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BRIEFS by the Editor

As members of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, we are naturally concerned about the ability of our Christian family to face up to its foremost responsibility, that of proclaiming the truth as it is in Jesus Christ. The article by Pastor James Schaefer, entitled, "Now," therefore merits your close reading.

Reactions to his article may vary. Some readers may become angry, though we hope not. Others may become depressed, although there's no real reason for those who trust in the Lord to turn into Elijahs under a juniper bush. But whatever our first reaction, may his words help move us to a higher plateau in our giving and loving! Then they will have achieved their purpose.

When we have read his article, let us take this matter to the Lord in prayer. We can be sure that the Lord will not permit us to leave His throne of grace until He has persuaded us to do something about it.

About what? About the finances of our Synod.

Some will say that they really aren't that bad. Well, perhaps the situation could be tolerated, but only if — IF! — the Lord had not placed the souls of others on our conscience and asked us to be our brothers' keepers.

Being that, we have really only one choice — to meet the need! And to meet it NOW!

Tomorrow may be too late for that man or woman, that child or aged person, for tomorrow may be the day after his death. Tomorrow may be too late to send missionaries to some foreign country still open to us, for by then Americans — and even American money — may no longer be welcome. There's simply no time to waste when souls are involved and eternity hangs in the balance.

Be sure to read the article. It begins on page 302. And then do something about it.

This issue brings you the first of a series of articles featuring our Synodical schools. We begin with one that is very vital for our church and its Gospel proclamation — Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary.

The author is Prof. Richard Balge, one of the Seminary's younger and more recently called instructors. He is, however, well acquainted with the Seminary and its purpose. He spent three years there as a student. At that time, some of his present colleagues were his teachers. During his years spent in the parish ministry he also attended some of the Pastors'

Institutes regularly held at the Seminary. And now it is his privilege to teach church history and homiletics to the next generations of pastors.

His words will convince you that our Seminary exists for one purpose only — to train men to be preachers of the Word — the whole Word, and nothing but the Word! Unfortunately, this is a purpose that has been lost sight of at many seminaries. Pray the Holy Spirit daily that He may so guide the men at our Seminary that it may never become a school of religion, but may always remain a school of the prophets.

By this time most of us have already had our fill of politics, and there's still more to come! You would take offense if I were to use these lines to tell you whom to vote for. And rightly so! But the reminder is always in place that as Christians we must take Christ into the voting booth with us. It is righteousness that exalts a nation, not the opposite. This also applies to those among us who may be running for office. God's Word must also be our guide in our dealing with rival candidates. But whoever we are — voter, nonvoter, office-seeker, or incumbent — God holds us all accountable for word and deed.

An aside! There's no room for politics in the Church. Not that there isn't any, or hasn't been any. History tells a sad story. That's why it's important that all of us — laymen, pastors, and teachers — remember that One is our Master, and that is Christ; and that we are all brethren. Let us serve one another in love and humility.

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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Editorials

Poor Affluent People Gene Buck is a journeyman electrician. He makes a little more than \$14,000 a year. His wife also works and adds to the family income.

They live in a substantial home in an upper middle-class neighborhood. Both are members of a bowling league. They also like to travel. They have made a trip to Acapulco and a trip to Hawaii. Their next trip, they hope, will be to Australia and then back by way of Tokyo.

Gene Buck is complaining. "Groceries keep rising and the salaries can't. We're having a harder time getting by, these last three years, than we had before. Our dollar's just not going as far as it used to."

One reads this newspaper account with a wry smile. With an income well above \$15,000 a year, Gene Buck is feeling sorry for himself. Perhaps we should shed tears for this affluent workingman.

Some of his brand of complaining is the familiar poor-mouthing that is done by people who earn twice as much as you do and still try to make themselves out to be twice as poor as you are.

More of it is a lamentable lack of understanding of what a man needs to live. How many average-income Americans can tell the difference between needs and luxuries, or needs and conveniences? They have become used to thinking that "the American standard of living" is only another term for the necessities of life. To them, Paul speaks a foreign language when he says, "If we have food and clothing, with these we shall be content."

Mostly it is plain ingratitude. The creature does not acknowledge the Creator's good gifts. Man sits at his richly laden table of blessings, eats his fill, wipes his mouth with the back of his hand, and tells God, "What have you done for me lately?"

And all too often our Lord's Church must beg for crumbs.

Carleton Toppe

Putting the Church In Reverse Many of us remember when the slowness of a church's growth appeared to be in direct proportion to its strictness in doctrine and practice. The stricter the church, the slower the growth, or so it seemed. The quickest way to external success, it appeared, was to let down the bars; and this constituted a strong temptation to pastors and congregations at the time.

In more recent times, however, strictness appears to be a help, rather than a hindrance, to growth. As much as 12 years ago an Associated Press religion writer, referring to the preceding decade, pointed out that the fastest growth had been among those church bodies which held to the strictest line in doctrine. Church historian Richard C. Wolf stated in a book published at the time that "the more conservative groups have had greater success in enlisting members than have the more liberal groups." Recent statistics indicate that this trend is continuing.

It is not difficult to understand why a church which continues to liberalize its doctrine begins to decline statistically after a time. It loses the purpose for which it came into existence. Specific assurance gives way to uncertainty and confusion, and the anxious inquirer finds little he can hold on to.

The appeal of the Gospel of Jesus Christ lies in its forthright and effective answers to specific human needs and questions. That was its intrinsic appeal to the jailer of Philippi, who cried, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" If Paul and Silas had liberalized the doctrine which they had been sent to teach — "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" — it would have had no attraction for the terrified jailer, and one less sinner would have been added to the Church.

When a church continues to dilute its doctrines, it finally loses what it originally had to offer; and it begins to take on the aspects of a religious debating society. Among agonized souls, such as the jailer of Philippi, there is little continuing demand for such an institution.

Immanuel Frey

Special People "Specialization" is much in the display window of churches today. Glowing reports are given of "specialized ministries" to motorcyclists, surfers, night people, campers, collegians, racial minorities, draft evaders, addicts, and even handicappers at the race track.

Any sizeable congregation might contain a similar cross-section of people. But what is suspect about the "specialized methods" of a "specialized ministry" is the "specialized gospel" that often goes with them.

The prophets and apostles took a dim view of folks who felt themselves "special" specimens with special problems deserving of special treatment: "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is *common to man!*"

An 80-year-old pilgrim may be tempted to give up in a way different from an 18-year-old (and a housewife from a high-financier), but it is the same satanic temptation to give up, give in, and quit the "good fight of faith."

God has a long history of calling men precisely where they feel no "special" talent to serve. By their own admission Moses, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Jonah, and Amos felt no special aptitude for the work where God wanted them, nor did the Big Fisherman and Saul of Tarsus.

"I gotta be me and do my specialty" may flatter the ego, but the Lord delights in doing things contrary to the wisdom of men: "That no flesh should glory in His presence."

We have heard treatises on The Pastor As Counselor, The Pastor As Evangelist, The Pastor As Administrator, and The Pastor As Social Worker. We have learned from all of them. Yet it is far better to listen to the heartbeat of the Lord's men in Scripture and hear about THE PASTOR AS PASTOR.

John Parcher



Studies in God's Word

EDOM'S DOOM

The vision of Obadiah. Thus saith the Lord God concerning Edom: We have heard a rumor (message) from the Lord, and an ambassador is sent among the heathen (nations): "Arise ye and let us rise up against her in battle!"

Behold, I have made thee small among the heathen; thou art greatly despised.

The pride of thine heart hath deceived thee, thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, whose habitation is high, that saith in his heart, "Who shall bring me down to the ground?"

Though thou exalt thyself as the eagle, and though thou set thy nest among the stars, thence will I bring thee down, saith the Lord. Obadiah 1-4.

As if he were composing a telegram, Obadiah wastes no words. With a few choice words of introduction this servant of the Lord plunges into the middle of his subject. Few though they are, his first words are weighty. They leave no doubt about the origin of his vision.

Thus Saith the Lord

Every reader of the Old Testament is familiar with the formula, "Thus saith the Lord." It occurs over 2,000 times in the Old Testament, more than 1,000 times in the prophetic books. More than just a formula, the expression authenticates the recordings of the Old Testament writers. The words name the Author. They are the Lord's *imprimatur*.

"Thus saith the Lord" is either true or false. Call it into question, and doubt is cast on the whole record of the Old Testament. Accept the declaration at face value, and the Scriptures are what they claim to be, namely, the Word of God. Note that the excerpt under consideration

opens and closes with this solemn assertion.

Underscoring the formula, Obadiah adds, "We (i.e., Israel) have heard a message from the Lord." The bearer of the message is God's own agent, His "ambassador." The messenger speaks in the name of the Sender.

Who Is Edom?

The message concerns Edom. The Lord summons the nations to make war on Edom, even as He himself declares war against Edom. But who is Edom? Scripture gives the answer. Edom is another name for Esau, Jacob's twin (Gen. 36:1). The name also signifies the nation that sprang from Esau. In this respect Edom corresponds to Israel, the name given to Jacob by the Lord.

The word "Edom" means "red." Its significance is pinpointed by Genesis 25:30: "And Esau saith to Jacob, 'Feed me, I pray thee, with that same red pottage; for I am faint.' Therefore was his name called Edom." References to red occur at other times in Esau's history. At his birth, we are told, he "came out red" (Gen. 25:25). After Jacob had returned from Laban, Esau made Mount Seir his dwelling place (Gen. 36:9). It happens that the region is known for its red sandstone cliffs.

The fact that the name Edom can refer both to an individual and to a group means that the message concerning Edom can be applied either individually or collectively. Just as the promise to Jacob can be taken to heart by any and all who share Jacob's relation to the Lord, so also the threats voiced against Edom must be heeded by any and all who share Esau's rebellious nature.

Background of Edom

A bit of history and geography will throw light on the words concerning

Edom. Though warlike and powerful, Edom never became a first-rate power. Yet, because of its strategic location along the King's Highway, Edom doubtless aspired to control the trade routes passing through Transjordan.

The small country of Edom (probably no more than 200 square miles) was unique among ancient kingdoms because of its stronghold at Mount Seir, known as Sela (Hebrew for "rock"). When the region south of the Dead Sea was taken over by the Nabateans later on, Sela was called Petra (Greek for "rock"). (Look up "Petra" in a Bible dictionary for fascinating reading.)

Humanly speaking, Sela was impenetrable. It is said that twelve men could hold off an army in the narrow gorge through which one must pass to reach Edom's little acre surrounded by massive cliffs of sandstone. From the narrow valley 1,000 feet below, Sela no doubt seemed like an eagle's nest. At night it could have been said to nestle among the stars.

Pride's Fall

No doubt the Edomites thought that they had a ready-made Tower of Babel. The imagination of Edom's heart, however, was shattered by the Lord's pronouncement, "The pride of thine heart hath deceived thee . . . thence will I bring thee down!" History shows that this was no idle threat.

Note the word "pride." It is the key to Obadiah's message. Pride rejects the Lord's grace. Pride cannot say, "God, be merciful to me a sinner." Pride invites the Lord's judgment. Even in a child of God the old Edom must be drowned by daily contrition and repentance so that his younger twin, chosen by the Lord, may live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

Paul E. Nitz

A BOLD STEP FORWARD

NEW COLLEGE TO OPEN

After two years of feasibility studies, a plan has been adopted by a provisional board of regents composed of members of the Wisconsin Synod to open a new liberal arts junior college in Milwaukee in the fall of 1973.

The announcement was made recently by Clarence E. Hombsch, chairman of the board of regents and vice-president of Industrial Heating and Engineering Co., Milwaukee.

In making the announcement, the board said that it is "mindful of the many threats to Christian faith surrounding our youth in this secular and material age as they pursue career goals in higher education."

According to the plans, classroom space for the college will be rented from Wisconsin Lutheran High School, 330 N. Glenview Ave., Milwaukee. The college program will be conducted on a compact 4:00 to 9:00 P.M. schedule.

Science and Arts Curriculum

The educational program of the new college will offer a basic junior college liberal arts curriculum, allowing transfer to other universities and colleges. Plans also call for a termi-

nal two-year course of study, as well as adult part-time education courses.

For the first several years, the faculty of Wisconsin Lutheran High School will serve as instructors at the college which has been named *Wisconsin Lutheran College*.

"We are beginning with a minimum investment," said Principal Krause, "and the operating costs of the college will come almost completely from tuition and student fees. Such charges will be considerably less than the charges at other private colleges in the state and competitive with charges in the state university system."

The college is scheduled to open in September 1973 with a freshman class. At this time, the board is estimating an entering class of 50 to 100 students.

Acting President Appointed

The Rev. Robert Krause of the high school has been appointed by the provisional board as acting president of the college. He will continue to serve also as principal of the high school, a position he has held since the school was established in 1955.

In announcing the opening of the college, the board noted that "we have been suffering losses among our young people who attend secular schools. We are deeply concerned about giving our people a choice, not between various secular colleges, but between the secular school and our own Lutheran Christian institution." "At the present time," the board said, "there is no such choice."

The purpose of the college, according to its articles of incorporation filed July 9, 1972, is to "offer Christian education in accordance with Scriptural and educational principles of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Syn-

od." All faculty members must be members of the Wisconsin Synod.

According to a recent directory of world Lutheranism, the Wisconsin Synod is "known as the church most uncompromising in its dedication to confessional Lutheranism."

To support and promote the college — which will not receive funds from the Wisconsin Synod's budget — the provisional board proposes the formation of a Wisconsin Lutheran College Conference composed of congregations of the Wisconsin Synod. Over 400 Wisconsin Synod congregations within a 200-mile radius of Milwaukee with a baptized membership of 262,000 have been invited to express their support of the new college.

Organization Meeting

The organization meeting of the conference will be held October 4, 1972, at Wisconsin Lutheran High School. "At this meeting," said Mr. Hombsch, "we warmly welcome all friends of Christian education. We hope that many congregations will send representatives to find out more about this new and significant advance in Christian education in the Wisconsin Synod."

The name of the new college revives the name of Wisconsin Lutheran College, a junior college operated from 1960 to 1970 by the Synod also using the facilities of Wisconsin Lutheran High School. The college, for training teachers for the Synod's parish-school system, was merged in 1970 with Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota.

On a 13-acre campus, Wisconsin Lutheran High School will have an enrollment of 1,200 students this fall with a faculty of 62. The high school is the second largest Lutheran high school in the United States.

In addition to Mr. Hombsch, other members of the 15-member board are Judge-elect Victor W. Manian, Carroll F. Dummann (vice-chairman), Richard G. Raabe, Paul T. Ruege (secretary), Wayne M. Kneser, Duane W. Kuehl (treasurer), Oscar H. Vogelpohl, Forest A. Jahn, Rev. Gordon J. Snyder, Rev. Robert P. Krause, Rev. Arnold H. Schroeder, Dr. Ulrik J. Larsen, Rev. Jonathan H. Mahnke, and Gerald E. Berger.

Rev. James P. Schaefer

NOW! NOW!
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 NOW!

Strident forces say it!
 Peace — NOW!
 Freedom — NOW!
 Power — NOW!
 Change — NOW!
 Revolution — NOW!

... and now
 we are
 saying it too!



NOW — among the youth — means *keyed to today's need*. Precisely! We are saying there is nothing needed more desperately today than the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This Good News comes to man — the sinner and guilty — and speaks (of all things) of *God's forgiveness*. It points to the Cross. It fills tormented hearts with peace and hope. And that's NOW, *really* NOW!

And NOW means **No Other Way**. Man — by his own common sense or by force — can be *reformed*. But *transformation* — that takes the power of God working through the Cross of Jesus Christ. NOW, **No Other Way**, than through the Cross and Jesus Christ. We're not talking about *reformation*. We're talking about *transformation*. NOW, **No Other Way**, for that. On that score the Bible is very clear. NOW, **No Other Way** — that makes us a distinct minority in a world that is seeking to heal its deep wounds by blowing its nose.

Today

And NOW means *Today*. If we can diagnose the sickness, we must apply the remedy. If Christ is the only Life . . . and we know it . . . *we must say so!* NOW! "To the uttermost parts of the earth" — Jesus' words.

Postpone till tomorrow? Easily done. Wait until a more convenient time? Easily done. The hard way is NOW. Easier to promote the power of man to heal than the power of God in Jesus Christ. Easier and the world likes it better. Easier to delay . . . to defer . . . to linger. Easier to rust out than wear out. Yes, it is, and we know it.

We who are joined together in the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod have a problem. That's what NOW is all about. The problem is that unless we can substantially increase our offerings to our worldwide ministry, expansion of that ministry will come to a halt. Not only to a dead

stop, but it will have to be thrown into reverse, cut back. Unless something happens, those words will become fact.

If you don't like figures, skip this paragraph. Last year we had to expend about \$120,000 more than we received. This year and next year — just to maintain the status quo — we will need an additional \$685,000. Add to that last year's deficit (\$110,000), and you have about \$795,000 needed. And there is no expansion in that figure.

Gospel Money

Where does all that money (a \$6.2 million budget) go? It goes to assist us in maintaining record enrollments at our Seminary, two colleges, and four academies. Enrollments which are finally meeting our need for pastors and teachers. It goes for a Gospel grid of missions from Hawaii to Rhode Island, from Alaska to Florida. It goes for a world mission program upon which the sun never sets. That's blessed money because it's Gospel money.

And that's not all. There are three items — costing \$90,000 — to which we strongly feel we cannot say, NO.

- Two professors to teach our record enrollment at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. This year, there are 220 young men who will dedicate their lives to NOW, **No Other Way** — to Jesus Christ, the only hope in this life and in the life to come.
- Sixty areas in the United States have invited us to start missions. We can't go to all 60, but we can raise the number of missions to be opened from the 12 (in the budget) to 18. And that's nearer 60 than 12 is.
- In 1971 we joyfully resolved to begin mission work in South America — called it a top priority! Twice the field has been surveyed. Twice the report has come back: Start NOW, fields are white for the harvest. More than a year later nothing . . . nothing . . . has been done!

The Problem

All this adds up to a figure approaching \$900,000. That is the problem: money, or, more precisely, lack of money. We do not lack the pastors and teachers to carry God's mission to the ends of the earth. We do not lack the preaching of the Gospel which brings forth rich, rich fruits. We do not lack dedicated men and women — 275,000 strong — who know the grace of generosity. We lack only money!

What can you do? You are a member of one of 1,000 congregations throughout the United States and Canada which have joined together to support this work. You can't do everything, but you can do something. You can do two things.

1) If your church is having a special mission festival offering or a special NOW Sunday (and many of them are), you can place a generous offering in the special NOW offering envelope. That will make things happen! When you think of the offering, under God, *think big!* Don't mislay the envelope. Don't put it aside and forget it. "As God has prospered you," is the key to your response.

2) Think about your gift for missions for next year. You will soon be asked by your congregation to do so. Don't think of *dollars*, think of *people*, people who need Life just as you need Life. Your dollars are your voice in 38 states of this country, three provinces of Canada, in East and West Germany, in Africa, in Puerto Rico and Mexico, in Japan, Taiwan, and Hong Kong, and in India and Indonesia. That is quite a voice! You may not meet your distant friends in this life, but you will surely meet them singing praises together before the throne of the Lamb who was slain for them also. That's a fairly cheap chorus for \$20 per year — the average amount each confirmed member of the Synod contributes for this mission of God. Could you think of doubling your offering next year? Too much? Then how about raising it 50 per cent, or 25 per cent, or ? Whatever you would like to have in your hand when the Lord comes.

Remember, we are concerned about souls, souls who without the Word of Life face eternity without God.

Eternity is forever. . . . But it's decided NOW!

Rev. James P. Schaefer
Stewardship Counselor

In the Hour of Trial

LET'S TALK
ABOUT GAIN

"For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain" (Phil. 1:21). Even if you had never heard these words before, you would know instantly that they were uttered by one who was a sincere follower of the Savior. It was, of course, the inspired Apostle Paul who expressed his joyous convictions in this manner, but he was not the first Christian to experience this glorious truth, nor was he the last. For true believers who are mourning the loss of a relative or friend who has fallen asleep in Jesus, the knowledge that such dying is truly a great gain can serve to ease the grief and soften the pain.

All of us are dying. Whether you are eight or 80, you ought never allow that thought to slip too far into the background. The Lord reminds us repeatedly how important it is that we are ready at all times for the moment when He calls us home. He does not intend this to mean that our lives should be completely devoid of pleasure and fun. In fact, the Christian religion is one which is *filled* with pleasure and joy because of the priceless message which it proclaims. But even as we rejoice over God's gracious forgiveness, and even as our lives reflect that joy — also, sometimes, in the midst of sorrow and bereavement — we do well to listen to the Holy Scriptures as they show us what "to live is Christ" really means. We need Christ to be our Shepherd and Guide in time and in eternity. He is the best possible Example for us to follow in life, even though our attempts at imitating Him are pathetically imperfect. Under the leadership of Jesus we will have the ability and the strength to cope with any eventuality. He makes it possible for us to face the death of our

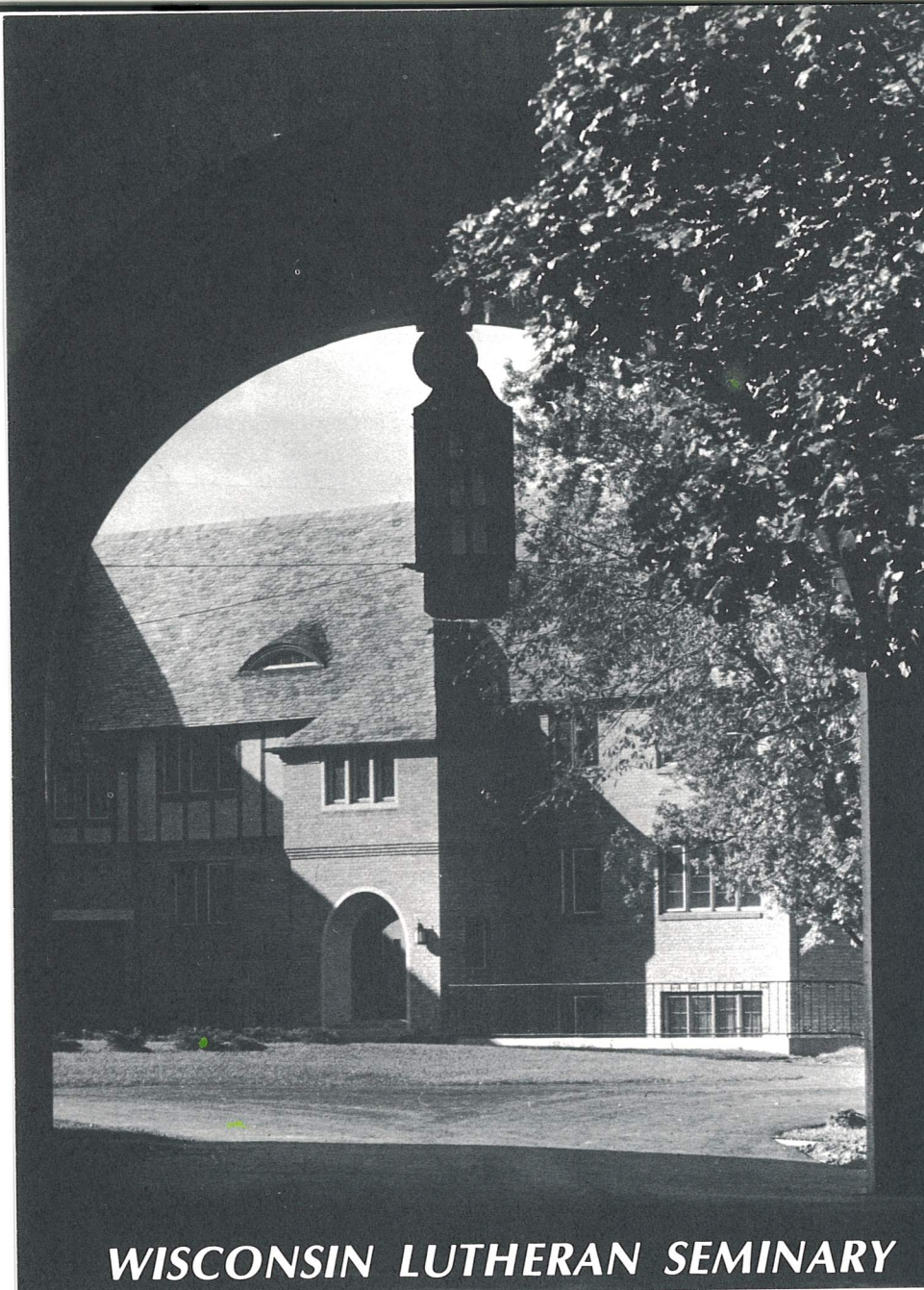
loved ones — even our own death — without sorrow and without fear.

But how can we agree that "to die is gain" when death strikes a young Christian who was about to graduate from college, get married, raise a family? He had so much to look forward to! Or how can you accept the fact that "to die is gain" when suddenly, although you believed you were in the best of health, you discover that you have cancer, and that you will probably not live "to a ripe old age"? You love life! Is it fair to be deprived of years of happiness by some uncontrollable cancer cells?

Isn't it true, though, that when you consider the matter with Christian thoughtfulness you will have to agree that "to die is gain" in *every* case, as far as the Christian is concerned. For there is nothing here on earth that can even begin to compare with the joys and pleasures and blessings of heaven! Yes, we appreciate the time of grace which the Lord gives us here on earth; we enjoy the gifts which we receive from Him in this life. But no matter how beautiful our stay in this world may have been, it is as nothing compared to the heavenly mansions of our eternal home.

So as our lives reflect the indwelling Christ, and as we use our God-given talents and abilities to serve our Savior here on earth, thanking Him for all of His gifts, let us also look forward to the great "gain" which He has promised us in eternity. In so doing, we will be able to endure any "hours of sorrow" that may come our way, because we know that they will be completely erased in an "eternity of joy."

Philip R. Janke



WISCONSIN LUTHERAN SEMINARY

Imagine the nineteenth-century homesteader who invested long hours of strenuous labor to clear an 80-acre farm of its trees and brush. How pleased he must have been when the fields at last stood open to cultivation. How surprised he would be today to see that since 1929 students and professors and workmen have invested much strenuous labor to put the trees back on the hilly farm! Today, the campus of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, Wisconsin, is a park, beautiful in every season.

History

Our Synod's theological school was founded in 1863, beginning with two students and one professor. The first

classes were conducted in a classroom of St. Mark's Lutheran School, Watertown, Wisconsin. At various times during its first 66 years, it was also located in St. Louis, Milwaukee, and Wauwatosa. In 1929, an administration building, dormitory and refectory building, and faculty residences were erected on a farm in Town Mequon, about 15 miles north of Milwaukee and adjoining the village of Thiensville. Today Mequon is an incorporated suburb and Thiensville is its main shopping center, but the wise planning of our Synodical fathers is still evident in the striking beauty of those original Seminary buildings, designed to resemble the Wartburg Castle. In 1963 an addi-

tional dormitory wing was added. In 1968 a spacious library was built as part of the *Missio Dei* program. In 1971 a new dining hall was dedicated. All of these additions fit in very well with the original architecture, and your Seminary is beautiful to the eye.

Purpose

However, the real beauty of this school lies in its purpose and function. As summarized by the cornerstone, it is to prepare men to faithfully and effectively proclaim the truth that we are saved by God's grace alone, that we receive this grace by faith in Christ alone, and that this truth of God's salvation is based on and drawn from the Scriptures alone: *Sola gratia, sola fide, sola Scriptura*. The sole purpose and function of the Seminary is to prepare candidates for the pastoral ministry. Faculty and board gratefully anticipate an all-time-high enrollment this September. The three resident classes and the vicar class will total about 230 men. Most of these students of theology are graduates of Northwestern College, Watertown. However, there will be several who have completed the pre-Seminary program carried on by our Synod in cooperation with Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato, Minnesota. Also, a few young men who had begun their training in the schools of other church bodies have transferred to our Seminary because they were convinced that loyalty to God's Word required them to do so.

Men who undertake the four-year program at Mequon have concentrated in their pre-Seminary training on history and the languages of the Bible. Since God's Word was originally written in Hebrew and Greek, it is of the highest importance that those who are to work in the Scriptures and communicate the Word to others have a working knowledge of those languages. The Gospel itself is history, and those who are to proclaim it must be able to understand it in its historical setting and have an understanding of its course through past history.

Curriculum

Each day during the school year begins with the Word of God and prayer in the Seminary chapel. Every student has the opportunity to lead this service and preach a short sermon to the Seminary "family" at least once each year. The inscription over the chancel reminds the worshiper of his reason for being at the Seminary — indeed, his reason for being in the world: "Preach the Gospel." On the west wall of the chapel he sees a series of symbols which depict the various branches of the Seminary curriculum. An open Bible with the words of Jesus, "Search the Scriptures," represents the study of the Old and New Testaments. Each year, a number of books of the Bible are painstakingly studied in their original tongue. The other books are studied in English during the three years of on-campus work. The picture of a heavy tome represents the comprehensive study of Christian doctrine as it has been drawn from the Holy Scriptures and systematically arranged by various great teachers in the 19 centuries of the Gospel activity. A third symbol represents the study of church history from Pentecost to the present. The Gospel's course is traced through the centuries in its influence on men and nations, institutions and movements. Like the Bible itself, it is always the story of man's sin and God's grace, the failures of the Old Adam and the accomplishments of the New Man. A shepherd's crook and a cross call to mind the various courses in practical theology, the special training for pastoral work. Preaching, teaching, worship, pastoral care, parish administration belong to this branch.

A very important part of the training in practical theology is the vicar program. After two years of study on campus, students are assigned to do pastoral work for one year under the supervision of an experienced pastor. Then they return for a third academic year, after which they are presented to the Church as candidates for the holy ministry. Those who have satisfactorily met the academic standards of the Seminary are also granted the degree of Bachelor of Divinity.

Extension Services

For three weeks each June, in recent years, a sizable number of young people who are not preparing for the pastoral ministry have called the Seminary "home." Lutheran Collegians and other volunteers attending the annual Innerscity Evangelism Workshop are housed here. This year, from June 19 to July 7, a summer quarter for graduate study was held for the first time. Courses in Old and New Testament exegesis, church history, and history of doctrine were offered. Forty pastors, teachers, and professors were enrolled in this trial program. "Foreign" students in attendance were Missionary Richard Poetter, on furlough from Japan, and

Pastor Thomas Pfothenauer of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. All participants agreed that this program should be continued and expanded in the future.

While many men come to the campus at Mequon for weeks or years of intensive study, the Seminary also goes out to the Church and to the world. There is a very lively idea of "extension" service in its planning and activity. Obviously, it reaches out through the men who graduate and are assigned as pastors in this country and abroad. Of course, faculty members have always presented papers at conferences and essays at conventions throughout the Synod. And on any Sunday morning, the majority



Seminary Site



Seminary Library

of them are serving as supply or festival preachers somewhere. The Wisconsin Lutheran Quarterly, edited by the Seminary faculty, is sent to subscribers in our land and in 15 foreign countries. These things in themselves are "extension" — serving a circle of believers which extends beyond the student body of the school.

But other, more recent, developments have broadened and deepened the "extension" idea. In 1971 two members of the faculty met at Hong Kong with professors of our World Mission seminaries for the purpose of encouraging and strengthening them in their task of strengthening national Gospel workers. President Carl J. Lawrenz attended and contributed to a second conference held for the same purpose in Zambia, Africa, this past spring. In consultation with the Board for World Missions, a plan has been devised whereby professors from Mequon will teach in the overseas seminaries for terms of three months or longer. This plan will be operative when the Seminary faculty has reached full strength by the calling of additional workers. In turn, mission

seminary professors will spend part of each furlough lecturing at Mequon. In recent years, many of our world missionaries have participated in the weeklong Mission Seminar which is held each Epiphanytide as part of the Seminary's program in practical theology.

The popular Pastors' Institute, held each fall at the Seminary, again "hit the road" this past June. Previously it had on a number of occasions been held at Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota. This time two professors conducted a one-week series of lectures and discussions in the La Crosse area. The eagerness of the participants and the involvement of nearly all area pastors in this program has encouraged the Seminary to offer other programs in other areas of the Synod as opportunities and invitations are at hand.

Library

For several years, the Seminary library has offered an extension service to all members of the Synod. Special bibliographies and research assistance are provided for pastors

and teachers who are involved in various writing assignments. Help is offered to other members of the Synod who have special interests or problems which are treated by some of the library's collection of books and periodicals. Occasionally, students at non-Synodical schools use the library for research on assignments that develop because of their Christian commitment and confession. Members of the Synod are permitted to borrow books by mail. The new librarian, Professor Martin O. Westerhaus, is at this time taking courses to further prepare himself for his specialized work. He has indicated great interest in this form of extension service and will, no doubt, find ways in which to make it even more effective.

With all of this, however, the Seminary faculty wants to concentrate on its primary work: the preparation of parish pastors. May the Holy Spirit direct the education of young men for a lifetime of study in God's Word! May He bless their training as faithful undershepherds of the flock of Christ!

Prof. Richard D. Balge

Direct from the Districts



Our Shepherd, Lancaster, Calif.

Arizona-California

One Year Old

On August 29, Our Shepherd Lutheran Church of Lancaster, California, marked the first anniversary of the dedication of its church building.

Our Shepherd's initial worship service was held on February 6, 1966, in

the community rooms of the American Savings and Loan Building in Lancaster. Forty people attended on that day to hear the late Rev. Gilbert Seager proclaim the Word of Life. In June of that year, 15 communicants were received by affirmation of faith, following an extensive study of Lutheran doctrine. In October, Our Shepherd Congregation was granted mission status. Three years later, in June of 1969, land was purchased as a site for the church building. Erection of the church was begun in March of 1971, with dedication on August 29. Speakers on the day of the dedication were Pastors Robert Hochmuth and Marcus Nitz. Pastor Hochmuth spoke on the "Blueprint for Dedication," basing his remarks on Ephesians 2:19-22. The words of Pastor Marcus Nitz on Matthew 7:24-29 moved the congregation to "Thank the Lord Jesus for His

Church." The past year has been a real blessing for Our Shepherd Lutheran Church. Shepherd of the congregation is the Rev. R. D. Yecke.

Minnesota

Salem School Silver Anniversary

The afternoon of May 7, 1972, was set apart for a special worship service of "Praise and Thanksgiving to the Triune God" for permitting Salem Ev. Lutheran Congregation of Loretto, Minnesota, to enjoy 25 years of Christian day-school training. Almost 500 members, friends, and concerned parents joined a goodly number of the graduates of Salem Lutheran School in observing this anniversary.

Pastor Lloyd Hohenstein of Gibbon, Minnesota, one of the members of the first graduating class, addressed the congregation on the words of Philippians 1:3-11. Also featured was an address by Pastor Wm. P. Haar, whom the Lord had used to found the school. Organist was Mrs. Frederick Panning of Beaver Dam,

Wisconsin, a teacher at Salem for 15 years. Special choral numbers were sung by the adult and school choirs.

Salem School was opened on September 1, 1947, with Miss Esther Poehler (now Mrs. Wayne Wiechmann) teaching all eight grades. In 1952 the faculty was expanded to two women teachers. The present school was built in 1958, at which time the congregation also called Mr. Frederick Panning as principal. During its 25-year history Salem Lutheran School has enjoyed the dedicated services of 16 teachers.

Pastor Ed. Lindemann reports that upon the conclusion of its silver anniversary year, the congregation's faculty has been expanded to three teachers: Miss Rosanne Steil, kindergarten through second grade; Mrs. Eugene Nelson (the former Janice Schlomer), grades three to five; and Principal David Farstad, grades six to eight.

In a time when mores and morals, institutions and administrations, the Bible and family life are being questioned, the parents of Salem are happy and thankful to be able to give their children a solid Christian training through the God-blessed institution of the Christian day school and the dedicated efforts of truly Christian teachers.

25th at St. Andrew's

Members of St. Andrew's Ev. Lutheran Church of St. Paul Park, Minnesota, marked the 25th anniversary of the founding of their congregation on June 18 and 25, 1972.

The emphasis in the June 18 service was on its self-support status which the congregation reached on January 1 of this year. Pastor Emil F. Peterson, chairman of the Minnesota District Mission Board, was the guest speaker. He based his message on Genesis 32:9-12, presenting Jacob's gratitude as a fitting expression of the congregation's own thankfulness to God. He exhorted the hearers to look backward with gratitude, upward with confidence, and forward with hope.

The June 25 service emphasized the Church and its mission. Prof. Luther Spaude, son of the late Dr. Paul Spaude who served the congregation at the time of its organization, was

the speaker. Using Genesis 28:17 as his text, he pointed out that St. Andrew's is a house of God because the Means of Grace are found there, and then exhorted the members to cherish their congregation and to use it.



St. Andrew's, St. Paul Park

St. Andrew's numbers 551 souls, of whom 359 are communicants. It serves the Newport-St. Paul Park-Cottage Grove areas, which have a combined population of 20,000. The congregation has been served in the past by Dr. Paul Spaude and Pastors Howard Henke and Gerhard Ehlert. The present pastor is the Rev. Allen P. Zenker. Among its blessings the congregation counts a Christian day school with four teachers. Mr. Ursel Seidl is the principal. Church, school, parsonage, and teacherage were all made possible through Synodical loans. God be praised for all the wonderful treasures, spiritual and material, that belong to the congregation!

Centennial at Withrow

On June 18, 1972, St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church of Withrow, Stillwater, Minnesota, celebrated the



St. Matthew's, Withrow, Stillwater

centennial of its founding. It was on May 13, 1872, that a small group of Lutherans in the area met at the home of one of their number and organized St. Matthew's Congregation. Nine pastors have served the congregation during the past 100 years. Pastor Edward Zacharias is the present

shepherd of the congregation which is part of a dual parish with St. John's of Baytown Township, Stillwater.

An overflow audience heard the Rev. Erich W. Penk of St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin, speak on Genesis 32:9-12, using as his theme, "A Fitting Anniversary Observance." Pastor Penk had served St. Matthew's for 25 years. In the afternoon the Rev. Manfred J. Lenz, then president of the Minnesota District, gave a moving sermon on the words of Christ in Revelation 3:11, exhorting the assembly to "Hold Fast!"

St. Matthew's lies in the heart of a growing area near Minnesota's Twin Cities. Once a rural congregation for men of the soil, it is now in a position to serve men from all callings in life, leading them to the one and only Savior from sin.

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Ascension at Escondido, California

"A building makes a difference." That's what the current CEF filmstrip, "Lending To The Lord," states and that's what was demonstrated when Ascension Lutheran Church of Escondido, California, recently dedicated its new church.

Ascension Congregation's new church home, designed by the Synod's consulting architect, Mr. Duane Anderson,

"BLESSING AND HONOR" AT ELIZABETH, ILLINOIS

June 18, 1972, was a beautiful day for God and man. On that day over 300 worshipers lauded the Triune God for His accomplishments in time and eternity at Faith Ev. Lutheran Church, Elizabeth, Illinois. For the occasion, the congregation of 100 souls was tripled by the addition of joyful fellow Christians from neighboring churches.

The new church building, which stands on the outskirts of Elizabeth, is truly evidence of God's love for man. Nearly seven years earlier a nucleus of members withdrew from the LCMS for matters of conscience. With His love God richly blessed that nucleus under the past shepherding of the Rev. Fred Bartling of Freeport, Illinois, and kept the members of Faith Congregation close to Himself.

The new church building also gives evidence of His people's love for God. Countless hours of donated labor went

and funded through the Church Extension Fund, was dedicated to the glory of God and to His service on June 11, 1972. Present at the service of dedication were 121 members and guests. Over one quarter of the people were guests from the surrounding community who had watched the building being constructed, and who came to participate in its dedication. Many of these people knew of the services previously conducted in the church's temporary facilities at the Escondido Woman's Club, but simply waited until the new church was built before they came.

The Rev. Lyle W. Lange, pastor of the church, performed the rite of dedication in the morning service and delivered the dedicatory sermon. He based his sermon on Genesis 28:17, reminding the people that this church is a courtyard for heaven, for in it our heavenly Father's business is conducted, and from it the Gospel of peace is carried forth to others. In the service of thanksgiving in the afternoon, the Rev. Lowell Smith, pastor of Reformation Lutheran Church in San Diego, and one of the pastors who helped to establish the congregation in Escondido, spoke on Ephesians 2:19-22, reminding the congregation that while they had built a church, God would build His Church through them. Attendance at the afternoon service was 254. One pastor who had been in the area for several years remarked that 10 years earlier we would have been enthused to have had just a handful of Wisconsin Synod members attending such a service in San Diego County. Today, through God's blessings, overflow crowds attended the dedication.

The church building is seven-sided, constructed of cement-block walls and laminated beams, with wood deck-

ing for the roof. A temporary dividing wall separates the worship area from the fellowship area. For future expansion, all that will have to be done is to remove the temporary dividing wall and extend the seating into the fellowship area. The initial church area seats 172, but expansion into the fellowship area would provide for close to 300. The church is carpeted throughout, and the acoustics are excellent. Members of the congregation, under the direction of Mr. Robert Kollmeyer from Divine Savior Congregation in Indianapolis, Indiana, did all the painting and staining in the church.

Members of Ascension Lutheran Church are thankful to their fellow believers in the Wisconsin Synod for the offerings which made this new church building possible. Above all, they are thankful to their gracious Lord for having moved His people to give freely of their bounty, and for having provided the members of Ascension Lutheran with a permanent church home which can be used as a launching pad for reaching out into the community with the Gospel of peace. Already the benefits of having our own building are evident in the many guests from the neighborhood who are dropping in for services. We are grateful that our Lord has blessed the Church Extension Fund and used it as a means of furthering the kingdom of God.

Does a building make a difference to a mission congregation? The members of Ascension Lutheran Church in Escondido and their sister congregations in San Diego County answer with a resounding "Yes!".

Pastor Lyle W. Lange

into the construction and finishing work, thus keeping the cost down to \$31,000. The building, which seats 200, is of A-frame construction, finished on the inside with walnut paneling and red carpeting. Stained-glass windows portray the story of faith. The church has a full basement suitable for fellowship and educational uses. Members of the congregation drew the plans for the church building, sewed the dorsal curtain, built the altar, pulpit, and lectern — all out of love for their Savior.

In the morning's message, based on Revelation 5:12-14, the undersigned stressed the worthiness of the slain Lamb, Jesus Christ, to receive our Hallelujahs and our Amens in this building. The afternoon message, brought by Pastor E. Ahlsweide of Moline, Illinois, beautifully applied the Third Commandment to the life of the worshiper, using Exodus 20:8 as text. His theme was: "For the Proclamation of the Gospel — That is Why this Building Stands." The children's choir and senior choirs of the local congregation sang at the services.

For the worshipers at Faith, the beauty of this house of God is surpassed only by the beauty of the message of salvation which will be proclaimed in it throughout the generations to come.

June 18 was not the end of God's blessings for this little flock. The congregation celebrated another joyful day on

July 9 when Candidate Paul Zittlow was ordained and installed as their pastor.

"Blessing and honor and glory and power be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb forever and ever."

LeRoy Martin, Vacancy Pastor



Faith Lutheran at Elizabeth, Illinois

DMLC

SUMMER GRADUATION

On July 14, 1972, the final day of the 1972 summer session at Dr. Martin Luther College, five persons were awarded Bachelor of Science in Education degrees in the session's closing service. They were: Thomas Faust, Oshkosh; Linda Graf, Fond du Lac; Richard R. Priebe, Van Dyne; David G. Reiter, Kiel; and Alisa M. Schmidt, Appleton — all of Wisconsin. Five persons were also recommended for Synod certification: Janis M. Enderle, Zumbrota, Minnesota; Carole J. Houghton, Plymouth, Michigan; Ruth Parker, Watertown, Wisconsin; Sandra J. Wendland, Greendale, Wisconsin; and Kenneth M. Westphal, Lake Mills, Wisconsin.

The liturgist for the closing service was Prof. Lloyd Huebner, vice-president for student affairs. He also conferred the degrees and presented the diplomas to the graduates. The sermon was delivered by Prof. LeRoy Boerneke, who based his remarks on Psalm 150. The Book of Psalms had provided the daily message for all chapel devotions during the summer-school session. Organizer for the service was Prof. A. Kurt Grams, with Prof. B. Backer directing the choir in the rendition of Pitoni's "Sing to the Lord a New Song" (Ps. 149).

Following the service a luncheon was served in the college cafeteria.

GUIDANCE - COUNSELING WORKSHOP

A DMLC FIRST

A two-week workshop in Guidance and Counseling was conducted at DMLC from June 19 to 30, with Prof. William Arras of the college education department as coordinator. This was the first workshop in this particular subject area ever offered by the school. Seventeen parish-school teachers participated, coming from the States of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Arizona, and California.



Graduation on July 14, 1972



Demonstration of Materials at Workshop

In teaching the subject, Prof. Arras laid special emphasis on guidance and counseling on the elementary-school level. Through research projects and committee work the participants were enabled to share their experiences with one another. Also given attention was the Christian teacher's obligation to his home congregation, his community, and the church at large as he teaches the church's youth.

Topics discussed, and the lecturers who presented them, were: Prof. Lloyd Huebner, Dean of Students at DMLC, "Guidance and Counseling in the Light of God's Word"; Mr. Wayne Baxmann, Guidance Counselor at Wisconsin Lutheran High School, Milwaukee, "Counseling with Issues of Concern Confronting the

High School Youth"; Mr. Kenneth Pahnke, teacher at St. Matthew's Lutheran School, Winona, Minnesota, "Counseling with the Emotionally Disturbed"; and Prof. M. Burk, Dean of Students at Martin Luther Academy, "The Inner Core."

Those who attended thank Dr. Martin Luther College for making the workshop available and Prof. W. Arras for his zeal in providing the necessary leadership. We hope that more workshops in this phase of education will be planned in the future, thus helping to equip other teachers for the work of guidance and counseling.

Adelbert E. Voigt, Principal
St. Stephen's Lutheran School
Beaver Dam, Wisconsin

CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES

DAKOTA-MONTANA

ALBERTA-MONTANA PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Sept. 26-27, 1972.

Place: Mountain View Ev. Lutheran Church, Great Falls, Montana.

Preacher: J. Frank.

Agenda: Continuation of the study of the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 6:16-34), D. Neumann; Continuation of the Ante-Nicene Fathers, D. Deutschlander; A Restudy of Antinomianism With Application to Modern Lutheranism, H. Wood; The Difference In the Teachings of Thomas Aquinas and Luther As Regards Justification by Faith, J. Sullivan; The Study of Speaking in Tongues, Interpretation of Tongues, and Faith Healing, J. Frank; The Pope as the Antichrist, P. Stuebs.

P. Stuebs, Secretary

MICHIGAN

NORTHERN PASTOR-DELEGATE CONFERENCE

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

Place: St. John, Zilwaukee.

Preacher: E. 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

SOUTHWESTERN PASTORAL CONFERENCE

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

Place: Our Savior, Hart, Michigan; D. Krause, host pastor.

Preacher: J. Graf (H. Kuske, alternate).

Agenda: Exegesis of Ephesians 4:11ff., W. Zarling; "Speaking in Tongues," H. Kuske; "Planning a Youth Program," D. Tetzlaff; Conference reports, business, and casuistry. R. Semro, Secretary

GULF-ATLANTIC DELEGATE AND PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Sept. 26-27, 1972; 9 a.m.

Place: Peace Ev. Lutheran Church, Holiday, Florida; M. Goeglein, host pastor.

Agenda for Delegate Conference: Report on the District Convention; Study of Bazaar-type Stewardship, W. Bartelt.

Communion service at 7 p.m.; K. Peterson, preacher (E. Renz, alternate).

Agenda for the Pastoral Conference: Exegesis of I Tim. 5:9-16, R. Waack; Doctrinal Position of the United Methodist Church, Joh. P. Meyer.

G. Kionka, Secretary

MINNESOTA

CROW RIVER VALLEY PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Sept. 19-20, 1972; 10 a.m.

Place: St. Paul Lutheran Church, Morris, Minnesota; M. Birkholz, host pastor.

Agenda: Sermon Study of Ezekiel 3:17-21, K. Mau; Isagogical Study of the Gospel of St. Matthew, R. Gorske; Exegetical Study of I Timothy 5:1-16, M. Schwartz; Practical Paper, "The Meaning and Usage in the Church of the Words: Transfer, Release, Removal, Dismissed, Excommunicated," R. Scheele.

Communion Service: 8 p.m.; A. Frenz, preacher (M. Bradtke, alternate).

K. Mau, 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. Zarling; 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

MANITOWOC PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Sept. 18, 1971; 9 a.m. Communion service.

Place: Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Kiel, Wisconsin.

Preacher: E. Stelter (A. Stuebs, alternate).

Agenda: Exegesis of Hebrews 7, A. Stuebs; Sermon Study, K. Haag; Essay on Proper Music in the Church, Prof. M. Albrecht.

P. Damrow, Secretary

FOX RIVER VALLEY PASTORAL CONFERENCE

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

Place: St. Peter Lutheran, 6001 N. French Rd., Appleton, Wisconsin; J. Kingsbury, host pastor.

Preacher: L. Koenig (A. Schabow, alternate).

Agenda: James 4, A. Schabow (James 5, H. Pussehl); Preaching on the Gospel for Advent II, F. Brandt (Christmas Day, A. Dobberstein); Malachi, O. Henning; Historical Introductions, Chapter 22, H. Bergholz (Chapter 23, H. Warnke); elections, dues, reports, casuistry, new assignments.

W. Gaulke, 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. I, 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

CHICAGO AND SOUTHERN JOINT PASTORAL CONFERENCE

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

Place: Rock of Ages Lutheran Church, Hendersonville (Nashville), Tennessee; R. Stadler, host pastor, 124 Elnora Drive, Hendersonville.

Preacher: R. Shekner.

Agenda: I Peter 3, W. Mueller; "Is Singing of the Messiah in Civic Chorus Sinful Unionism?" R. Pankow (continuation); "Charismatic Movement — Speaking in Tongues," W. Popp.

T. Spiegelberg, Secretary

METRO-NORTH PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Sept. 25, 1972; 9 a.m. Communion service.

Place: St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church, 3059 N. 73rd St., Milwaukee, Wisconsin; J. De Galley, host pastor.

Preacher: Prof. E. Fredrich (Prof. W. Gawrisch, alternate).

Agenda: Exegesis on I Peter 1, K. Lenz; Report on Spiritual Welfare activities, C. Krug and K. Otto; "Evangelism or Proselytizing," R. Seeger; Reports.

R. Wendland, 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

SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

Date: Sept. 26, 1972.

Place: St. Paul Ev. Lutheran, North Freedom, Wisconsin; H. M. Schwartz, host pastor.

Preacher: O. Heier (M. Herrmann, alternate).

Agenda: Galatians 5, E. Breiling; Apocrypha, F. Werner; Working With Young People, P. Geiger; Catechism Questions 1-22.

T. Kuske, Secretary

OFFER

To any mission congregation for the cost of transportation, a used spirit duplicator. May require minor repairs. Contact: Our Savior's Ev. Lutheran Church, c/o Pastor J. A. Braun, 2206 Ezekiel Ave., Zion, Illinois 60099.

ORDINATIONS AND INSTALLATIONS

(Authorized by the District Presidents)

Ordained and Installed:

Hoepner, Robert L., as pastor of Centennial, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on July 16, 1972, by G. Snyder (S.E. Wis.).

Koeplin, David E., as pastor of Immanuel, Willmar, Minnesota, on July 30, 1972, by O. Engel (Minn.).

Liggett, James D., as pastor of St. Matthew's, Stoddard, and St. John's, T. Genoa, Wisconsin, on Aug. 6, 1972, by L. Lambert (W. Wis.).

Nehmer, Howard R., as pastor of Messiah, Glendive; Trinity, Ekelaka; and Trinity, Terry, Montana, on July 30, 1972, by P. Stuebs (Dak.-Mont.).

Installed:

Teachers:

Boehning, David, as teacher at Pilgrim, Minneapolis, Minnesota, on July 16, 1972, by D. Westendorf.

Enter, David, as teacher at Mt. Calvary, La Crosse, Wisconsin, on July 16, 1972, by L. Lambert (W. Wis.).

Roekle, Werner J., as teacher at St. Paul's, Saginaw, Michigan, on July 23, 1972, by D. Tomhave (Mich.).

Zanto, Stephen P., as teacher at St. Mark's, Brown Deer, Wisconsin, on July 23, 1972, by G. Rothe (S.E. Wis.).

APPOINTMENT

Mr. Howard Dorn, principal of St. Matthew's Lutheran School in Winona, Minnesota, has been appointed to the Dr. Martin Luther College Board of Control to serve the remainder of the term of Teacher Herbert Grams. Mr. Grams resigned when he accepted a call from the Western Wisconsin District to the Southeastern Wisconsin District.

Oscar J. Naumann, President

REQUESTS FOR COLLOQUY

Rev. Russel G. Fry, Jr., formerly a bishop in the Free Protestant Episcopal Church, has, by the rite of confirmation, together with his family become a member of Peace Ev. Lutheran Church, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, and has requested a colloquy with a view to being recommended for admission to the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary and ultimately entering the preaching ministry of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod. Correspondence relative to the above may be addressed to President W. J. Zarling of the Michigan District.

Mr. Erwin H. Klemp, Chicago, Illinois, has requested a colloquy preparatory to membership in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Mr. Klemp is teaching at St. Andrew's Ev. Lutheran Church, Chicago, Illinois. St. Andrew's Ev. Lutheran Church is an independent congregation. Correspondence regarding the applicant may be directed to President George W. Boldt of the Southeastern Wisconsin District.

Rev. William D. Tabor, formerly of the LCR but now an independent pastor serving an independent congregation, is requesting a colloquy with the view of entering the preaching ministry in the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod. Any correspondence pertaining to this request may be directed to President G. A. Horn of the Minnesota District.

The Rev. Frederick K. Schmutge, 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.

EXPLORATORY SERVICES

DUBUQUE, IOWA

Exploratory work is being conducted in the Dubuque, Iowa, area. Anyone knowing of prospective members, interested persons, or university students, is kindly asked to send the pertinent information to: Pastor Paul R. Zittlow, Box 256, Elizabeth, IL 61028.

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.

HOLLAND, MICHIGAN

Exploratory services will soon begin in the city of Holland, MI. Time and place will be announced. Meanwhile, if you know of a family or friend that has moved into this area in recent years, and would be interested in a WELS church, please forward name and address to:

Rev. Ronald A. Semro
4201 Burlingame Ave., S. W.
Wyoming, MI 49509

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.

FOREST LAKE, MINNESOTA

Exploratory services are now being conducted at Forest Lake, Minnesota. The place of worship is at the new senior high school at the junction of Highways 61 & 97. Anyone knowing of prospective members or interested persons in Forest Lake, Chisago City, Hugo, Stacy, Hinckley, Rush City, Circle Pines or Webster, is kindly asked to send all pertinent information to: Pastor Wm. H. Wiedenmeyer, 7712 Xerxes Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55423.

PLACE & TIME OF SERVICE

SOUTH BEND- MISHAWAKA-ELKHART, INDIANA

Peace Ev. Lutheran Church, our South Bend area mission, has made the following changes in its Sunday schedule: Sunday worship at 9:00 a.m., Sunday school at 10:00 a.m. Services are held in the Mishawaka YMCA, 426 Lincoln Way E. All inquiries and information about prospective members should be sent to: Pastor T. Liesener, 3724 S. Carroll, South Bend, Ind. 46614, Tel: (219) 291-2672.

TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA

Zion Ev. Lutheran Church is now holding its worship services at The Halverson & Leavell Chapel (mortuary), 1223 Cravens at Torrance Blvd., Torrance, California. The time of service is 8:30 a.m., with Sunday school and Bible class following at 9:45. H. Curtis Lyon, pastor.

ELIZABETH, ILLINOIS

The time of service at Faith Ev. Lutheran Church, Elizabeth, Illinois, has been changed to 9:00 A.M., with Sunday school at 10:00 A.M. — Pastor Paul R. Zittlow.

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.

REQUEST FOR NOMINATIONS—NWC

The Board of Control of Northwestern College, Watertown, Wisconsin, herewith invites the members of the Synod to place in nomination the names of men who are qualified to teach in the field of high-school English. Nominations and qualifications of the nominees should be in the hands of the undersigned no later than September 20, 1972.

W. A. Schumann, Secretary
612 South 5th St.
Watertown, Wisconsin 53094

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:

Conrad Frey, President
Dr. Martin Luther College—Box 417
New Ulm, Minnesota 56073