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It doesn't happen very often in our circles that three men from one family are privileged to labor for the Lord on the same foreign mission field. This became a fact when Pastor Mark Wendland was commissioned in July to serve as missionary in Central Africa. He will now join his father and his brother who are serving in Zambia.

His father, Missionary Ernst H. Wendland, is head of the Lutheran Bible Institute and Seminary near Lusaka. His brother, Ernst R. Wendland, is employed there as language coordinator. This latter position is an important area because the members of *The Lutheran Church in Central Africa* employ a number of different African languages in their worship. Their church paper, *The Lutheran Christian*, for example, is printed in four languages.

A full account of the commissioning service will be given in a coming issue of *The Northwestern Lutheran*. However, it was too good to keep until then. May God bless the work these men and their colleagues are doing in our name in Central Africa!

Though it is rare to have so many of one family active on a single mission field, the Wendland family is by no means the only case. In Apache-land we recall the missionary activities of the Upleggers, father and son, and that of the Uplegger sisters who taught in the schools there. Of these, Pastor Alfred M. Uplegger is still active in the ministry among the Apaches at San Carlos, Arizona. One of the sisters who taught in Apache-land for many years is now Mrs. Paul Behn, and has been active with her husband in *The Chinese Ev. Lutheran Church Far East, Ltd.*, in Hong Kong.

Until recently Hongkong also had its trio of workers from one family, in the persons of a brother and two sisters who were teaching in the mission schools. They are Mr. Howard Festerling, Miss Lois Festerling, and Miss Linda Festerling, now Mrs. James Philip. Mr. Festerling is continuing as principal of Immanuel English Middle School and assists in teaching at the Seminary. The sisters have returned to the States after four years of teaching in the mission schools.

Another trio, one however not serving in the foreign mission field, involves a name familiar in our circles, since the father, Pastor O. J. Naumann, is president of our Synod. It was his privilege this summer to ordain and install two of his sons, Peter as pastor at St. Cloud, Minnesota, and James in Sterling Heights, Michigan. Both of them are 1973 graduates of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary.

Though at least 13 other Seminary graduates are sons of pastors or teachers, some of them third generation, it must be pointed out that the majority of the graduates at the Seminary and at Dr. Martin Luther College are sons and daughters of laymen. Our ministry is not a closed affair open only to families who already have members in the teaching and preaching ministry of our Synod. We need all who in their hearts feel the call to serve the Lord in the public ministry. Since this call comes through the advice and encouragement of parents, teachers, and pastors, let us not be remiss in speaking about this matter to our children and to others in our congregations. To have pastors 12 years from now and teachers 8 years from now we need to speak now. It's not too early.

*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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OUR COVER

Michigan Lutheran High School's spacious new gymnasium/auditorium complex was the scene of the school's dedication events in May and June. For more details turn to page 234.

THE NORTHWESTERN LUTHERAN

Editorials

His Word Works! It is a strange fact, but true, that the antichristian philosophies which seem so wise and witty, so intellectual and intoxicating — in a college classroom or among charming dinner companions — don't work out well in real life.

Schoolboys still learn the famous lines: "It matters not how strait the gate, How charged with punishment the scroll; I am the Master of my fate, I am the Captain of my soul." Trouble is, this brave sounding bit of arrogance didn't prove true even in its author's life, who helplessly had to watch his child die, have his foot amputated, and himself descended into an early grave.

The brilliant Professor Nietzsche had his students squealing with delight at his daring "God is Dead — Man is Superman" philosophy. Admirers today neglect to tell you that their "superman" spent the long, last period of his life in an insane asylum.

It looks good on glossy, full color pages in textbooks, and it even sounds good to some to say that man is a higher form of animal life. But does it help to tell that to a man lying in the cancer ward? Or to tell a woman weeping at a graveside, "Don't feel bad, it's no more than the death of a dog"?

Right here, in the very place where godless philosophy breaks down — in real life! — is the proving ground of Christianity. Not in weary philosophizing and theorizing, but in daily practice is the Father's doctrine proved: "If any man will *do His will*, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God."

Every child of God knows something of this: how the promises of God provide for him in all the changeable scenes of life. Nothing, ever, can happen to him which is outside his Father's care.

John Parcher

Timely Words "God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform," wrote the poet in a well-known hymn. And because God's judgments are unsearchable and His ways past finding out, the same poet attaches the admonition, "Judge not the Lord by feeble sense, but trust Him for His grace." The thoughts expressed in this hymn are very comforting at times when God's blessings are not so apparent.

However, the Lord's blessings are not always hidden from our eyes. This is especially true as far as our Synod is concerned in this period of its history. At a time when membership is decreasing in many denominations, membership in our Synod's churches and missions is increasing. At a time when major church bodies are being torn apart by doctrinal differences, we are united in the faith. At a time when church leaders are alarmed at the decrease in offerings for the work of the church at large, record highs for this purpose are being experienced in our Synod. At a time when some church bodies are making drastic cuts in mission programs and foreign missionaries are being recalled, our own mission program at home and abroad continues to expand.

One of the critical issues confronting the delegates at our forthcoming convention will be a proposal by the General Board for Home Missions to restructure home mission administration. The problem is not one of retrenchment but of expansion, which few people envisioned for our Synod in the past.

We could mention these things in a spirit of pride. We should refer to them in a spirit of gratitude. Moses called the attention of the people of Israel to man's tendency to boast and to take the attitude: "My power and the might of my hand hath gotten me this wealth." He therefore warned them: "If thou do at all forget the Lord thy God . . . ye shall surely perish."

These were timely words for the people of Israel at a high point in their history. They are no less timely for the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod in a period of unprecedented external prosperity and success.

Immanuel Frey

An Oppressive Empire What the outsider sees and hears of Herbert W. Armstrong and his Worldwide Church of God is impressive: a nation-wide network of radio and television stations; as many as 250,000 letters a month from Garner Ted's audience; a glossy, well-illustrated magazine called *Plain Truth*, with a circulation of over 3,000,000; a college with three fine campuses; and an income of \$50,000,000 per year.

But, if a research piece on the Armstrong empire, as published in *Harper's*, is trustworthy, this empire is also tyrannical and pernicious.

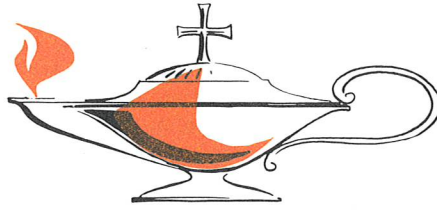
Tithing is held to be a divinely instituted law of God still and is rigidly enforced, even several times over. Members are not only required to contribute one-tenth of their gross income to the church. A second tithe is imposed to cover expenses incurred while attending holy day festivals. Every three or four years a third tithe is exacted. Fixed obligations may take as much as 40 to 50 per cent of a family's net income after taxes.

Untold physical suffering is caused by their general rejection of the benefits of medical science. Members are told that "to accept medical science is to spit on the sacrifice Christ made." It is depressing to hear of "children suffering from untreated rheumatic fever, asthma, infections, and iron deficiency."

In order to maintain order within their empire, the Armstrongs use "techniques long favored by rulers of closed societies; fear, radical invasion of privacy, and absolute intolerance of dissent." But even long-suffering, docile members resent teams of ministers and other church leaders frequently visiting them to grill them about their private lives. Most members have become accustomed to living with fear, which is basic to the Armstrong approach.

One critic expressed it vividly: "Armstrong has wrapped the Bible in barbed wire." In the Armstrong empire the grace of the Gospel has been displaced by the harshness and severity of the Law. The religion of the Armstrongs is not beautiful. It is oppressive and weighs like a blight on the souls of men.

Carleton Toppe



Studies in God's Word

Unity Through a Diversity of Gifts

"But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. Wherefore He saith, 'When He ascended up on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.' . . . And He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ" (Ephesians 4:7-12).

In the three preceding *Studies*, under the title *Unity in Trinity*, we have touched on the wonderful unity that exists among all believers. This unity has its basis and foundation in the unity among the three Persons of the Trinity. Though there is but one God, yet the three Persons of this Triune God work together to effect our blessed status in the Church. The *Spirit*, by calling us to faith in *Christ*, makes us children of our heavenly *Father*. Thus, through a common faith in Christ, the Triune God joins all believers so closely with one another that they may fairly be likened to the human body, all the parts and members working together for the welfare of the whole.

Diversity of Gifts

Having all believers inseparably united by faith might suggest that all believers are exactly alike, each one the mirror-image of the other. Not so, says Paul, "but unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ." The context shows that the word here translated "grace" does not refer to forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation. That is the

same for all believers and does not vary "according to the measure of the gift of Christ." The word rendered "grace" can also be translated "gift." That hits the thought exactly. To everyone of us Christ has given *gifts*. The next verse supports that. "When He (Christ) ascended up on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men."

Apostles

What sort of gifts did the ascended Lord give "unto every one of us"? Notice that the gifts mentioned are people, people who have rendered a wide range of service to us, His Church. Paul says first: "And He gave some (to be) apostles." While an "apostle" is anyone who is formally commissioned, Paul no doubt is here thinking of the Twelve (Matthias being chosen to replace Judas, Acts 1:15f) plus Paul. These were eyewitnesses of the Lord. They received His teaching directly and served as the foundation of the Church (Eph. 2:20). Surely they remain gifts also to us, for with the Early Church we too "continue steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine" (Acts 2:42).

Prophets

But not everyone needs to have seen Christ face to face to be a gift to the Church. He also gave "some (to be) prophets." Our modern emphasis on foretelling the future is not necessarily Scripture's emphasis when it uses the term "prophet." A prophet is anyone who expounds God's will. Paul is here ascribing that title to those who taught the apostles' doctrine to others. The locale of their work causes Paul to make two divisions under the term "prophet."

Evangelists

"He gave some (to be) evangelists." Evangelists were those who went to outlying parts to declare the apostles' doctrine. We'd call them missionaries. Again, are they gifts to us? Indeed they are! If it had not been for them, Christianity would never have moved from city to city and from country to country so that we know of it today.

Pastors and Teachers

Where the apostles' doctrine was accepted, there the Lord preserved it in local congregations, to whom he gave "some (to be) pastors and teachers." Many of us are members of old, established congregations. Thus we are the beneficiaries of a long line of faithful pastors and teachers. No two of them were exactly alike and yet, each one is a priceless gift to us from the ascended Lord Himself. Far from being a disadvantage, this diversity of gifts is rather the Lord's way of unifying believers. A host of men with different strengths and temperaments have combined to bring us into the communion of saints.

Why has the Lord showered all these "gifts" on us? St. Paul answers: "For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ." At first sight that might seem to be three reasons. A closer look will show, however, that they actually form one thought. God has given such a rich diversity of gifts "to equip the believers for work in His service, in order that the body of Christ be built up." To each of us gifts have been given in order that we in turn may be a gift to others. Obviously gifts will differ and our role in the congregation, the school, or in the home, will differ, but each of us has a contribution to make in building up the Church, the body of Christ. We don't need more gifts in order to be of service. We need rather to follow Paul's admonition to Timothy: "Wherefore I put thee in remembrance, that thou stir up the gift of God which is in thee" (II Tim. 1:6a).

Armin J. Panning

A Parish Pastor's Perspective

"Education and Organization"

Moses was tired. From morning to evening he worked, hearing the cases that people brought to him for decision. Long lines of people stood before him, waiting for him to render a judgment in their matters. It was not good for Moses. The mental agony and the man-killing hours were just too much. It was not good for the people, either. Many of them would have preferred to leave their cases unsettled than to wear themselves out standing in line. It was not a good situation, but what was Moses to do? God had called him to make known the statutes and laws of God regarding the cases and disputes of the people, large and small. Moses had resigned himself to his task.

Moses' father-in-law Jethro saw the problem at once. He said, "The thing that you are doing is not good. You will surely wear out, both yourself and these people who are with you, for the task is too heavy for you; you cannot do it alone" (Exod. 18:17, 18 - NASB). Jethro was a rare gem. Anyone can pick out problems and say, "This is not good." But few can come up with good solutions. Jethro was the kind who could. The shrewd, sagacious, experienced priest told Moses, "Now listen to me: I shall give you counsel, and God be with you. You be the people's representative before God, and you bring the disputes to God, then teach them the statutes and the laws, and make known to them the way in which they are to walk, and the work they are to do. Furthermore, you shall select out of all the people able men who fear God, men of truth, those who hate dishonest gain; and you shall place these over them, as leaders of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties, and of tens. And let them judge the people at all times; and let it be that every major dispute they will bring to you, but every minor dispute they themselves will judge. So it will be easier for you, and they will bear the bur-

den with you" (Exod. 18:19-22 — NASB).

Jethro saw that two things were needed in order for Moses to carry out his calling. First, better education was needed, so that people could learn to apply God's Word and ways to their lives without running for help each time. Second, better organization was needed, so that people, when they still needed help, would not have to stand in line to get it.

The people of God still need these two things — education and organization.

Education must take into account that the people who are God's children through faith in Jesus Christ do not automatically know how to live in a Godpleasing manner. We need to be taught the statutes and laws of God in such a lively and practical way that we see "the way in which we are to walk, and the work we are to do." Nor do we graduate from this kind of education when we pass confirmation. We still need our youth group classes and our adult Bible classes (yes, even during the summer). We need to be taught and reminded what God desires in our marriages, our childrearing, our business dealings, our church life, and our relaxation. Our need for education is great.

Organization is also important. Even Moses had to learn that. When Moses did learn it, he found he could do what the Roman general did many centuries later, namely, divide and conquer. He divided the work into smaller portions and delegated it to carefully chosen men.

Like Moses we need the kind of organization which divides the work in our churches and in our Synod and spreads it out. Without proper organization an extremely frustrating situation develops in which "everybody's responsible, but nobody's responsible." From our pulpits and in

our classrooms we learn that God makes everyone of us Christians responsible for the work of evangelism, missions, Christian charity, hospitality, the teaching of children, the care of God's house, and all the other tasks of the Christian church. But unless proper organization provides able people who are responsible for sizing up the work, plotting the best way to attack the work, breaking the work into pieces that are manageable for individuals, and overseeing the work, very little will get done.

The key to good organization is the people who are made responsible. Jethro set down their qualifications: 1) ability, 2) piety, 3) truthfulness, and 4) honesty. When God blesses His Church with pastors, teachers and lay people who have these qualities, and when they respond to His call with a willing, "Here I am; do with me as You will," the Church will march forward, dividing and conquering as it goes. No God-given task will be too large. No line of people petitioning for help and counsel will be too long.

If you are one of those called by your congregation to a position of leadership, be it over ten or a hundred or a thousand, remember that somewhere above you in the organization is a "Moses" who will wear out if you neglect your responsibility and somewhere below you a line of God's people will form. If you neglect your responsibility, who can blame them if they grow restless?

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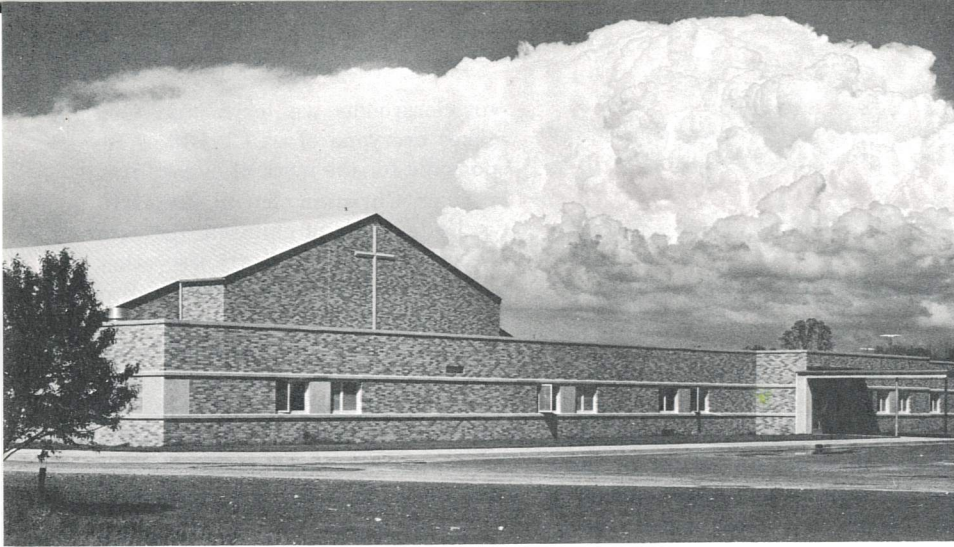
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COLLOQUY REQUESTED

A colloquy has been requested by Mr. David Frick, a teacher at St. Andrew's Ev. Lutheran Church, Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Frick was formerly a teacher in The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Correspondence regarding the colloquy should be addressed to: President George Boldt, 8637 Fernald Avenue, Morton Grove, Illinois 60053.



Michigan Lutheran High School

“Thou Hast Done It”

With these words from the 52nd Psalm as their theme, thankful WELS congregations in western Michigan this year celebrated a dream come true — completion of the new Michigan Lutheran High School south of St. Joseph.

The beautiful \$650,000 school truly is a testament to faith in the Lord and willingness to be guided by His hand in undertaking a project of this magnitude.

Although discussions concerning building a Lutheran high school to

serve southwestern Michigan date back more than 30 years, efforts to proceed with such a project had failed twice for lack of support — most recently in 1957-58. Still, the dream did not die, and when a committee of laymen again began exploring the idea in 1967, their faith was rewarded with steady progress toward that goal. In slightly over a year's time a high-school association was formed, a Board of Regents elected, and a 50-acre tract of land purchased — the land on which the new building now stands.

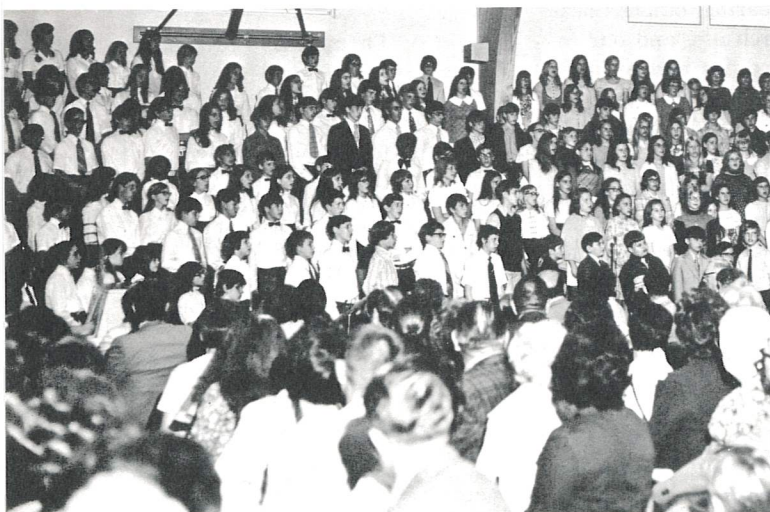
High-school classes were started in the fall of 1970 in the educational wing of Good Shepherd Church in Benton Harbor, with a freshman class of 16 students and two full-time instructors. Mr. Elmer Dobberstein, who had served as coordinator of the high school the previous year, was called as principal. Mr. Robert Gruetzmacher was the other full-time instructor, and Mrs. Bernard Kremers, a member of St. Matthew's Church in Benton Harbor, served as part-time instructor in music.

The following year two more full-time instructors were added to the faculty, Ronald Pape and Miss Susan Hochmuth. Pastor Richard Shimek of Grace Church in nearby Eau Claire was called as a part-time language instructor. Although classes were still housed in temporary facilities, enrollment in two grades rose to 58 students.

In the meantime, a capital fund drive for building construction obtained commitments of close to \$300,000 and in December of 1971, the association voted to proceed with construction of the present facility.

Financed by loans from members and friends, school construction started with groundbreaking on April 17, 1972. Cornerstone-laying ceremonies were conducted on August 13, and by September the east wing was ready for use. Construction was completed in April of this year.

The school, which is designed for approximately 200 students, now has 83 enrolled in three grades. It also



Area Wisconsin Synod Lutheran Elementary schools supplied this 260-voice mass children's chorus which participated in the dedication service at Michigan Lutheran High School.



The Rev. Henry Peter, chairman of the Board of Regents, passes the keys to Principal E. Dobberstein. Looking on are President W. J. Zarling, Dr. Wayne Schmidt, Contractor R. Rogien, and Pastor H. Kuske, chairman of the building committee.

has a seventh faculty member, Mr. Norbert Manthe.

Included in the 34,560 square feet of floor space are seven classrooms, a resource center and library, kitchen and all-purpose room, offices, music room, boys' and girls' locker rooms and showers, band room, and a combined auditorium and gymnasium. The gymnasium has a Tartan brand artificial surface for the basketball court and has bleacher seating for 750 for athletic contests. Seating capacity as an auditorium is 1,700. Provisions have been made for the future expansion of the building, should it be required. The development of athletic fields and grounds will proceed as funds become available.

Total value of the building and furnishings is \$840,000, of which \$190,000 was saved by volunteer labor and material donations.

The present curriculum is planned to offer courses that prepare students for vocations in business, courses that provide an academically sound general education, courses that prepare students for college, and courses that prepare students for entering the teaching and preaching ministry of our Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

Even more important is the goal of helping Christian young people grow in their faith, understand it, and live it with the help of daily chapel devotions, formal instruction in the Christian faith, Christian instructors, and a Christian outlook in each course.

These were the God-given blessings southwestern Michigan Lutherans celebrated May 29 through June 3 in dedication festivities that included a youth concert, Ascension service, spring concert, and the formal dedication festival service. More than 3,000 attended the four events.

Speaker for the dedication service was Dr. Wayne Schmidt, pastor of the WELS student chapel at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, who noted that in overcoming the many problems faced in building a new high school, man's ingenuity had triumphed again . . . but only because of God's intentions and assistance.

In the words of the theme for the dedication festival, "Thou Hast Done It"!

Subscribing to the Lutheran Confessions

Subscription Today

A vicar in a Lutheran church bids the congregation confess its faith according to the Apostles' Creed; then turns to the altar and is silent, because he can honestly no longer believe all that the Creed says. He remains in his position, however, because he feels the congregation has not yet arrived at the knowledge to which he has attained. An extreme case? Yes, and hopefully not typical. But the incident raises a vital question. How do Lutheran Churches throughout the world accept the Confessional writings today?

Subscription varies. The use of Luther's Small Catechism and the formal acceptance of the Augsburg Confession still make it possible to speak of most of them as Lutheran Churches, at least in name. Yet for some, especially in Europe, the Augsburg Confession remains only a political document giving the church body a favorable legal status. Even among Lutheran bodies pledging total subscription to the Book of Concord, a disengaged interest is often felt.

Merely Historical?

Why such a variety of attitudes? Some maintain that the old-style confession does not match present life-styles and does not solve current church problems. In an age of inter-church federations the Reformation Confessions are considered barriers in the search for union, particularly because of their condemnations. Common interest in social action and so-called advanced methods of Biblical interpretation reportedly have bridged former obstacles. In the process, large portions of the Confessions are relegated to the background, if not entirely dropped. In effect, they have become historical fossils, stimulating to study and not without signifi-

cance in the development of Christianity. But their purpose served, they remain significant merely for the past.

Merely Traditional?

More perplexing is the double standard of other Lutheran bodies. They subscribe to the Confessions without reservation, because they believe these creeds are witnesses to Biblical truth. Yet at the same time they fail to exercise discipline on pastors and congregations who practice pulpit and altar fellowship with erring churches. No wonder many a layman is in a quandary! For, in the words of the Apostle James, the double-tongued steer an unsteady course (Jas. 1:8). Such subscription, lacking action, sets truth and error on the same plane. Thereby the Lutheran Confessions have lost their true ecumenical influence. They have become a mere tradition alongside other Christian traditions.

Truth Unchanging

Neither indifference to error nor double-mindedness marks the true Christian heart. The Holy Ghost is no sceptic. And He does not dwell in the Christian heart in order to produce doubt. What we believe, teach, and confess is not our own invention. If it were, we should indeed be fearful of our stance and hesitant to speak. For human hearts are deceitful and philosophies change. But the Word which we preach is the Word of God. In itself, it is quick (living) and powerful. For us, it is the Word of life, to be believed in childlike faith, to be taught with single-minded simplicity, to be confessed without confusion.

(Turn to page 241.)



Seminary Graduation

Graduation at any school is always a special occasion. The routine of daily classes is over. The pressures and tensions of term papers and final exams are a thing of the past. Instructors, students, and the students' families, relatives, and friends gather to rejoice with and congratulate the graduates as they receive their hard-earned diplomas, the concrete evidence that another major portion of their education has been completed satisfactorily.

Graduation day at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary offers most of the usual features that mark the day at other schools, but also has some unique features that make it a very special day, one of great joy not only for the graduates and their loved ones, but for all of God's people in our Wisconsin Synod.

A perfect spring morning with bright, clear skies and mild temperatures greeted the Seminary family and their 1,200 guests when they

gathered amid the natural and architectural beauties of the Seminary grounds for the commencement service on May 30.

After the opening procession of the faculty and graduates, the Seminary Chorus invited the assembly to join in divine worship and praise with Schuetz's *Christ to Thee be Praise* and Croft's setting of the hymn *Our God Our Help In Ages Past*.

Since it was the day before Ascension, President Carl Lawrenz based his commencement address on a portion of the Ascension Epistle, Acts 1:6-11, and chose as his theme, "The Ascending Savior's Message to the Church and its Ministry."

In developing this theme President Lawrenz touched upon a number of those factors which made our graduation day a day of special joy. He pointed out that the risen Christ ascended into heaven so that He might continue to give the gifts of the holy ministry to the Church for its perfecting and edifying. Among those gifts were the 55 graduates whom the Seminary was privileged to train. Fifty-four of these together with three previous graduates and a special stu-

The Family - - Designed by God

For many today the family is an outmoded institution. Society has "advanced" beyond the horse-and-buggy concept of human relations, they claim. The nuclear family no longer meets the needs of man. New alternatives must be found. And publishers flood the reader's market with the "proof" of its demise and the "joys" of its substitutes. Group marriage, homosexual marriage, free and uninhibited use of sex outside of marriage, communal families and polyga-

my are all put forward by "experts" as new and improved forms of man and woman relationships. Surveys taken on our nation's college campuses indicate that a large number of our nation's students agree. In a poll taken by Daniel Yankelovich in May of 1971, 34 per cent of the college students surveyed believed that marriage was obsolete.

Over all the voices that are speaking out against marriage, comes one Voice who long ago said through the

Prophet Isaiah, "My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, saith the Lord" (55:8). Most certainly, the thoughts diminishing the importance of the family are not the thoughts of our Lord. It will be the purpose of this series of articles to examine God's design and purpose for the family. We will look at God's design for husband and wife, consider the role of children, and then take a closer look at some of the forces and thought patterns working to undermine the home.

Designed

The family as we know it today is not a freak happenstance. It is not just a stepping-stone on the ladder of



Graduate Pastor and Mrs. Quincy Wiley together with their mothers and children.



Graduate Quincy Wiley receiving his diploma from President Carl Lawrenz.

dent could be recommended for assignment by our Synod's Call Committee. A total of 58 men, men who did not ask, "Where's the best pay or the greatest prestige?" Or, "Where's the softest job, the least work?" Rather did they ask, in the words of their class anthem composed by a member of the class, "What Will You Have Us Do, O Lord?" Fifty-eight men trained to be witnesses for Christ; men ready and able by God's grace to work full time at spreading the treasures of God's grace among the spiritually destitute of this world. A special day indeed!

Thirty-five of these 58 men, or 60 per cent were placed in mission congregations, 19 of them as first resident pastors. Two received calls to witness in the medium of the Spanish language in the Southwest. One of the graduates will return to his native France and the *Evangelical Lutheran Church-Synod of France and Belgium* to witness for Christ to his fellow countrymen in French. And finally, one of the graduates will serve the Apache Indian congregations at Cedar Creek and Canyon Day in Arizona. There is nothing particularly noteworthy about that since our Syn-

od has been sending missionaries to Apacheland for 81 years — except that in this case the graduate, Quincy Wiley, is himself an Apache, the first of his people to graduate from the Seminary. The presentation of his diploma was an emotional moment for everyone present.

Graduation day was indeed a special day at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. It was a day which the Lord had made, one in which every member of the Synod can rejoice and be glad.

Prof. Martin Westerhaus

social evolution. It did not just pop into the heads of the first man and woman that maybe they just ought to become man and wife. As stated earlier, the family was designed. Someone other than man himself carefully structured man and woman both physically and mentally for distinct purposes and roles within creation, and that person is the Triune God.

A permissive society talks much about freedom and liberation. It will not acknowledge — because it does not deal with reality — that man was made in God's image, and for His purposes. But if we are to understand the family, we need to look at the blueprint. One of the greatest causes of problems in the family, is the fail-

ure to read the directions. Whenever a designed product is used for something it was not designed for, sooner or later there is disaster. So with the family.

God Made

When we examine the family, the first thing we note is the label, "Made by God." The family was established at the very dawn of time. "And the Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an helpmeet for him'" (Gen. 2:18). And so *God* made Eve, not out of nothing, not out of dust, as Adam, but out of Adam's rib. She was not created as a completely separate entity to exist apart from Adam and independent of him, but to be his

"helpmeet," someone who would complement him, complete him. This is indicated even more fully when God says in the 24th verse, "They shall be one flesh." Thus the placing of man and woman together makes a whole, each being incomplete without the other, each bringing to the union what the other needs to be complete both physically and mentally. God designed man and woman to be complementing individuals.

God's intended purpose was made even clearer when after creating Eve, He "brought her unto the man." By taking this action, God underlined the purpose for which Eve, the woman, was created. Her position was to be alongside of man, to stand at his

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side, to be his helper. Here was to be a deep and lasting relationship. Here their sexuality was to be managed in such a way as to serve rather than disrupt. Scripture concludes: "Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife." Man and woman were designed to form a unit, a unit that would take precedence over all other units of society. This fundamental unit was between one man and one woman.

God Regulates It

Not only did our Lord describe the contents of the family, He also gave directions for its use. If men desire to achieve the best possible results, desire to have a rich and lasting relationship, then here too they need to follow the directions.

As we saw when God created the family, His intention was to have a union that consisted of one woman and one man. To underline just how important it is for each man and woman to reserve their heart, mind, and body only for their spouse, God gave the Sixth Commandment. This Commandment not only protects this monogamous relationship but also governs it. When He commands, "Thou shalt not commit adultery," He reserves for marriage all use of the physically complementing features of man and woman.

Freethinkers today demean this instruction. They ignore the label, "For marriage only." They use and abuse the special features which God gave man specifically for marriage. Sexuality is treated as if it were an end in itself. Such relations though are like a beautiful car without an engine or a transmission. It looks great — at the top of a hill. But it only goes one way, down hill. Once down the hill, it goes nowhere. To argue as some do, that getting rid of the strictures of marriage and the Sixth Commandment allows for human relations to roll more smoothly, is to ignore the very purposes of God's vehicle of life — to travel *through* this life, not become bogged down in it. We all know what difficulties and heartbreak King David experienced with Bathsheba. Abuse of God's design and purposes leads to breakdown.

God further regulates this bond by warning against man's tampering with this union. Scripture states: "What God hath joined together, let not man put asunder" (Matt. 19:6).

The union is to be permanent. No brother, no sister, no in-laws, and especially no husband or wife is to attempt to break this bond once made. "The wife is bound by the Law as long as her husband liveth" (I Cor. 7:39a). The severance of this relation is something God reserves as His own prerogative.

The Husband-Wife Relationship

Our Lord also describes how He would have each spouse treat the other. To the wives, God says, "Submit yourselves unto your own husband, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the Head of the Church. Therefore as the Church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything" (Eph. 5:22-24). To the women of this world, this statement is anathema. It sounds like slavery. But note carefully: this subjection is "as the Church is subject unto Christ." Well, just how are Christians subject unto Christ? It is a subjection of love. Even as the believer's interest and delight is in what God wants, so the wife is to find delight in her husband, his love, his interests, his successes, his jobs. Even as our devotion to our God challenges us to use all our gifts, talents, time, and training in service to Him, so the wife's devotion to her husband is to challenge her. All that wives do for their husbands is to be done "as unto the Lord."

To the husbands, God says, "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the Church, and gave Himself for it" (Eph. 5:25). God gives the family a leader. God places the man at the head of the nuclear family. His headship is not to be one of tyranny, but of love — tender, self-sacrificing love, love even as the love Christ has for sinners. When we look at Calvary we are reminded of just what kind of love this is. There we see a love that would rather love than be loved, serve than be served. There we see kindness and tenderness being shown. There we see Him giving His life for the sake of those whom He loved. It is with this kind of love that man is to lead and be the head. He is to let the love which God has shown him in Christ be reflected toward his wife.

We should note when looking at these descriptions that nothing is said about reciprocation. God does not say: Wives, obey your husbands when they are good, kind, loving,

bring you flowers every day, pick up their socks, and carry out the garbage without complaint. Nor does God say to the husband: Love your wives when they are gracious, well kept, sew on the buttons, and keep the shirts clean and ironed. There are no "and's," "if's," or "but's."

Each spouse is to function toward the other out of love for their Lord. Our Lord wants us to strive to deal with each other in marriage even as He, for Christ's sake, deals with us. We should love each other not because our husband or wife is such a gem, but because "He first loved us." We should forgive each other's sins and weaknesses because God, for Christ's sake, forgives us. It is Christ-like, Christian love that is to bind a family together. Members of the family should first of all understand they are two undeserving individuals who have been purchased by God's Son. We are no longer our own. We have been bought free of our self. Now we live only for Him who died for us and rose again.

About These Guidelines

As we look at God's design for marriage, it may seem to some to be horribly restricting. We must remember though that whenever we look at God's design for our lives as revealed in His Word, we are experiencing one of His great blessings. When we fell into sin, we lost, if you will, His set of directions for our life or, as Scripture calls it, "the knowledge of God." No longer did we understand who we were, who God was, or what our purpose. Our comprehension of life and God's eternal purposes for us became clouded over. In laying out for us His purpose and design for the family in His Word, He is like any good manufacturer, merely giving us guidelines for usage in order that we may have the greatest satisfaction, and avoid the hazards of misuse. Our God is a God of love. To ignore God's commands is not only to bring down on ourselves greater sorrow but also by this sin to separate ourselves from the very source of our life and hope, God Himself. In God's design for the home, He seeks our joy, our comfort. When using the home as He designed, we will find all that we ever hoped for, and more.

In our next article, we look at another important purpose in God's design, children.

Ronald K. Heins



Hope Congregation, May 20, 1973

LET'S VISIT TSUCHIURA!

The city of Tsuchiura (pronounced tsoo-chee-oo-rah) lies in a big hollow on Lake Kasamigaura (kah-sah-mee-gah-oo-rah), one of the largest lakes in Japan. The old city lies below sea level.

Pastor Richard Poetter writes: "My wife's uncle was stationed here as an army doctor years ago, when the dikes broke and the city was flooded. Dikes are made of stronger stuff today."

He goes on: "I remember looking for a place to live in Tsuchiura in 1958. There was one place which would have been like living in a tunnel, but the people wouldn't rent to anyone with blue eyes. Thus the mission work of our Wisconsin Synod in the Ibaragi Prefecture was begun at Mito City instead."

In 1964 a missionary's house and a small chapel were built on a high bluff overlooking the city, purchased from the descendants of the great Lord of Tsuchiura. Here trod the feet of royalty and here today tread the feet of Lutheran people, up the hill to the place of worship called Hope Lutheran Church.

Pastor Poetter, superintendent of the Mission in Japan, proceeds to describe another of the churches which he visited in the discharge of the du-

ties of his office: "I visited Hope Church and its pastor and people on May 20, 1973. Pastor Kermit Habben has been in charge here since 1967. (He is now on furlough in Wisconsin.) On this site today we also have the newly built church and seminary center, built in 1971.

"During the six years of Pastor Habben's ministry here, Hope Congregation has grown. On the Sunday of my visit 25 children were at Sunday school, taught by a staff of Japa-

nese Lutheran teachers, headed by my old friend, Mr. Najihara.

"Pastor Kermit Habben preached in Japanese to about 50 people. His eyes are blue, but Japanese words came out of his mouth fluently as he spoke farewell words to his beloved congregation, because he was leaving on his second furlough since coming in 1967. (Our missionaries have a three-month furlough every three years.) It was clear to see that he spoke with mixed feelings; he was drawn to his flock whom he would be leaving and he was also drawn to his loved ones in the United States. About 60 per cent of the Tsuchiura congregation are young people. Older people like Mr. Kamo, Mrs. Oshino, Mrs. Komatsuzaki, and Mrs. Sugawara have helped their beloved pastor in the work of winning and guiding the younger ones. Their hope is now in Christ, and they dearly love their pastor who has led them to Him. Their church is properly named Hope Lutheran Church."

Tsuchiura is growing. You will remember it as the place where Mrs. Komatsuzaki opened her heart and her home for the instruction of the children whom she and Student Nakamoto had gathered by going from house to house in the suburb, Town Ami. (See *The Northwestern Lutheran* of June 3, 1973.) The countryside is filled with people. A new university is opening nearby. Student nurses from the hospital



Miss Shizuka Nakaizumi who helped arrange the chairs for the service.

Maria Habben who was born only a few days before her father was assigned to Japan in 1967.



often come to church. Pastor Habben and his faithful lay helpers range far and wide with an energy only faith and love for Christ and His lost children can provide. The field is white unto harvest; the missionary prays for more strength to do all the work and for more reapers to bring in the sheaves for the Lord.

Pastor Habben is also chairman of the Radio Committee and of the Seminary Board of Control. He is still studying to perfect his Japanese. Then there are pastoral conferences to attend, many instruction classes to prepare for and to teach, missionary gatherings for evangelism training, Bible conferences, summer Bible camp lectures to write, and vacation Bible schools to arrange — besides many other duties. At the same time the Habbens are rearing a fine family, and he and his wife are trying to give their children the proper Christian training, as well as teaching them the English language. Our missionaries have been given a heavy assignment; they are in need of our loving concern and of our prayers.

Pastor Poetter concludes his letter about Tsuchiura: "You planted a seed at Tsuchiura, and it is bearing much fruit. Each fruit is precious and receives individual care and polishing, as it is lovingly placed into the basket, 'The Kingdom of God.' There is still room for more, and probably there always will be, but we are determined with the Holy Spirit's help to try to fill it. And those who have been won by the Gospel are helping in turn. I saw this also, when I was in Tsuchiura on May 20. Chairs were being set for the morning worship. Though crippled by polio, Miss Nakaizumi also insisted on helping to carry chairs — with her one good arm! I knew why she was doing it, and what joy it gave her! We had just talked together about our faith. It was the fourth Sunday after Easter, and the glow of joy and triumph was still very fresh in our hearts. Her joy over her Savior flowed like a hymn of praise from her lips and shone from her eyes. This is infectious; and it made the visit to Tsuchiura a singularly happy experience."

Edgar Hoenecke



Dedication at Sun City, Arizona

Dedication Sunday, April 8, 1973, began at 9:00 A.M. with the members of Our Savior Ev. Lutheran Church of Sun City, Arizona, gathering for a farewell service at the Town Hall North-Oakmont Recreation Center, where they had been worshipping since September 6, 1970. At 4:00 P.M. they were joined at 103rd Avenue and Ironwood Drive by many fellow Lutherans of the area to dedicate their new church and its appointments to God's service.

Participating in the service of dedication was the Rev. David Gray, who preached the dedicatory sermon. He is pastor of Emmaus Lutheran Church, Phoenix, and initially served the members of Our Savior. The local pastor, the Rev. Victor Schultz, read the rite of dedication and served as liturgist. Music was provided by the choir of Grace Lutheran Church of Glendale and by Mr. Norbert Loeper who served as guest organist. Over 200 people attended the service. Pastor Schultz has been shepherding the congregation since the fall of 1972.

In erecting its church building, Our Savior Congregation served as its own contractor. The construction was managed by Mr. Erwin Schloemer, assistant architect of the Board for Home Missions. Blueprints were provided by the Synod architect, Duane D. Anderson. Groundbreaking took place on September 17, 1972, and cornerstone-laying the following December 17.

The church building, located at 9825 N. 103rd Avenue, is of masonry construction, with a large expanse of

glass to the west and north. The east end of the building is of frame to allow for future expansion. The nave provides seating for 180 persons. Included in the new complex is a pastor's study, a sacristy, a kitchenette, and a mechanical room. Chancel furniture was purchased from Pilgrim Lutheran Church of Mesa. Most of the other church furnishings were donated by members as memorials or gifts. A two-manual organ had been purchased the year before.

The attractive setting of the church is distinguished by a spacious patio to the north, 10 Arizona palms, and a bronze, free-standing, 22-foot cross at the front entry. Not seen, yet very much in evidence at the service were expressions of heartfelt thanks voiced by the members of Our Savior Congregation to the members of the Synod for the mission offerings which made possible the CEF loans needed for church and property. The love of the members (42 communicants and 14 voters) was also expressed by many hours of labor donated to the project. Above all, however, their sentiments are best expressed by the words of the hymnwriter who said: "Now thank we all our God With heart and hands and voices, Who wondrous things hath done, In whom His world rejoices; Who from our mother's arms Hath blessed us on our way With countless gifts of love, And still is ours today." We praise the Lord for His guidance and His blessings!

Pastor V. C. Schultz

Direct from the Districts

Nebraska

Anniversary at Burke

Grace Ev. Lutheran Church of Burke, South Dakota, was privileged, by the grace of God, to observe the 50th anniversary of its founding on Sunday, May 27, 1973. Two former pastors addressed the congregation on this special occasion.

Pastor L. A. Tessmer of Newton, Iowa, addressed the congregation in the morning anniversary service on the basis of Matthew 16:13-19. He proclaimed the Savior's promise to build and maintain a victorious Church on earth when it builds on a "truly Biblical profession of faith."

Pastor Leo Gruendeman of Lincoln, Nebraska, preached for the afternoon confirmation reunion service. He exhorted the confirmands to be faithful, using the words of Revelation 2:10.

Grace Congregation presently numbers 276 persons, of whom 219 are communicants. All 10 of its former pastors are still living, including its organizer and founder, the Rev. William Schaefer. Resident pastors of the congregation have been G. Press, L. A. Tessmer, L. Gruendemann, S. Kugler, D. Tills, O. Kuehl, I. Zarling, D. Laude, and J. Engel. Pastor Roger Vomhof has served Grace together with its sister congregations at Carlock and Herrick, South Dakota, since 1970. God be praised for the treasures, spiritual and material, He has given this congregation!

Groundbreaking at Salt Lake City

Following their worship service on Sunday, June 10, 1973, the members of Prince of Peace Ev. Lutheran Church of Salt Lake City, Utah, gathered on their recently acquired tract of land to break ground for the construction of a parsonage. This will be the first building on the future church site of this young congregation, organized in 1970. The service was conducted by Pastor Martin Scheele, District Missionary for the

Colorado Mission District, who is presently serving the congregation.

The parsonage is being made possible through a loan from the Parsonage-Teacherage Fund of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod. It will serve, hopefully, the congregation's first resident pastor, recently authorized by the Mission Board. May the Lord soon grant Prince of Peace Congregation its own shepherd, since Pastor Scheele has been reassigned by the District Mission Board to a new field of labor in North Denver, Colorado.

Let us pray with the assurance and fervor of faith that this small but mighty Gospel voice in Utah may invite and bring many to the Savior who has said, "No man cometh unto the Father but by Me."

Southeastern Wisconsin

State Fair Booth

Visitors at the Wisconsin State Fair, West Allis, are urged to stop at the Wisconsin Synod booth in the General Exhibits Building. The booth's theme will be our Savior's invitation: "Come unto Me!" The booth will be staffed by pastors, teachers, and lay members.

The Milwaukee Federation will also sponsor a church service in the Music Hall on Sunday, August 19, at 9:30 in the morning.

Fiftieth Anniversaries of Pastor and Mrs. Melvin Croll

On June 24, 1973, St. Peter Lutheran Church of Kekoskee, Wisconsin, observed Pastor Melvin Croll's 50 years in the ministry and the 50th anniversary of his and Mrs. Croll's marriage. Pastor E. Froehlich of Hustisford preached at the 2:00 p.m. anniversary service.

Pastor and Mrs. Croll have been living in Kekoskee since May, 1957. Before that he served parishes in the Apache Mission at East Fork, Arizona; Florence, Wisconsin; and later the dual parish, Greenleaf and Kasson, Wisconsin.



Grace Lutheran, Burke, SD



Pastor and Mrs. Croll

Pastor Croll was ordained on June 24, 1923, and married one week later, on July 2, to Miss Edna Setz of Waterloo. They have a son and a daughter, plus eight grandchildren.

During his 50 years as minister, Pastor Croll has held numerous Synodical and District offices. He has been Visiting Elder in both the Fox River Valley and in the Dodge-Washington Pastoral Conferences.

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But in confessing, the church also remains confessional. It embraces the living tradition of the Gospel as the fathers throughout the ages taught, joyously and with wonder. It upholds their condemnations, because all who teach above and beyond God's revealed Word, then as now, pervert His name and hinder His work on earth. Therefore in praying for true unity, the Church appeals to God's unchanging truth to accomplish what we cannot do on our own: "Sanctify us, O Lord, through Thy truth; Thy Word is truth" (John 17:17-21). So let it be!

Arnold J. Koelpin

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TIME AND PLACE

BEMIDJI, WALKER, CASS LAKE, MINNESOTA

The WELS mission in Bemidji, Minnesota, worships each Sunday evening at 7:00 at the Carpenters Union Hall, 609 2nd St. South, in the Nymor section of Bemidji. Vacationers in the above areas are most welcome. Please send names of prospects to Pastor Roy Rose, 813 Quince St., Brainerd, Minnesota 56401.

PROVIDENCE, R. I.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, the WELS mission in the Providence, R. I., area, is now meeting at its recently purchased facilities at 45 Ferris Ave., East Providence, R. I., on Sunday evenings at 7:00 p.m. For further information contact the Rev. Karl R. Gurgel, 296 Buckland Road, South Windsor, Ct. 06074.

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE (Change of Location)

The Rock of Ages Ev. Lutheran Church, our WELS mission in Nashville, Tennessee, is now meeting at The McHenry Center, 1787 N. Gallatin Road, Madison, Tennessee. The Center is at the corner of Two-Mile Pike & Gallatin Road. Sunday school at 9:30 a.m., worship services at 10:45 a.m. For additional directions call: Pastor Richard Stadler, 124 Elnora Dr., Hendersonville, Tennessee 37075. Phone 1 (615) 824-3894.

FREMONT (SO. ALAMEDA CO.) CALIFORNIA

Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church is now holding morning services in Fremont, California, at the Alice Miller Building, 37371 Fremont Blvd. (corner of Fremont and Peralta). Bible class/Sunday school is at 9:15 a.m. and morning service at 10:30 a.m. The contact pastor is the Rev. Robert Hochmuth of Santa Clara. He is assisted by Vicar Brian Terrell, who at present is living in Fremont: 4875 Mowry Ave. No. 200, Fremont, CA 94538. Please send names and addresses of interested persons, or persons to be contacted, to either of the above.

WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA

Redemption Ev. Lutheran Church, the WELS mission in the West Palm Beach, Florida, area, is now meeting in the Mizell-Faville-Zern Funeral Chapel, 4101 Parker Avenue, West Palm Beach, Florida. Worship services are held on Sunday mornings at 8:30 during July and August, and thereafter at 10:00 a.m., with Sunday school and Bible class following at 11:00. Please send names of prospects to Pastor David A. Krueger, 2630 Conroy Drive, Lake Park, Florida 33403. Phone (305) 842-7425

LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

Sunday Services at Louisville, Kentucky, are conducted at 10 a.m. at the Jefferson County Farm Bureau Insurance Building, 701 Locust Lane. For information contact: Pastor John Raabe, 1080 Alfred St., Brookfield, WI 53005 (Tel.: 414-782-5852).

TIME AND PLACE OF SERVICE

Sola Gratia Ev. Lutheran Church, WELS mission in Colorado Springs, Colorado, will be holding worship services at 10:30 a.m. at the Gateway Presbyterian Church, 731 Castle Rd. Visitors to the Colorado Springs area are most welcome. For more information call Pastor Eugene Ahlswede (303) 576-5814.

EXPLORATORY SERVICES

SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

Exploratory services are now being held in Springfield, Illinois, at the West Grand Elementary School, located at the corner of Park and Wabash (Hwy 54) on Springfield's southwest side. If you know of any prospective members or interested persons in the Springfield area, please send all pertinent information to Pastor Allen Zahn, 1180 N. Diamond No. 3, Jacksonville, Illinois 62650; Tel. (217) 245-5919.

SCOTTSBLUFF-GERING, NEBRASKA

Exploratory services are now being held in the Scottsbluff-Gering, Nebraska area. Worship services are being held Sundays at the Hiram Scott College, Skinner Hall, at 7:00 p.m. Please send names of prospects to: Pastor Louis Sievert, Box 606, Batesland, So. Dak. 57716

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Norbert W. Loeper, Phoenix, Arizona
Donald Wendt, Phoenix, Arizona
Chris Hester, Fair Oaks, California

MICHIGAN DISTRICT

- 1 Layman:
Wayne Traub, Manito Beach, Michigan
Werner John, Battle Creek, Michigan
William Hayes, Ann Arbor, Michigan

CROW RIVER VALLEY DELEGATE CONFERENCE

- Date:** August 1, 1973; 9:00 a.m. Communion service.
- Place:** Mt. Olive, Graceville, MN (K. Mau, host pastor).
- Agenda:** Study and discussion of the Book of Reports and Memorials, led by pastors of the Western Circuit.

K. Mau, Secretary

NOMINATIONS-MLS

The following men have been nominated for the vacant professorship in the music department of Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Saginaw, Michigan:

- David Adickes, Onalaska, Wis.
Rodney Bauer, Owosso, Mich.
William Birsching, Mobridge, So. Dak.
Kermit Moldenhauer, Beaver Dam, Wis.
Richard Sonntag, Milwaukee, Wis.
Robert L. Sonntag, Manitowoc, Wis.

The Board of Control of Michigan Lutheran Seminary will meet at Michigan Lutheran Seminary at 3:00 p.m. on August 20, 1973, to call a man from this list. Correspondence concerning the nominees should be in the hands of the secretary no later than August 18, 1973.

Milton Bugbee, Secretary
MLS Board of Control
206 S. Alp
Bay City, Mich. 48706

AVAILABLE

One hymnboard, one silver-plated Communion flagon, also pulpit and altar paraments available free for the price of transportation from St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church, Warrens, Wisconsin. If interested, please contact Pastor Henry H. Klug, Box 104, Route 1, Warrens, Wisconsin 54666.

WANTED: CHURCH PEWS

Christ Lutheran Church of Eagle River, Wisconsin, is in need of about 150 feet of church pews. Any congregation having pews to donate, please contact: Pastor Marvin Radtke, Box 98, 111 Third St., Eagle River, Wis. 54521.

TRAVELERS TO GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

For information regarding WELS worship services, please contact Pastor Marvin Putz, 808 Sacajawea Dr., Great Falls, Montana 59404 (Phone 452-1286)

WLS NOMINATIONS

The following have been nominated by membership of the Synod to the sixteenth professorship at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, Wisconsin. This professor will be expected to teach in the fields of Old Testament and Pastoral Theology.

Pastor Karl Bast, Madison, WI
Pastor Herbert Buch, Saginaw, MI

Pastor Daniel Deutschlander, St. Albert, Alberta, Canada
Prof. Paul Eickmann, Watertown, WI
Pastor Ralph Goede, Lake City, MN
Pastor Frederick Heidemann, New London, WI
Pastor Robert Hochmuth, Santa Clara, CA
Pastor Martin Janke, Fond du Lac, WI
Pastor Harold Johnne, Tsuchiura, Japan
Prof. David Kuske, Onalaska, WI
Prof. Paul Kuske, Saginaw, MI
Pastor Richard Lauersdorf, Jefferson WI
Pastor Marcus Liesener, Milwaukee, WI
Prof. Juul Madson, Mankato, MN
Prof. Daniel Malchow, Mobridge, SD
Pastor Paul Nitz, La Crosse, WI
Pastor Reinhart Pope, Racine, WI
Prof. Darwin Raddatz, New Ulm, MN
Prof. Oscar Siegler, New Ulm, MN
Prof. Cyril Spaude, Watertown, WI
Prof. Jerome Spaude, Saginaw, MI
Pastor George Tiefel Jr., South Lyon, MI
The Rev. Robert Voss, Brookfield, WI
The Rev. Harold Wicke, West Allis, WI
Pastor Robert Zink, Hales Corners, WI

The Board of Control plans to meet Monday, August 20, 1973, at 1:30 p.m. to call the sixteenth professor from the above list. Any correspondence concerning these candidates should be in the hands of the secretary of the Board of Control by August 18, 1973.

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

Treasurer's Report

1973 PREBUDGET SUBSCRIPTION PERFORMANCE

Five months ended May 31, 1973

	Subscription Amount for 1973	5/12 of Annual Subscription	Subscription and Pension Offerings	Per Cent of Subscription
Arizona-California	\$ 254,122	\$ 105,884	\$ 104,830	99.0
Dakota-Montana	191,770	79,904	80,695	101.0
Michigan	994,460	414,358	420,371	101.5
Minnesota	990,912	412,880	439,615	106.5
Nebraska	186,352	77,647	74,983	96.6
Northern Wisconsin	1,108,983	462,076	457,839	99.1
Pacific Northwest	69,325	28,886	26,887	93.1
Southeastern Wisconsin	1,353,982	564,159	569,124	100.9
Western Wisconsin	1,265,467	527,278	535,558	101.6
Total — 1973	\$6,415,373(A)	\$2,673,072	\$2,709,902	101.4
Total — 1972	\$5,884,665	\$2,451,946	\$2,365,610	96.5

Note (A) — The subscription amount for 1973 has been increased \$150.00 to include all revisions received by the Stewardship Department as of March 31, 1973.

CURRENT BUDGETARY FUND

Statement of Income and Expenditures

Twelve months ended May 31, 1973 with comparative figures for 1972

	Twelve months ended May 31		Increase or Decrease*	
	1973	1972	Amount	Per Cent
Income				
Prebudget Subscription Offerings	\$6,217,783	\$5,680,338	\$537,445	9.5
Pension Plan Contributions	96,131	98,096	1,965*	2.0*
Gifts, Memorials, and Bequests	62,556	49,800	12,756	25.6
Earnings from Fox Estate	51,119	—	51,119	—
Distribution of Trust Fund Income	—	33,158	33,158*	—
Income from NWPH	6,562	—	6,562	—
Other Income	2,539	172	2,367	—
Transfers from Other Funds	6,596	—	6,596	—
Total Income	\$6,443,286	\$5,861,564	\$581,722	9.9
Expenditures				
Worker-Training — Expenses	\$3,442,402	\$3,298,519	\$143,883	4.4
Worker-Training — Income	1,514,993	1,375,888	139,105	10.1
Worker-Training — Net	1,927,409	1,922,631	4,778	0.2
Home Missions	1,279,023	1,152,473	126,550	11.0
World Missions	938,607	902,018	36,589	4.1
Benevolences	813,668	761,103	52,565	6.9
Administration and Services	418,084	422,665	4,581*	1.1*
Total Operations	\$5,376,791	\$5,160,890	\$215,901	4.2
Appropriations	783,749	811,333	27,584*	3.4*
Total Expenditures	\$6,160,540	\$5,972,223	\$188,317	3.2
Operating Gain	282,746	—	282,746	—
Operating Deficit**	—	110,659**	110,659**	—

Norris Koopman, Treasurer & Controller
3512 West North Avenue
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53208

APPOINTMENT

Teacher Werner Roekle has been appointed as a member of the Michigan District Board for Parish Education. The added work-load of the board has made the addition of another member necessary.

W. J. Zarling, President

NPH Hours

The Northwestern Publishing House offices and store will be closed on Friday evenings and Saturday mornings during the month of July, 1973.

REPORT AVAILABLE ON BIBLE TRANSLATIONS

Which of the many contemporary Bible translations is the most reliable and the most readable? In the July issue of the *Wisconsin Lutheran Quarterly* the Seminary faculty offers their analysis and evaluation of the Berkeley Version, the Revised Standard Version, the New English Bible, the New American Standard Bible, the TEV (Good News For Modern Man), and the Jerusalem Bible.

This special July issue is available to non-subscribers on a "first come, first serve" basis at a cost of \$1.00 net plus postage. Order from Northwestern Publishing House.

THE FORTY-SECOND BIENNIAL CONVENTION OF THE WISCONSIN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD

The Forty-second Biennial Convention of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod will meet, God willing, August 8 to 15, 1973, at Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota.

The opening service with Holy Communion will be held Wednesday, August 8, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, State and Second Street N. Prof. Martin Albrecht of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary will preach the sermon. The closing service will be held Tuesday, August 14, at 7:30 p.m.

The opening session will be held Wednesday, August 8, at 2:00 p.m. in the gymnasium-auditorium of Dr. Martin Luther College. Delegates are asked to arrive early enough so that they will have time to register before the beginning of the opening session.

The theme chosen for the Forty-second Convention, stressing the educational program of the Synod, is entitled: TEACH THEM DILIGENTLY. The essay to be delivered during the course of the convention will concern itself with various aspects of Christian education and will be delivered by Pastor Silas Krueger of Tucson, Arizona.

Housing for the delegates will be provided in the dormitories of the college. Detailed instructions pertaining to housing will be mailed to each delegate together with reservation cards. All voting and advisory delegates must make reservation for housing. Reservations should be made no later than July 15, 1973. Kindly address all communications to the Convention Housing Committee, Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota 56073.

Meals will be served all bona fide delegates in the college cafeteria. Meal tickets will also be available for visitors.

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

Heinrich J. Vogel, Secretary