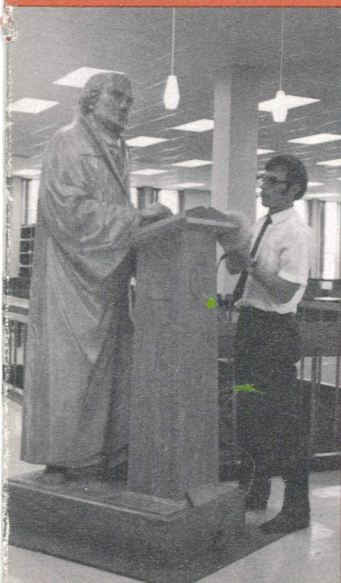
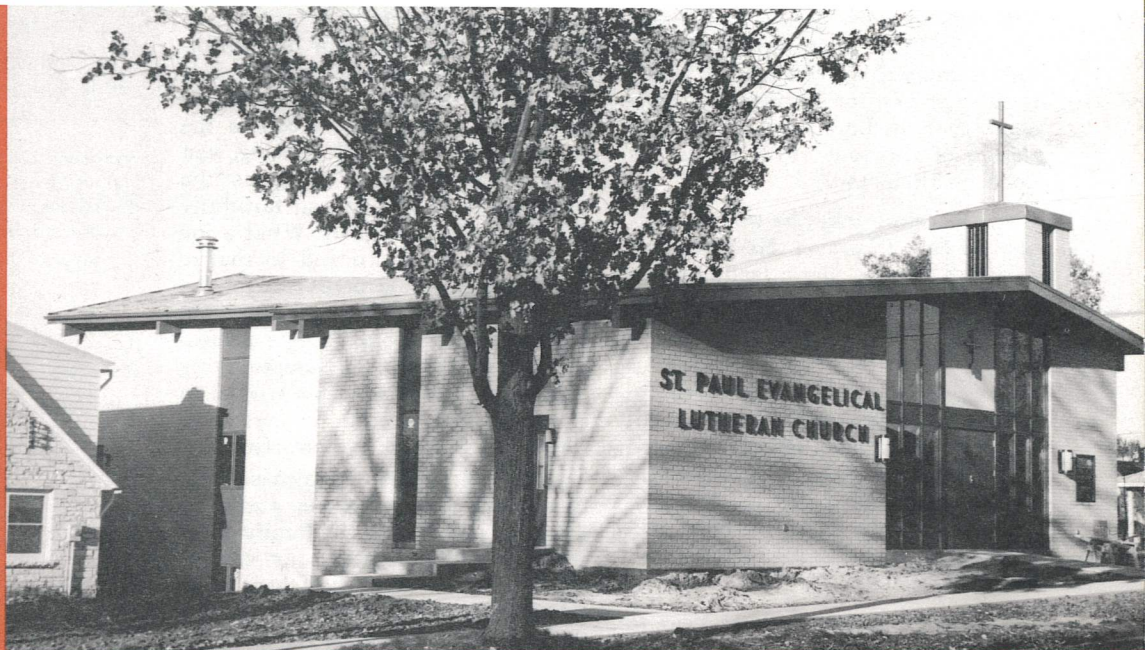


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Briefs by the Editor

What's in store for the New Year? We don't know. But though the future is hidden, we can take it to the Lord in prayer, for we have the confidence that our Lord Jesus Christ is in charge of the year 1973. He is the Lord of all history.

We therefore take the war in Vietnam to Him in prayer. He alone can so direct matters that a lasting peace may be brought to a part of the world that has seen nothing but war for generations.

We will take the Church to Him in prayer, asking that His believers all over the world may be strengthened in their faith in Him and in their reliance upon the Scripture which speaks of Him. We pray that that Word will also be the determining factor in our own church life.

As we thus take the New Year to the Lord in prayer we know that it will not be much different than the year just past. In many respects we would not want it to be, as a review of the month just past will convince us.

There were, first of all, the Advent services, reminding us of the reason why Christ was born, namely, to take away our sins and to bring us peace with the Father. This reminder was important, and remains important, lest the bustle of the holidays, or of a busy life, blind our eyes to the Person and purpose of Him who was bedded in a manger.

There was also the death of a young man — could we help but weep? — and yet the comfort of knowing that our Lord gives everlasting life and then reunion in the resurrection. We pray that that Gospel message will continue to be proclaimed in our midst, for until the Lord returns, death will continue to take its toll. But the sting is gone.

Then there was the Christmas concert on Seminary hill. Do you sometimes wonder what kind of a breed

these young pastors will turn out to be? Yes, some of the hair hit the collar, and some of the singing had modern harmonies — but when you hear these young men proclaim the Word in their year of vicaring, you know that they will bring us the whole counsel of God and faithfully share His Word with us. What a joy to look at the group and to realize that all of them are preparing for the parish ministry! They are studying theology not just to become professional theologians; they are studying it to apply the balm of the Gospel to troubled hearts and to proclaim Christ to those who know Him not.

And then came Christmas. Yes, there were gifts and a tree and good things to eat. But as the family gathered — four generations at that — what a joy to know that these were children of God, reborn in Christ their Savior, celebrating His birth for them! And what a thrill to hear your oldest grandchild sing the praises of Jesus in her first Christmas program!

And then New Year's Eve. Once again the blessed privilege to lay the burden of our sins on the Lamb of God and to take up His joy as we faced a new year. Will there be a December 31, 1973? We don't know; frankly, we don't care. But in the meantime we would heed the word of the Savior: "Occupy till I come."

And then came a letter from one of our home missionaries, assuring us that the work of the Lord is being done. It told us of the wife of a serviceman being baptized and confirmed. She began her instructions in one of our established congregations in the Midwest, continued them in the circle of a newly established mission, and was now being baptized and confirmed by another missionary pastor. We walk with this young brother into the new year with "the incomparable joy of being used to touch one life with the Gospel." May that joy be multiplied for us all in 1973!

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

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OUR COVER

In this issue you will read about Luther at DMLC, about a Lutheran High School Choral Festival, and about a number of dedications, among them St. Paul's Lutheran at Hillsboro, Wisconsin. All of those items express our conviction that the Gospel of Christ, as unfolded by Martin Luther, is worth confessing in today's world.

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Editorials

"When Ye Pray" "The sounding of plant whistles, church bells, air horns, automobile horns . . . local promotion and organization . . . considerable high-visibility activity . . . an interdenominational ad hoc committee . . . recognizable community leaders. . ."

This, according to the latest ecumenical handbook, is supposed to summon "millions of North American Christians" to join a Noon Prayer Hour — "for prayer in the streets, in offices, in restaurants, in schools, etc."

This business about ganging up on God in prayer is foreign to the child of the Father, who knows that "the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

Who needs, or wants, an "Ad Hoc Committee" in order to pray, or community VIP's to inspire it, or cars honking to call attention to it? "High-visibility activity" is probably what the Pharisees called it when they stood praying "in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men." Jesus had another name for that kind of thing.

What about God's Word in all this ecumenical activity? It's okay to "disagree on doctrine," the strategists assure us, as though God's teachings are unimportant as long as "millions" are getting together. "Doctrinal barriers" mean nothing, they say, implying the church's strength is in numbers.

With the Lord it is the other way around. His high word of praise went to the weak but faithful church in Philadelphia: "Thou hast a little strength, and hast kept My Word."

John Parcher

The Experiment Was Successful; The Christians Failed Two university students recently ran an experiment in a Wisconsin city. They deliberately shoplifted articles in several stores, and in plain sight stowed them away inside their coats or in their pockets, so that the thefts would be noticed by shoppers in the vicinity. They waited for customers to challenge them. According to their report no one accosted them; no one even questioned them. The average reaction was "no reaction at all."

Certainly the public has often been reminded that its cooperation is needed to prevent larceny and crime. Thefts from stores, from building sites, from factories, from neighborhood homes and yards can be reduced considerably if employees and citizens will report suspicious activity and provide information to the owners and to law enforcement agencies. The public certainly knows that shoplifting, for example, causes business losses that all citizens must pay for in higher prices for the goods they buy. The public must also be aware that when citizens fail to try to deter theft in their neighborhood, they are inviting theft from their own property. And yet, like the shop-

pers in the stores referred to above, the public generally says and does nothing. It is apathetic.

Didn't the people in the stores know that those who witness a felony or a crime and take no steps to halt it or to prevent it are supporting lawlessness through their neglect? But whether inaction results in obvious harm or not, it is still wrong, for "to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin."

Most of the shoppers in the stores of the city where the obvious shoplifting occurred were church members. What future for a society when even its Christian citizens don't care!

Carleton Toppe

Hedonism and the Church Member

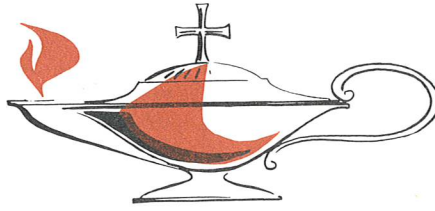
The word "hedonism" is not included in the vocabulary of many English-speaking people, and it is completely unfamiliar to some; but it is an apt term for a philosophy which, wittingly or unwittingly, has been widely adopted in our day. Hedonism, by definition, is "the doctrine that pleasure is the sole or chief good in life."

This philosophy prevailed among the citizens of the Roman Empire in its period of decadance prior to its total collapse. The Romans developed and practiced it to a fine point. The gratification of the flesh became their main object in life, and with single-minded purpose they devised ingenious methods of multiplying and prolonging the means of sensual gratification.

By whatever name it may be called, hedonism is being embraced as a way of life by a large segment of our society today. It influences the outlook and life-style of many professed Christians and church members as well. It has, in fact, been adopted in whole or in part by the church member who feels entitled to devote his free time, especially his weekends, exclusively to the pursuit of pleasure, leaving no time for worship or service of the Lord in whom he professes to trust. It has influenced the member who has no scruples about spending his money (always hard-earned, to hear him tell it) for the latest in automotive, marine, audio-visual, and sports equipment or for gourmet food and drink, meanwhile pleading poverty when the offering plate is passed on the few occasions he takes time to go to church. It is frequently the motivating factor in the person who declines to accept an office in the church or to get involved in church work. It provides the rationalization for the person who feels justified in ignoring God's Commandments on occasion for the purpose of having a little fun, as he puts it.

To the Christians in Rome, living in a society saturated in hedonism, the Apostle wrote in deep concern, "Make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof." Prevailing conditions are not greatly different in our society today; and these words, as all Scripture, were written also for our learning. We do well to remember that hedonism and Christianity, today as then, are mutually exclusive.

Immanuel Frey



Studies in God's Word

Christ's Kingdom Like Mustard Seed

Another parable put He forth unto them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field; which indeed is the least of all seeds, but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof" (Matt. 13:31,32).

Since the parables of Matthew 13 were told in the course of one day, we would do well to look at them in their order and sequence. The parable of the mustard seed follows that of seed falling into four kinds of soil and that of the tares among the wheat. The former parable gave the hearer to understand that the good seed of the Word does not find ready acceptance in every heart. In three of the four cases illustrated, it came to a sad end. The second parable informed us that even the seed which fell into good ground experienced trying times, for it soon found itself surrounded by weeds and tares. Hence the hearer might well ask himself, "Doesn't it seem that the prospects for the kingdom of heaven look pretty bleak?" Our present parable answers that question by comparing the course of God's rule of grace among men to the growth of a seed of mustard.

Why Mustard Seed?

But why was mustard seed chosen? The text says: "Which indeed is the least of all seeds; but when it is

grown, it is the greatest of herbs." Considerable discussion has arisen over the point that there are in fact seeds smaller than the mustard seed. It may be helpful to note that in the original the adjectives are comparative rather than superlative. Thus the parable says that mustard seed is *smaller* than the other seeds (ordinarily planted in a garden), but when it is grown, it is *greater* than the "herbs," that is, the rest of the garden plants. The point is not that the mustard seed is absolutely the smallest seed, or that the resultant plant is the largest, but the comparison lies rather in the proportion of change. From a very small seed there emerges a very sizable plant.

Just so in the kingdom of heaven. The man who took a kernel of mustard seed and sowed it in his garden is God the Father. He *gave* His only-begotten Son and *sent* Him into the world to save men. Christ then is the mustard seed. In a very real sense God's whole rule of grace was originally enclosed in Him, as in a seed. Everything grew out of Him. He determines the course of the kingdom as surely as a seed dictates the characteristics of the plant that grows from it. What the parable tells us is that, despite lowly beginnings, the kingdom will yet be glorious.

Lowly Beginnings

One could hardly imagine a more lowly beginning than that shown by the Founder of this kingdom. The Christmas season has shown Him not as a conquering hero, but as a helpless babe willing to accept care from His creatures. For 30 years He lived

without fanfare in an obscure village. When He did pursue a public ministry of several years, the results might well be judged disappointing at best, for the general reaction to Him ranged from indifference and apathy to downright hostility. Of the small circle of close disciples whom He did gather, one betrayed Him, another denied Him. The rest fled, powerless to help Him. Nor indeed did He expect or even accept their help. Rather He gave Himself willingly into death. Hardly a very promising start for a kingdom. A tiny seed indeed!

Glorious Development

And yet from this Seed there has grown the "greatest of herbs," which has "become a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof." God's Old Testament covenant was uniquely centered in the Jewish nation. Our parable, however, foretells a profound change, namely, the worldwide extension of Christ's kingdom. That is the emphasis also of the Epiphany season, showing as it does that Gentiles as well as Jews now find acceptance in this kingdom.

We who are of gentile origin can never sufficiently thank God for the truth portrayed in the growth of the mustard seed, for like the spreading branches of a great tree, or the extending tendrils of a vine, Christ's kingdom has grown to us. We did not come to it, but across continents of space and centuries of time, it came to us. Well might we with the hymn-writer marvel at the height of Jesus' love. "Love that found me — wondrous tho't! — Found me when I sought Him not." Safe in the protection of this kingdom, our faith finds tremendous assurance in the sheer size which it has attained, and from such insignificant beginnings at that! But we do well to remind ourselves that its real strength lies not in its size or numbers, but in the Seed from which it sprang and which still controls and directs its every development. May the marvelous growth of this kingdom in the past give us the confidence that also in the future "the gates of hell shall not prevail against it"!

Armin J. Panning

WELS' Institutional Missions - Twin Cities

If there is any one time when a Christian is in need of the comfort and strength of God's Word it is when he is afflicted with suffering and pain. The Old Evil Foe knows that he can use sickness to put doubt into the Christian's heart and weaken his faith in Christ, his Savior, so that he questions God's love and care. Add to this the fact that frequently the Christian is hospitalized at some distance from home, in a large hospital where he is a complete stranger. No wonder that he easily feels all alone, forgotten, forsaken.

The Need

There is a need, therefore, to bring

to the afflicted Christians who are members of our congregations and are separated from family, pastor, and friends, the certainty of God's love in Christ Jesus through Word and Sacrament. They must be assured again and again that although they feel alone, God is, nevertheless, with them (Matt. 28:20). Should they be tempted to think that God has forgotten them and does not love them, they are to be reminded that God knows all about them, both their downsitting and uprising (Ps. 139:2), and that He thinks upon them (Ps. 40:17) and will help and heal according to His will and time. All thought of being forsaken is to be dismissed

from their minds, for God has promised never to leave them nor forsake them (Heb. 13:5).

The Work

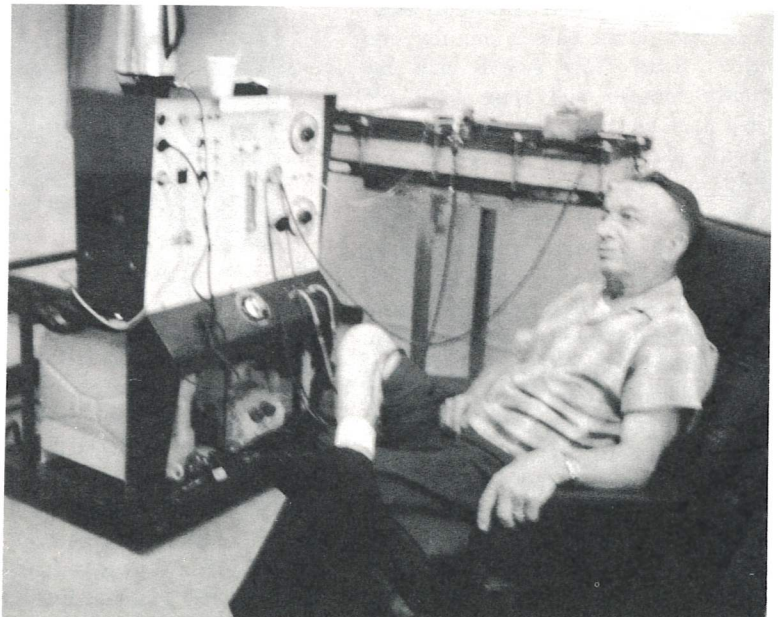
Since their pastor is many miles away and it might be very time-consuming for him to make the longed-for visits, your Synod has appointed institutional missionaries to minister to the spiritual needs of such members in many areas. One such institutional missionary serves the metropolitan Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota, area. This area of responsibility includes more than 40 hospitals, nursing homes, sanatoria, and penal institutions of the cities, counties, and state.

Since it would be impossible to make daily calls at so many institutions, and since incoming people are not registered according to synod, only general denomination, the missionary makes calls at those institutions where he knows Wisconsin Synod people are confined or to which he is referred by the pastors of our Synod.

Upon receipt of a name, a visit is made as soon as possible, in order to let the patient know that he has a pastor of his own Synod to serve him. Naturally, we cannot use the services of the regular hospital chaplain because of doctrinal differences. All visits are made on an individual basis.



Missionary Wm. H. Wiedenmeyer



One of the missionary's flock undergoing kidney dialysis.

Since each illness is different from the others, each patient's need is different. However, all are in need of God's love and forgiveness, whether that be the newborn infant that must be baptized immediately, or the non-agenarian who has been a lifelong member of the church, or the family members who are filled with anxiety and sorrow over the illness of their loved one. The missionary serves them all.

The Stranger

Primarily, the work of the institutional missionary is ministering to our Wisconsin Synod people wherever they are confined in this area. However, there are times when our members request the missionary to visit a relative who was a member of one of our congregations some time ago, forsook his Savior, and is no longer a churchgoing person. Concerned for his soul's salvation, they look to the missionary with the hope that by the grace of God, through the Word, their relative may be brought

to repentance and faith in Christ Jesus, and receive the promise of heaven as did the malefactor on the cross.

The missionary well remembers such a call received late one night. He found the patient under sedation and, as a result, no visit of any consequence was made. Early the next morning the missionary went back. The visit was blessed by the Holy Spirit who through the Word brought the patient to repentance so that he confessed both his sins and his faith in Jesus, his Savior. There was also the unsolicited vow that he would amend his sinful life. Henceforth, he would serve the Lord. Some time later the patient died suddenly despite the apparent progress he was making in recovering from his illness. He died minutes before the missionary arrived to make another of his many visits. Understandably, it filled the missionary with sorrow, but also joy — joy in knowing that this soul was reclaimed for Jesus. Even the angels in heaven rejoiced (Luke 15:10).

On another occasion the mission-

ary was conducting devotions with another patient whose roommate was a Roman Catholic. The Roman Catholic and his wife, who was visiting him, listened attentively. Quite some time later this Roman Catholic woman told a Wisconsin Synod member that she had not known the way to salvation until she heard that devotion. How true it is when the Lord says, "So shall My word be that goeth forth out of My mouth: it shall not return unto Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it" (Isa. 55:11)!

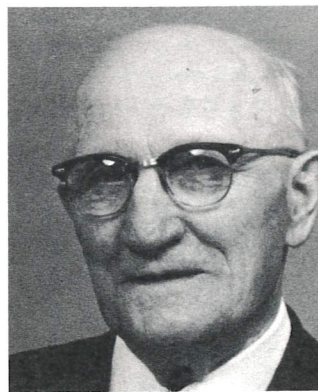
It is indeed a privilege to be called to this work! It is a blessed work — a work that is appreciated by all. It is the Lord's work, done unto Him who says, "I was sick, and ye visited Me: I was in prison, and ye came unto Me. . . . Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me" (Matt. 25:36,40).

William H. Wiedenmeyer
Institutional Missionary

Pastor Carl C. Kuske 1894-1972

"Who knows when death may overtake me? Time passes on, my end draws near. How swiftly can my breath forsake me! How soon can life's last hour appear! My God, for Jesus' sake, I pray, Thy peace may bless my dying day."

On the basis of Luke 2:25-30, Pastor R. A. Schultz reminded the family of Pastor Kuske of the greatest of all blessings which God has given us in Christ Jesus: the blessing to depart in peace. Like Simeon, we too have seen the Lord's Christ, by faith. More than Simeon, we have heard the Lord's Christ announce that our redemption is complete. More than Simeon, we have seen the Lord's Christ exalted, there to make intercession for us. And, like Simeon, having seen the Lord's Christ, we too have been graciously granted the blessing to depart in peace.



Pastor C. Kuske

Funeral services for Pastor emeritus Carl Kuske were held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Wausau, Wisconsin, on November 15, 1972. Pastor B. Stensberg read the liturgy. Place of burial was St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery, Stratford, Wisconsin.

Carl Conrad Kuske was born at Farmington, Wisconsin, on January 16, 1894, the son of Julius Kuske and his wife, Alvina nee Weigel. He graduated from Northwestern College in

1919, and from the Wauwatosa Seminary in 1922. Parishes served by him include Bison, South Dakota (1922-27); Canby, Minnesota (1927-31); Renville, Minnesota (1931-44); Stratford, Wisconsin (1944-57); and Elmwood, Wisconsin (from 1957 until his retirement in 1967). On November 12, 1972, our Lord graciously called His faithful servant to his rest, at the age of 78 years. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

On August 8, 1922, Carl Kuske was married to Adeline Kortegast. God blessed their marriage with four children: Pastor Herbert Kuske of Stevensville, Michigan; Prof. Paul Kuske of Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Saginaw; Robert of Houston, Texas; and Mrs. Marvin Radtke of Eagle River, Wisconsin. Also surviving, besides his wife and four children, are 13 grandchildren and three brothers: Gustave of Dodge Center, Minnesota; Emil of Osceola, Wisconsin; and Paul, pastor in Glencoe, Minnesota.

R. A. Schulz

CEF Projects up fifty per cent

Lending to the Lord

"Eight months have passed since the *Lending to the Lord* program was inaugurated," said home mission executive Pastor Norman W. Berg in an interview, "and the results are beyond our fondest hopes. By mid-January over \$2 million will have been loaned to the Church Extension Fund (CEF) by our members."

The loans, according to Pastor Berg, are in about 2,850 separate accounts in the names of individuals or organizations. Since there are about 170,000 families in the Synod, he noted, "only about 1.5 percent have become involved in the program. We look forward to the Lord moving many more families to participate in the months to come."

This large influx of membership loans has permitted the CEF to grant 50 per cent more loans for land and chapels in this current year (1972) than last year, Pastor Berg pointed out. There were 42 project loans in 1972 compared with 28 in 1971. "We have finally managed," Pastor Berg said, "to break the bottleneck which has harassed us for more than 20 years."

CEF Must Keep Pace

"But if the CEF is to keep pace," Pastor Berg added, "with our mission openings — 18-20 per year — we must have this kind of relief. There is little future in opening missions if all we can give them are 'floating' places of worship. Worshipping one month in a motel-conference room, another month in a funeral-home chapel, and a third month in a legion hall — miles removed from one another — is a poor way to build established mission congregations. It harms our out-

reach into the community and impedes our growth."

Asked about the financial soundness of the new program, Pastor Berg said that the program had been "carefully reviewed by our money managers, the Board of Trustees, and approved. With our conservative approach to borrowing, our asset-liability ratio is in excellent shape."

"But," he said, "there are several things to remember. First, the money for payment of interest and the reserve for membership loan redemptions come out of the Synod's operating budget. Once we are locked full-scale into the program, we can no longer balance the Synod's budget by reducing or eliminating the CEF's share of the budget, something that was done far too often in the past."

Offerings Still Needed

"The second thing to remember," said Pastor Berg, "is the need for gifts and offerings for the CEF. Many congregations hold offerings around Reformation Day for the CEF. The *Lending to the Lord* program has not diminished one whit our need for these offerings, annual or otherwise. This is still one of the very important ways the Synod's equity in the fund is increased."

The new membership loan CEF program was authorized by the 1971 Synod convention. When the convention met, there was a backlog of loan requests from mission congregations of \$5 million. Missions wanting loans from the CEF had to be told to "get in line and it will be about four to five years!"

The 1971 convention decided on two policy changes to break the bot-

tleneck. First, mission congregations henceforth would pay the going rate of interest (determined by the Board of Trustees) on their loans from the CEF. If the mission could not pay the interest (too small, too many other obligations), the District Mission Board was authorized to partially subsidize the mission's interest charge.

The second change was the resolve to solicit loans from the Synod's members within a formal loan program. This keeps down interest costs, and permits more flexible repayment schedules than with a commercial lending institution which can be quite fussy about such things.

CEF Taskforce

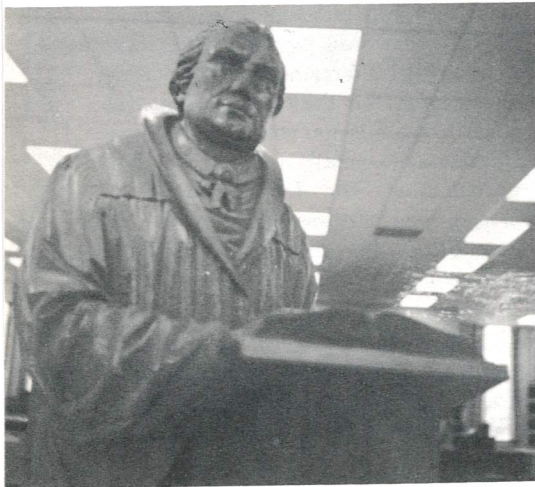
The final version of the program, called *Lending to the Lord*, was planned by a CEF taskforce composed of the members of the Board of Trustees and of the Home Mission Board. On April 1, 1972, the program was introduced to the Synod's congregations. A special filmstrip, brochure, and several folders were designed to promote the program. Most congregations also appointed a special CEF representative to assist the program in the congregation.

In establishing interest rates on membership loans (ranging from 4% to 5%), there was less of a desire to be "competitive" than to recognize that saving is a legitimate function of a family's stewardship, and the members will want to exercise prudent stewardship also in this area.

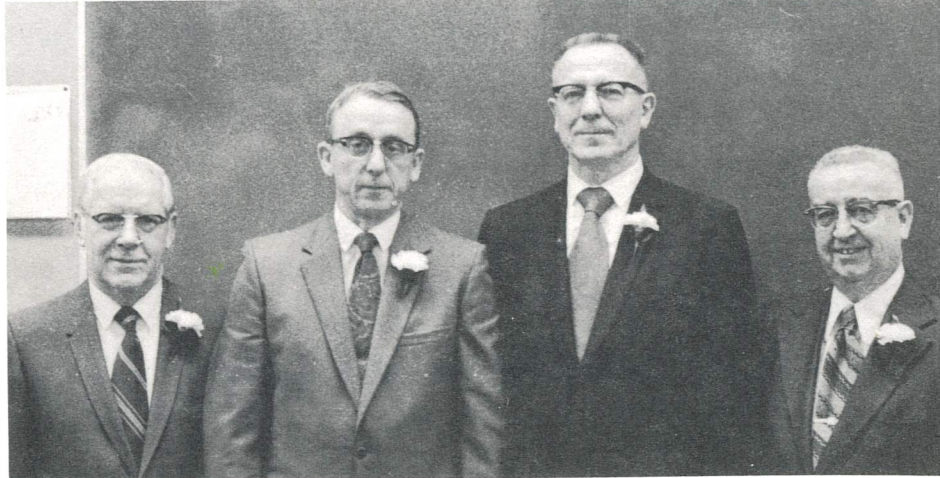
The CEF lends money to mission congregations to buy land and erect chapels at mortgage terms more favorable than could be secured from a commercial lending institution. In fact, the typical mission congregation with 20-40 families and needing \$80,000 to \$150,000 for land and chapel would have trouble getting past the front door of a typical lending agency.

More information about loans to the CEF is available from your CEF representative or your pastor. You may also write directly to: Church Extension Fund, 3512 W. North Ave., Milwaukee, Wis. 53208.

Pastor James P. Schaefer
Stewardship Counselor



"Martin Luther"



Professors M. Zahn, T. Hartwig, E. Sievert, F. Manthey

The Latest from DMLC

145 Years of Service

On Sunday, November 12, 1972, students and faculty of Dr. Martin Luther College and Martin Luther Academy, New Ulm, Minnesota, joined in thanking the Lord for permitting four of His called servants to observe important anniversaries in their ministry. Honored were professors Theodore Hartwig, Erich Sievert, Frederick Manthey, and Meilahn Zahn. Professors Sievert, Manthey, and Zahn have each seen 40 years of service in the Lord's kingdom, and Professor Hartwig has reached the 25th milestone. Professor Manthey teaches in the academy, the others in the college.

Liturgists at the service were the chairmen of the boards of control: the Rev. O. Engel and the Rev. E. O. Schulz. Guest speaker was the Rev. Robert Voss, Executive Secretary of the Commission on Higher Education. He based his sermon on II Corinthians 4:5-7, choosing as his theme, "Earthen Vessels of God." He reminded the jubilarians that as God's earthen vessels they were molded by God, filled with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and being emptied in the joyful, faithful service of preparing other earthen vessels for the Lord's service.

A reception was held in the Luther Memorial Cafeteria immediately after the service. Personally bringing greetings were Synod President O. J. Nauman and President G. Horn of the Minnesota District.

Prof. Frederick Manthey taught at Emanuel Lutheran School, Tawas City, Michigan; Zion Lutheran School, Rhinelander, Wisconsin; and First German Lutheran School, Manitowoc, Wisconsin, before joining the faculty of Manitowoc Lutheran High School in 1957. In 1963 he accepted a call to teach at Martin Luther Academy. Professor Manthey is a graduate of DMLC and has done postgraduate work at the University of Wisconsin, Manitowoc, and Kansas State University. He is married to the former Irene Kramer. They have one son and five daughters. Two of the daughters are teachers in our Christian day schools.

Prof. Erich Sievert joined the DMLC faculty in 1948. Previous to that he had taught at St. John's Lutheran School, Neillsville, Wisconsin, and First Lutheran School in La Crosse. A 1932 graduate of DMLC, he did advanced work at the University of Wisconsin campuses at Stevens Point, Eau Claire, and Madison, as well as at Mankato State. He received his MA in Education from the University of Minnesota in 1964. Mrs. Sievert is the former Adelia

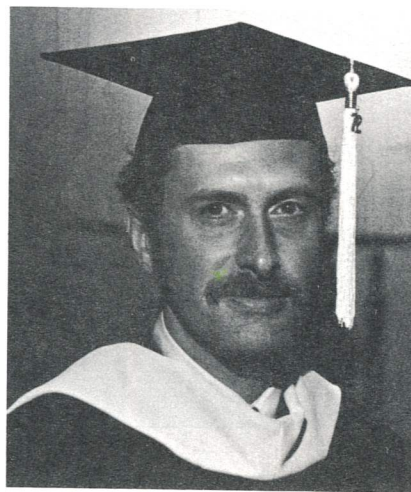
Schumacher. She is supervising teacher at St. Paul's Lutheran School in New Ulm. Professor and Mrs. Sievert have two sons and two daughters. Their sons are pastors in our Synod.

Upon graduation from DMLC, Meilahn Zahn was assigned to St. Peter's Lutheran School, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. Later he taught at Grace Lutheran School, Oshkosh, Wisconsin, and Trinity Lutheran School, Menasha, Wisconsin. In 1950 he was called to head the music program at Michigan Lutheran Seminary in Saginaw. Since 1962 he has been chairman of the music department at DMLC. In 1950 he received a BA from Concordia, River Forest, Illinois, and in 1959 an MA from Michigan State University. He is married to the former Erna Miller. They are parents of two daughters and four sons, one of whom is a Christian day-school teacher.

Prof. Theodore Hartwig graduated from Northwestern College in 1943 and from Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Seminary in 1947. During his Seminary years he taught one complete year at Wisconsin Lutheran High School and two years part time. He served as pastor of St. Paul's Church, Mound City, South Dakota, and Riverview Lutheran, Appleton, Wisconsin, before becoming a member of the DMLC faculty in 1955. Professor Hartwig did postgraduate work at the University of Wisconsin from 1960-1965. Mrs. Hartwig was Lois Wegner. The Hartwig family consists of four daughters and two sons.



Miss Pat Mrotek and Prof. P. Boehlke



Prof. E. H. Meyer

Together these four DMLC professors have given 145 years of dedicated service to the Lord and His people. May our Lord continue to bless them personally, and us through them!

Master of Church Music

Prof. Edward H. Meyer, Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota, recently received the Master of Church Music degree from Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Illinois.

After graduating in 1958 from Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota, Mr. Meyer taught until 1965 at St. Philip Lutheran School, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. At that time he joined the faculty of St. John Lutheran School, Jefferson, Wisconsin. During his stay at St. John, Mr. Meyer received the Bachelor of Music degree from the Wisconsin Conservatory of Music, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Since 1970 he has served as professor of music at his alma mater, Dr. Martin Luther College.

Faculty Additions

Prof. Paul Boehlke and Miss Pat Mrotek were inducted as members of the Dr. Martin Luther College faculty at the school's opening service last fall. Guest speaker on that occasion was Pastor W. F. Dorn of Brooklyn Lutheran Church, Minneapolis.

Professor Boehlke comes to New Ulm from Northwestern Preparatory School, Watertown, Wisconsin. Previ-

ous to his professorship at Northwestern he taught all grades at Grace Lutheran School, Goodhue, Minnesota, and sixth grade at St. John's Lutheran, Jefferson, Wisconsin.

Professor Boehlke is a 1961 graduate of DMLC. He did postgraduate work in science at Winona State and earned a Master of Science for Teachers degree at Union College, Schenectady, New York, majoring in chemistry and minoring in physics. At DMLC he team-teaches biology with Prof. R. Swantz, and teaches two biology and physical science labs.

Mrs. Boehlke is the former Jeanette Hemker. They have four sons.

Miss Pat Mrotek, a 1969 DMLC graduate, was called to serve as instructor in the college-women's physical education department. Besides her classroom work, she will assist in coaching all women's interscholastic sports.

Upon her graduation from DMLC, Miss Mrotek taught grades five and six at Bethlehem Lutheran in Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin. She is presently continuing work toward a degree in physical education at Mankato State College.

DMLC Business Officers

Mr. E. A. Seifert, DMLC's first full-time business officer, announced his retirement recently, effective at the close of the calendar year. He has continued to serve, however, until his replacement is ready to assume his duties.

Mr. Seifert came to DMLC in 1963, after many years of experience in retail business management. He was given the responsibility of establishing the financial operation of the college during the period of its greatest overall expansion.

Mr. David D. Stabell of Fort Worth, Texas, will succeed Mr. Seifert. Mr. Stabell is a graduate of Florida State University with a B. S. degree in finance. He has had considerable experience with Sears, Roebuck, and Company, with the Boeing Company at the Kennedy Space Center, and with General Dynamics. It is expected that Mr. Stabell will take over the position shortly after the middle of January.

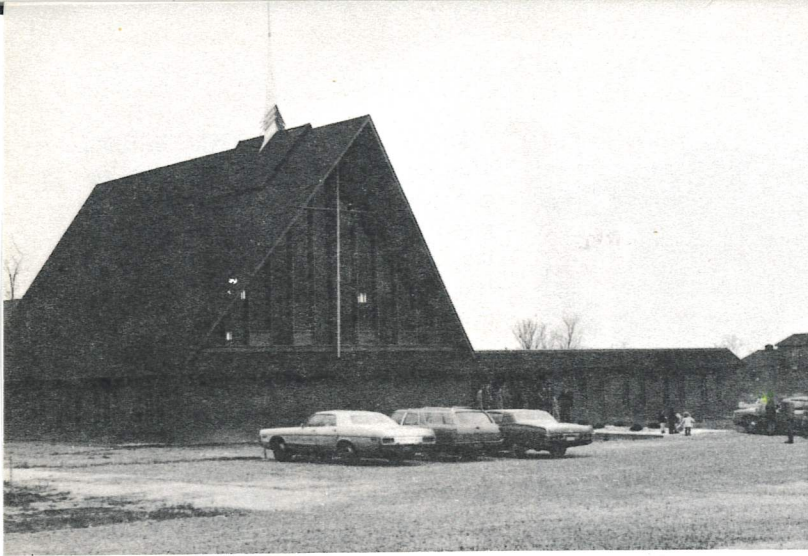
Luther Statue

What could be more fitting than to have a life-size statue of Martin Luther at Dr. Martin Luther College! This lack was recently remedied when Mrs. Paul Schwan and children donated such a statue in memory of the late Mr. Paul T. Schwan of Marshall, Minnesota. The statue was installed in the entrance of the new library at DMLC on October 5.

Carved from white oak, the statue (including the base) stands seven feet high and weighs about 1500 pounds. The statue shows Luther meditating at a study-lectern. On the lectern is a Bible with the inscription, "The just shall live by faith." The familiar Luther emblem is engraved on the front of the lectern and crosses are inscribed on the two sides.

The carving was made at the Schnitzelbank Shop, Frankenmuth, Michigan. The statue represents more than 400 hours of actual work on the part of Mr. Georg Keilhofer, well-known woodcarver employed by Mr. and Mrs. Keller. Mr. Keilhofer learned his craft in a town noted for its craftsmanship in woodcarving, Oberammergau, Germany.

The statue's location in the lobby of the library reminds students, faculty members, and DMLC visitors that Luther's diligence, faithfulness, and concern must also be theirs as servants of God, namely, faithfully to hold to and rightly to proclaim the Word of salvation.



Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church



Building Committee and Church Council

CEF Helps Beautiful Savior of Ft. Wayne Erect Sanctuary

"The members and friends of Beautiful Savior Ev. Lutheran Church wish to thank their fellow members of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod for their gifts to the Church Extension Fund which enabled us to construct our new house of worship." In passing this motion, the Church Council of Beautiful Savior Ev. Lutheran Church of Fort Wayne, Indiana, expressed the thankfulness of its members for the \$103,000 loan which they received from the Church Extension Fund for the purpose of constructing their new church.

The building was dedicated on October 15, 1972. The Rev. Frederick C. Knueppel of Bethel, Connecticut, who did the exploratory work in the Fort Wayne area from St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church of Sturgis, Michigan, beginning in November of 1968, spoke in the morning service. The Rev. Kurt F. Koeplin of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, preached in the afternoon service. Pastor Koeplin is a member of the Southeastern Wisconsin District Mission Board. The resident pastor was the liturgist for both services which saw a total of 319 people in attendance.

The building was designed by the Synod's consulting architect, Mr. Duane Anderson. The contractor was Mr. Furman Steury of Leo, Indiana. The nave will seat 220 people; the

fellowship hall will accommodate 100 at tables.

The Lord has richly blessed Beautiful Savior Congregation. In July, 1969, just 7 months after the first service was held in the basement of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Wiebusch on the northeast side of Fort Wayne, the congregation received its first resident minister, Pastor Alan H. Siggelkow. Eight months later 4.2 acres of land was purchased at 11228 Coldwater Road, directly north of the city. Nine months after that the present parsonage and church office was constructed on the property. After another 11 months, in November, 1971, construction began on the church building. On October 1, 1972, the first service was held in the new building. Up until then services had been conducted in rented facilities at the Central YMCA in the heart of Fort Wayne.

Throughout these four years the congregation has also been blessed with rapid growth. Only six communicants attended the first service. On Dedication Day we numbered 93 communicants. Some of our members came to Beautiful Savior for confessional reasons from a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod mission. For them, it had been nine years since they were last able to regularly worship in a church building.

The Lord's blessing also rested on the building project of this congregation under the direction of Mr. Richard Hess, the building committee chairman. \$7,500 of the congregation's own offerings went toward the construction of the building. The used pews and the lights in the nave were gifts of Zion Ev. Lutheran Congregation of Monroe, Michigan. Portions of the four-rank pipe organ were purchased from Zion Congregation and from a neighborhood church. The organ and the pipe chamber were then reconstructed by the members of the congregation under the direction of Mr. William Zabel for a total cost of \$425. The balcony, much of the chancel furniture, the church furnishings, the kitchen, chairs and tables in the fellowship hall, tile in the nave and fellowship hall, the landscaping, and many other items were acquired through memorials and gifts of various members and friends of the congregation.

We ask the members of our Synod to join us in a prayer of thanksgiving to our God who gives us "every good gift and every perfect gift" and also in a prayer of dedication that this edifice, which you have helped to build, may ever be used to the glory of God and to the spread of His kingdom.

A. Siggelkow, Pastor

Looking at the Religious World

Information and Insight

Professor Meyer Was Wrong

Recently a colleague pinned a yellowed newspaper clipping to the faculty room bulletin board at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. It was a 1952 church-page article from *The Milwaukee Journal* featuring the Seminary.

Seminary enrollment that year had reached 70. In his interview with the *Journal* reporter, President Meyer had predicted that enrollment would level off in the mid 50's at about 75 and remain there indefinitely.

Prof. Meyer was not often wrong about things, but he was wrong on that count. Current enrollment is 223, three times greater than the venerable professor's prediction 20 years ago. Prof. Meyer could not foresee God's response to His people's prayers for reapers.

By way of contrast, *Time* magazine recently reported on the state of affairs at some of the nation's more prestigious seminaries, particularly Union Theological Seminary in New York, once the largest interdenominational divinity school in North America. Its enrollment has dropped from 665 four years ago to 227 this year. Similarly, the University of Chicago Divinity School's enrollment has been cut in half in the last four years. Harvard and Yale have shared the same fate. All of them have been bastions of liberal theology.

Meanwhile, conservative seminaries like ours are experiencing unprecedented growth. In just 10 years the enrollment at Illinois' Trinity Evangelical Divinity School has risen from 31 to over 600. The trend seems to indicate that people are fed up with speculative theology. They want something of substance from their preachers.

We are certain that Prof. Meyer would be delighted to know how wrong he was in 1952. He would probably remind us in his gentle way that the same Lord who bids us to

pray for laborers also expects us to thank Him for supplying them in such abundance. Let's do that!

Decisions, Decisions

The California State Board of Education raised eyebrows around the country in 1969 when it adopted a science framework for development of new science textbooks. The Board's guidelines provided for the inclusion of creationism along with evolutionism as a theory to account for the origin of the universe.

The Board's decision evoked prolonged public debate which for the most part generated more heat than light. But despite the hue and cry raised by opponents, the Board stuck with its decision. The new science texts for elementary-school children were to have been ready for classroom use in the new school year this year.

Now however the issue has been reopened. At an open hearing at Sacramento last November, more than 50 speakers presented their cases in an attempt to persuade the Board that it should or should not implement the decision.

Competent men of science are divided over the issue. Eminent scientists of the Creation Research Society are for the inclusion of creationism in public-school science texts. The prestigious National Academy of Sciences is opposed to it. The conflicting testimony makes the Board's decision a most difficult one.

While as Christians we are committed to the truth of creation, not as theory but as fact, we are not convinced that the inclusion of special creation as a theory in the science textbooks of the nation's schools will serve any useful religious purpose. Proponents see it as a counterbalance to the religion of secular humanism which pervades the educational philosophy of the schools. They contend that it will help to keep a God-con-

sciousness alive in the minds of children. But that is a little like expecting an aspirin to halt the advance of a spreading cancer.

We are nonetheless sympathetic toward the efforts of the creationists in California. They have a case. The evidence in support of special creation is at least as great as the evidence in support of evolution. In all fairness science ought at least to recognize creationism as a viable option. Vocal and determined groups in California are determined that this shall not be.

How grateful we ought to be for our system of Christian schools in which we are free to teach the truth as God has revealed it to us. Perhaps the current controversy will help more parents to realize the value of an education which allows God to have a word in the educational process.

Monkeyshines

The reopening of the creation-evolution hassle in California has caused at least one writer to make like a monkey — perhaps in an attempt to help substantiate his view of man's early ancestors. Chronicle Features columnist, Arthur Hoppe, used his lines in a *Milwaukee Journal* column (Nov. 27, 1972) to belittle the idea of including creation as a theory in elementary science textbooks.

Since no such textbooks exist as yet, Hoppe says, he wrote one of his own and offered his readers some blasphemous excerpts. "In the beginning somebody or other said, 'Let there be light!' and — POW! — there was this big explosion, which shows you the danger of playing with matches." Adam and Eve are called "real swingers." They "lived in the trees swinging from branch to branch for a couple of million years. . . . One day, a snake in the grass who was left over from the age of reptiles (see page 148) told Eve that apples were just about the greatest thing ever, though he didn't eat them himself."

And so it goes on. Sounds a little like the prattlings of someone who isn't too sure of himself — and does not really understand what the issue is all about. Hoppe is neither the first nor the last to mock those whom he cannot refute, or understand, whichever the case may be.

Joel C. Gerlach



Sunday Worship

Lutheran Collegians Retreat

Bible study, meditation, and Christian fellowship and fun were the program followed by 40 young men and women at Camp Minikani near Hubertus, Wisconsin, one weekend last October. These young people were members of *Lutheran Collegians* from the following Wisconsin schools: UW-Madison, UW-Oshkosh, UW-Milwaukee, Northwestern College, and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. The Milwaukee chapter hosted the three-day retreat. Theme for the weekend was "Bearing One Another's Burdens — A True Picture of Christian Living."

Campers arriving Friday evening joined in an evening devotion conducted by Pastor Richard Ziesemer of Milwaukee. He spoke of a retreat as a time to examine oneself, to meditate on the Word of God, and above all to listen: to each other, and to God speaking in His Word.

Saturday's matins, led by Pastor Robert Christman of Oshkosh, introduced the theme of the retreat: "Bearing one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ" (Gal. 6:2). He emphasized the love of Christ as the spirit in which we are to help one another in the trials and temptations of daily living.

The Bible study was divided into three sections: "Bearing one another's burdens — in sickness and death, in the social setting, and in

student life." A fourth topic — in the family setting — was also a part of the agenda, but the guest speaker was unable to appear. Pastor Christman treated the first topic. The second was led by Pastor LeRoy Martin of Platteville. Dr. Wayne Schmidt of Madison spoke on helping one another in the student setting.

The three-day weekend was not devoted only to Bible study; ample time was allotted to recreation. On Friday evening there were impromptu skits. Saturday offered volleyball, canoeing, swimming, ping-pong, football, and frisbee. On Saturday evening Miss Edith Schneider, who recently served our church as nurse in Malawi, presented a most interesting slide lecture on her work as medical missionary to the Africans. The evening closed with a songfest around a blazing campfire, in which secular songs gave way to the songs learned in the summer VBS programs and hymns from the hymnal.

The service on Sunday morning saw the worshipers reclining on the side of a grassy hill at the lake front. The message was both visible and spoken — the cross of Christ and the words of Deuteronomy 1:6, "Ye have dwelt long enough in this mount," — as Pastor Ziesemer spoke on "Let us move forward!"

Linda Greve

NEW W.E.L.S. CHURCHES

Names Requested

In recent months the Wisconsin Synod began work in the states and cities listed below. Please send all names of members who moved into the general area of these cities, as well as names of people, who may be interested in a Wisconsin Synod mission, to the Synod's Membership Conservation office. Names as well as pertinent information regarding members referred will be forwarded to the nearest pastor and/or mission board chairman. Pastors who want stations included in this list are to inform the respective District mission board chairman. Area names are dropped from this list after appearing in the Yearbook for one year.

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| Arizona | Litchfield Park* Paradise Valley* |
| California | Alameda County* Mission Viejo* Novato (Marin County)* Pasadena |
| Colorado | Colorado Springs* |
| Delaware | Wilmington* |
| Florida | Gainesville* West Palm Beach Winterhaven* |
| Idaho | Boise* |
| Illinois | Champaign-Urbana* Jacksonville Rockford Springfield* South Bend Dubuque* Alexandria* Grand Blanc Holland* Indian River Marquette Midland Taylor Twp.* |
| Indiana | Bemidji* |
| Iowa | Forest Lake Columbia* |
| Louisiana | St. Joseph* |
| Michigan | Bozeman Bergen County Albany/Schenectady Cherry Point* Raleigh* Bend Providence* Columbia Huron* Memphis* Clear Lake City Corpus Christi* Weslaco* |
| Minnesota | Spokane Valley (East)* |
| Missouri | Hubertus River Falls Suamico* Cheyenne* |
| Montana | |
| New Jersey | |
| New York | |
| North Carolina | |
| Oregon | |
| Rhode Island | |
| South Carolina | |
| South Dakota | |
| Tennessee | |
| Texas | |
| Washington | |
| Wisconsin | |
| Wyoming | |

*Denotes exploratory services.

(New Missions in cities already having a WELS church are not listed.)

Note: All names and addresses of members who move, unless they can be transferred directly to a sister congregation, should be mailed to our

WELS MEMBERSHIP CONSERVATION
10729 Worden, Detroit, Mich. 48224

EXPLORATORY SERVICES

TEXAS RIO GRANDE VALLEY

WELS exploratory services are conducted by the Texas-New Mexico Mission District Mission Board in Weslaco, Texas, using the facilities of the First Presbyterian Church, 7th & Iowa, Bible class, 6:30. Worship, 7:30 p.m. Winter visitors in the Brownsville, Harlingen, Weslaco, Donna, Mission, and McAllen areas are encouraged to make this exploratory mission their church home away from home. Write or call: Rev. W. R. Gabb, 17125 Red Oak Dr., Houston, Tx., 77090, (713) 444-8965, or, in the Valley, Mr. Buddy Hovda, Box 123, Progreso, Tx., 78579, (512) 565-2851.

THE NORTHWESTERN LUTHERAN

CHAMPAIGN-URBANA, ILLINOIS

Exploratory services are now being held in the Champaign-Urbana, Illinois, area on Sunday evenings at 7:00 in Room 102 of the Americana Nursing Center, 600 N. Coler St., Urbana. Names of people in this area, as well as those of airmen at Chanute AFB (Rantoul) and of students at the University of Illinois should be sent to Pastor David N. Rutschow, 122 State St., N. Pekin, Illinois 61554, phone (309) 382-2670.

FREMONT-HAWYARD-NEWARK- UNION CITY, CALIFORNIA

Home mission activity is about to be undertaken in southern Alameda county. Names of referrals with pertinent information from friends or relatives should be directed to the California Mission Board, WELS c/o Pastor R. Hochmuth, 3451 Eden Drive, Santa Clara, CA 95051.

CAPE GIRARDEAU, MISSOURI

Several families have requested exploratory services in Cape Girardeau/Jackson, Missouri. Names of other families who might be interested should be sent to: Pastor Roger R. Zehms, 5143 Red Cedar Ct., St. Louis, MO 63128 (1-314-843-4177).

CHEYENNE, WYOMING

Exploratory work is being conducted in the Cheyenne, Wyoming, area. Anyone knowing of prospective members, interested persons, or Warren Air Force Base personnel residing in the area, is kindly asked to call or send the pertinent information to: Pastor Lawrence A. Retberg, 1304 Lemay Ave., Ft. Collins, CO 80521 (1-303-482-5326).

WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

Exploratory services are now being held in Wilmington, Delaware, at the Channin Elementary School, 2503 Naaman's Road. Worship services are held Sunday mornings at 8:00 A.M. Please send the names of people living in Delaware or southeastern Pennsylvania who may be interested to: Pastor Richard MacKain, 352 Sweetbriar Road, King of Prussia, PA 19406.

MEMPHIS EXPLORATORY WORK

Change of Location

Exploratory services are now being held in Memphis at the RAMADA INN EAST, at the intersection of I-240 and Summer Avenue, on the east side of Memphis — 6:00 p.m. every Sunday. Sunday school and adult Bible class (study of Romans) each Sunday after the service. For a detailed map or information contact: Mr. Roger Prigge, 3354 Willow Wyck Dr., W., Memphis, TN 38118. Phone: 1-901-365-4596.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

(Submitted through District Presidents)

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Muetzel, Ronald M.
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Magle, Leland
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Traucht, George L.
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Green Bay, WI 54304

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Direct from the Districts

Dakota-Montana

Church Dedication at Flasher

With joy in their hearts, hymns of praise on their lips, and prayers of thanksgiving ascending to God, the members of Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church of Flasher, North Dakota, on October 22, 1972, dedicated their new church building to the preaching of God's saving truth. Pastor of the congregation, the Rev. Marvin Putz, conducted the dedicatory service. The choir of Redeemer Congregation, Mandan, joined in the festive service.

The new frame church has only one floor, erected on a concrete slab. It measures 52' by 24', providing a nave with a seating capacity of 80. The Sunday-school rooms, separated from the nave by folding walls, double the available seating. All of them had to be used to accommodate the 165 worshipers present at the dedication. Simple kitchen facilities, a sacristy, and a storage room complete this functional building. Total cost of the building was \$19,000. Indebtedness only amounted to \$3,300 on the day of dedication.

Trinity Congregation, one of the smaller congregations of rural North Dakota, numbers 23 communicants and 41 souls. The pastor lives at Mandan, North Dakota, 42 miles distant, where he serves Redeemer Congregation as the second member of this joint parish.

Male Teacher

Zion Lutheran Church of Moberg, South Dakota, last fall installed its first male teacher and principal. He is Mr. Curtis Mantey, a 1972 graduate of DMLC. Another 1972 graduate, Miss Diane Uhlenbrauck, teaches grades one to four.

Michigan

Parsonage Dedicated at Yale

Emanuel Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church of Yale dedicated its new parsonage on Sunday, September 17, 1972. Preaching for the occasion was the Rev. Emil Kasischke, former pas-

tor, who used I Chronicles 17:27 to emphasize the point that a parsonage is a valuable tool in the proclamation of the Gospel and thus a true blessing of the Lord.

Situated on the church property, the new ranch-style home is of brick-veneer construction matching the church. It contains a living-dining room featuring a wall of split fieldstone, a kitchen-family room, utility room, four bedrooms, and a two-car garage. Added features are central air conditioning and carpeting.

Emanuel Redeemer, an amalgamation of two former congregations, was organized in 1964. To its new church it has now added this parsonage, at a cost of \$52,161. Pastor of the congregation is the Rev. H. A. Hempel.

Centennial of Church Building

On September 17, members and friends of Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church of Saline, Michigan, observed the centennial of the dedication of their church building. The Rev. W. J. Zarling, president of the Michigan District, and the Rev. K. F. Krauss preached for the anniversary. To mark the centennial, the 117-year-old congregation installed new pews, new carpeting, and an antiphonal organ.

The Rev. John A. Westendorf is pastor of Trinity Congregation.

New Interior Appointments at Remus

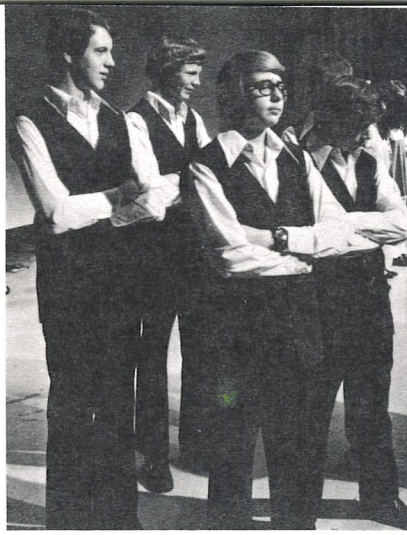
In the regular Sunday worship service on October 15, 1972, St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church of Remus dedicated a Communion rail, a missal stand, cushioned pews, frontal screens, an organ screen, and additional redwood paneling.

Mr. Walter Steinman built the missal stand and the Communion rail. The latter contains carvings of wheat and grapes as reminders of the bread and wine of the Sacrament. The redwood paneling unifies the older section of the church with the decor of the newer portion.

St. Paul's pastor is the Rev. Edwin C. Schmelzer.

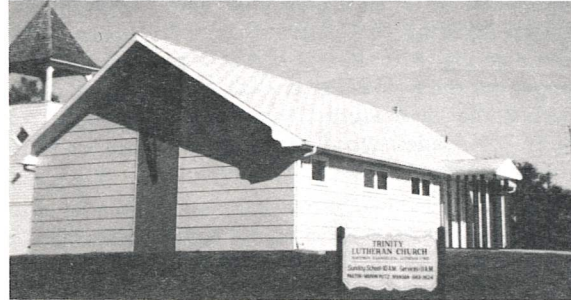


St. Peter's at Mishicot, Wis.



Representing St. Croix at Choral Festival

Trinity Lutheran of Flasher, N.D.



Parsonage at Yale, Mich.



Northern Wisconsin

National Wisconsin Synod Lutheran Choral Festival

The weekend of November 10-12 was the date of the National Wisconsin Synod Lutheran Choral Festival held at Fox Valley Lutheran High School, Appleton, Wisconsin.

Participating were 170 singers from Lutheran high schools in Saginaw and Benton Harbor, Michigan; Moberge, South Dakota; St. Paul and New Ulm, Minnesota; and Watertown, Lake Mills, Onalaska, Manitowoc, Kenosha, and Appleton, all in Wisconsin.

The weekend began with a Friday evening Pop concert. Each school performed popular songs that had been rehearsed before coming to Appleton. Among the selections were "Butterfly," "Scarborough Fair," "Old King Cole," "Friday," and "Cherish."

Saturday was spent preparing for the sacred concert which was sung before a capacity crowd at the Fox

Valley auditorium on Sunday afternoon. "Praise Him" was a fitting selection to open the concert.

Mr. Don Sipe reports that the students were housed in private homes, and that the weekend offered all an opportunity for making many new friends.

Educational Addition Dedicated at Mishicot

On October 22, 1972, St. Peter's pastor, the Rev. H. Kesting, assisted by Prof. Wm. Zell of Northwestern College, dedicated a new educational wing. The Rev. Wm. Fischer, Secretary of Part-time Education, preached in the afternoon service.

The 10,000-square-foot addition is attached to the rear of the red-granite church. The addition contains two floors. The upper floor provides for three full-size classrooms, an office, a cry-room, and a narthex. Classrooms, though presently used for Sunday school and other religious classes, meet the specifications of the state code for regular classrooms. In the

basement level are found a kitchen, a multipurpose room, and storage rooms.

The new addition fills a long-felt need for more space for Christian education, church overflow, and fellowship facilities. A young member recently remarked: "It's like a dream come true. Six months ago there was nothing here. Now it stands here all finished." God gave His blessing to the undertaking. We ask Him to continue to bless St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Congregation with inner and outer growth.

50 Years of Gospel Preaching at Woodruff

First Lutheran Church of Woodruff, Wisconsin, observed the 50th anniversary of its founding on October 15, 1972. Speakers at the three services, attended by 650 people, were former pastors of the parish. They are Pastors Waldemar Weissgerber (1934-1951), H. Paul Bauer (1952-1956), and William Hein (1957-1966). Speaker at a luncheon in the afternoon was another of its former servants, Prof. Irwin Habeck, who served from 1927 to 1933. The present pastor is the Rev. Eugene Kock, who also serves Trinity Lutheran Church at Minocqua, Wisconsin.

First Lutheran is thankful for God's manifold blessings during its first half-century of existence and is confident of His continued mercy for the future.

90 Years of God's Grace

Grace Ev. Lutheran Congregation of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, celebrated the 90th anniversary of its founding on the five Sundays in October. The congregation was organized in the summer of 1882 by Pastor Christoph Dowidat and a group of about 25 families that had left another church because of doctrinal convictions. This was the time when the "Gnadenwahl Streit" was upsetting the Lutheran Church in our country. Because of their conviction that salvation is by the grace of God alone, the new congregation was named "Grace."

During the first year a Christian day school was established and a new church building erected. Pastor Dowidat continued to serve the congregation for about 40 years. Others who served were Pastor E. Benjamin Schlueter (1921-1952), and Pastors

Ernst Lehninger and Theodore Sauer, each of whom served for approximately five years. The Rev. Clarence Koepsell has been the pastor since 1961.

A new church building was dedicated in December, 1933, a new school building in April, 1958, and a two-room addition to the school in October, 1970. The congregation today numbers 1,238 communicants, and there are 257 children enrolled in the school, which has a faculty of nine teachers.

On October 1, 1972, Pastors Lehninger and Sauer took part in the services. On the last Sunday of October Pastor Arthur Tacke preached the German Reformation sermon. He had been baptized, confirmed, and ordained in Grace Congregation.

Truly, all of the blessings experienced by this congregation have been "by the grace of God."

Western Wisconsin

Dedication at Hillsboro

On Reformation Sunday, October 29, 1972, St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Congregation dedicated its new church to the glory and praise of the Triune God. This was history repeating itself, since groundbreaking for the original St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church took place in April, 1895, with dedication in October of that year. Groundbreaking for the new church was on April 16, 1972; cornerstone-laying on July 9; and dedication, as mentioned, on October 29.

Speaker at the dedication service was St. Paul's first resident pastor, the Rev. Elmer Mahnke, who addressed the congregation on Ezra 3:11, "Your Church — Thank God for It." The rite of dedication was read by Pastor Luther Wendland. In the afternoon festive service the Rev. M. J. Nommensen, a former pastor of the congregation, spoke on Psalm 122:1, "I was Glad when They Said unto Me, Let Us Go into the House of the Lord." The Rev. O. J. Naumann, president of the Synod, preached at the evening service. Using John 8:31,32 as his text, he reminded the hearers of "The Truth that Makes Us Free."

The new church at Hillsboro will seat 224 in the nave. A balcony choir

loft provides room for 30 more. The church is furnished with new pews, but the chancel furniture is the same as that used in the old church, even as the message preached will remain the same saving Gospel. The main floor also provides a sacristy, a spacious narthex, and a church office. The basement contains a fellowship area, five classroom areas, a janitor's room, and kitchen. Contractor was Friede Bros. of Reedsburg and archi-

tect the Tesch-Poehlman firm of Fond du lac.

To God alone, the God of our salvation, be praise and thanks for enabling us to erect this new church! May He continue to hold His protecting hand over us so that His Word may be proclaimed and the Sacraments administered in their truth, to His glory and to the salvation of many souls!

L. Wendland, pastor

Treasurer's Report

1972 PREBUDGET SUBSCRIPTION PERFORMANCE

Ten months ended Oct. 31, 1972

| | Subscription Amount for 1972 | 10/12 of Annual Subscription | Subscription and Pension Offerings | Per Cent of Subscription |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Arizona-California | \$ 207,521 | \$ 172,934 | \$ 171,578 | 99.2 |
| Dakota-Montana | 179,886 | 149,905 | 147,359 | 98.3 |
| Michigan | 929,325 | 774,437 | 723,175 | 93.4 |
| Minnesota | 929,880 | 774,900 | 741,285 | 95.7 |
| Nebraska | 163,116 | 135,930 | 138,442 | 101.8 |
| Northern Wisconsin | 1,014,758 | 845,632 | 794,702 | 94.0 |
| Pacific Northwest | 62,805 | 52,338 | 45,569 | 87.1 |
| Southeastern Wisconsin | 1,267,565 | 1,056,304 | 921,220 | 87.2 |
| Western Wisconsin | 1,137,579 | 947,982 | 905,739 | 95.5 |
| Total — 1972 | \$5,892,435(A) | \$4,910,362 | \$4,589,069 | 93.5 |
| Total — 1971 | \$5,539,588 | \$4,616,323 | \$4,256,329 | 92.2 |

Note (A) — The subscription amount for 1972 has been increased \$6,505.00 to include all revisions received by the Stewardship Department as of September 30, 1972.

CURRENT BUDGETARY FUND

Statement of Income and Expenditures

Twelve months ended Oct. 31, 1972 with comparative figures for 1971

Twelve months ended October 31

| | 1972 | 1971 | Increase or Decrease* | |
|---|-------------|-------------|-----------------------|----------|
| | | | Amount | Per Cent |
| Income | | | | |
| Prebudget Subscription Offerings | \$5,836,070 | \$5,320,466 | \$515,604 | 9.7 |
| Pension Plan Contributions | 98,937 | 93,099 | 5,838 | 6.3 |
| Gifts and Memorials | 54,717 | 56,209 | 1,492* | 2.7* |
| Distribution of Trust Fund Income | — | 33,158 | 33,158* | |
| Income from NWPB | 6,562 | 6,562 | — | |
| Other Income | 346 | (831) | 1,177 | |
| Total Income | \$5,996,632 | \$5,508,663 | \$487,969 | 8.9 |
| Expenditures | | | | |
| Worker-Training — Expenses | \$3,243,034 | \$3,155,682 | \$ 87,352 | 2.8 |
| Worker-Training — Income | 1,458,052 | 1,376,550 | 81,502 | |
| Worker-Training — Net | 1,784,982 | 1,779,132 | 5,850 | .3 |
| Home Missions | 1,196,992 | 1,168,769 | 28,223 | 2.4 |
| World Missions | 902,360 | 874,971 | 27,389 | 3.1 |
| Benevolences | 791,083 | 777,959 | 13,124 | 1.7 |
| Administration and Services | 402,850 | 396,064 | 6,786 | 1.7 |
| Total Operations | \$5,078,267 | \$4,996,895 | \$ 81,372 | 1.6 |
| Appropriations | 792,992 | 872,664 | 79,672* | 9.1* |
| Total Expenditures | \$5,871,259 | \$5,869,559 | \$ 1,700 | |
| Operating Gain | \$ 125,373 | — | | |
| Operating Deficit** | — | 360,896** | | |

Norris Koopmann, Treasurer & Controller
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Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53208

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

WISCONSIN LUTHERAN SEMINARY

The Seminary Board of Control invites the members of the Synod to nominate candidates for the fifteenth professorship in the field of New Testament and Education. Please submit nominations to the undersigned no later than February 2, 1973.

Pastor Emil G. Toepel, Secretary
614 East Street
Baraboo, Wisconsin 53913

SPECIAL MINISTRIES BOARD

The Special Ministries Board has been authorized to call an Executive Secretary who will supervise its work in the areas of Military Services, Student Services, Mission for the Blind, and Special Education Services. Nominees should have had theological training, possess administrative skills, and above all, demonstrate a genuine concern for the spiritual needs of these "special" children of God.

Nominations should be sent to the undersigned no later than February 2, 1973.

Mr. A. Woldt
230 E. McHattie
South Lyon, Michigan 48178

APPOINTMENT

Pastor Thomas B. Franzmann of Citrus Heights, California, has been appointed a contributing editor for the NORTHWESTERN LUTHERAN. Pastor Franzmann will fill the vacancy on the staff of writers created by the request of Pastor Kenneth Vertz that he be relieved of the assignment that he has carried out faithfully for many years.

O. J. Naumann, President

INSTALLATIONS

(Authorized by the District Presidents)

Pastors:

Goers, Walter Jr., as pastor of Friedens, Randolph, Wisconsin, on Nov. 12, 1972, by F. Mutterer (W. Wis.).

Hoepner, Walter, as pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran, Hurley, Wisconsin, and of Zion, Mercer, Wisconsin, on Dec. 3, 1972, by E. Kock (N. Wis.).

Koehler, Herbert P., as pastor of Christ Ev. Lutheran, Pewaukee, Wisconsin, on Dec. 3, 1972, by M. Stern (S.E. Wis.).

Lillo, James H., as pastor of Immanuel, R.1, Buffalo, Minnesota, on Nov. 12, 1972, by E. Lindemann (Minn.).

Schmeling, A. L., as District Missionary of the Nebraska District, on Nov. 14, 1972, at Grand Island, Nebraska, by L. Gruendeman (Nebr.).

Wagner, Wernor E., as pastor of Shepherd of the Hills, La Mesa, California, on Nov. 26, 1972, by R. Hellmann (Ariz.-Calif.).

Westendorf, Daniel D., as pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran, Hopkins, Michigan, and of St. Peter's Lutheran, Dorr, Michigan, on Dec. 10, 1972, by E. Herman (Mich.).

Woller, Roger E., as pastor of Zion, (East Farmington), Osceola, Wisconsin, on Nov. 29, 1972, by P. Kurth (Minn.).

ARIZONA-CALIFORNIA

CALIFORNIA PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Jan. 29-30, 1973; 10:00 a.m. Communion service.

Place: Prince of Peace, Yucaipa, California.

Preacher: R. Hochmuth.
Agenda: Exegesis of I Corinthians 15:20-28, H. Lyon; The Moral Implications of Refusing Medical Treatment in Terminal Cases, G. Geiger; A Scriptural Study of Adult Baptism, M. Nitz; How Often Is It Desirable for a Congregation to Offer the Lord's Supper? D. Seifert.
L. Lange, Secretary

MICHIGAN

SOUTHEASTERN PASTOR-TEACHER-DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: Jan. 15-16, 1973.

Place: St. John, Riga, Michigan (F. W. Mattek, host pastor).

Preacher: J. Schmutz (E. Herman, alternate).

Agenda: Are We Effectively Preparing Christian Day School Children for Active Christianity?, J. Klug; Sex and Marriage under God, A. Maaske; Exegesis, Revelation 4, R. Winter; The Law and Gospel in Relation to Stewardship Programs, R. Stieve; conference business.

Note: You must register in advance for meals with the host pastor.

J. Kiecker, Secretary

COLONIAL PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Jan. 16-17, 1973; Communion service at 7:30 p.m. on the 17th.

Place: Good Shepherd Lutheran, Dover, New Jersey.

Preacher: G. Baumler.

Agenda: Presentation of the TALK ABOUT THE SAVIOUR Method of Witnessing, W. Valleskey.

J. Mittelstaedt, Secretary

OHIO CONFERENCE

Date: Jan. 22-23, 1973.

Place: Trinity Lutheran, Jenera, Ohio.

Preacher: G. Schaumberg.

Participants: Pastors, teachers, lay delegates, visitors.

Agenda: Exegesis of Romans 8, C. Franzmann; A Study of Proselytizing, A. Wolfgram; How the Canonicity of the Bible was Established, Prof. W. Gawrisch.

A. Wolfgram, Secretary

GULF-ATLANTIC

PASTOR-TEACHER CONFERENCE

Date: Jan. 23, 1973; 9:00 a.m.

Place: Ocean Drive, Pompano Beach, Florida.

Preacher: E. Renz (R. Waack, alternate).

Agenda: Christian Day Schools, W. Bartelt and G. LaGrow; The Way of Salvation as Taught by Jesus, J. Guse; Exegesis of I Tim. 5:17-24, M. Goeglein.

Note: The Missionaries' Conference will be held at the same place on Jan. 24, 1973.

G. P. Kionka, Secretary

MINNESOTA

RED WING PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Jan. 16, 1973; 9:00 a.m.

Place: Trinity Lutheran, Bremen Township, Millville, Minnesota; E. Leyrer, host pastor.

Preacher: R. Beckmann (R. Berg, alternate).

Agenda: Homiletical-Exegetical Treatment of Luke 9:28-36 (Transfiguration), R. Berg; Luke 6:20-35 (Septuagesima), S. Kugler; Modern Liturgics: An Evaluation, R. Zehms; "This We Believe," Part III, P. Otto.

F. Mueller, Secretary

NORTHERN WISCONSIN

RHINELANDER PASTOR-TEACHER CONFERENCE

Date: Jan. 19, 1973; 9 A.M. Communion service.

Place: Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Rhineland, Wis.

Preacher: M. Radtke (Alternate, C. Siegler).

Agenda: The Creation Account, T. Nommensen; The Practical Application of the Doctrine of Verbal Inspiration, H. Kahrs.
W. Goers Jr., Secretary

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN

METRO-SOUTH PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Jan. 15, 1973; 9:00 a.m. Communion service.

Place: Fairview Lutheran, 137 N. 66th St., Milwaukee, Wisconsin; V. Thierfelder, host pastor, phone: 771-2530.

Preacher: H. Cares (R. Cox, alternate).

Agenda: Exegesis on Mark 3:20ff, E. Mahnke (Isagogics on Joel, R. Winters); Youth Work in Our Church, K. Otto; Reports.

R. Cox, Secretary

METRO-NORTH PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Jan. 22, 1973; 9:00 A.M. Communion service.

Place: Bethlehem, Menomonee Falls; H. Kruschel, host pastor.

Preacher: J. Gerlach (I. Habeck, alternate).

Agenda: Exegetical Study of I Peter 1:10f., G. Rothe; Evangelism, Prof. A. Schuetze; What happens to those who do not hear the Gospel? Mark Liesner.

D. W. Clark, Secretary Pro-Tem

DODGE-WASHINGTON

PASTOR-TEACHER CONFERENCE

Date: Jan. 26, 1973; 9:00 a.m.

Place: St. Paul's, Slinger, Wisconsin.

Preacher: T. Hoerner.

Agenda: The Church Worker's Responsibility toward the Congregation, M. Croll; Recruitment Techniques for Christian Day Schools, L. Schultz.

Mrs. Suzanne Diestler, Secretary

WESTERN WISCONSIN

WISCONSIN RIVER VALLEY-CHIPPEWA RIVER VALLEY PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Jan. 16, 1973; 9:00 a.m. Communion service.

Place: Trinity Lutheran, Town Berlin (Merrill), Wisconsin; H. H. Hoepfner, host pastor.

Preacher: L. Koester (F. A. Kogler, alternate).

Agenda: Exegesis of II Tim. 2:6ff, A. Schulz; Review of Prof. J. P. Koehler's essay, "Legalism in an Evangelical Church," E. Prenzlows Sr.; "Proselytizing Part II," F. Kogler; reports and conference business.

F. A. Kogler, Secretary

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Jan. 30, 1973; 9:00 a.m.

Place: Grace Ev. Lutheran, La Crosse, Wis.

Preacher: F. Miller (J. Parcher, alternate).

Agenda: Exegesis of James 1, J. Mumm; A Report on Koehler's "Besitz der Wahrheit," P. Nitz; Trends in Church Organizations, L. Lambert; questions of casuistry.

G. W. Sommer, Secretary