the chairman of the District Commission on Evangelism urged that we encourage each District to carry on an intensive evangelism program beginning this fall, and that each congregation of the Synod make faithful use of the Soul Conservation program.

#### Christian Day Schools

The chairman of the Board of Education reported on the growth in the number of Christian day schools in the District. Of the 20 schools, four are completing their first year of operation at this time. With an additional three schools opening their doors this fall, an increase in the number of schools by almost 50 percent in one year was indicated.

President Immanuel G. Frey, in his report to the District, reminded the delegates that "we need to take a hard and critical look at ourselves and at our efforts, lest we be weighed and found wanting in the eyes of God. . . . We can stand under the scrutiny of the holy God only through the imputed righteousness of our Savior Jesus Christ." While our judgments are fallible, and our works are full of flaws, and our motives often mixed, "the Word of God which we are commissioned to preach is not imperfect." He reported that eight candidates for the holy ministry were ordained and installed within the District during the past biennium.

#### "A Resolution on Deferred Budgetary Items"

Reports of the floor committees presenting the material contained in the *Report to the Nine Districts* consumed the greater portion of the time and attention of the convention. Of special interest, in view of the N-O-W thrust and the recommendation of the Coordinating Council regarding the items on top priority, was the report of the Floor Committee on Financial Matters. A *Resolution on Deferred Budgetary Items* was adopted. By it the District went on record as not accepting the Report of the Coordi-

nating Council that the Synod adopt a program of "planned deficit spending" in order to implement the beginning and restoration of the items on top priority. Instead, it urged the Board of Trustees to authorize the beginning of these projects as soon as it is evident that the funds will be available. It also called upon the convention to "encourage a Gospel-centered stewardship theology in our congregations so that we will make greater efforts and greater sacrifices to meet the opportunities the Lord has placed before us."

By resolution the District discouraged redistricting for the administration of Home Missions, and asked, instead, that the present system be improved. It urged also that plans for a full-time executive secretary for the Special

Ministries Board be deferred and the continuation of an enlarged board be encouraged.

President Frey reported that during the past biennium the Lord had called to rest Pastor Walter K. Pifer. He also announced the retirement of four veteran pastors: Pastor Albert C. Young; Pastor E. Arnold Sitz, first president of the District; Pastor Paul Heyn, second vice-president of the District and the first chairman of the California Mission District Mission Board; and Pastor Roland Langbecker. "We are deeply grateful to these men for their faithful and competent service and to the Lord of the Church, who blessed us through them."

Charles E. Found

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## "PREACHERS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS"

### 28th Biennial Convention of the Nebraska District

The historic and venerable St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Norfolk, Nebraska, provided the setting for the 28th Biennial Convention of the Nebraska District, June 20-22, 1972. The window in the east transept of this church depicts the conversation of Jesus with the Samaritan woman at the well. It was to her that Jesus said, "Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst." And having taken of that water which the Master gave her, she went and told her fellow townspeople, "Come, see a man which told me all the things which ever I did; is not this the Christ?" The result of this personal evangelism was that many came to see and hear the Savior for themselves.

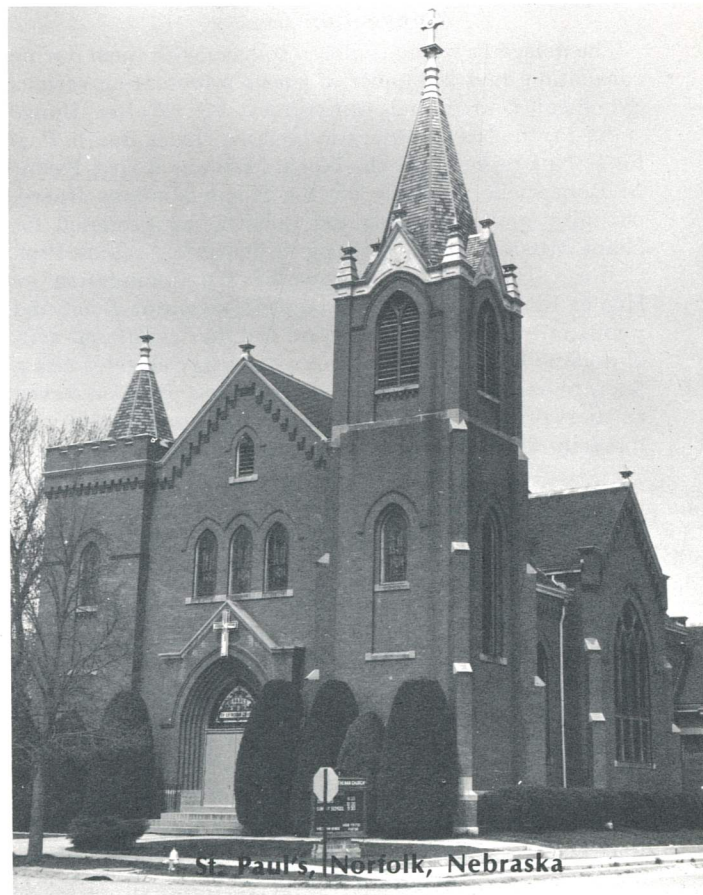
The morning sun let that window shine brilliantly upon the opening Communion service, as Pastor Charles Flunker, chairman of the District Evangelism Committee, spoke to the convention on the basis of II Peter 2:5. He reminded the delegates that, like faithful Noah, we too must be preachers of God's righteousness — the righteousness that saves — to a fallen and dying world, upon which God's judgment is soon to fall.

The 92 delegates present represented congregations from seven large plains states which constitute the Nebraska District. Truly an evangelism challenge of great proportions faces these Christians, widely scattered over large distances, but united by Word and Spirit. As evidence of the Lord's gracious presence and blessing we note an increase of over five per cent in membership over the past biennium. Two new congregations were received into membership: Christ our Savior, Ordway, Colorado, and Prince of Peace, Salt Lake City, Utah. Another new congregation, Trinity of McCook, Nebraska, was received into membership at the Synod convention last year.

#### Convention Essay

Prof. Roland Hoenecke, Dr. Martin Luther College, presented an essay on "Using the Means of Grace." In his opening statement he stressed that our District conven-

tions have an important part to play in the Synod's role of preaching righteousness. Whether done on a local, District, or Synodical level, the proclaiming of the only saving righteousness is still the same task, for we are inviting men into the same kingdom and to the same Lord. He then proceeded to a study of the tools the Lord has given





Officers of the Nebraska District: G. Free, president; C. Flunker, first vice-president; L. Gruendemann, second vice-president; and W. Goehring, secretary.

us in this task, the Gospel in Word and Sacraments, pointing out the right understanding and use of these means and showing the dangers that befall a wrong use and understanding of them, especially in the liturgical movement of our day.

**Convention Guests**

The delegates were privileged to have with them during convention days a number of guests representing various Synodical boards and committees. Mr. Walter Bunge spoke for the Northwestern Publishing House Board. Pastor F. Nitz represented the World Missions Board. Pastor N. Berg spoke similarly for the Home Missions Board, outlining and explaining the redistricting proposed for Home Missions administration in the United States. Prof. C. Frey, DMLC, ably represented the Commission on Higher Education, officially on the convention floor, and unofficially as unbiased umpire for the traditional softball game held Tuesday evening between delegates and a team representing the local congregation. He also served as guest preacher for the Wednesday evening service, customarily dedicated to Christian education.

Of special interest to many was the report presented by two young ladies from St. John's, Stanton. Aided by slides and pictures, Miss Joan Moritz and Miss Karen Kilchenmann related their experiences in canvassing for several inner city congregations in Milwaukee under the auspices of Lutheran Collegians last summer.

**Pastor Henry Meyer Honored**

Convention delegates paused during the supper hour Wednesday to give thanks to the Lord for the able services of Pastor Henry Meyer, Fort Morgan, Colorado, who retired from the active ministry July 2. He was presented a purse in behalf of the delegates. It was evident from the words of many that his cheerful presence and wise counsel will be sorely missed in the District. For many years he served on the District Board of Support, as well as on the District Praesidium, and as visiting elder of the Colorado Conference. We wish Pastor and Mrs. Meyer the Lord's blessing in their retirement years in Milwaukee.

**Business**

The Convention approved suggested guidelines for a District Scholarship Fund to aid those in the District who cannot be aided by Synod scholarship monies. In a related action, the District Board for Parish Education was charged with the responsibility of continuing a study on possible methods of providing Christian education on the secondary level in the District. The need for this is still keenly felt.

In reactions to the reports of the various Synodical boards and committees, there was evident throughout a note of optimism and cheerful trust in the Lord. Much work needs to be done. We must seek the means and the strength to carry out the Lord's work laid before us. As President Free noted in his opening report, God has blessed us so richly with the Gospel. That is the power unto salvation for each of us. As we contemplate the work that lies before us, we need to realize that the same gracious Lord will equip us to teach and spread and share that precious Gospel. As God challenges us, so He will also equip us for the service we are called to perform. We are asked to be "preachers of righteousness." What a gift of God's grace that is!

R. J. Kuckhahn

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On Pentecost the Lord added 3,000 to the Church. The day of miracles has not ceased, for on Thursday, June 27, 1972, the Lord by baptism added another 93.

# 93+21=114 Baptisms

## *The Fruit of the Milwaukee Inner City 1972 VBS*

For the third consecutive year, a group of students from our Synodical schools, members of Lutheran Collegians, and other volunteers were involved in the Inner City Evangelism Project in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. To begin with, these young people received a week of training at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, where they were housed. Afternoons during that first week the students were taken to the churches where they were to work, and did canvassing in the neighborhoods. Some 6,061 homes were contacted in the areas surrounding Bethel, Grace, Parkside, St. Peter's, St. Philip's, Siloah, and Zebaoth Congregations.

During the following two weeks these students taught vacation Bible school in the above named churches. Total attendance was 1,658 children.

The climax of this year's Evangelism Project was reached at Bethel Congregation on a Thursday afternoon never to be forgotten. Bethel Congregation has conducted a VBS ever since 1965, to bring the Gospel of Christ to children in the neighborhood. This year the teachers made follow-up calls at the homes of unbaptized children and spoke to the parents about baptism. The parents were invited to present their children for baptism in a special service on Thursday afternoon, June 27. The Bible lesson for that day was the inspired account of the baptism of the Ethiopian eunuch. A reminder about the service was sent home with the children in both the morning and afternoon sessions. When the time for the service came, half the church was filled with black mothers and their children, ranging from infants in arms to junior-high-school age.

The service began with the singing of a baptism hymn by the VBS teachers. After Pastor Henry A. W. Lange gave a brief address on the purpose and blessings of baptism, he read a portion of the baptismal service from the Agenda. Two teachers then brought the children, in groups of eight to 10, to the baptismal font, and also served as witnesses to their baptisms. Each child was then baptized, and the blessing spoken individually. The service concluded with a prayer and the benediction.

The teachers then assisted in writing out the certificates. After a final count, it was found that 93 children had been brought to faith or strengthened in their faith in the Savior by means of the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Some of these children had attended VBS for two or three years.

In order to follow up on these prospects, Mr. Glen Thompson, who served as the director of the project at Bethel, has been engaged by the Inner City Pastors' Council to work in Bethel Congregation, assisting it in its mission work in the neighborhood. Since he began his work, 21 more children have been baptized.

What the visible results will be among the adults we do not know as yet. Bethel's experience has been that while children can be reached easily through VBS and Sunday school, it is more difficult to persuade adults to come to church. We ask all the readers to join us in our prayers for God's blessing. In the meantime, we shall continue to sow the seed of the Gospel, and the Lord will give the increase.

Pastor Henry A. W. Lange

## ORDINATIONS AND INSTALLATIONS

(Authorized by the District Presidents.)

### Ordained and Installed:

- Birkholz, Marcus L.**, as pastor of St. Paul's, Morris, Minnesota, on July 9, 1972, by M. C. Birkholz (Minn.).
- Boehringer, John F.**, as pastor of Shepherd of the Valley, Fresno, California, on July 16, 1972, by R. Hochmuth (Ariz.-Calif.).
- Clarey, Charles P.**, as pastor of Shepherd of the Hills, Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota, on July 16, 1972, by W. Staab (Minn.).
- Cullen, Orval H.**, as pastor of Hope, Belvidere, Illinois, and of Peace, Rockford, Illinois, on July 23, 1972, by R. Hillemann (W.Wis.).
- Engelbrecht, Douglas J.**, as assistant pastor at St. Paul's, North Mankato, Minnesota, on July 16, 1972, by R. Haase (Minn.).
- Froehlich, Richard A.**, as pastor of Christ, Denmark, Wisconsin, and of Emanuel, Hensysville, Wisconsin, on July 23, 1972, by E. Froehlich (N.Wis.).
- Halvarson, Dennis L.**, as pastor of Trinity, El Paso, Texas, on July 2, 1972, by R. Eggert (Ariz.-Calif.).
- Krueger, Robert H.**, as pastor of St. Paul, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, on July 16, 1972, by J. Engel (Dak.-Mont.).
- Kugler, Richard A.**, as pastor of Zion, Valentine, Nebraska, on July 2, 1972, by S. Kugler (Nebr.).
- Lambert, Theodore D.**, as pastor of Christ the King, Bremerton, Washington, on July 23, 1972, by L. Lambert (Pac. N.W.).
- Phillips, James A.**, as pastor of Trinity, Hillrose, Colorado, and of Zion, Fort Morgan, Colorado, on July 16, 1972, by L. Ellenberger (Nebr.).
- Pless, Robert P.**, as pastor of Our Saviour's, Bismarck, North Dakota, on July 9, 1972, by W. Pless (Dak.-Mont.).
- Schliewe, Richard B.**, as pastor of Immanuel, Hadar, Nebraska, on July 9, 1972, by J. Humann (Nebr.).
- Siegler, Carl J.**, as pastor of Redeemer, Tomahawk, Wisconsin, on July 9, 1972, by R. Siegler (N.Wis.).
- Zahn, Allen A.**, as pastor of Mt. Zion, Jacksonsville, Illinois, on July 23, 1972, by D. Rutshaw (W.Wis.).
- Zittlow, Paul R.**, as pastor of Faith, Elizabeth, Illinois, on July 9, 1972, by L. Martin (W.Wis.).

### Installed:

#### Pastors:

- Kugler, Samuel G.**, as pastor of Cross, Charles City, Iowa, on July 23, 1972, by R. Waldschmidt (Minn.).
- Schupmann, Otto G.**, as pastor of Withrow Lutheran, Withrow, Washington, on July 9, 1972, by E. Zimmermann (Pac. N.W.).
- Welch, Roland W.**, as pastor of Mt. Olive, Bay City, Michigan, on August 13, 1972, by H. Henke (Mich.).
- Zessin, Larry I.**, as pastor of St. Paul's, Menomonie, Wisconsin, on July 16, 1972, by J. Zickkuhr (W.Wis.).

#### Teachers:

- Besemer, Ronald**, as teacher at Gethsemane, Mason City, Iowa, on July 16, 1972, by R. Waldschmidt (Minn.).
- Corona, Frank**, as teacher at St. Paul's, Lake Mills, Wisconsin, on July 9, 1972, by R. Hartmann (W.Wis.).
- Dast, Douglas**, as teacher at Zion, Morrison, Wisconsin, on July 9, 1972, by W. Loescher (N.Wis.).
- Falk, Michael W.**, as principal at Calvary, Sheboygan, Wisconsin, on July 2, 1972, by J. Trapp (N.Wis.).
- Paschke, Timothy**, as teacher at St. Peter's, Helenville, Wisconsin, on June 18, 1972, by H. Wiedmann (W.Wis.).
- Stebnitz, Warren**, as teacher at Immanuel, Hutchinson, Minnesota, on June 4, 1972, by R. Reimers (Minn.).

What do you mean....

# Contradictions?

ONLY IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR THEM!

Both the Old and New Testaments abound in what seem to be contradictions. Let me give you two examples. One has to do with the time element in the Old Testament, the other with the names of persons in the New Testament.

In Genesis 1 we are plainly told that the world which God had created was 100 per cent perfect. Five chapters later, in Genesis 6, we read that the world is not only imperfect, but is thoroughly rotten, so much so that God threatened to destroy the entire earth by means of a deluge. Those who are looking for loopholes might be quick to say, "See, the Book of Genesis is not consistent. Obviously, if the first book of the Bible is deficient, you can't trust any of it."

In Acts 12 we are told that James, the brother of John, was put to death by King Herod. A number of years later, when the first Synod or Church Convention was held at the Mother Church at Jerusalem — see Acts 15 — a certain James was one of the main speakers. Again, those quick to find fault will say, "Isn't this a contradiction?"

### Some are easy, others more difficult to harmonize

The two examples just cited are very simple. You don't have to be a trained theologian to know that at least 1,500 years passed between Genesis 1 and Genesis 6. Also that Genesis 6 speaks of the days of Noah, days very similar to our own corrupt age. We, therefore, unlike the people of Noah's day, should be on our guard, lest we perish eternally when Christ returns for the judgment.

Likewise it is easy to resolve the problem about James. Anyone with only a superficial knowledge of his Bible

will know that there were at least two men, perhaps even three, in the Apostolic era with the name of James. There was the one James, usually referred to as James Major. He and his brother John were the sons of Zebedee, two of the inner circle of Christ's disciples. Then there was James the Less, perhaps a small man, nicknamed "Shorty," who was the son of Alphaeus, of whom we know very little. And in all likelihood, there was a third James, our Lord's brother, who for years did not believe in Jesus as his Savior. Later on he became the pastor of the congregation at Jerusalem, and no doubt was the author of the New Testament letter that bears his name.

There are other passages in both Testaments, however, that are not so easily harmonized, and for various reasons. Two passages may differ without being contradictory. They may complement one another. A few passages may actually be inaccurate because of faulty translation, or because some scribe miscopied.

So, let's be honest. There are passages and places in our Bibles that will stump us. Hence, as we read our Bibles we must always bear in mind that God is the Teacher, we are the pupils. It would be foolish for us to exalt our minute intellects above the allwise God. What we need in dealing with seeming contradictions is a spirit of humble reverence, which bows submissively when the "King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God" speaks. To him who approaches God's Word in this manner, it will be given to understand many things in that Book which to the irreverent, the haughty, and the critical will always be a Book sealed with seven seals.

Kenneth W. Vertz

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Emanuel Ev. Lutheran Church, Maple Creek

## Centennial at EMANUEL LUTHERAN Tn. Maple Creek, Wisconsin

On October 6, 1872, only six months after organization, the members of Emanuel Lutheran Church (Maple Creek Twp.), New London, Wisconsin, dedicated their house of worship. On July 9, 1972, about 250 persons gathered to observe the centennial of the congregation, worshipping in the same church building which had been erected almost 100 years ago.

The festival speaker was Pastor I. P. Boettcher, Institutional Missionary for the Fox River Valley, who had served Emanuel Congregation for almost 17 years. The text chosen was Psalm 87:1-3: "His foundation is in the holy mountains. The Lord loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob. Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God."

Pastors from New London had served Emanuel Congregation until 1894, when G. A. Dettmann became the first resident pastor. He had charge of four rural congregations, of which only Emanuel now exists. For many years Grace Lutheran Church of Sugar Bush and Emanuel of Maple Creek have formed one parish.

The only "son" of the congregation to enter the ministry, Pastor Arthur Hanke, of Minnesota City, Minnesota, was present for the centennial observance.

Pastors of Emanuel have been: J. L. Daib, John Lauritzen, J. J. Walker, William Weber, Albert Kluge, G. A. Dettmann, William Henkel, Th. Brenner, Kurt Timmel, Imm. P. Boettcher, H. A. Kahrs, W. B. Nommensen, and Julius Manteufel. Since 1965, A. Schwerin has been pastor of the joint parish.

The congregation now numbers 97 souls, 71 communicants, and 28 voting members. Since 1872 there have been 356 baptisms, 293 confirmations, 120 marriages, 149 burials, and 19,605 persons communed.

"Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy name give glory, for Thy mercy, and for Thy truth's sake" (Ps. 115:1).

Amos G. Schwerin

## Centennial at ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN Kekoskee, Wisconsin

"Glory to God" was the theme for the centennial of St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church at Kekoskee, two miles north of Mayville, Wisconsin. In anticipation, members of the congregation worked cheerfully for many days. The occasion proved to be a happy reunion for many former members.

St. Peter's church building, erected in 1877 and reconstructed in 1927, could hardly hold all the worshipers who attended the jubilee services on June 11, 1972. The local pastor, Melvin W. Croll, conducted the service at 10 A.M., and the Rev. Adolph C. Buenger, then president of the Southeastern Wisconsin District, preached in the afternoon service at 3 o'clock. The Winnebago Lutheran Academy choir, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, embellished both services with song.

On June 18 a reunion service was held at 2 P.M. The Rev. Norbert Mielke, the only living former pastor of St. Peter's, preached for this occasion. The congregation's choir and the Sunday-school children added to the beauty of the service with their songs of praise. All offerings were designated for Synodical mission purposes.

Ten pastors served the congregation during the century, the first being Jacob Conrad, who was also active in other neighboring congregations at the same time. In 1917 a fine parsonage was built near the church, and since that time the pastors have been living in Kekoskee.

Inasmuch as many churches in the neighboring area have ceased to exist during the past century, St. Peter's recognizes that it has received a special blessing from God. Since its organization 100 years ago, it has been a member of the Wisconsin Synod.

May the Lord of the Church continue to uphold St. Peter's of Kekoskee with His grace!

Melvin W. Croll



St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church, Kekoskee

# Looking at the Religious World

INFORMATION AND INSIGHT

## Total Child Control — Again

In a previous issue (Feb. 13, 1972, p.63) under the heading, *Total Child Control — Almost*, we commented on the significance of President Nixon's veto of the "Child Development" bill. We intimated in that article that the bill's sponsors were not likely to accept the veto as a defeat. Unfortunately, we were right.

Before recessing for the Democratic National Convention, the Senate by a vote of 73 to 12 passed a new version of the "Child Development" bill. The new bill, S.3617, is essentially the same as the bill which the President vetoed last December. Some of the provocative language has been eliminated along with some changes in administrative detail, but the nature and purpose of the bill have remained the same.

Some proponents of the bill would have the public believe that the bill provides for nothing more than custodial day care for children whose mothers are forced to work to help support their families. If the bill did provide nothing more than mere custodial care, some of us would still question whether that is properly a function of the government. This bill, however, goes far beyond child care. As its name indicates, the new legislation concerns itself with the *development* of the child. The report of the Senate Committee which considered the bill specifically says, "The central requirement is that child development programs must, in fact, be developmental . . . and not custodial in nature."

What child development means in the minds of the social planners was discussed in the previous article on this subject. For further insight into the thinking of those who want to take children out of the bosom of the family to deposit them in the lap of the state, we offer the following paragraph from the report of the Joint Commission on Mental Health of Children as presented to the Congress in 1969.

*Schools originally were intent on the development of the mind as a primary mission. The body and spirit were the responsibility of the home and the church. As the home and the church decline in influence, the schools are required to assume more responsibility for the education of the whole child. Schools must begin to provide adequately for the emotional and moral development of children as well as for their development in thinking. The school as the major socializing agency in the community must assume a direct responsibility for the attitudes and values of child development. The child advocate, psychologist, social technician, and medical technician should all reach aggressively into the community, send workers out to children's homes, recreational facilities, and schools. They should assume full responsibility for all education, including pre-primary education.*

It is apparent that the thinking represented in that report is about to be implemented if the House acts favorably on Senate Bill 3617 and if the President signs it into law.

The importance of those two little ifs can hardly be overemphasized. If you still believe that the emotional and moral development of the child is the God-given responsibility of the home and not of the state, the time to let yourself be heard is now. The implications of the old argument that the state must assume responsibility if the home does not are frightening. Not content with merely playing the role of Uncle Sam, the government is on the verge of becoming Grand Mother to us all.

Last December the president indicated that he was influenced in his veto decision by the chorus of protest from concerned citizens. Perhaps in an election year both he and the

members of congress will be even more attentive to the voice of the electorate. The issue is most certainly not a mere political one.

## We're Not Alone

We sometimes get the feeling that, along with our sister Lutheran synods, we are the only ones left in Christendom who still seek to uphold Scriptural principles of fellowship. It is rather a pleasant thing, therefore, to read of others who are still sensitive to what God says about separation from those who espouse error. Such sensitivity is evident in an article appearing in the June issue of the *Baptist Bulletin*, family journal of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches.

The article offers an evaluation of Explo '72 and of Key '73, the popular interdenominational evangelism programs. The author, Ralph Colas, offers several reasons why GARB churches ought not participate. After providing background information about the programs and their goals, he emphasizes the need for every saved person to be concerned about every lost person. But, he concludes, "the Bible forbids us to cooperate with those who walk disorderly. Our evangelism must be based upon Biblical principles. It is never right to do wrong that right may come. . . . Ecumenism is the wrong road leading by the wrong route to a wrong destination.

"Therefore, we must constantly subject our message and methods to the Word of God. Even if it means we are in the minority and may receive the epithet of 'uncooperative' or 'narrowminded,' we *must* obey God rather than man. The doctrine of separation is not optional. Rather, it is a necessity. May God give us discerning hearts and minds in these days of confusion when the umbrella of evangelism is used to bring together liberals and evangelicals!"

It is refreshing to hear someone else say it for a change.

## "No" to Key '73

Messengers to the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches meeting in San Diego unanimously voted at their recent convention not to participate in the Key '73 evangelism campaign. As the Scriptural basis for their action, delegates cited I John 4:1, which warns against false prophets, and II John 9-11, which enjoins Christians not to be partakers of the evil deeds of those who abide not in the doctrine of Christ.

Four reasons for nonparticipation were listed in the resolution. The first charged that "the program, organizational makeup and personnel of Key '73 completely ignore the above teaching of Scripture in the name of evangelism." The second notes that some members of the Executive Committee of Key '73 are leaders in apostate churches. The third whereas points to the false ecumenism inherent in the program. The final reason points out that "Key '73 leaders emphasize that it is a 'smorgasbord of ideas' in which 'each church or group may choose the precise form or extent of its participation' and that 'varieties in evangelistic expression are anticipated' thus opening the door to confusion about the central message of evangelism."

In an age when togetherness is the "in thing" in the church, we are pleased to note that there are other Christians equally as unwilling as we are to ignore what God's Word says about fellowship.

The impact of Key '73 will soon be felt in every community in the country. Some of your friends and neighbors are likely to be involved. When they ask why you are not participating, "be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear."

While we cannot join with Christians who confess the Gospel differently than we do in presenting a Gospel witness to others, yet we can join with those with whom we are united in the faith in an endeavor to reach the lost in our communities for Christ. Jesus expects no less. And we need not wait for someone to organize a program before we get going.

Joel C. Gerlach

## Pastor Frederic E. Stern 1885-1972

Pastor Frederic E. Stern was born on March 23, 1885, and received into the kingdom of God by holy baptism on March 29. He was the son of Pastor and Mrs. G. Stern, then living at Bedford, Ohio. He was confirmed at St. Matthew's, Iron Ridge, Wisconsin, in 1898. He then attended Northwestern College at Watertown and the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary at Wauwatosa. On July 17, 1910, he was ordained into the holy ministry.



Pastor F. E. Stern

The first years of his ministry were spent as circuit rider in the eastern part of the State of Washington. In 1917 he was called to Watertown, Wisconsin, where he organized Trinity Lutheran Church. From 1932-39 he served Mt. Olive Church in Detroit, Michigan, and then accepted the call as missionary-at-large for the State of Arizona. In 1941 he established Grace Congregation, the first WELS church in Seattle, Washington. From 1952-63 he was pastor of Calvary Congregation in Glenwood, Minnesota. After 53 years in the public ministry, he retired to Two Rivers,

Wisconsin, where his son, the late Rev. Theodore Stern, was pastor of St. John's Congregation. He continued to be very active in assisting in various phases of pastoral work throughout the years of his retirement.

On August 21, 1912, Pastor Stern was united in holy wedlock with Miss Lydia Pieper of Wauwatosa, Wisconsin. After she died in 1923, Pastor Stern entered a second marriage with Miss Bertha Frahnke of Milwaukee. She preceded him in death in 1961, as did also his son in 1968.

On Monday, June 12, while on the way to visit his son's grave, Pastor Stern lost his balance and in the fall suffered a severe blow to the head. He died on June 18, without having regained consciousness. He is mourned by four daughters: Mrs. L. Arnison, Mrs. E. Erickson, Mrs. A. Schuster, and Mrs. E. Toepel; two sisters, two brothers, 16 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Pastor Edward Stelter conducted the funeral service at St. John's, Two Rivers, Wisconsin, on June 21, 1972, preaching on the words of Matthew 25:34, "Come, ye blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." The committal took place in the Lutheran Cemetery at Watertown, Wisconsin, the same afternoon. Pastor Walter A. Schumann conducted the graveside rites.

Blessed with good health and abounding zeal, Pastor Stern actually spent 61 of his 87 years in the work of his Lord — almost to the very day that he died. That is a blessing devoutly to be prayed for.

Pastor E. Stelter

### REQUESTS FOR COLLOQUY

The Rev. Frederick K. Schmugge, formerly of the LCMS but now a lay member of a WELS congregation, is requesting a colloquy with the view of entering the preaching ministry in the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod.

Candidate Garrett B. Frank, graduate of an ALC Seminary, is requesting a colloquy with the view of entering the preaching ministry of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod.

Any correspondence pertaining to these requests may be directed to Pastors M. J. Lenz, G. Horn, and P. R. Kurth.

M. J. Lenz

### COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

The Colorado Mission District Mission Board is conducting exploratory services in Colorado Springs, Colorado, at the Gateway Presbyterian Church, 731 Castle Road at 7:30 p.m. each Sunday. For further information call Pastor Douglas L. Bode, Chairman, (303) 986-6151, Denver.

### APPOINTMENT

Pastor James Humann of St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, 506 Maple Street, Stanton, Nebraska 68779, has accepted the appointment to the Synod's Board of Support, filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of Pastor Henry G. Meyer. Pastor Humann represents the Nebraska District and the Pacific Northwest District on this Board.

Oscar J. Naumann, President

### SPokane Valley EXPLORATORY SERVICES

Services are being conducted at the Spokane Valley 7th-Day Adventist School, Mission & Pines Roads, serving the communities of Dishman, Opportunity, Verdale, and Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. For information regarding services contact: Rev. John E. Henning, N6921 Country Homes Blvd., Spokane, Washington 99208. Phone: (509) 326-3766.

## NEW AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS

### Our World Neighbors: Mexico

A set of 4 filmstrips in color and captioned, each about 5 to 7 minutes in length. Provides full-color photographs of Mexico as it is today. Sketches a brief political history of the country, emphasizing the Spanish influences still visible today. Shows the variety of Mexican culture. Good background material for our WELS Latin American missions. Useful in day schools and Sunday schools. Produced by Imperial Film Company (1972).

**Ancient Mexico — FS-340-AM**

**Mexican People of Today — FS-341-MP**

**Mexican Markets and Crafts — FS-342-MM**

**Mexico City and Acapulco — FS-343-MC**

### The Caribbean: Puerto Rico

A set of 4 filmstrips captioned and in color, each 5-7 minutes, that sketches the political, economic and geographical background of the people of Puerto Rico. This is background material which will make our WELS film and filmstrips of Latin American missions more meaningful. Produced by Imperial Film Company (1972).

**Historic Puerto Rico — FS-345-HPR**

**Geography of Puerto Rico — FS-345-GPR**

**Puerto Rico's People — FS-346-PRP**

**Puerto Rican Agriculture and Industry**

**— FS-347-PRA**

### Toward Understanding Modern Churches (FS-348-UMC)

15 min. CL. 33-1/3 RPM. Record

Designed to illustrate the relationship of worship to its surrounding environment. Much of church architecture has evolved through traditions. This presentation gives sufficient background, both historic and contemporary, to allow the viewer to come to conclusions about worship space and to understand new forms that are emerging. Deals with the architecture of churches since World War II. Presents a rationale (which we do not claim as our own) for the changes which can be seen in all parts of the country, among all denominations. Useful for building committees, church councils, discussion groups, etc. Produced for the Commission on Church Architecture, Lutheran Church in America (1971).

## CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES

### MICHIGAN

#### NORTHERN PASTOR-DELEGATE CONFERENCE

**Date:** September 18-19, 1972; 9 a.m.

**Place:** St. John, Zilwaukee.

**Preacher:** C. Kasischke (J. Kurth, alternate).

**Agenda:** Exegesis of Matthew 5, W. Oelhafen, Jr.; Descent Into Hell, M. Zehms; Do the Terms "Sheol, Gehenna, and Hades" Verify the Doctrine of a Real Hell?, H. Henke.

**Note:** Lay delegates present September 18 only. E. C. Schmelzer, Secretary

### NEBRASKA

#### CENTRAL PASTORAL CONFERENCE

**Date:** September 26-27, 1972.

**Place:** Redeemer Lutheran, Council Bluff, Iowa; C. Otto, pastor.

**Preacher:** A. Domson (J. Humann, alternate).

**Agenda:** Exegesis of Romans 2:17-29, P. Zaring; Isagogical Study of Hosea, chapter 5, R. Roth; Formula of Concord, Article XI ("Of God's Foreknowledge and Election"), G. Free; The Lutheran Marriage Service, R. Kuckhahn; How the Canonicity of the Bible was Established, J. Humann. All papers are to be duplicated for distribution at the conference.

**Note:** Those desiring lodging should announce as soon as possible to the host pastor. J. Humann, Secretary

## NORTHERN WISCONSIN

### RHINELANDER PASTORAL CONFERENCE

**Date:** September 11, 1972.

**Place:** Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Minocqua, Wis.; E. Kock, host pastor.

**Preacher:** M. Koepsell (M. Radtke, alternate).

**Agenda:** Exegesis on Eph. 6:1ff., M. Radtke; "Who is the Devil?", W. Goers, Jr. W. Goers, Jr., Secretary

### LAKE SUPERIOR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS' CONVENTION

The 43rd annual Lake Superior Sunday School Teachers' Convention will be held at Christ Lutheran Church, Menominee, Mich., Sept. 17, 1972, at 2:30 p. m. EST. The host pastor is Pastor J. Edward Lindquist.

Mrs. Raymond Thorsen, Secretary

### WINNEBAGO TEACHERS' CONFERENCE

**Date:** September 28-29, 1972.

**Place:** Mount Olive Ev. Lutheran School, Appleton, Wisconsin.

**Agenda: Thursday, September 28**

9:00 Opening Devotion

10:00 Announcements — Elections — District President's Report

10:45 "Achieving Reading Comprehension," Mr. James Raabe

1:30 Devotion

1:45 Business

2:30 "Remedial Reading," Mrs. LeRoy Leverson

4:00 Closing

**Friday, September 29**

9:00 Devotion

9:15 Board of Education Report

10:00 "Teaching and Using Prayer," Pastor Gerald Meyer

11:15 Sectionals: Mr. Kurt Peterman, Miss Grace Cox, and Mr. Earl Roloff

1:30 Devotion

1:45 "Obtaining Uniformity in Grading Within a School System," Mr. Earl Pappenfuss

3:00 Business — Closing

T. Nommensen, Program Chairman

## SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN

### METRO SOUTH PASTORAL CONFERENCE

**Date:** September 18, 1972; 9 a.m. Communion service.

**Place:** St. John's, 68th and Forest Home, Milwaukee; H. Lichtenberg, host pastor (543-2524).

**Preacher:** E. Biebert (R. Brassow, alternate).

**Agenda:** Isagogics of Hosea, H. Witte; alternate paper: Exegesis of Mark 3:20ff., E. Mahnke; Augsburg Confession, Art. 1, E. Kitzerow; Christian Day Schools in Mission Congregation, J. Raabe; Campus Crusade for Christ, J. Wille.

R. G. Cox, Secretary

### DODGE-WASHINGTON PASTORAL CONFERENCE

**Date:** Tuesday, September 19, 1972; 9 a.m.

**Place:** Peace Ev. Lutheran, Hartford, Wisconsin.

**Preacher:** E. Weiss (M. Croll, alternate).

**Agenda:** Exegesis of I Cor. 15, M. Croll; The use of "Sheol and Hades" in the Scriptures, D. Kuehl; How Long Should Human Life Be Artificially Prolonged?, H. Lemke; Reports: Visiting Elder, Stewardship, Evangelism, Home Mission, and World Mission.

P. H. Huth, Secretary

## WESTERN WISCONSIN

### CHIPPEWA RIVER VALLEY-WISCONSIN RIVER VALLEY PASTORAL CONFERENCE

**Date:** September 19, 1972; 9 a.m. Communion service.

**Place:** Hamilton Ave. at State Street, Eau Claire; F. A. Kogler, host pastor.

**Preacher:** R. W. Kobleske (H. Koehler, alternate).

F. A. Kogler, Secretary

### COMING TO SUN CITY, ARIZONA, TO VISIT OR RETIRE?

In either event Our Savior Ev. Lutheran Church invites you to worship with it at its temporary place of worship located in Town Hall North, 10725 Oakmont Drive, Sun City (1 block west of the King's Inn). Sunday worship at 9 a.m. Church site on which permanent chapel will be built shortly is located at 9825 N. 103rd Ave. Serving the congregation is Pastor Victor C. Schultz, 14235 Tumblebrook Way, Sun City, Arizona 85351, Telephone (602) 977-2872.

### BUSINESS OFFICER — DMLC

Having served Dr. Martin Luther College conscientiously beyond the normal retirement age, Mr. E. A. Seifert has announced his resignation as Chief Business Officer, effective the end of the current calendar year. The Board of Control, therefore, has authorized the engaging of a replacement for Mr. Seifert and herewith announces that applications are being accepted for this position.

Applicants should have experience in business management, including budgeting, budget control, purchasing, and personnel supervision, and should have a working knowledge of accounting procedures. All applicants must be members in good standing in the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod or in a synod with which it is in fellowship.

Applicants should submit a complete resume of their educational background, business experience, positions held, and responsibilities exercised, listing the names and addresses of four references (other than relatives). The information submitted should include place and date of birth, marital status, church membership, and state of health. Please state also the salary and fringe benefits expected.

On the basis of the dossiers submitted, several applicants will be interviewed.

Applications with all pertinent information should be sent by September 25 to:

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