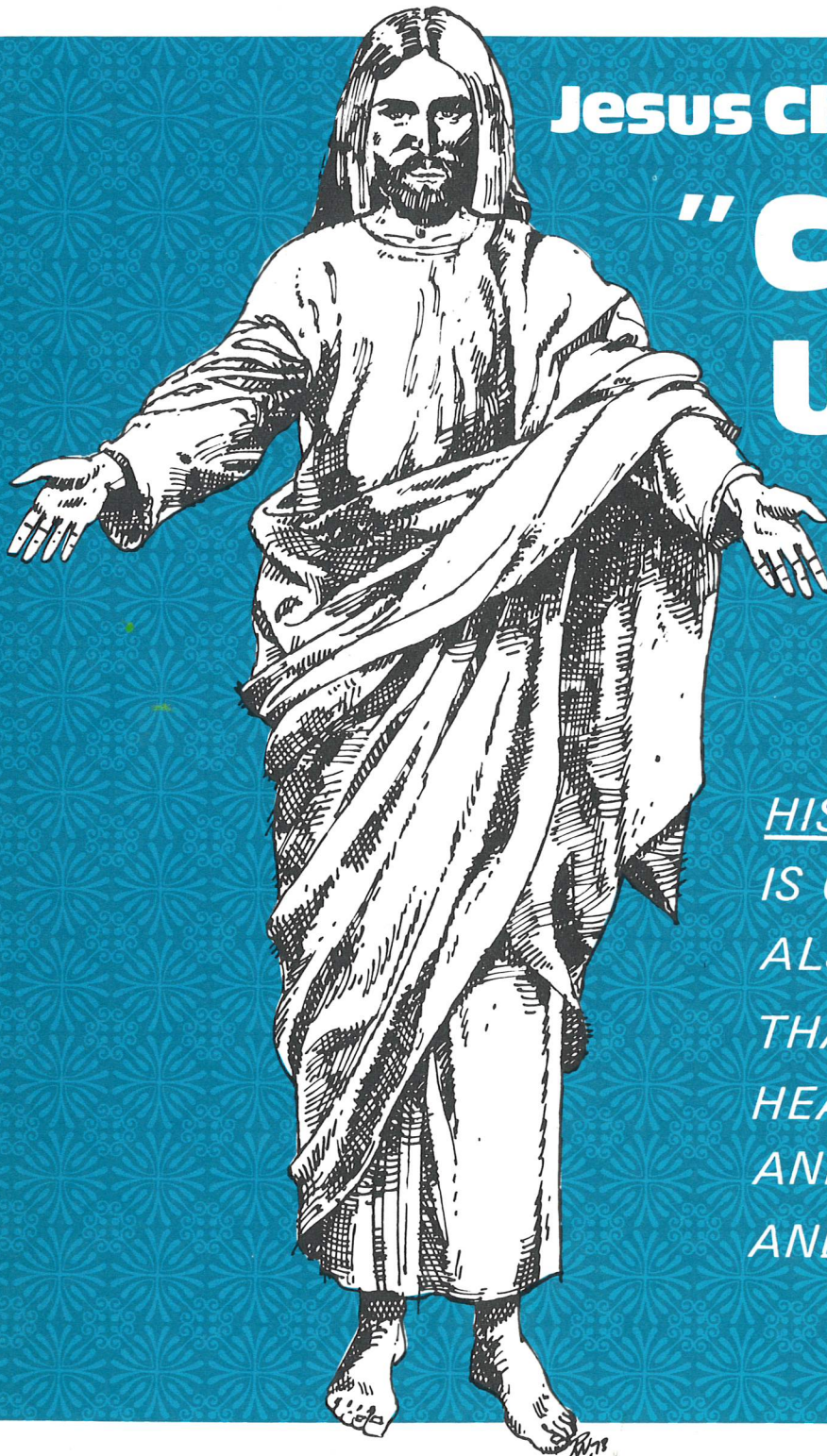


# *The Northwestern Lutheran*

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**Jesus Christ saith:**

**"COME  
UNTO  
ME"**

*HIS INVITATION  
IS OUR INVITATION  
ALSO.*

*THAT MORE MAY  
HEAR...*

*AND BELIEVE...*

*AND LIVE!*

**Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod**



# Briefs by the Editor



You will want to know something about two writers who are new to the pages of *The Northwestern Lutheran*. The series on "The Family" was written by Pastor Ronald K. Heins of Brookings, South Dakota. A graduate of our Seminary, he has spent some time studying the communication sciences and teaching. For the past six years he has served as campus pastor at South Dakota State University and as pastor of Our Savior Lutheran Church. During this time he helped his congregation move from a private home to a lecture classroom and, finally, in June of last year, to its own church. He is presently a member of the Board of Control at Northwestern Lutheran Academy, Mobridge. Pastor Heins knows what he is writing about since he is also married and has a family.

Prof. Theodore Hartwig, the first of whose series of articles entitled "In the Year of Our Lord" appears in this issue, teaches religion and social studies at Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota. He has been a member of the faculty since 1955. Before that he served as pastor in a number of our congregations. Since Prof. Hartwig has the ability to make our way of worship come alive, a reading of his articles will help us practice what the Apostle Paul says in I Corinthians 14: "I will sing with the understanding also." He will have something to say about the entire church year.

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*gregations in the Milwaukee area. If other areas in our Synod wish to make the same use of The Northwestern Lutheran, the persons responsible may write to the editor about a special price. Naturally, it will be well to make arrangements at least two or three months in advance.*

DIALOG is a periodical edited by leading ALC, LCA, and LCMS "moderates." In its Autumn, 1972, issue it had this to say: "If Preus is re-elected at New Orleans . . . The ball game will be over as far as serious theology is concerned in the Missouri Synod. Theology will degenerate to the sort of stuff that has been going on at the Springfield seminary, in the Wisconsin Synod and among the Mankato Norwegians."

DIALOG'S criticism that the theology taught at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary is just so much "stuff," is in reality a word of commendation. By "serious theology" the supporters of DIALOG mean a theology that subjects the Word of God to human reason. We are convinced that Scripture demands the opposite. Rather than being hurt by the criticism, we pray that the Scriptural way of teaching theology may soon be revived at St. Louis. We are therefore happy that Dr. Preus was re-elected at New Orleans and that others were elected who were known to support Scripture truth.

But we know, too, that battles such as these are not won on a convention floor. The follow-up is even more important. A church that has been infiltrated by a false theology will find it no easy or pleasant task to take the next step. But the next step is necessary. That it may follow is our sincere prayer.

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

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## Editorials

**Synod Convention** A few years ago a filmstrip appeared on the workings of a Synod convention. In one of the first pictures the President said flat out: "The purpose of a Synod convention is to study God's Word." That's it exactly!

This was the purpose of the church convention in Jerusalem, too (Acts 15). Congregational delegates, apostles, pastors, and missionaries attended. Reports were heard, and resolutions were passed. But the first item of business was getting straight what God had said.

For they knew that if they went wrong here, they would go wrong all of the rest of the way down the line. First must come God and God's Word. Then follow the blessings of God, freely given, as the dew of the dawn.

This sort of thing does not make a big splash in the newspapers. It does not even make a very interesting filmstrip. But, seasoned veterans and young soldiers of the cross, sitting at Jesus' feet and hearing His Word is still the "one thing needful."

We do not need to invent a more exciting theology, or even try to improve on the old one God has already given. From a hospital bed the night before surgery a woman once summed it all up. After the Scripture reading she said: "Oh, pastor, I know all of that. I just needed to hear it again."

And so it is. Who hears again that he is safe for all eternity, does not fear what time may bring. Who first possesses the peace of God, is not afraid of tomorrow's troubles. Who serves the Prince of Life, is not frightened to enter even the dark valley of death's shadow in His name.

John Parcher

**Reverse Fanaticism** "I find that people hesitate to go all out for Christ because of their fear of becoming, or being regarded as, religious fanatics," observed a recent correspondent. One does not necessarily have to judge hearts in order to share his conclusion.

Religious fanaticism is not unknown in our day, but among nominal Christians a sort of reverse fanaticism appears to be considerably more prevalent. Unlike the fanatics who carry signs, wear funny clothes, and pronounce doom upon the world, its practitioners take care to create the impression that they are just like everyone else. They must veil in public the faith which they profess in private. They must not allow church attendance or

church work to interfere with other activities. Giving should be respectable but minimal. A careful record should be kept of one's personal Communion attendance so as not to partake of the Sacrament too frequently. It is a philosophy of being saved by the skin of one's teeth.

Fanaticism is difficult to define. It seems that, like beauty, it is in the eye of the beholder. Thus, Festus said to the Apostle's face, "Paul, thou art beside thyself." Jesus' friends at one point in His ministry thought the same of Him and came to take Him away.

In this connection two well-known statements of Jesus come to mind: "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me"; and, "Whosoever shall confess Me before men, him will I confess also before My Father which is in heaven."

If this constitutes fanaticism from the popular viewpoint, so be it.

Immanuel Frey

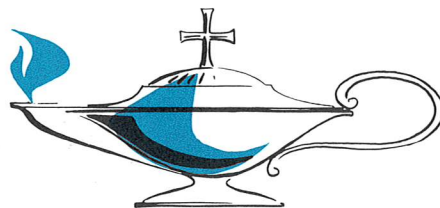
**Educational Bonuses** As reported in *Christianity Today*, the president of the American Association of Christian Schools, Dr. Janney, estimates that there are more than 6,000 private Christian (not including Roman Catholic) schools in America today, with an enrollment of over one million students. In the past 20 years there has been an almost phenomenal growth in the Protestant parochial-school system, especially in fundamentalist church bodies (conservative groups accepting verbal inspiration and the inerrancy of Scripture, and strongly opposed to liberal theology). Many of these fundamentalists are Baptists.

Four reasons were given for the recent growth of Christian day schools among conservative church bodies: 1) a desire for Biblical education for children; 2) a desire for quality education that is characterized by discipline; 3) a desire to escape the violence and tension of public schools; 4) a desire to promote a deep-seated patriotic conservatism.

We establish our Christian day schools for the first reason; we want Christian instruction and training for our children. The other purposes are not primary; one or the other may even appear marginal to us. But even though we do not give primary consideration to providing a quality classroom education, or to running an orderly school, or to training our boys and girls in good citizenship, these benefits are often products of our Christian education.

They are not unexpected bonuses. Christian education asks a high degree of dedication from its teachers; it functions within the context of the Fourth Commandment; it is characterized by a certain sobriety and sanity that are often missing in modern education. We remember too that "godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come." Its temporal benefits also extend to Christian day schools.

Carleton Toppe



## Studies in God's Word

### Unity Through Growth

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; till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ. That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine . . . but speaking the truth in love, may grow up into Him in all things, which is the head, even Christ (Ephesians 4:11-15).

Last time we looked briefly at the "gifts" God has given to His Church in His sending of apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers. Because the list begins with apostles and prophets, we may perhaps be inclined to jump to the conclusion that these are all gifts bestowed by God in the distant past. But that is by no means the case. God still sends His gifts in great abundance. How rich and varied His gifts to the Church are becomes particularly evident these days as our Synod meets in convention. An important part of each convention's work is studying the reports from the various divisions within the Synod. There are reports from those who have been entrusted with the work of preparing men and women to teach and preach the Gospel message (Worker-Training). There are reports from those who are re-

sponsible for the supervision of the various areas where many of these workers carry on their ministry (Home and World Missions). There are reports from those who are responsible for supervising special ministries, such as serving the aged, the blind, the retarded (Benevolences). Finally, there are reports from those who have been appointed to deal with such diverse areas as doctrinal matters, publications, finances, etc. These are usually grouped under Administration.

#### External Growth

It will be apparent that so extensive a program involves a wide range of people. It might seem that loyalty to their own division could rule out unity, but that can not be the case when they realize that God has made them "gifts" to the Church "for the edifying of the body of Christ." Edifying the body of Christ means simply building up Christ's Church. All of God's "gifts" to the Church exist for the sole purpose of extending His kingdom. Hence, growth in the Church is not a cause of disunity but a source of common joy and greater unity.

#### Spiritual Growth

But "edifying the body of Christ" does not refer only, or even primarily, to *numerical* growth in the Church. It speaks also of *spiritual* growth in each believer. Paul is speaking to everyone of us when he says that this growth is to continue "till we all come in the unity of faith, and the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a

perfect man." St. Paul is not saying that there are stages of faith, or that faith must grow in order to be acceptable. Faith that looks to Christ's merit is full and complete. That is saving faith. Paul says rather that faith and knowledge of the Son of God promote the Church's unity by bringing us "unto a perfect man."

Perhaps a word of caution is in order lest we think that Paul is preaching "perfectionism" of the kind that is so common in the thinking of the world around us. Many people feel that by themselves, or perhaps with a little help from God, they can achieve the holiness and perfection that God requires. Paul, however, is using a word that might better be translated as "mature." Faith in Christ brings Christians to a *maturity* that promotes unity in a double way. First, it brings it about "that we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about by every wind of doctrine." False doctrine is divisive. It tears down the Church. The mature Christian is to combat disunity by refuting error.

#### Continuing Growth

But there is also a positive aspect of the mature Christian's work. Not only does he resist disunity, but he promotes unity by "speaking the truth in love." Speaking the truth in love takes many forms. It means training our children, instilling spiritual values in our young people, admonishing an erring brother, inviting an unchurched friend. It goes without saying that "speaking the truth in love" promotes the unity of the Church, but it is also obvious that here is an area where all of us can still grow. In this connection especially we thank God for every "gift" He has given whereby He would help us to grow in grace. With St. Paul we must say: "Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect," but through Word and Sacrament as administered to us by God's gifts to the Church, we too "follow after," that we may attain the maturity which the Apostle enjoins, namely, that we "grow up into Him in all things, which is the head, even Christ."

Armin J. Panning



# In the Year of Our Lord . . .

## Ceremony and Celebration

Our title might just as well read "Year of our Lord" without the "In." Or one could employ the more familiar "Church Year." "Church Year" is a good name, if we keep in mind that *Church* is the body of Jesus, or the whole fellowship of believers united with their risen Lord. "Year of our Lord," however, keeps our thoughts on center. By name this title glorifies our Lord Jesus. It was to celebrate His mighty works and words that this Year was planned, put together, and preserved. And we, His church, shine in that name, as is proper, by reflected glory. For this Year was made *for us*. Hence we call it the "Year of our Lord."

In contrast to the secular calendar year of 12 months, the "Year of our Lord" gives God's holy people an orderly way:

To live together with the Lord Jesus;

To live this life with the Lord Jesus in all its "exceeding riches";

To live this life in the very manner that God wants to deal with us and bless us, namely, through His spoken Word.

The accent in every case is on the *living*. That explains why the title reads "In the Year of our Lord." The "In" acts as an aid to memory. Let it recall that the "Year of our Lord" is to be lived. Let it say: The "Year of our Lord" serves for more than just ceremony; the "Year of our Lord" is designed for celebration.

Ceremony and celebration: how are they different from each other? Ceremony suggests a form, a set way of doing things. Properly used, ceremony is good. It serves for teaching and for keeping order. But ceremony also degenerates easily into empty formality. The useful husk becomes useless without its kernel.

As we usually meet the "Year of our Lord," our first impression is that it is a matter of ceremony only. In church bulletin and by announcement from lectern or altar we hear: This August 12 is the Eighth Sunday

after Trinity; next week, the Ninth Sunday after Trinity; 15 weeks later, December 2, the First Sunday in Advent. Thus the "Year of our Lord" offers a frame for keeping order in our annual scheme of divine worship. Well and good! Yet the common calendar names, August 12, December 2, would serve that purpose also.

But the "Year of our Lord" names its Sundays and festivals for happenings: Advent, Epiphany, Easter. They are happenings — the repetition is necessary — that turn around the mighty works and words of our Lord Jesus. By means of these names, and by the happenings they highlight, the "Year of our Lord" hints at its true service. It is a Year for God's people to live in. It is a Year that invites celebration.

How is the celebrating done? In many ways. The first way, and the easiest to begin with, is through obedient hearing and wholehearted participation in God's banquet each festival day throughout this Year.

Participation is made possible for us especially by the rich variety of prayers, Psalms, and hymns that belong to the pattern of this Year. They serve as our response to God's banquet. They give us words for asking, for praising, and for giving thanks. And they invite the service of our whole self: our mind, our heart, our lips, our voice. Do not underrate the importance of such participation. Take advantage of it. Use it to the full. When congregations grow tired of this participation, when churches resign this right, worse things are quick to follow.

Obedient hearing walks hand in hand with the participation. Obedient hearing is due at every place in the "Year of our Lord" where God speaks with us. We meet this duty most insistently in the wide assortment of Scripture instructions for practical Christian life. They are fitted into the "Year of our Lord" as the "Epistles." In these Epistle lessons we find at firsthand all that

Scripture is profitable for: doctrine, reproof, correction, instruction in righteousness.

No less vital for celebrating the "Year of our Lord" are the Scriptures named "Gospels." They give this Year its main form, message, and direction. They make us fit and able to celebrate this Year. For in the Gospels there are spread before us the very works and words of Jesus in whom the "Year of our Lord" has its beginning and end. Blessed are they that hear this Word and keep it!

There are various ways to celebrate the "Year of our Lord." As in all other affairs of life, the better we understand a thing, the more confidently we can handle it. Thus, the more we know of the "Year of our Lord," the more varied the celebration. But at its simplest let it begin with obedient hearing and wholehearted participation. The "Year of our Lord" was made for Christians to celebrate, and by such celebration to be kept spiritually happy and healthy in this hostile world.

Theodore J. Hartwig

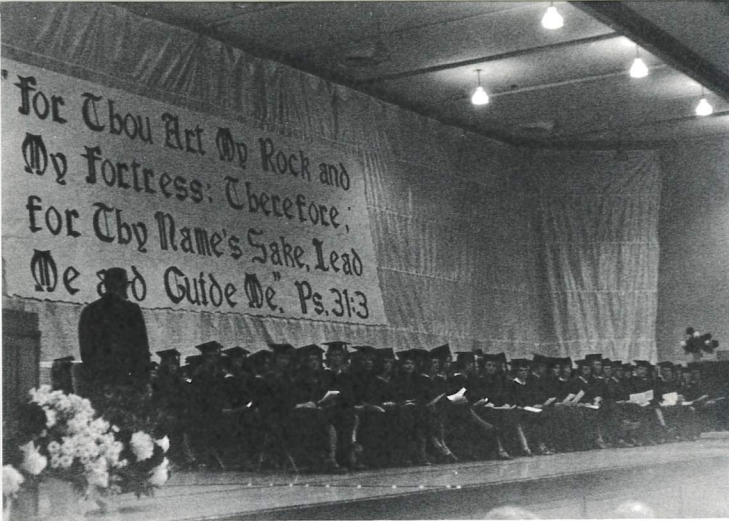
### Wisconsin Lutheran College

Wisconsin Lutheran College will open its new school year on September 4, 1973. The opening service will begin at 7:00 P.M. Classes will be conducted on a 4 to 9 P.M. schedule in the facilities of the Wisconsin Lutheran High School. In its first year, classes will be limited to freshmen level courses, open both to full-time and part-time students.

The Board of Regents is presently engaged in acquiring property suitable for dormitory use in the vicinity of the High School.

We welcome your inquiries. Please address them to: Wisconsin Lutheran College, 330 N. Glenview Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53213.





President C. Frey dismissing the Class of 1973.



Closing number of the June Night Concert.

DMLC ALMA MATER

Lyric: C. J. Trapp                      Music: R. L. Shilling

Al - ma Ma - ter, D M L C Hail to thee we sing.

We, thy loy - al sons and daugh - ters, Hom - age to thee bring.

Ded - i - ca - ted to Christ's serv - ice, Glad to do His will,

For His lambs pre - pares His shep - herds, "A CIT - Y ON A HILL."

## Year's End - 1973 DMLC

**Call Night** Year's end activities for the seniors at Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota, began on May 25, 1973. The WELS Committee on the Assignment of Calls had arrived on campus in the early evening of the previous day. On Friday morning, the committee members attended the regular college chapel exercises at which the Gospel message was read and then proclaimed in majestic song by some 800 voices and accompanying instrumentalists. A noon luncheon meeting in the Luther Memorial Union gymnasium afforded the committee, composed of the Synod's praesidium and District presidents, an opportunity to meet the members of the graduating class.

At 7:30 that evening a special service was held in the chapel of the Academic Center. Dean of Students, Lloyd Huebner, read the liturgy and Prof. D. Raddatz gave a brief meditation on Psalm 121, comparing the graduates to the watchmen of Israel. Immediately after the service President C. Frey read the names of the candidates and their assignments. The assigned candidates then met with the presidents of the Synodical Districts to which they had been called. Call Night ended with a reception for graduates and friends in the college cafeteria.

**Faculty-Graduate Banquet** Year's end activities also afford the DMLC graduates fun and enjoyment. The faculty annually sponsors a banquet for the graduating class. This year it took the form of a smorgasbord. The evening's entertainment centered on the theme *Class of '73, This Is Your Life*. The presentation helped many a graduate to gain a totally different perspective of the members of the faculty.



First public rendition of "DMLC Alma Mater."



## Alumni and Friends Meeting

By midweek many out-of-state visitors had arrived on campus. Martin Luther Academy held its concert on Wednesday evening, May 30, with graduation the following forenoon. Thursday late afternoon the Alumni and Friends Society assembled for a buffet luncheon. The oldest graduate present was Mr. John Gawrisch (Milwaukee), Class of 1913. At the alumni meeting that followed, Ron. Stelljes was elected as vice-president, Beverly Stark as secretary, and Prof. Heinie Schnitker and Naomi Glende as committee members. Projects adopted totaled \$1,000. Annual alumni dues were set at \$3.00.

## June Night Concert

A half-hour prelude of band music opened the June-Night concert. After this the four college choirs presented various numbers. Mr. Steven Thiesfeldt, president of the Collegiate Council for 1973-74, introduced a new *DMLC Alma Mater*. This original composition, a joint work of Prof. C. J. Trapp who wrote the words and of Prof. R. Shilling who composed the music, was sung by the combined choirs with organ accompaniment. Prof. M. Zahn handed the baton to Mr. Shilling to direct its first public rendition. The concert was brought to a stirring close as the choirs, accompanied by the band, sang Maltby's *We, The People*, a musical setting of the Preamble of the USA Constitution. The entire assembly of 1,800 joined in singing *America, the Beautiful*.

**Commencement** The climax of the year's end activities came at 10:00 o'clock Friday morning when 135 graduates and members of the faculty and the Board of Control proceeded into Luther Memorial Union auditorium for the commencement service. Pastor Edgar Hoenecke of San Diego, California, Associate Chairman, Division of World Missions, delivered the address, comparing the graduates to Old Testament Ezra. President C. Frey conferred the BS in Education degree on the graduates and distributed diplomas to the class. The class hymn — *The Lord Has Called Us* — was sung by the graduates directed by James Peterman, class president. The words of the hymn were written by Judi Kopitzke and the music by Nancy Clemenson.

Immediately after the recessional the graduates received the divine calls issued to them by the various calling congregations.

Final Farewells exchanged, visits with relatives and friends finished, packing details taken care of, the graduates and those who shared the pleasant year's end with them left for their respective homes. By late afternoon a campus which had been bustling with hundreds of persons had again become a quiet place.

After a few weeks of vacation, many new teachers, all of them gifts of our gracious Shepherd for the lambs of His Church, will be on their way to their assigned classrooms. God bless them all!

Prof. D. C. Brick

## 1973 Teacher Assignments

### MEN:

Bauer, James  
St. Mark's—Watertown, WI  
Bauer, John  
Palos Lutheran—Palos Heights, IL  
Brown, Dennis  
Trinity—St. Paul, MN  
Carlovsky, Steven  
Emanuel—New London, WI  
Carolfi, James  
Emanuel—New London, WI  
Enter, David  
Mt. Calvary—LaCrosse WI  
Evans, John  
Faith—Fond du Lac, WI  
Faust, Thomas  
Zion—Monroe, MI  
Fenner, Roger  
Trinity—Hoskins, NB  
Filter, Robert  
Peace—Livonia, MI  
Fischer, Robert  
Peace—Bradenton, FL  
Geisler, Terry  
St. John's—Waterloo, WI  
Glock, Ronald  
Pilgrim—Minneapolis, MN  
Goodger, Arnold  
Christ Our Redeemer—Bend, OR  
Hahlbeck, Gary  
Christ—Eagle River, WI  
Hartmann, Warren  
Michigan Lutheran Seminary—  
Saginaw, MI  
Hartwig, Paul  
Northwestern Lutheran Academy—  
Moberge, SD  
Heidtke, Earl  
Immanuel—Hadar, NB  
Johnson, David  
Japan

Koch, Ralph  
Bethlehem—Menomonee Falls, WI  
Kunz, Daniel  
First Lutheran—LaCrosse, WI  
Lauber, Keith  
Michigan Lutheran Seminary—  
Saginaw, MI  
Mateske, Robert  
St. John's—Waterloo, WI  
Menges, David  
St. John's—Lewiston, MN  
Miller, Ralph  
Buffalo Lutheran School Association—  
Cochrane, WI  
Moldenhauer, Martin  
Northwestern Preparatory School—  
Watertown, WI  
Nell, Frederick  
Michigan Lutheran Seminary—  
Saginaw, MI  
Nolte, Carl  
St. Andrew—Chicago, IL  
Petermann, James  
St. John's—Fox Lake, WI  
Pingel, Fred  
Good Shepherd—Beaver Dam, WI  
Prickett, Lowell  
St. Paul's—Wonec, WI  
Schramm, Darwin  
St. Paul's—Livonia, MI  
Swain, Paul  
Northwestern Lutheran Academy—  
Moberge, SD  
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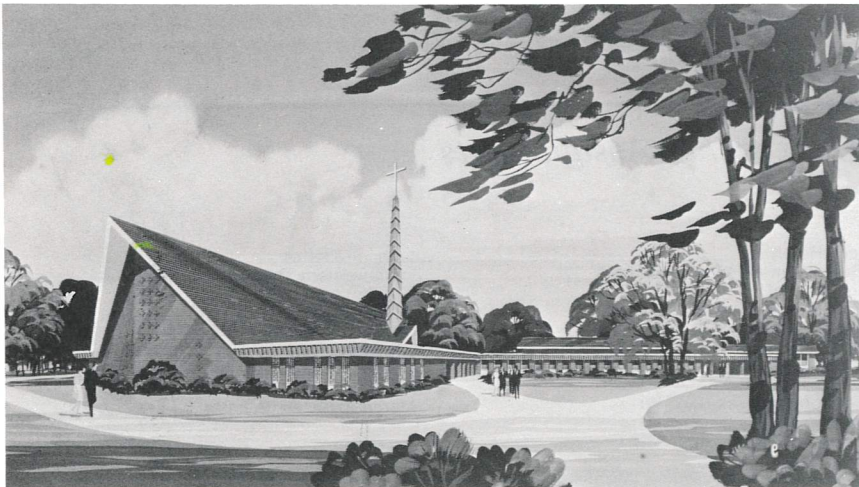
Uttech, Frederick  
Northwestern Preparatory School—  
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Vasold, Terrance  
St. John's—Sleepy Eye, MN  
Wehrauch, Carl  
St. John's—Lomira, WI  
Westphal, Steven  
Martin Luther—Neenah, WI

### WOMEN:

Albrecht, Christine  
St. Paul's—Norfolk, NB  
Arndt, Susanne  
Redeemer—Fond du Lac, WI  
Baglo, Doris  
Salem—Loretto, MN  
Barkeim, Karen  
Salem—Owosso, MI  
Becker, Susan  
St. John's—Lannon, WI  
Beyer, JoAnn  
Bethany—Hustisford, WI  
Bitter, Carol  
Gethsemane—Oklahoma City, OK  
Bobrofsky, Barbara  
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Bode, Joyce  
Calvary—Sheboygan, WI  
Brummund, Susan  
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First German—Manitowoc, WI  
Callahan, Karen  
Trinity—Caledonia, WI  
Chasty, Patricia  
Salem—Milwaukee, WI



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- Eick, Patsy  
Emanuel—New London, WI
- Else, Dawn  
Mt. Olive—Delano, MN
- Erickson, Glenda  
Salem—Ann Arbor, MI
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St. Paul's—Wisconsin Rapids, WI
- Fehlauer, Sandra  
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St. Mark's—Eau Claire, WI
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Abiding Word—Houston, TX
- Fuhrmann, Elizabeth  
Friedens—Kenosha, WI
- Fuhrmann, Joyce  
Redeemer—Ann Arbor, MI
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St. Paul's—Rapid City, SD
- Gensley, Laurel  
St. Stephen's—Beaver Dam, WI
- Gergen, Karen  
Bethany—Kenosha, WI
- Hatton, Shirley  
St. John's—Fairfax, MN
- Hedrick, Virginia  
Emanuel—St. Paul, MN
- Heller, Grace  
St. Mark's—Watertown, WI
- Hinnenthal, Karen  
Redemption—Milwaukee, WI
- Hutchinson, Camille  
Ocean Drive—Pompano Beach,  
Florida
- Jaeger, Bonnie  
Immanuel—Hadar, NB
- Janke, Beth  
St. Andrew—Chicago, IL
- Johnson, Kirsten  
Woodlawn—West Allis, WI
- Knief, Debra  
Our Savior—Pomona, CA
- Kobleska, Jean  
St. Martin's—Watertown, SD
- Koeller, Ruth  
St. John's—Lake City, MN
- Kopitzke, Judith  
Peace—Green Lake, WI
- Krenz, Janice  
Trinity—Hoskins, NB
- Krowas, Carol  
Bethlehem—Hortonville, WI
- Krueger, Barbara  
Bloomington Lutheran  
Bloomington, MN
- Lange, Marsha  
Apache Mission—Peridot, Arizona
- Lemke, Rhoda  
St. Luke's—Kenosha, WI
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- Nast, Diane  
St. Paul's—Green Bay, WI
- Pankow, Brenda  
St. John's—Red Wing, MN
- Panning, Deborah  
Immanuel—Manitowoc, WI
- Peterson, Barbara  
St. John's—Stanton, NB
- Pilsner, Barbara  
St. Peter's—Plymouth, MI
- Pleuss, Mary  
Faith—Dexter, MI
- Price, Bonnie  
Our Savior's Apache Mission—  
Bylas, AZ
- Price, Terri  
Mt. Lebanon—Milwaukee, WI
- Priem, Nancy  
St. James—Milwaukee, WI
- Pussehl, Rachel  
Pilgrim—Minneapolis, MN
- Raddatz, Patricia  
Trinity—Marinette, WI
- Rogers, Joyce  
Peace—Hartford, WI
- Rude, Bonnie  
Gethsemane—Milwaukee, WI
- Schroeder, Nancy  
Bethany—Saginaw, MI
- Schuppenhauer, Chris  
Grace—Eau Claire, MI
- Schwanke, Donna  
Bay Pines—Seminole, FL
- Shaffer, Gloria  
Immanuel—Medford, WI
- Siewert, Michelle  
St. Matthew's—Winona, MN
- Steinbrenner, Donna  
St. John's—Red Wing, MN
- Steinke, Kristine  
Grace—Yakima, WA
- Sting, Sharon  
St. Paul's—Moline, IL
- Templin, Delaine  
St. John's—Montello, WI
- Tesch, Deborah  
Zion—Mission, SD
- Tessmer, Cynthia  
St. Paul's—Green Bay, WI
- Thompson, Patricia  
St. John's—Hemlock, MI
- Weber, Ann  
St. Paul's—Wisconsin Rapids, WI
- Wels, Diane  
St. Matthew's—Oconomowoc, WI
- Wiedenhoeft, Nancy  
Gloria Dei—Belmont, CA
- Winkler, Elizabeth  
Immanuel—Gibbon, MN
- Zell, Sarah  
St. Mark's—Citrus Heights, CA
- Zibell, Trudy  
Trinity—Watertown, WI
- Zuehlsdorf, Janet  
St. John's—Neillsville, WI



St. Stephen's Completes Its Master Plan

## *Dedication at Adrian, Michigan*

On March 25, 1973, St. Stephen Ev. Lutheran Church, Adrian, Michigan, dedicated, to the glory of God, a three-classroom school addition, gymnasium-auditorium, and an expanded kitchen facility.

Three services were conducted on dedication Sunday. In the two morning services the congregation dedi-

cated itself anew to the work of the Lord's kingdom. In a special dedication service in the afternoon, Pastor Kenneth Vertz of Owosso, Michigan, preached the sermon. Choirs from the church and trumpeters from Michigan Lutheran Seminary took part in the services.

Construction of the new buildings began with groundbreaking on Sep-

tember 3, 1972. The cornerstone was laid January 28, 1973.

As you enter the hall of the gymnasium-auditorium, you will note Luther's seal, made of varicolored crushed marble, spotlighted in the terrazzo floor. The gym is high-school size and has bleachers which seat 180; it will also be used for auditorium purposes and can easily seat 400 at tables. The original kitchen has been expanded to serve both the cafeteria and gymnasium. Also included in the new facilities are three carpeted classrooms.

This construction completes the master plan adopted by the congregation in 1966, including the church, administration wing and offices (dedicated in 1967), plus seven classrooms, cafeteria, and gymnasium-auditorium.

St. Stephen's Congregation, organized in 1860, has a communicant membership of 525 and a soul membership of 750. The school has an enrollment of 150 pupils in kindergarten through eighth grade, taught by six teachers. Mr. Robert Stoltz is the principal of the school, and the Rev. Daniel Gieschen the pastor of the congregation.





## *Our Missions in Canada*

Would you like to visit a country with a reigning monarch instead of a president, and a parliament instead of a congress? No, you won't have to cross the Atlantic to do it. Would you like to see a country with vast stretches of unspoiled wilderness, mountains, lakes and streams? No, you won't have to go to Africa to find it. You need only turn your eyes to the north and set your sights on one of the largest countries in the world, the Dominion of Canada. Yes, Canada is a nation with a real monarch and a parliament, a country with vast reaches of land and rich in natural beauty. But most important of all, Canada is a land of people. It is a

land of people with the same desperate need that all people have, the need to hear the proclamation from the King who is Lord over all the earth — the proclamation that His Son's sacrifice for them on the cross has established peace between God and man, and has purchased for them full and free forgiveness of all their sins and even eternal life in the King's heavenly mansions.

Recognizing that Canada is a land of people with such a need, our Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod has come to Canada with a life-giving mission. It is the mission of making of the loyal subjects of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, loyal and eternally

blessed sons and daughters of our great God and King through faith in His only-begotten Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. At present, the Wisconsin Synod has but four "pastor-ambassadors" of our King and Savior serving in this country of 22 million people. They labor together with the members of our congregations in three of Canada's 10 provinces.

### **Ottawa, Ontario**

Proclaiming the King's glorious Gospel in the provinces of Ontario and Quebec is Pastor Thomas Pfothauer and the members of his congregation, The Ev. Lutheran Church of St. Paul, located in Ottawa, Ontario, the nation's capital. Since they joined the Wisconsin Synod in 1970, both the pastor and the members of St. Paul's have been active in sharing the pure and living Word with others, both in Ottawa itself and far beyond. In 1972 the congregation purchased a tract of 8-1/2 acres in Orleans, a developing area on the east end of Ottawa. The congregation is presently engaged in seeking suitable land also on the west end, with the intention of using these sites as possible locations for future daughter congregations. In order more effectively to accomplish their outreach goals, St. Paul's has established a committee known as the Mission Research and Development Committee. This committee works in close cooperation with the Mission Board of the Michigan District of which St. Paul's is a



St. Paul (Ottawa) Mission Research and Development Committee discussing plans for new mission: H. Bacher, secretary; Pastor T. Pfothauer; W. Bruer, chairman; E. Saar and C. Wingses.



member. They look forward to the day when congregations may be established in these areas around their nation's capital to assist in the carrying out of the Church's life-giving mission.

#### **Poltimore, Quebec**

Pastor Pfothenauer also serves Our Shepherd Lutheran Church in Poltimore, Quebec. A vicar from our Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary assists him in meeting the spiritual needs of this congregation of 25 communicants. Our Shepherd Congregation was organized by confessionally committed Lutherans in May of 1970 and meets twice a month for worship services and once a month for Bible study.



Home Bible Study at Poltimore, 35 miles north of Ottawa. A German settlement completely surrounded by French language and culture. The Bible Study is led by the pastor or the vicar.

#### **Pembroke, Ontario**

In addition to the work in Ottawa and Poltimore, the pastor and several laymen from St. Paul's have been driving once a month to Pembroke, Ontario, a distance of 100 miles, to conduct services in the home of a Wisconsin Synod family living there. After the service, a Bible study is also conducted. Not infrequently, these meetings are visited by area Lutherans who are not members of our Synod, but who are genuinely concerned

about the growing unfaithfulness to the pure proclamation of God's Word in Lutheran circles outside our fellowship.

#### **Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario**

Were you to seek another Wisconsin Synod pastor and congregation, you would need to travel a full day's journey west to the bustling city of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. There you will find Pastor Gaylord Gartman and Our Saviour's Ev. Lutheran Church sharing the message of the King in this city of 75,000. Largely cut off from the fellowship of other confessionally sound Lutherans, these faithful sons and daughters of our King find in their Sunday school a most effective means of sharing the

#### **Wetaskiwin, Alberta**

To visit the next Wisconsin Synod pastors and congregations requires a journey of well over 1500 miles, across vast prairies, past large industrial cities, to the western province of Alberta. There, at Wetaskiwin, Alberta, 30 miles south of the capital city of Edmonton, you meet Pastor Paul Schliesser and the members of St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church. Most of the members of St. John's would greet you in German, their preferred language, and you would find the German service on Sunday morning much better attended than the English service. Realizing that the "younger generation" will prefer to speak English, the congregation reaches out with the King's procla-



Exterior of St. John's Church at Wetaskiwin.

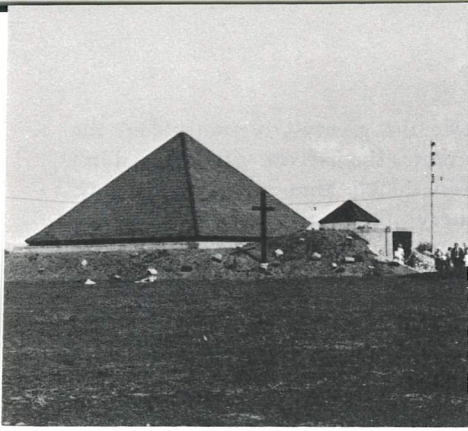
Gospel with the unchurched of their community. A canvass of a six-block area near the church uncovered 87 prospects for the Sunday school. While not all of these have been gained for the Lord, yet the labors of this congregation of 45 communicants certainly have not been in vain. One young girl, for example, discovering the joy which is ours in Christ, first brought her mother into contact with the Savior. Then, as both grew in love for the King of grace, a sister and six children as well as an aunt were also brought to know the message of their Lord and Redeemer.

mation of grace by means of its English Sunday school as well as through the English services. For the German majority at St. John's, grace and eternal life know no language limitations; for the King is rich in His grace to all.

#### **St. Albert, Alberta**

Your tour of Wisconsin Synod missions in Canada would come to an end in St. Albert, the rapidly growing suburb of Edmonton. There, on the northern boundary of this city of 500,000 inhabitants, you find Pastor Daniel Deutschlander and the members of St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran





St. Peter's at St. Albert.

Church busy in the mission of carrying the Gospel to those who know it not. The devotion of this small congregation of about 30 communicants to the pure Word and Sacraments is evidenced in their willingness to undertake an extensive mailing program to contact every new family that moves into St. Albert — over 1,000 each year — followed up by as many home visitations as possible to acquaint new residents with the Gospel proclaimed at St. Peter's. While the members of this congregation come from Germany, England, and the United States, as well as Canada itself, and while they represent as many different occupations as there are families in the parish, all share in the resolve to remain faithful to the pure proclamation of God's Word and to share it as they have received it. Soon almost half of the congregation will consist of adult confirmands.

And so ends our tour of the missions of our King in North America's only monarchy, the Dominion of Canada. It is the fervent prayer of our Canadian pastors and members that the day will soon come when one article will be insufficient to cover all of the parishes and missions of our Synod in Canada, and that the praises of our God and Savior will be sung "From Sea to Sea," as Canada's motto puts it. While we wait for that day, and work and pray for its early coming, we will continue to give thanks to God for the parishes and pastors presently serving our King in Canada, and express our thanks as well to our brothers and sisters in the United States for their generous and continuing support of God's work in the North.

Pastor D. Deutschlander

## *The Family - - Extended*

The family as designed by God is not only a relationship between two people in which each complements the other. The family was also designed to be the incubator of human life. One of the first commands given to the first family, was to "be fruitful, and multiply" (Gen. 1:28). To view marriage, leaving out the thought of children, is not to think of marriage as God instituted it.

No facet of God's design for the home has come under sharper attack lately than God's attitude toward children. Children are viewed to varying degrees as a detriment. Avid ecologists view children as another form of pollution, overtaxing the world's already burdened life-support systems. They regale in telling pound for pound the amount of refuse and waste that will be added by each new child.

Fanatical Women's Liberation advocates are quick to view children as a burden which enslaves and degrades the position of women. According to them, children confine and condemn the woman to an endless series of menial tasks preventing her from realizing her full potential as a human being.

Classes on the family emphasize the great cost of raising each child and consistently advise students to limit the size of their families severely in order to provide for each child all the material needs necessary to realize its potential.

Out go the appeals: Why add to the pollution, why add to the world's overpopulation problem, why burden yourselves with unneeded worry, why deprive yourself of all the things you wanted to have and do! And so strong have become the antichildren campaigns that many of our youth have come to believe that having children is selfish and shows lack of concern and care for others. In a recent survey of college youth, over 30 per

cent of those graduating planned to have no children.

How different the picture which God presents to us in His Word when He states, "Lo, children are a heritage of the Lord; and the fruit of the womb is his reward" (Ps. 127:3)!

### **Children — God's Blessing**

Children are not only a very integral part of the family as God designed it but they are also according to His Word a blessing which He gives to those who walk in His ways. The Lord views children as one of the greatest gifts which He can give to a husband and wife. In the very next verse in Psalm 127 God states, "As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man, so are children of the youth. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them." And again in Psalm 128:4: "Behold, that thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the Lord." How shall he be blessed? He shall be blessed with children.

Children are to be desired, not prevented at all costs. They are not, as many couples will attest, an automatic blessing. Many a family today waits agonizingly for this particular blessing of the Lord. But many times we see in this, God's hand of love providing for those children who have no home. To those from whom He has withheld the blessing of their own children, He gives children by adoption.

Children are indeed the joy of the young, as God proclaims. How many of us have not seen the world anew through the eyes of children, found joy in their joy, experienced God's love in their love! "Happy," says the Lord, "is the man that hath his quiver full of them."

Children are not only a blessing in our youth but are also intended by God to be a blessing in our middle age. How many joys have we not found in the successes and achieve-



ments of our children! How many times have we not been drawn closer to our Lord as we bowed in prayer on behalf of our children! How has our faith not been strengthened as we have watched the Lord's promises of aid and strengthening, of care and trustworthiness being fulfilled over and over again in trial after trial and blessing after blessing!

How many times have not the hearts of the aging and lonely been filled with joy and happiness through the visits and remembrances of their children and their children's children! So by the Lord's design, when we are no longer able to care for all our needs, He cares for us through the blessings of our children. "Children's children are the crown of old men" (Prov. 17:6). How great and many the blessings thus bestowed!

#### Parenthood — God's Highest Calling

To view children only from the vantage point of the blessings we receive, would be to overlook the central purpose for which God places children into a home creating the extended family. The family was designed by God as the incubator and prime educator of blood-bought souls. As such the family plays a vital role in His plan of salvation for each and every life born.

While many today may view child-care as demeaning, I find it hard to locate on the face of this earth any occupation that requires more versatility, a greater scope of knowledge, more challenge to the individual and a greater trust than the bringing up of a child in the fear and love of the Lord.

What greater trust can God place into the hands of two Christian parents than a soul for which His Son died! When that child is born it is helpless without you. It is born in sin and knows nothing of its Creator and Redeemer. The child is a lost and condemned creature and without you might not only perish physically but also eternally.

Thus God gives to each parent the opportunity and privilege to sacrifice for their child even as He has sacrificed for us, to give of themselves, their love, their faith, their all. It is

in the arms of his parents that God intends to teach the child love, to assure the child even before words are spoken that he is cared for. It is through the family that God would bring the first knowledge of His love and care. Through his parents, God's representatives, the child first builds his concept of God.

Through the family the Lord develops a sense of right and wrong. With each nod of approval and each reprimand the child is to learn the Christian habits that will defend, protect, and guide him in later years.

The family is the basic unit of worship. Here the child is to learn to know the Bible as God's Word, to sing God's praises, to go to His Father in heaven in prayer even as he goes to his earthly father. Here he learns the joy of forgiveness through faith in Christ, God's Son. Through the family and their witness to each other, God the Holy Spirit works His wonders of faith. The family is much more than one husband and one wife and children each satisfying each other's physical and emotional needs, though that it does. The family is central to God's desire for all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth.

Many parents today are all too ready to labor hard and long to supply their children with the things money can buy. In the hustle and bustle of modern life, it is all too easy to offer material substitutes for family care and love. "Be not deceived," God warns, "God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." If parents place primary emphasis on the physical, so will the child in his life. If the husband is always too tired, too busy to tend to the spiritual needs of his child or places primary emphasis on academic and athletic success while giving spiritual needs short shrift, he need not be surprised later if the child should forsake the way of the Lord. Mothers who concern themselves only with the appearance and skills of their daughters, substituting gifts for love, should not be surprised either if later the child should state, "My mother doesn't love me."

It is God's design in placing children within the home, for them to re-

ceive the greatest blessing from the parents themselves. Children don't need much that money can buy. Those things will come, the Lord has promised. Their greatest need is their parents — their love, their concern, their correction, their faith shared.

#### Fathers Responsible

Many homes today are for all practical purposes fatherless, especially when it comes to spiritual training. For some reason many Christian fathers have the strange idea that Christian training is for mothers to impart. Most certainly mothers share this responsibility with their husbands and husbands may delegate some of their responsibility to their wives, but the Lord makes it unmistakably clear who bears the ultimate responsibility. "Ye fathers . . . bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Eph. 6:4). The home where the father takes an active role in teaching the truths of God to the children, is a home blessed indeed.

#### God's Purpose Clear

Despite the chorus of voices to the contrary, God intends for the family to consist of one father, one mother, and *children*. Children are one of God's blessings throughout our lives. They are a vital part of our Lord's concept of the family and His plan of salvation for the human race.

Cherish God's gift of children. View them as your highest calling. God intends them to be a blessing to you, and you a blessing to them.

In our next article we will look more carefully at the adversaries of the home.

Ronald K. Heins

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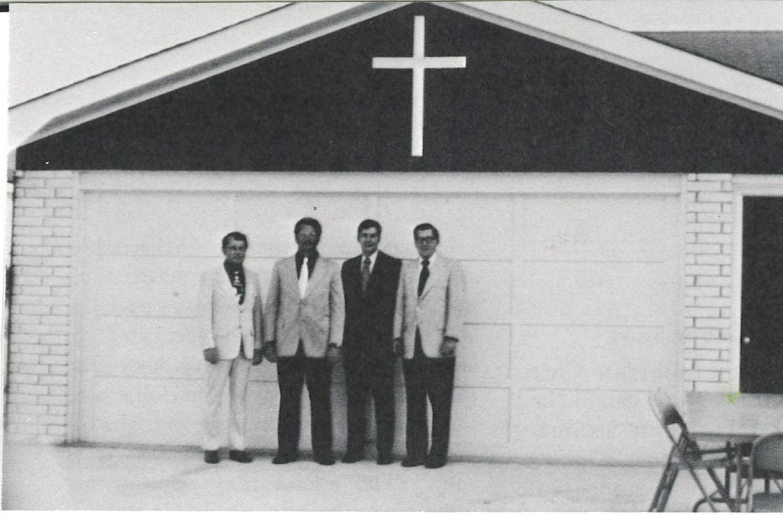
#### MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE (New Location)

The Memphis Mission is now meeting in the Parkway Village Athletic Club, 5111 Bryndale Ave., Memphis, just off Knight-Arnold Road. A map with directions to the place of worship can be secured from Mr. Roger Prigge, 3354 Willow Wyck Dr. W., Memphis, TN. 38118, or by calling 365-4596.

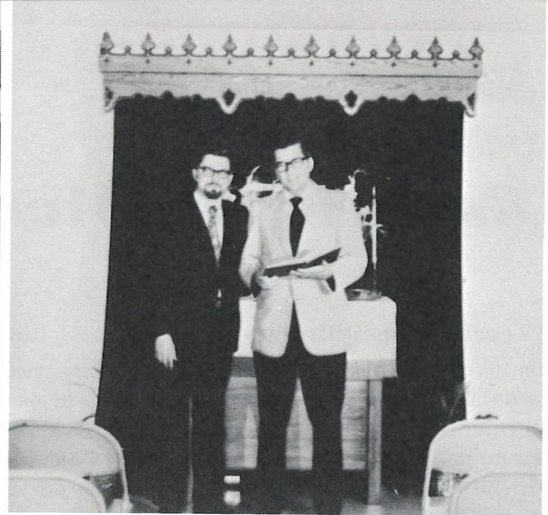
#### SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

Exploratory services are now being held at 10:45 every Sunday in Springfield, Illinois, at the Carl Sandburg Elementary School, located at 2051 W. Wabash Ave. (just west of the junction of Rts. 4 & 54 on Springfield's southwest side). Please send all pertinent information regarding prospective members to: Pastor Allen Zahn, 1180 N. Diamond No. 3, Jacksonville, Illinois 62650; Tel. (217) 245-5919.





Members of Gulf Atlantic Mission Board before exterior of Crown of Life Chapel (New Orleans): Mr. G. Pautz, Pastors L. Zwieg, K. Peterson, and R. Wiechmann.



Pastor Douglas Weiser and Chairman R. Wiechmann.

## *Your WELS Chapel in the "Crescent City"*

New Orleans! To many people, the name exudes old-world charm, the fragrance of Southern flowers, and jazz music. All nestled in a graceful crescent of the Mississippi River. New Orleans! To the people of the Wisconsin Synod, a stranger until recent years. To be sure, there was our part in the Synodical Conference Negro missions years ago. But now New Orleans should have special meaning for everyone supporting mission work in the Wisconsin Synod. The "Crescent City" now contains a permanent mission structure, a testimonial of concrete proportions to the value which Wisconsin Synod Lutherans place on spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ. To solemnize this milestone in our Synod's mission effort in Louisiana, Crown of Life Lutheran Church dedicated its new parsonage-chapel in an evening service on May 20, 1973.

Present for this joyous occasion were the members of the Gulf Atlantic Mission District Mission Board. Chairman Raymond Wiechmann of Seminole, Florida, served as liturgist for the dedication. Preaching was the Rev. Douglas Weiser, pastor of the congregation, who with the

words of James 1:17-21 urged the 55 worshipers "Toward a Living Dedication."

Dedicated to the praise of the Triune God was a single-level, all-brick parsonage-chapel. The portion devoted to the pastor's home contains three bedrooms, a living/dining room, kitchen, utility space, and a study. The remaining space, later to be used as a garage, has been fully finished and air-conditioned for a chapel with seating for 50. The chapel features an altar and lectern made by members of the congregation, three stained-glass windows made by the pastor, and several fine gifts from sister congregations from the Dakotas to New Jersey.

Adjoining the chapel at right angles is a fellowship area. The parsonage-chapel is located on a corner lot, adjacent to a three-lot site designated for the future church building. The four lots were purchased with a CEF loan of \$43,260. Construction of the parsonage-chapel cost another \$38,800. Proper site-planning will enable the congregation to make use of one-half of the present chapel space as an additional meeting room, when the contemplated church is erected.

What a joyful day for the 31 communicant members of Crown of Life to dedicate this particular gift from the Lord of the Church to His service! It is hoped that this permanent structure will also prove to be an invaluable aid in extending the Gospel invitation to the mission's neighborhood, and to the rest of New Orleans, which is easily accessible by a freeway interchange three blocks from the church site. For a mission congregation whose exploratory services began in June of 1968 and whose resident pastor was assigned in 1970, this worship structure will be the test, and will hopefully play a part in demonstrating New Orleans as a productive field in the Wisconsin Synod home-mission endeavor.

Crown of Life members thank their fellow Christians for their support and their loans, and they solicit your prayers for the future of your Lord's Gospel proclamation in the Crescent City of New Orleans.

Pastor D. Weiser

### Addendum

Pastor Weiser earlier in the year accepted a call extended by the Executive Committee for Central Africa to serve as a missionary in Zambia. The Weisers planned to leave New Orleans early in July and to set out for Zambia later in the month.

The new pastor for Crown of Life in New Orleans and Trinity in Abita Springs is Philip Koening, a 1973 graduate of our Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. He began his ministry in Louisiana in July.



# Looking at the Religious World

## "Teach Them Diligently"

This issue of *The Northwestern Lutheran* is scheduled to appear on Synod Sunday. Convention delegates are assembled on the campus of Dr. Martin Luther College, our teacher-training institution. The convention theme suggests a convention emphasis on Christian education.

As our delegates are wrestling with the practical questions related to the theme, "Teach Them Diligently," one question will be conspicuous by its absence. No convention overtures and no convention resolutions will be considered which seek ways to circumvent the recent US Supreme Court decision which struck down aid programs in New York and Pennsylvania as unconstitutional. The task of teaching our children diligently is one we choose to carry on without outside help or interference.

Currently, organizations such as the *Fair Education Committee* and the *Citizens for Educational Freedom* are working on new proposals to obtain relief for parents with children in parochial and private schools. Spokesmen for these organizations are convinced that a voucher system or a tax-deduction scheme would provide help for parochial-school families without having the primary effect of advancing religion which the Court regards as unconstitutional.

While others are busy trying to find constitutional ways of maintaining neutrality in matters of religion in private schools, our delegates will be busy considering ways for strengthening an educational program which has as its primary purpose the advancement of the religion of Jesus Christ in the lives of our people.

May God strengthen our delegates and all of us in our resolve to teach our children diligently — and to resist the temptation to seek governmental aid for the purpose of doing so!

## Love's Labor Lost

Sixty years ago Lutheran Christians in eastern Canada established the Evangelical Lutheran Seminary of Canada at Waterloo, Ontario. Later the institution expanded into Waterloo Lutheran University. Until recently WLU was the last university in Ontario to hold out against government aid. Last month, however, the Eastern Canada Synod of the LCA voted to relinquish control of the institution to open the way for state aid from the Province of Ontario. The Synod will receive \$3.1 million for the university. The school has been renamed Sir Wilfrid Laurier University in honor of a former Canadian prime minister. The LCA, however, will retain control of the seminary.

News releases reporting the transaction say nothing about the heartache and tears of those Lutherans who labored and sacrificed for the cause of Christian higher education — only to see their school finally sacrificed on the altar of government aid.

Our synodical convention reports will reveal that the cost of Christian education at every level is high. But then, so is an appendectomy. The tragedy is that the importance of the one is more apparent to some than the importance of the other.

We hope no one in our Synod who has labored and sacrificed for the cause of Christian schools will ever have to read a convention report with a heavy heart because his love's labor was lost.

## The Sign of the Tower

Residents in two Midwest cities are witnesses to two new symbols of corporate grandeur. For Chicagoans it is the new Sears Tower, tallest man-made structure in the world. For Milwaukeeans it is the new First Wisconsin Tower, visible on the lakefront from almost anywhere in the city.

It used to be that the Milwaukee skyline, especially on the south side, was dominated by the dome and the spire. Not any more. A reporter recently summed it up succinctly like this: "Two symbols — the dome and the office tower. The past and the future. They force a choice but it is easy." The choice may be easy for many, but the easy choice is not always the right choice.

In another age it would have been apparent to a visitor approaching our cities from outer space that the church was a dominant force in the lives of our people. Today his attention would be drawn to the office tower and the shopping center. Thereby hangs a tale.

The sign of the tower is another sign of the changing times. And when the times change, who is responsible?

## An Echo of Worms From Sweden

A state church pastor in Sweden is presently being prosecuted by the government for refusing to announce collections for unchristian causes. The Rev. Lars Engquist, chief pastor of the Lutheran congregation at Ronne, insists properly that some of the purposes for which the state designates Sunday offerings are inimical to the cause of Christ. Therefore he cannot in good conscience announce them to his congregation. For that reason he has been cited by Swedish authorities. Recent correspondence from Sweden indicates that Pastor Engquist is scheduled to appear in court to answer charges of the state against him.

In the Lutheran Church of Sweden, a pastor is free to deny the virgin birth of Christ, or His deity, or the blood atonement of the cross, but he is not free to refuse to announce the Sunday offering for a revolutionary cause in Africa or for other socialistic enterprises which are not the business of the Church of Christ.

And such a church presumes to call itself Lutheran? It will be of interest to us to see what such a church does with a man whose conscience, like



Luther's at Worms, is bound by the Word of God and not by ecclesiastical or governmental authority.

Pastor Engquist knows our Synod and is sympathetic to its doctrinal stand. Now that you have been introduced to Pastor Engquist, pray for him and for the people of his congregation in this time of testing.

Joel C. Gerlach

#### 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, Moberge, 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

#### 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.

### Pastor Albert W. Bauman 1891 - 1973

The words of Psalm 103:1-4, emphasizing as they do the forgiveness of sins, were a favorite of the deceased and at his request used as the words of comfort on the occasion of his funeral on June 4, 1973, at Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Jenera, Ohio.

Born on August 19, 1891, at Medina, Ohio, Pastor Albert W. Bauman was baptized and confirmed at Zion Lutheran Church, Valley City, Ohio. He first prepared himself for the teaching ministry, graduating from the former Evangelical Lutheran Teachers Seminary at Woodville, Ohio, in 1913. After teaching at Glenville, Nebraska, he enrolled in the Evangelical Lutheran Theological Seminary of Capital University, Columbus, Ohio. During his ministry he served two ALC congregations, Christ

Ev. Lutheran of Dowling, Ohio, and from 1928 to 1947 St. Paul's of rural Jenera. In March, 1952, troubled by the doctrinal decline in the American Lutheran Church, he joined Trinity Lutheran of Jenera and asked to be colloquized. Found in doctrinal agreement with our Wisconsin Synod, he served faithfully as supply pastor in many of our congregations in Michigan and Ohio.

In 1915 Pastor Bauman was married to the former Edith Kibler, who preceded him in death in 1966. The Lord called Pastor Bauman to his heavenly home on June 1 at the age of 81 years. He is survived by two daughters, two sons, 11 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and a host of friends who will long remember him for his simple, clear presentation of the truths of God's holy Word in sermons and Bible classes.

Donald D. Laude

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#### REQUEST

A group of Lutherans in the city of Altoona, Pennsylvania, has for confessional reasons withdrawn from The Lutheran Church in America. This group would like to use our WELS hymnals for its services. Any congregation having some extra hymnals which it would be willing to donate to this group, please contact the undersigned: Pastor W. J. Zarlring, 1927 Broadway, Benton Harbor, Michigan 49022 (Phone: 616-925-5186).

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## SYNODICAL SCHOOL OPENINGS

### Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Mequon, Wisconsin

Monday, September 10: Dormitory opens.  
Tuesday, September 11: Opening service at 10:00 a.m.

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

Monday, August 27: Orientation of new students.  
Tuesday, August 28: Opening exercises at 2:00 p.m. in the music auditorium.

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

Saturday, September 8: Freshman registration, 1:00-4:30 p.m. — Welcome luncheon for all new students and their parents in Luther Memorial Gymnasium, 6:00 p.m.  
Sunday, September 9: Sophomore registration, 2:00-4:00 p.m.  
Monday, September 10: Junior registration, 9:30-11:30 a.m. — Senior registration, 2:00-4:00 p.m. — Opening service in Chapel-Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

### Michigan Lutheran Seminary Saginaw, Michigan

Sunday, August 26: Registration of new students, 1:00-5:00 p.m. — Testing of new students, 7:00-9:00 p.m. — Registration of returning students, 7:00-9:00 p.m.  
Monday, August 27: Registration of returning students, 9:00-11:00 a.m. — Testing of new students, 8:00-11:30 a.m. and 7:00-8:30 p.m. — Opening service at 1:30 p.m.

### Northwestern Lutheran Academy Mobridge, South Dakota

Wednesday, August 22: Dormitories open.  
Thursday, August 23: Registration, 1:00-4:00 p.m. and 7:00-9:00 p.m.  
Friday, August 24: Registration, 9:00-12:00 a.m. and 3:00-5:00 p.m. — Opening service, 1:30 p.m.

### Martin Luther Academy New Ulm, Minnesota

Tuesday, September 4: Registration of all students.  
Wednesday, September 5: Opening service at 8:30 a.m.

## ORDINATIONS AND INSTALLATIONS

(Authorized by the District Presidents)

### Ordained and Installed

#### Pastors:

**Ahlborn, Marvin J.**, as pastor of Grace Lutheran, Muskegon, Michigan, on June 10, 1973, by D. Krause (Mich.).  
**Erstad, Duane H.**, as pastor of Divine Charity, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on July 8, 1973, by J. Brug (Mich.).  
**Gruen, Darald A.**, as assistant pastor of St. Peter's Lutheran, Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, on June 24, 1973, by T. Baganz (N. Wis.).  
**Heiderich, Paul G.**, as pastor of St. Paul's, McIntosh, South Dakota, of Bethlehem, Watanga, South Dakota, of St. John's, Paradise, North Dakota, and of Christ Ev. Lutheran, Morristown, South Dakota, on July 1, 1973, by A. Geiger (Dak.-Mont.).  
**Hintz, Gerald C.**, as pastor of St. Paul's, Town Dallas, and of St. Paul's, Town Prairie Farm, Ridgeland, Wisconsin, on July 8, 1973, by L. Holz (W. Wis.).  
**Kaminski, LeRoy L.**, as pastor of Redeemer, St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin, on July 1, 1973, by E. Penk (Minn.).  
**Luetke, Daniel P.**, as pastor of St. John's, Whitewater, Wisconsin, on July 8, 1973, by D. Bitter (W. Wis.).  
**Martin, John E., II**, as pastor of Martin Luther Ev. Lutheran Church, Forest Lake, Minnesota, on July 1, 1973 by W. Wiedenmeyer (Minn.).  
**Naumann, Peter J.**, as pastor of Petra Ev. Lutheran, St. Cloud, Minnesota, on July 1, 1973, by O. J. Naumann (Minn.).  
**Plitzuweit, James A.**, as pastor of Christ Ev. Lutheran, Grand Island Nebraska, on July 1, 1973, by J. Plitzuweit (Nebr.).  
**Prahl, Herbert H.**, as pastor of St. Mark, Eau Claire, Wisconsin on July 8, 1973, by L. Lindloff (W. Wis.).  
**Willitz, John D.**, as pastor of St. Matthew's and St. John's Lutheran Churches, Spring Valley, Wisconsin, on July 1, 1973, by A. Ruddat (Minn.).  
**Zeitler, John C.**, as pastor of Cross of Christ, Coon Rapids, Minnesota, on July 8, 1973, by W. Dorn (Minn.).

### Installed

#### Pastors:

**Chworowsky, John F.**, commissioned as Friendly Counselor for Southeast Asian Missions, at St. Mark's, Watertown, Wisconsin, on June 10, 1973, by M. Schroeder (W. Wis.).

**Kempf, Dennis E.**, as pastor of St. Paul's, Bloomer, Wisconsin, on June 24, 1973, by E. Prenzlou, Sr. (W. Wis.).  
**Lenz, Manfred J.**, as pastor of Prince of Peace, Thousand Oaks, California, on June 24, 1973, by I. Frey (Ariz.-Calif.).  
**Lothert, Le Roy H.**, as pastor of Peace, Owensville, Missouri, and missionary to Columbia, Missouri, on July 8, 1973, by J. Erhart (Minn.).  
**Ruege, John A.**, as pastor of St. Luke's Lutheran, Oakfield, Wisconsin, on June 17, 1973, by K. Gawrisch (N. Wis.).  
**Tabor, William D.**, as pastor of Salem Lutheran, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on June 17, 1973, by W. Fischer (SEW).  
**Werre, Alvin G.**, as pastor of Peace and St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Churches, Cataract, Wisconsin, on July 1, 1973, by E. Lehmann (W. Wis.).

#### Teachers:

**Pahnke, Kenneth**, as Minister of Education at St. Paul's, Menomonie, Wisconsin, on July 1, 1973, by L. Zessin (W. Wis.).  
**Petermann, James**, as teacher at St. John's Lutheran Church, Fox Lake, Wisconsin, on June 24, 1973, by F. Mutterer (W. Wis.).

## CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES

### Minnesota

#### Red Wing Delegate Conference

**Date:** August 21, 1973.  
**Place:** Trinity, Dexter Township, Austin, Minn.  
**Preacher:** L. Cross (alternate: M. Doelger).  
**Agenda:** Discussion of work accomplished at the Synod Convention.  
F. Mueller, Secretary

## TIME AND PLACE

### CHEYENNE, WYOMING (New Location)

Good Shepherd Ev. Lutheran Church, a mission congregation, is presently holding services in the Frontier Hotel, 1901 Central Ave., Cheyenne, Wyoming. Bible class and Sunday school: 9:15 a.m.; worship services: 10:30 a.m. Please send contact information to Pastor Philip Schwerin, 2523 Chestnut De., Cheyenne, Wyo., 82001 (307-635-2257).

### 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. Darvin 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.

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