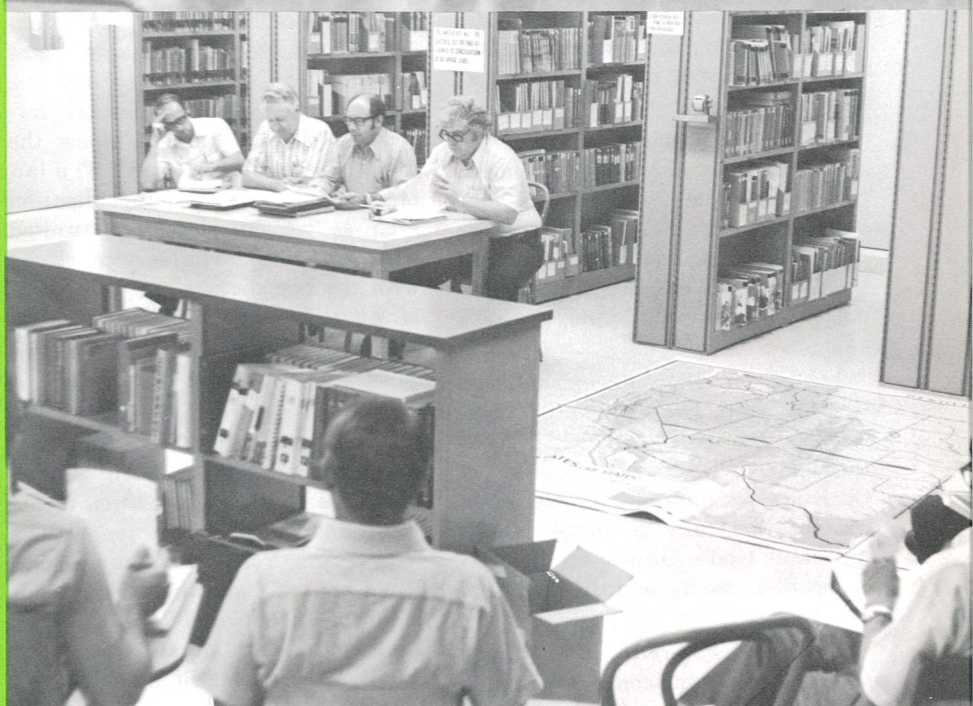


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Briefs by the Editor



Dr. Martin Luther College, our Synod's teacher education school at New Ulm, Minnesota, had a busy summer. There were summer school classes and workshops, as reported in this issue. Summer school was followed in August by the 42nd Biennial Convention of our Wisconsin Evangelical Synod. The next issue, God willing, will be devoted to a detailed report on this convention. But perhaps a preview may be in place at this time.

The New Ulm convention may be spoken of as an old-fashioned church convention. The Word of God predominated and the old values were not set aside. In fact, not even questioned. In this we would be remiss not to recognize the hand of God's grace.

Theme of the convention was "Teach Them Diligently." The convention therefore concerned itself throughout with the responsibility of Christian parents and the Christian congregation fully to impart God's Law and God's Gospel to the next generation, to its mature members, and to our fellow men.

The opening service at St. Paul's set the tone for the convention. It began with the singing of "Come Holy Ghost, God and Lord!" — written by Dr. Martin Luther in 1524. The Scripture lesson was Psalm 78:1-7, the education Psalm of the Old Testament. It tells us that we are to teach them diligently so "that they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep His Commandments." For our Confession of Faith we used the words of the Nicene Creed, the Creed in which the Early Church warded off error in the fourth century. Prof. Martin Albrecht's sermon on the convention theme applied the words of Moses in Deuteronomy 6:4-9 to our present situation. Written shortly before the

entrance of Israel into the Promised Land, the words were just as applicable today as then.

The post-sermon hymn brought to our attention the concerns of Clement of Alexandria of 200 A.D.: "Shepherd of tender youth, We come Thy name to sing And here our children bring To join Thy praise." After confession and absolution the delegates came to the altar to receive the Lord's body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and "to show the Lord's death till He come." The latter reminded us of our obligation even as we ourselves were united with our Lord. The service closed with the benediction and the words of an unknown Christian of 1400 A.D.: "O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee."

Strengthened by instruction from the Word, the convention at all times continued to voice its deep concern about the Christian education of the youth and the sharing of its message with others. Yes, it was an old-fashioned church convention. But it applied the unchanging Word of God to itself and to the situation in which our Synod finds itself in 1973.

Convention sessions naturally were conducted in English exclusively. Long gone are the days German was the mother-tongue of the pastors, teachers, and delegates attending Wisconsin Synod conventions. You see mighty little of it even in *The Northwestern Lutheran*. The time, however, has come that you and I will hear more Spanish. That follows from the fact that the three-man team for South America was commissioned at the convention, to add its efforts to the work done in Spanish in Arizona, Texas, Puerto Rico, and Mexico. This, too, is part of the convention theme: "Teach Them Diligently."

*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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THE COVER

Three scenes of the DMLC Summer School workshops. The first pictures the Workshop on School Administration, with Mr. James Raabe speaking. The second was taken during a panel discussion at the same workshop. The third shows Mr. Don Reinhart addressing the Workshop on the Education of the Mentally Retarded. Detailed information will be found on page 288.

THE NORTHWESTERN LUTHERAN

Editorials

Spiritual Vacuum The human spirit cannot remain a vacuum. If it is not filled with truth, it will be filled with superstition. Man, children included, will inevitably adopt a philosophy or a religion of some kind, be it formal or informal.

The result in our day, with its widespread rejection of the divine truths of Holy Scripture, is the emergence or re-emergence of a host of sects, cults, isms, philosophies, and forms of religion — all rushing in to fill the spiritual void. A recent United Press article states that “with hippies nearly extinct and radicals fading on the campus, vast numbers of middle-class youths are turning in their search for a changed world to a new spiritualism.”

Gurus, dervishes, roshis, and swamis are lecturing to American youth. Ancient eastern religions, such as Buddhism, are being embraced by a significant number of empty souls in this country. Yoga is being practiced by increasing numbers of people for purposes other than limbering up. Clairvoyants and witches have achieved respectability in many quarters of late. Even atheism, which is quite generally looked upon as a nonreligion, does not leave the individual empty but fills its professed subscribers with activism and militancy.

Jesus, in Matthew 11, explained how it works. The unclean spirit, driven out of a man, returns to find his former abode empty, swept, and garnished. He then returns with seven other spirits more wicked than himself to occupy the vacancy.

The human spirit must be filled with something. Obviously it should be filled with truth. Jesus identified the truth in His prayer to God the Father when He declared, “Thy Word is truth.” Ignore that Word, or simply neglect it, and you become a tailor-made vacuum for strong delusion.

Immanuel Frey

Congregations Are Brethren It is hard for all of us to learn that we do not live alone, even though we are Christians. We have and enjoy the glorious liberty of the children of God; hence we need to be reminded time and again that the way we live and act, what we eat and drink, and how we work and play affects the moral and spiritual well-being of others, Christian and non-Christian alike. “It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor anything whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak” (Rom. 14:21). “Giving no offence in anything, that the ministry be not blamed” (II Cor. 6:3).

The same principle applies to Christian congregations. Like the individual Christian, a Christian congregation also has considerable freedom to conduct its affairs. It sets its own time of services, conducts additional services on Monday night or Thursday night if it pleases. It determines the salary of its pastor and teachers. Its program of Christian education may be as broad as the Christian day school and high school, as limited as the Sunday school, vacation Bible school, and confirmation class. It erects its

house of worship to suit its taste and its purse.

Absolute freedom it does not have, as no individual Christian has absolute freedom. The will of God and Christian expediency will move the individual Christian and the congregation to refrain from demanding all their rights.

In keeping with this principle of loving concern for others, a Christian congregation will be regardful of neighbor congregations when it considers introducing mod liturgies, for example, or employing sectarian educational materials, resorting to commercialism to promote the kingdom of God, taking a self-centered approach to contributing for the work of the church at large.

It will not even consider participating in local heterodox church association activities, or following the community's loose burial practices, or abolishing restrictions on suffrage, for example, knowing both God's will in these matters and the offense and distress its action will cause for its neighbor congregations.

Our congregations do not live alone. They are members of a Christian brotherhood. Members of a Christian brotherhood are Christian brethren.

Carleton Toppe

SYNODICAL RESOLUTIONS

Synodical resolutions always have to do with the work of Christians. Christian works, we all are agreed, are never done under compulsion. Love is the motive; and love is free and always must remain free. Nevertheless, while love must remain free and unbound by any constraint from without, it can and does bind itself.

Love binds itself in our congregational life. Joining a congregation is a free act of faith and love. This free act, however, immediately involves the promise that one will serve God and build His kingdom together with the other members of the congregation.

Were it not for this love that is willing to assume definite obligations, congregational life would be impossible, and no group of Christians could undertake to call servants of the Word or to erect church and school buildings.

And that is the love we need in our synodical life. When congregations or individuals unite with a synod, they do this by their own free decision, in faith and love. And their love constrains them to work with the brethren in the cause of the Lord.

Here, too, love has freely bound itself to perform a certain duty and to assume definite obligations. The resolutions jointly adopted with the brethren are a solemn promise to God and a pledge to the co-workers in his cause. A congregation filled with this love will face its duty cheerfully and perform it.

Without such love our work cannot prosper. If we so keep faith with each other, in love fulfilling the promises we make each other in the resolutions of our synod, the task that now often seems almost too burdensome will speedily be found to be a light and pleasant task that we can perform with joy and thanksgiving.

Adapted from an editorial of the September, 1925 issue of
THE NORTHWESTERN LUTHERAN.



Studies in God's Word

Rather That Ye May Prophesy

Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy. For he that speaketh in an (unknown) tongue speaketh not unto men but unto God; for no man understandeth him, howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries. But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification and exhortation and comfort. He that speaketh in an (unknown) tongue edifieth himself, but he that prophesieth edifieth the church. I would that ye all spoke with tongues, but rather that ye prophesied; for greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues, except he interpret, that the church may receive edifying. Now, brethren, if I come unto you speaking with tongues, what shall I profit you except I shall speak to you either by revelation or by knowledge or by prophesying or by doctrine? (I Corinthians 14:1-6).

How do you weigh the relative worth of Spirit-given powers (*pneumatika*)? Paul had already indicated to the Corinthians the relative value of the variety of spiritual gifts by listing them in order of preference (chapter 12). In that connection he had hinted at a reason for the order of preference by expounding the fundamental oneness and organic nature of the body of Christ. Some functions within the body benefit the whole body more than others. Besides, all functions of the body of Christ are distributed to the various members by the Holy Spirit as He will, and they are governed by Him.

Another factor in assessing the relative value of Spirit-given powers

is Christian love. Paul had pointed this out to the Corinthians in chapter 13. Love shows the "more excellent way" in which the Spirit's gifts are to be sought and the way in which they are to be employed.

Prophesying Preferred

At the very outset of chapter 14 Paul reminded the Corinthians of his previous discussion: "Follow after charity (Christian love), and desire spiritual gifts." With the foundation carefully laid he proceeded: "but rather that ye may prophesy."

Why the preference for prophesying? He gives several reasons in the section before us. A "prophet" (literally, "forthteller") is a spokesman for God. He "speaketh unto men" — so that they hear and understand the message. He speaks words to build up men in the faith (edification). He speaks words to stimulate in men their Christian will and duty ("exhortation"). He speaks words to strengthen the Christian spirit in the face of sorrow or fear ("comfort"). Thus he builds up the assembled body ("the church") by means of intelligible speech.

Tongues Good, But —

What about "tongues"? Tongue-speaking was a good gift; it too was Spirit-given. The speaker in a tongue spoke to God, in his own spirit speaking "mysteries," secrets of God. The truth, however, remained concealed because no one understood what was spoken. The speaker's "tongue" was unintelligible and therefore did not edify, exhort, or comfort others, although it did edify the speaker in some way. (By the way, the word

"unknown" was added by the translators of the KJV.)

If the speaker could interpret his "tongue," that was another matter. Then others could understand. In this, then, it could measure up to prophesying. But it took *two* gifts to add up to the one gift of prophesying.

Paul offered a concrete example of the principle. If he would come to them speaking in tongues, how would they receive what they sorely needed? They needed to gain more knowledge by what he could reveal to them as an Apostle. They needed to be further indoctrinated by what he could say to them as a spokesman for God. "Tongues" simply could not fill the need.

Need for Spiritual Growth

The Corinthians needed instruction. In their spiritual immaturity they had been carried away by the mysteriousness associated with speaking in tongues. Lacking a measure of Christian love, they pursued the personal prestige that came through tongue-speaking. They gave to this gift an importance out of keeping with its God-given function.

Has human nature changed down through the years? What about those Christians who are romantically attracted to "impressive ceremonies," "sublime symbolism," and "pompous pageantry" in religion? How much value is there in the mysterious liturgical devices of a man, "except he interpret"? Would more be achieved for edification through plain words of divine wisdom?

How many Christians seek the praise of others through the showy aspects of Christian service? How often has the "grace of giving," for instance, been used to gain personal prestige? Is not spiritual pride a resistant strain of infection in us all? Do we not need as much "prophesying" as Corinth?

Paul E. Nitz

A Parish Pastor's Perspective

"Adult Converts — A Modern Miracle"

Jim and Mary were a typical couple. They lived in a pleasant suburb. Their home was not new, but new enough so that its value was recognized. They had three, beautiful, small children. Everything seemed to be going well. They were on their way up.

But a nagging uneasiness kept bugging Jim. At work he used a lot of course, dirty language. For years, all through high school and college, he had done the same, and it never seemed to bother him. Now there were times when it made him feel small to think about it. He tried to watch his language around his wife and children, but every once in awhile he couldn't help it — it was such a habit. He really felt like a terrible example for the little ones. He knew he should break the habit, but he wasn't at all sure he could. So many of his friends were the same way. Taking God's name in vain, dirty jokes, vulgar talk — it all came so easily.

Jim's wife, Mary, was having some private thoughts, too. She looked at her two smallest children as they were taking their naps. They looked so sweet — how could she have lost her temper with them yesterday and shouted at them? She had acted as immature as they! She thought about the trouble in the neighborhood, when several area youths had gotten high on pot and beaten up an old man. "What will keep my children from being like that?" she wondered. She desperately hoped they would grow up well, but she honestly could see no particular qualities in herself which made her a better mother than the others. Where would the strength come from?

Not long after that Jim and Mary, driving to the store, saw a sign which read: "Peace Lutheran Christian Day School." In one of those uncanny quirks that happens so often to mar-

ried people, they just knew they were both thinking the same thing. Before long their oldest child was enrolled in the first grade in the Lutheran day school.

Jim and Mary were very pleased with the results. Their child came home bubbling with stories about Jesus, with memorized prayers and songs. And he was learning all the subjects other first-graders learned, too!

In October, the pastor of Peace Lutheran Church called for an appointment to see them in their home. They would never have been very receptive to him before, because both of them had harbored a rather negative attitude toward organized religion. Now they found themselves looking forward to his visit.

The pastor was friendly and pleasant to have as a guest. After a nice conversation in which they got acquainted, he spoke to them of Christ. He pointed out that no one can have eternal life by earning it, because all are sinners. But through the death of Christ on the cross the debt of all people's sins has been removed. They who believe in Jesus, God's Son, are assured of their salvation.

Jim and Mary listened quietly. They were not so convinced that they wanted to become "Jesus freaks," but there was something about the visit that gave them an inner warmth. They wanted to hear more. When the pastor invited them to attend his Pastor's Information Class, they found themselves agreeing. They did it partly to find out more about what their children would be learning in the school, and partly to find answers for themselves.

When the time for the first class came, they thought about not going; but they went. Frankly, the first class seemed a little dull. But they kept at it. Week after week it got easier. Soon

they were doing their home assignments without reluctance and were enjoying the classes. Many of their questions and misgivings were being answered even before they got around to voicing them. Their uneasiness and helpless feeling faded away.

In the classes they learned why. They were learning God's Word in the Bible. God had promised: "My Word will not return to Me void." They learned that their uneasiness was guilt over their sins, and that all their hard work and social consciousness were not making it go away. When they found Christ, He made their uneasiness dissolve. He made their empty, earth-centered lives full with His love and His commission to follow Him. As each week passed they learned what the Apostle Paul meant when he said, "The Gospel is the power of God unto salvation to everyone who believes" (God's dynamite, the pastor had called it).

Jim and Mary came to love Christ and His Church. The whole family was baptized. They joined the congregation. And they, more than anyone else, knew that a modern-day miracle had taken place, a miracle that changed their hearts. So much of their past had been geared against Christ. So many of their ideas were contradictory to His. So long had they looked askance at the Church and its people. Who would have guessed it? A miracle alone could work such a change, and a miracle it was!

Thomas B. Franzmann

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS DEAN OF STUDENTS — MLA

Professor Milton Burk, Dean of Students at Martin Luther Academy, has accepted a call extended to him by Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Yucaipa, California. The Board of Control of Martin Luther Academy, New Ulm, Minnesota, therefore requests the members of the Synod to submit names of pastors in nomination for the office of Dean of Students. His responsibilities will be to serve as dean and spiritual adviser to all Academy students and such classroom assignment as will be mutually agreeable.

Nominations and all pertinent information should be in the hands of the undersigned by September 17, 1973.

Paul Fritze, Secretary
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Putting on the finishing touches.

Puerto Rico

them were bilingual; the majority were Spanish-speaking. The dedicatory sermon, presenting God's solemn verdict from Isaiah 64:6 and His gracious invitation from Matthew 11:28, was delivered by Missionary Roger Sprain. With the same Good Seed, Missionary Sprain had come to sow in this field in 1968. Lay members of the congregation, Luis Pagan and Andres Diaz, read special Scrip-

La Iglesia Luterana Cristiana de Barrancas

Dedication Joy.



The morning haze hung over the distant mountains. Looking across the acres of sugar cane rustling in the breeze, the old white-domed Roman Catholic church caught the eye and marked the center of the city nestled against the foothills. Since the days of Christopher Columbus, Catholic doctrine has had a prominent part in the lives of this island people. Protestantism and Lutheranism came to the Caribbean in the 1800s, but as late as five years ago there was no Lutheran church in this area, south-eastern Puerto Rico.

Today as we stand in Barrio Barrancas with the above-mentioned

panorama at our back we see a new church, not domed, but flat-roofed, no higher than the surrounding concrete and wooden houses of the people who built it. It belongs to La Iglesia Luterana Cristiana de Barrancas. The members added the name "Cristiana" (Christian) to their name because for many people the word "Luterana" (Lutheran) still means nothing. This new chapel, the only one in Barrancas, was dedicated to the glory of the Triune God on Sunday, June 3, 1973.

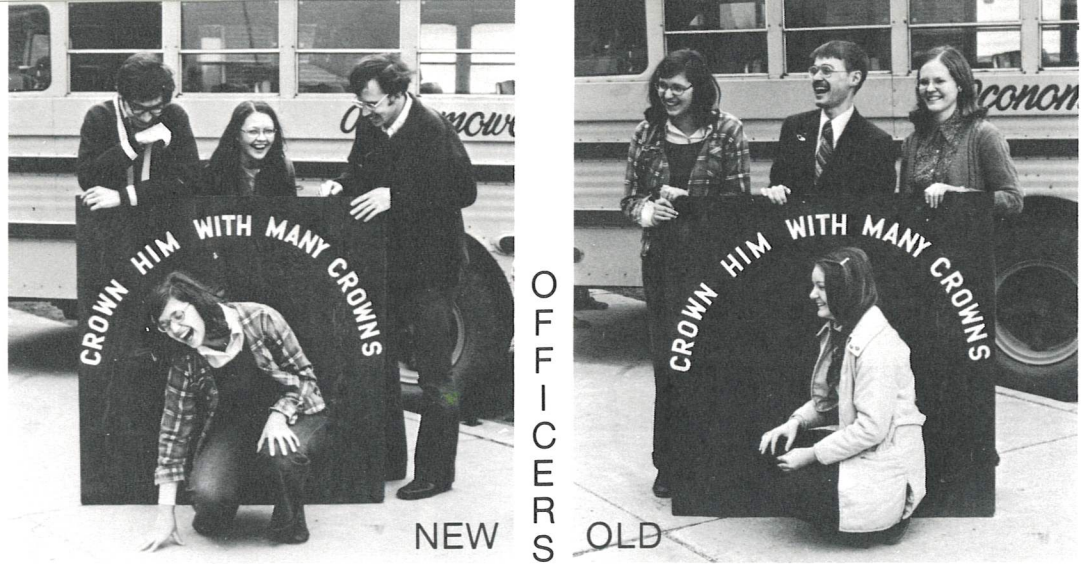
People came that day from San Juan, Yaurel, Las Mareas, Guayama, next door, and far away. A few of

ture selections in the service. The undersigned served as liturgist. Due to an intra-office "short-circuit" at the electric company, electric power was not available for the portable organ, but after five years of a capella singing no one missed the accompaniment.

The new building of re-enforced concrete and block is built on a small lot leased from the government. Indoor plumbing and a small storage room flank either side of the chancel. A red-velvet dossal curtain serves as background for the plywood altar. The black wall cross, pulpit-lectern, and the Communion rail are of wrought iron. Metal folding chairs will seat about 100. Miami windows admit light and the gentle sea-breeze air-conditioning. Waiting for a place on the roof to call the people to worship is an old locomotive bell donated by the members of Grace Lutheran Church, Glendale, Arizona.

The total cost of the building was under \$6,000, half that amount on loan from the CEF of Puerto Rico. Borrowed or donated tools, hand-mixed cement and homemade blocks along with individual gifts by friends both local and stateside helped to make this church a reality. "O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endureth forever. For except the Lord build the house they labor in vain that build it."

Missioner Ralph Martens



Newly elected: Sherie Heins (front), treasurer; Rick Haase, president; Millie Thomsen, secretary; Ken Johnson, vice-president. Old officers: Pam Martin (front), secretary; Sherie Heins, treasurer; Kenneth Jahnke, president; Linda Greve, vice-president.

Lutheran Collegians - 1973 Convention

"Crown Him with Many Crowns," was the theme of the 9th Annual Lutheran Collegians Convention which met at Mankato, Minnesota, April 6-8, 1973. Seventeen chapters were represented by 34 delegates. Total registered attendance was 274. Facilities obtained by the host chapter from Mankato State College included housing at Gage Center and the use of the Centennial Student Union.

The convention got underway Friday afternoon with committee meetings. For those not involved in committees, Pastor Douglas Engelbrecht led a stimulating discussion on the religious film "The Antkeeper." A slide program on archaeology in the Holy Land was given by Mark Harstad, a student at the ELS Seminary, and another slide presentation concerning Lutheran Collegian summer projects was presented by Glen Thompson, a student at the WELS Seminary. The evening meal on Friday featured a power failure, candles, and singing. Temporary facilities were obtained in a nearby building.

At the new location, the convention opened formally with vespers led by Pastor Daniel Pautz of the Special Ministries Board. Dr. Tom Kuster delivered the message on "A Coronation Fit for a King of Kings." At the business meeting numerous reports were presented and discussed in detail. It became quite evident that Lutheran Collegians had during the past year engaged in many projects to help spread the Gospel.

On Saturday morning, the business meeting resumed with a devotion led by Pastor Martin Birkholz, Spiritual Advisor for Lutheran Collegians. Twenty-three resolutions were acted on during the course of the day. At 1:45 P.M. a Bible discussion was held on the Doctrine of Justification, the ultimate crown. The lecturer was Dr. Siegbert Becker of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. He made clear that God in Christ declares (not makes!) man righteous, and then demonstrated how this doctrine works in our daily lives. The assembly divided into small discussion groups, after which an opportunity was provided to discuss further questions with Dr. Becker. At

4:30 the business meeting resumed to deal with unfinished business. Adjournment was at 5:30.

The highlight of the convention was the Saturday evening festivity. At the banquet, Pastor F. Fallen inspired us with a message entitled "Seven Crowns," and also proved himself to be quite an entertainer. The evening included brief skits by the chapters, a carnival, and a hootenany. A meditation led by Tom Horton brought the evening to a close.

Sunday morning Lutheran Collegians gathered for divine services with Holy Communion at St. Mark's Ev. Lutheran Church, with Pastor Birkholtz as liturgist. Pastor Kurt Koeplin's address was entitled "Follow the Leader." The new officers were installed in this service. They are: Rick Haase, Kalamazoo, president; Ken Johnson, Milwaukee, vice-president; Millie Thomsen, Mankato, secretary; Sherie Heins, Madison, treasurer; Mr. Robert Becker, Mankato, faculty advisor; and Pastor Wayne Schmidt, Madison, spiritual advisor. The Ladies Aid of St. Mark's provided a light breakfast. Next year's convention will be held in Milwaukee. Its theme will be "Jesus Lives."

In case you've been wanting to ask, Lutheran Collegians is an organized phase of the WELS campus ministry under the jurisdiction of the Special Ministries Board, which defines our realm of activity and service. Activities for students include branch meetings, a Christmas seminar, publication of tracts, and encouragement of retreats. Lutheran Collegians offers volunteers for vacation Bible school programs requesting our assistance. It also supports a volunteer at the Apache Mission in Arizona and one preparing to go to the ELS mission in Peru. Please consider joining Lutheran Collegians on campus, if you are a student. Or help organize a branch at your particular college or university. Lutheran Collegians assists in keeping the student's life on campus Christ-centered.

Millie Thomsen and Ken Jahnke, Reporters

Magnolia Lane and MacArthur Drive

Elegant names, aren't they!



Magnolia Lane is the street on which District Missionary A. L. Schmeling lives. The number is 2203. The city Alexandria, Louisiana (71301). The above gathering at the parsonage welcomed the summer vicar, Student Timothy Meier. In addition to serving King of Kings Lutheran Church in Alexandria, Pastor Schmeling also serves Barksdale Air Force Base, England Air Base, and Fort Polk. The missionary asks that the names of all those moving into this area (including military personnel) be sent him promptly. You may even call him direct. His phone is (318) 448-1147. Also be sure to inform: WELS Soul Conservation, 10729 Worden, Detroit, Michigan 48224; and: Military Services Committee, 3512 W. North Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53208.

MacArthur Drive (at Jackson Street in Alexandria) is the location of the Rapids Bank & Trust Co. Building. The bank has graciously made its community room available to King of Kings Lutheran Church, which has been conducting exploratory services there since December 3, 1972. Attendance at Sunday services has been averaging 25, with a high of 39. There have been visitors from all over the United States, from Germany, Iceland, and even Thailand. The nearest WELS congregations in Louisiana are Crown of Life at New Orleans (see *The Northwestern Lutheran* of August 12, 1973) and Trinity of Abita Springs (see the issue of July 30, 1972). Both of these are well over 200 miles from Alexandria. The next nearest is Austin, Texas, 300 miles distant.

MISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXPLORATORY SERVICES

LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

Sunday services at Louisville, Kentucky, are being conducted at 10:00 a.m. at the Jefferson County Farm Bureau Insurance Building, 701 Locust Lane. For information contact: Pastor John Raabe, 1080 Alfred Street, Brookfield, WI 53005 (Phone: 414-782-5852). In Louisville call (502) 944-1314.

CAMP GIRARDEAU, MISSOURI

Worship services are being held each Sunday evening at 7:30, with Sunday school and Bible class at 6:30. The place of worship is 421A Broadway, Cape Girardeau. Please send names to: Pastor Roger Zehms, 5142 Red Cedar Ct., St. Louis, Missouri 63128.

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.

COLUMBIA, MISSOURI

WELS exploratory services are being conducted at the Holiday Inn East, junction of I-70 and Providence Rd., Columbia, Missouri. Worship services are at 8:30 a.m. and Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. Please send names of prospects to: Pastor LeRoy H. Lothert, 2816 Leeway Dr., Apt. 2, Columbia, MO 65201 (Phone: 314-474-2168).

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

TIME AND PLACE

WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA

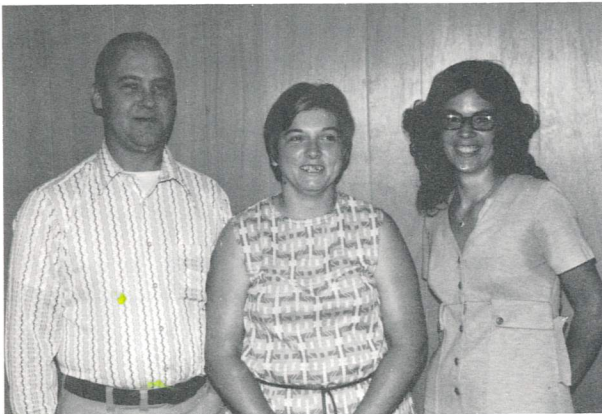
Redemption Ev. Lutheran Church, the WELS mission in the West Palm Beach, Florida, area, is now meeting in the Mizell-Faville-Zern Funeral Chapel, 4101 Parker Avenue, West Palm Beach, Florida. Worship services are held on Sunday mornings at 8:30 during July and August, and thereafter at 10:00 a.m., with 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



"And they brought young children to Jesus, and He blessed them." These children, all members of one family, were baptized on Easter Sunday. There have been nine baptisms since last December.



This is Jamie. She is 23 months old. Her mother belonged to the Disciples of Christ, but is now taking instructions. Though Baptists predominate in this area, there are also very many unchurched.



The first adult confirmands at King of Kings were Mr. and Mrs. David Bowen, formerly Baptists, and Mrs. Neese, formerly a Roman Catholic. Another adult class is now underway. — Lutherans represent only one per cent of the population. In Dixieland the name is often confused with Martin Luther King.

The Lord has opened a tremendous door for our church in the Southland. There is much work to be done. You can help. Remember your missionaries and their work in your prayers. Give generously.

A Fine Example!

And then there is this suggestion for a real change of pace. If you are planning to spend winter in the south, consider Alexandria or one of the other southern cities where our Synod has begun missions. Last winter a Minnesota couple spent their vacation here and devoted one day a week to canvassing. They were an immense help in getting the exploratory services underway in Alexandria. We have heard of others who have done the same. Perhaps you too could help build a church while enjoying a vacation. Think about it! Help make Magnolia Lane and MacArthur Drive more than just elegant names.

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.

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.

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

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.

CHEYENNE, WYOMING

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).

MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

The Memphis Mission is now meeting in the Parkway Village Athletic Club, 5111 Bryndale Ave., Memphis, just off Knight-Arnold Road. A

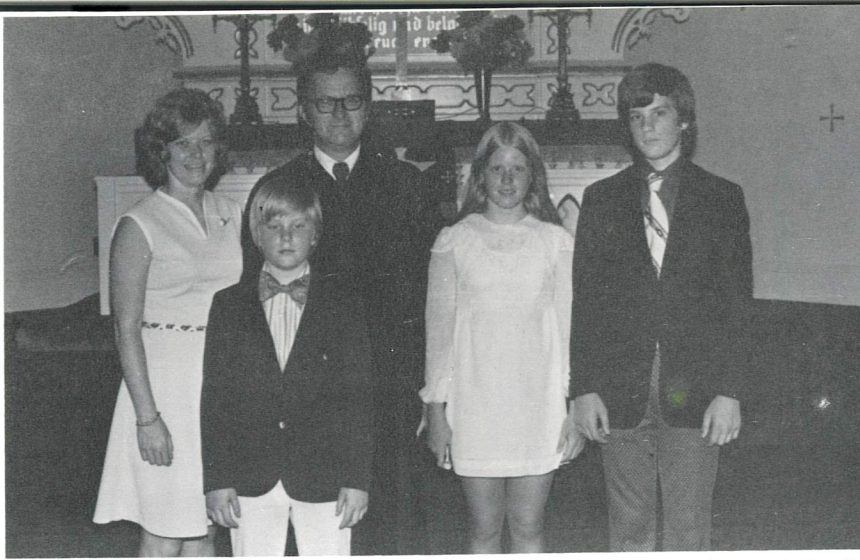
map with directions to the place of worship can be secured from Mr. Roger Prigge, 3354 Willow Wyck Dr. W, Memphis, TN. 38118, or by calling 365-4596.

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

Crown of Life Lutheran Church now conducts services in its just-completed chapel-parsonage at Weaver Rd. and Rockton Circle (I-10 Read Rd exit north 2 blks to Rockton). Family worship at 10:30 A.M. Send contact information to Pastor D. Weiser, 9781 Rockton Circle W., New Orleans, LA 70127. (504) 242-3442.

OFFER-LIGHT FIXTURES

Trinity Lutheran Church of Coleman, Wisconsin, has available 8 church light fixtures with chains attached. These are offered to any mission congregation for the asking. For information kindly contact: Rev. W. F. Zink, Box 228, Coleman, Wis. 54112.



Pastor and Mrs. John Chworowsky and family.

Friendly Counselor — Southeast Asia

Pastor John F. Chworowsky, his wife Johanna, and children, Peter, Elizabeth and Andrew, are presently getting acquainted with their new calling in the Southeast Asian mission fields. There Pastor Chworowsky will serve as the Friendly Counselor, guiding and directing the missions in Hong Kong, Taiwan, Indonesia, and India.

Residing in Hong Kong, he will make periodic trips to the other three

mission fields in order to keep in contact with the national pastors and evangelists working there. This method of supervising the various fields was chosen because countries such as India no longer are willing to grant resident visas to expatriate missionaries. Furthermore, with our small beginnings outside Hong Kong, it would be unrealistic to place resident counselors in all areas. God willing, a roving counselor can at this time

meet our needs for guiding these young missions in Southeast Asia.

Pastor J. F. Chworowsky was commissioned as Friendly Counselor on June 10, 1973, at St. Mark's Ev. Lutheran Church, Watertown, Wisconsin, where the Chworowskys held membership. He was commissioned by Pastor Marlyn A. Schroeder, chairman of the Executive Committee for the Southeast Asian Missions. Prof. I. Habeck of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary preached the sermon. Members of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society of St. Mark's Congregation provided a luncheon after the service.

Before accepting the call as Friendly Counselor, Pastor Chworowsky served congregations in Mason City, Iowa, and Caledonia, Wisconsin. He also taught at Wisconsin Lutheran High School in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, and, since 1969, served as Dean of Men at Northwestern College, Watertown.

The prayers of the Synod accompany the Chworowsky family in their new responsibilities, serving the Lord in distant lands.

Marlyn A. Schroeder

Direct from the Districts

Northern Wisconsin

25 years in Teaching Ministry

On June 3, 1973, the members of First German Lutheran Church, Manitowoc, Wisconsin, took note of the 25th anniversary in the teaching ministry of Mr. Walter Sievert, principal of their Christian day school. In a special service of thanksgiving, the congregation's pastor, N. Kock, spoke on the familiar words of John 21:5. At a fellowship gathering following the service the jubilarian was presented with a purse by the congregation.

Mr. Sievert has been teaching at First German ever since his graduation from Dr. Martin Luther College in 1948, first teaching grades six and seven. In 1958 he was called as prin-

cipal and teacher of the eighth grade. May God's blessings continue to rest on his ministry as he feeds the lambs of Christ at First German!

Southeastern Wisconsin

Fifty Years in the Lord's Service

In 1923, a teenage girl began as the regular organist for Trinity Ev. Lutheran Congregation in Caledonia.

Alma Berg is the kind of organist whose faith is reflected in her organ playing and by her service in the many organizations of the congregation: the Ladies' Aid, Choir, Dorcas Society, and Altar Guild. The Lord has truly repaid her for what she has given Him of her time, talents, and treasures. And through her talents



Organist Alma Berg.

the congregation she serves has been led to sing forth the praises of our God, who sent His Son to save us from eternal death.

Her pastor, the Rev. William Hein, informed us that on Sunday, Septem-

Subscribing to the Lutheran Confessions

Are They Outdated?

"The Lutheran Confessions and their condemnations were certainly necessary in the sixteenth century. The Christian world at that time was breaking out of its old ways. But we have come a long way in understanding since then. We know so much more about the Bible today. And we have learned to tolerate one another's teachings. After all, no one has an exclusive claim on the truth."

Speaking in this vein, many Lutherans today regard the Confessional writings as outdated. In so doing, they still claim to respect the Reformers' work and readily assign the Lutheran Confessions a place in the history of Christian teaching. But many are not willing to accept the articles of faith taught in the Confessions without reservation. They consider them no longer "relevant to today's situation."

Questions

Admittedly, the Confessional writings have their limitations. There are Christian truths presently under fire which the Confessions do not treat specifically. For, rightly understood, these writings do not have the same breadth as the Scriptures from which they are taken. But what about the articles of faith and doctrine that are taught? Are these also outdated or even negotiable today?

The question whether or not they were confessing God's timeless truths faced the Lutheran fathers already in the sixteenth century. They were deeply sensitive to the charge that they were innovators. To be an innovator meant then, as it does now, to invent new doctrines and hence to lose the right of being a true teacher of the church. The Reformers, there-

fore, consistently pointed out that their faith and confession was founded on the Scripture and centered in the Gospel. Only agreement with God's revelation, they were convinced, would preserve the Confessions from becoming an outmoded tradition.

Has time changed all that? Shall we in our day concede those Scriptural truths taught in the Confessions? Let us be more specific.

Are we to believe those who ignore or reject the doctrine that "since the fall of Adam all men who are born according to the course of nature are conceived and born in sin" (Augsburg Confession I) as a dated dogma, despite the record of Genesis? Is the teaching of Christ's death in our stead a trivial and old-fashioned doc-

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ber 9, 1973, the date of this issue of *The Northwestern Lutheran*, the members of Trinity Congregation will be having a guest organist, so that the congregation may show its appreciation to Alma Berg in both of the worship services. Later that day, at the congregation's annual rally and picnic, she will receive a monetary gift from the congregation and individual gifts from members.

The organist's mother, now almost 95 years of age, is still active, and comes to church every Sunday. She also has an uncle, a retired pastor in our Synod, who is nearing 100. God willing, Alma Berg will also continue to serve her Lord at Trinity Congregation for many years to come. To God be all praise and glory!

Congregation Merges Pastor Retires

When Saron Congregation of 2804 N. 29th Street, Milwaukee, merged with St. Paul's of N. 73rd and West

Burleigh, the long-time pastor of Saron Congregation, the Rev. Arthur C. Lengling, retired from the public ministry. On June 17, 1973, friends, relatives, and members of the merged congregation came together in special service to thank God for the mercies shown to Pastor Lengling during his almost 52 years in the ministry.

The service was held at St. Paul's Church. Pastor Carl Ziemer, who had assisted Pastor Lengling as vicar at Saron, preached the sermon for the occasion. James De Galley, pastor of the merged congregation, served as liturgist.

Pastor Lengling ministered to Saron Congregation from 1937 to April 15th of this year. Before that he served multiple parishes in Mercer-Winchester-Winegar and Doylestown-Fountain Prairie-Fall River, all in Wisconsin.

We pray that our gracious Lord may grant him joy and peace in his retirement years!

Western Wisconsin

25 Years in the Ministry

Members of St. John's Congregation, Sparta, Wisconsin, joined with relatives and friends on June 17, 1973, in giving thanks to God on the 25th anniversary of Pastor Herman Winkel's ordination and the 25th anniversary of Pastor and Mrs. Winkel's marriage. Morning services were conducted by Pastor R. Beckmann of Wabasha, Minnesota. Speaker for the 7:30 P.M. anniversary service was President C. Mischke of the Western Wisconsin District. His message was based on II Corinthians 3:5,6: "Our Ability Comes from God." Pastor M. Herrmann of Mauston served as liturgist. A reception followed.

Pastor Winkel came to St. John's Congregation in 1955. Before that he served congregations at South Shore and Goodwin, South Dakota. He is secretary of the Western Wisconsin District and visiting elder of the Southwestern Conference.

A Busy Summer at DMLC

Workshops

In addition to its regular courses, the Dr. Martin Luther College Summer School offered a number of workshops to give teachers an opportunity for in-service training and professional growth. Comments from those who participated indicate that these workshops met a real need.

Eight teachers from Wisconsin, California, Michigan, and Minnesota were enrolled in a mathematics workshop which developed instructional materials for the primary grades. The accompanying picture shows the materials constructed by each participant. Another workshop, the one for supervisors of student teachers, dealt with such items as the rôle of lesson planning, analyzing a student's teaching, evaluating his work, and conducting effective student-supervisor conferences. Various aspects of library work relating to small-school libraries were treated in depth in a workshop on library planning and development. Thirteen persons from four states participated.

The workshop on school administration had an enrollment of 24. Included in the group was a lay member of one of our congregations which

had recently opened a Christian day school. Represented were schools in Minnesota, Illinois, Wisconsin, California, Arizona, Nebraska, Washington, and Michigan.

The workshop on parish music was designed for persons active in a parish music program. The first week, attended by 17, gave special consideration to music in the school, both vocal and instrumental. Twenty-four participated during the second week which emphasized the work and role of the choir director and church organist.

Closing Service

The regular summer session closed with a worship service on Friday, July 20, 1973, conducted by Pastor L. Dobberstein of St. Paul's Lutheran in New Ulm, who based his sermon on Psalm 90. In the service Prof. A. J. Schulz, Vice-President of Academic Affairs, recommended the following for Synod certification: Deborah Eaton, Saginaw, Michigan; Dennis Gorsline, Roger Hermanson, and Allan Just, all of New Ulm; Craig Schwartz, Eau Claire, Wisconsin; and Hajna Tomcsanyi, Fresno, California. The degree of Bachelor of Science in Education was then con-

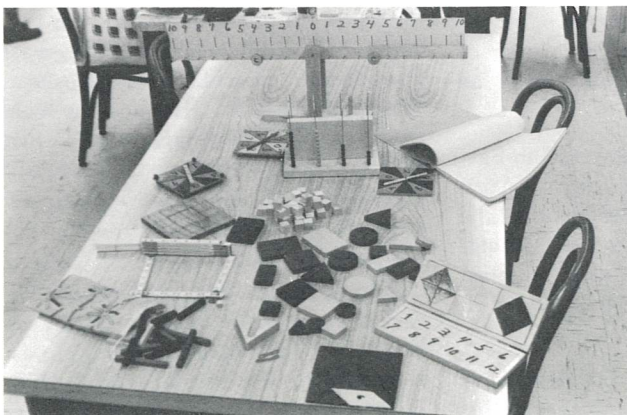
ferred on the following (their assignments are included): Marlys Hanke, Watertown, Wisconsin (assigned to Trinity School, Johnson, Minnesota); Timothy Rodenbeck, Yale, Michigan (to a school in the Western Wisconsin District); Gaylin Schmeling, Hutchinson, Minnesota (will continue his studies toward the preaching ministry); and Naomi Spaude, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin (to the East Fork Mission, East Fork, Arizona).

About 150 friends and relatives together with other students and faculty members attended the closing service.

Workshop on the Education of the Mentally Retarded

Who are the mentally retarded? What are their spiritual, educational, and physical needs? What have we done to provide for these needs? What must the Wisconsin Synod do in the future? These were some of the questions asked by participants in the summer workshop on the Education of the Mentally Retarded. Thirty-one parents, pastors, and teachers participated in the first week and 18 remained for the second week.

Consultants and resource personnel for the workshop included Mr. Don Reinhart, special education teacher in the New Ulm public schools and a member of St. Paul's there. The keynote address was given by Mr. Alfons Woldt, Executive Secretary for the Special Ministries Board. Mr. Eugene Schultz, school psychologist for the public schools at



Primary Materials for Mathematics



Vacation Bible School in Action

Waukesha, Wisconsin, and a member of Woodlawn, West Allis, was present for two days. Prof. Paul Eickmann of Northwestern College spoke on the topic: "Viewpoints of the Parents of a Retarded Child." Fifty persons attended this particular session.

The second week began with discussion about practical matters related to the establishment and operation of special religion classes for the retarded. These discussions were led by Mrs. Carol Voss, special education teacher for the Milwaukee public schools.

A special vacation Bible school for exceptional children was held every day for one hour and 15 minutes. The workshop participants were divided into four teaching teams. Each team worked with two children. Lessons and activities were planned to teach basic religious concepts, such as Jesus' love for His children. These activities were recorded on slides, 8mm movies, and video tapes for future study and use. Mr. Reinhart and Mrs. Voss consulted daily with the teaching teams. On Friday the children presented a closing service for their families.

Plans have been made to publish a newsletter. This will provide helpful information and encouragement for those who work with exceptional children of all ages. Another workshop is being planned for 1974.

INVITATION

First Annual Meeting Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Auxiliary

Women who are members of Wisconsin Synod congregations or of a congregation in fellowship with it are invited to the first annual Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Auxiliary meeting, October 6, 1973, at the Seminary in Mequon, Wisconsin. The meeting will begin with a service at 10:00 a.m., with registration during the preceding hour. A noon luncheon will be served in the Seminary dining room. The main order of business at the meeting will be the election of the first regular officers according to the constitution adopted at a constituting meeting on May 6, 1973. An informative program about the Seminary and its work, and a tour of the buildings will complete the day's activities by about 4:00 p.m.

Reservations should be made by September 15, 1973. These together with the \$3.00 fee for registration and the luncheon are to be sent to the secretary of the planning committee:

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In these filmstrips teens discuss some of the problems they face with their parents and families in the older teen years. You may think some of their ideas are immature or naive, but honesty should encourage a discussion of their feelings. The purpose of the filmstrips is to provide that discussion. They do not supply answers to the problems. Your guidance as to what the Bible says on these subjects is an expected follow-up. Produced by Family Filmstrips (1973).

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It's Good To Be Part Of A Family — FS-352-GPF

What teenagers think their parents owe them, what they think they owe their parents, what they can do to overcome the handicap of broken homes, and how the family helps them accept themselves as persons.

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In the early teens, young people begin to feel that many problems have to do with parents and families. These filmstrips explore some of these areas of concern. Your guidance about what the Bible says and how Christian faith is lived is a necessary follow-up to establish honest guidelines for young people.

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Representative teenagers discuss how to convince their parents they are growing up: showing parents you are dependable and responsible, helping with family chores, learning to handle and use money wisely, etc.

Learning To Live With Brothers And Sisters — FS-355-LBS

How teens feel about brothers and sisters, relationships with older and younger brothers and sisters, trying to develop communication and understanding.

Where Do I Fit In? — FS-356-WIF

The teen's role in the family, parents' responsibility to a teenager and his responsibility to parents, special problems of living in broken homes or in a family where there is a second marriage.

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trine of satisfaction, suitable only for a bloodthirsty God? And this, despite Scripture's clear testimony that Jesus Christ, our God and Lord, "was put to death for our trespasses and raised again for our justification" (Rom. 4:25).

Are we to confess that infant baptism has become a negotiable doctrine, since "former condemnations no longer apply"? And this, despite Christ's clear command, and His promise of grace to all for whom He died (Matt. 28:19). Shall we follow the framers of the Leuenberg Concord (recent common confession of Lutherans and Reformed in Europe) in avoiding the clear words of institution, "Take eat, this is My body . . .," when we state our confession regarding the Lord's Supper?

God's Answer

Whatever the historical limitations of the Confessions, they give a forthright and Scripture-based testimony concerning sin and grace, Law and Gospel, Christ and Antichrist, repentance, faith, and works, and the like. They do so with the firm and joyous conviction that thereby faith is truly engendered and exercised. Thus we are able to glorify God in our lives and rightly serve our neighbor. Only the preaching of God's wisdom revealed in the cross is so eminently practical as to accomplish these things. For this preaching alone is God's answer to sinful mankind.

Arnold J. Koelpin

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Looking at the Religious World

information and insight

Mysterium Ecclesiae

In the June 24 declaration, "The Mystery of the Church," the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith (formerly Holy Office) confirmed the Roman error of papal infallibility and also others. The reason for issuing the declaration at this time may well be recent anti-infallibility writings, such as Kung's *Infallible? An Inquiry*.

In *Mysterium Ecclesiae* infallibility is actually treated within a framework that includes the topics of the unity of the church, the relation of history and dogma, and the priesthood. Just because the document does not advance any new teachings and limits itself to recalling, summarizing, and interpreting doctrines taught in former documents it is in Roman terminology designated as a "declaration."

In the section on church unity the old and extravagant claims of Rome clearly emerge. Roman Catholics are to understand that "they belong to the Church which Christ founded and which is governed by the successors of Peter and the other apostles." Likewise, the priesthood section renews the erroneous view of an indelible character to which special powers are attached.

In the statements on infallibility there is no allowance for Kung's theory of "indefectibility," a sort of assurance of ultimate truth amid temporary error. It is stated that infallibility is not to be corrupted and the claim is made that the faithful have always held from the beginning that the magisterium possesses infallibility in expounding the deposit of faith. What Vatican I established a century ago about "ex cathedra" papal infallibility is upheld in "Mysterium Ecclesiae."

It unfortunately remains all too obvious how we are to apply the words of Paul in II Thessalonians 2:4 about him "who opposeth and exalt-

eth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshiped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God."

Neuhaus and New Orleans

The Rev. Richard J. Neuhaus, Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod pastor of Brooklyn, an outspoken foe of Dr. Preus and champion of social action causes, offers an interesting explanation of the defeat he and other so-called "moderates" suffered at New Orleans. The August 1-8 *Christian Century* quotes him as stating: "Leadership of recent decades kept telling the people there were no changes in the Missouri Synod, when any village idiot anywhere in the church knew there were changes, just as there were changes in every other church. . . . People felt lied to and cheated, which explains in part what is happening here."

Wisconsin Synod members whose intersynodical memories go back to the time when the Synodical Conference was disintegrating will be reminded by the Neuhaus commentary on New Orleans of frustrating effort to point out and pin down changes in theological positions of former brethren. Always and again the claim was made that no changes had taken place. Neuhaus has his history straight on that point.

What is more important is the present. It is our hope that in basic issues the Missouri Synod, as it began at New Orleans, will continue to change and once again become what it was before it changed. At the same time it will be our concern to see to it that in those basic issues we resist the changes that are said to be at work "in every other church."

Summer Convention Beat

The June meeting of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. in Fort Worth

stressed conciliation in an effort to stem withdrawals of conservatives disturbed by recent developments in general and by the plan of union being drafted with United Presbyterians in particular. Efforts to delete from the plan an escape clause enabling withdrawing congregations to retain property were defeated. A resolution acknowledged that "there is deep concern about the denomination's purported departure from its own historic faith and evangelistic commitment."

The ninth General Synod of the United Church of Christ meeting late in June in St. Louis postponed its decision on the chaplaincy for at least two years. The denomination's Task Force on Ministries to Military Personnel supplied a report that called for a reform of the present system involving demilitarization and development of civilian chaplaincy. An alternative proposal, approving of the task force's report in principle but calling for more study, especially by chaplains, was passed.

When our brethren in the Evangelical Lutheran Synod met for their 56th Annual Convention in Mankato, June 17-22, they heard greetings from our President Naumann, added six congregations and pastors to their membership rolls, and adopted a \$295,000 budget.

The Lutheran Churches of the Reformation met for their tenth convention at Bridgeton, Missouri, July 9-12. Three congregations were received into membership but Faith Parish of Australia withdrew from the body. Four congregations declaring themselves in fellowship with St. Matthew of Detroit are to be considered in a state of suspension. A number of congregations are making efforts to begin Christian day schools in September. It is reported that Mr. William McCollum will be the teacher of the school being opened by Trinity of Bridgeton.

Edward Fredrich

NOMINATIONS

DEAN — NORTHWESTERN COLLEGE

The following have been nominated by members of the Synod for the office of dean at Northwestern College, Watertown, Wisconsin. Correspondence concerning the nominees should be in the hands of the secretary no later than September 10, 1973.

Pastor Ralph Baur, Edmonds, WA
 Pastor Donald Bitter, Fort Atkinson, WI
 Pastor Milton Burk, Yucaipa, CA
 Pastor Arthur Clement, Edna, TX
 Pastor Daniel Deutschlander, St. Albert, Alberta, Canada
 Pastor Leroy Dobberstein, New Ulm, MN
 Pastor Ronald Ehler, Madison, WI
 Pastor Gerald Free, Omaha, NE
 Pastor Ronald Freier, St. Joseph, MI
 Prof. James Fricke, Watertown, WI
 Pastor Kenneth Gast, Tomah, WI
 Pastor Ralph Goede, Lake City, MN
 Pastor Robert Hartman, Lake Mills, WI
 Prof. Lloyd Huebner, New Ulm, MN
 Pastor Martin Janke, Fond du Lac, WI
 Pastor Eugene Kitzerow, Big Bend, WI
 Pastor Paul Kolander, Montello, WI
 Prof. Paul Kuske, Saginaw, MI
 Pastor Edward Lindemann, Loretto, MN
 Prof. Daniel Malchow, Moberidge, SD
 Pastor William Meier, Phoenix, AZ
 Pastor Robert Michel, Burlington, WI
 Prof. Richard Mueller, Watertown, WI
 Pastor Robert Mueller, Livonia, MI
 Pastor John Murphy, Mukwonago, WI
 Pastor Frederic Nitz, New Ulm, MN
 Pastor Winfred Nommensen, Milwaukee, WI
 Pastor Larry Pautz, West Bend, WI
 Pastor Victor Prange, Janesville, WI
 Pastor Keith Roehl, Grove City, OH
 Pastor George Rothe, Brown Deer, WI
 Pastor Harold Sauer, Saginaw, MI
 Pastor Edward Schaeve, Bangor, MI
 Pastor Erhardt Schultz, Durand, MI
 Pastor Reuel Schulz, West Allis, WI
 Pastor Melvin Schwark, Lake City, MN
 Pastor David Seager, Prescott, WI
 Pastor Alan Siggelkow, Fort Wayne, IN
 Pastor William Staab, Oakdale, MN
 Pastor Edward Stelter, Two Rivers, WI
 Pastor David Tetzlaff, South Haven, MI
 Pastor Carl Voss, Green Bay, WI
 Rev. Robert Voss, Brookfield, WI
 Pastor Frederick Werner, La Crosse, WI
 Pastor Daniel Westendorf, Hopkins, MI
 Pastor James Westendorf, St. Charles, MI
 Pastor David Worguill, Menasha, WI

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ENGLISH — NORTHWESTERN PREP

The following have been nominated for the vacant professorship in English at Northwestern Preparatory School, Watertown, Wisconsin. Correspondence concerning the nominees should be in the hands of the secretary no later than September 10, 1973.

Pastor G. Jerome Albrecht, Neenah, WI
 Mr. Gerald Berger, Milwaukee, WI
 Prof. Jerome Birkholz, Saginaw, WI
 Prof. Wayne Borgwardt, Appleton, WI
 Pastor John Braun, Zion, IL
 Pastor Milton Burk, Yucaipa, CA
 Pastor Daniel Buske, Lansing, MI
 Pastor Robert Christman, Oshkosh, WI
 Pastor Thomas Franzmann, Citrus Heights, CA
 Pastor John Gaertner, Prescott, AZ
 Pastor Keith Haag, Manitowoc, WI
 Mr. Bruce Heckmann, Nicollet, MN
 Pastor Iver Johnson, West St. Paul, MN
 Prof. Harris Kaesmeyer, Saginaw, MI
 Pastor Paul Kelm, Pittsfield, MA
 Mr. Arlen Koestler, Greenfield, WI
 Pastor Donald Kolander, Grand Blanc, MI
 Pastor Herbert Kruschel, Menomonee Falls, WI
 Prof. David Kuske, Onalaska, WI
 Pastor William Meier, Phoenix, AZ
 Pastor Donald Nimmer, Appleton, WI
 Pastor Larry Pautz, West Bend, WI
 Pastor Karl Peterson, Birmingham, AL
 Prof. Jackson Petrie, Fond du Lac, WI
 Pastor Victor Prange, Janesville, WI
 Mr. James Raabe, Wonewoc, WI
 Pastor Kent Schroeder, Antioch, IL
 Pastor Paul Seiltz, Jackson, MI
 Pastor Richard Stadler, Hendersonville, TN
 Mr. Norman Tech, Kawkaui, MI
 Pastor Arnold Tiefel, Kewaunee, WI
 Pastor Duane Tomhave, Saginaw, MI
 Pastor Cleone Weigand, Fountain City, WI
 Pastor Rolfe Westendorf, Milwaukee, WI
 Dr. David Williams, Ann Arbor, MI
 Pastor Herbert Winterstein, Grafton, WI
 Prof. Wayne Zuleger, Minneapolis, MN

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DEAN — NORTHWESTERN PREPARATORY

Members of the Synod have nominated the following men for the deanship at Northwestern Preparatory School, Watertown, Wisconsin. Correspondence concerning the nominees should be in the hands of the secretary no later than September 10, 1973.

Pastor Paul Albrecht, Renton WA
 Pastor Ralph Bauer, Edmonds, WA
 Pastor David Fischer, Lewiston, MN
 Pastor Charles Flunker, Stockton, KS
 Pastor Gerald Free, Omaha, NE
 Pastor Iver Johnson, West St. Paul, MN
 Pastor William Gabb, Houston, TX
 Pastor Kenneth Gast, Tomah, WI
 Pastor Paul Kelm, Pittsfield, MA
 Pastor Paul Kolander, Montello, WI
 Prof. Paul Kuske, Saginaw, MI
 Pastor William Leerssen, Winner, SD
 Pastor Edward Lindemann, Loretto, MN
 Pastor Jon Mahnke, Carlsbad, CA
 Pastor William Meier, Phoenix, AZ
 Prof. Richard Mueller, Watertown, WI
 Pastor Wayne Mueller, Crete, IL
 Pastor Winfred Nommensen, Milwaukee, WI
 Pastor Paul Pankow, Bellevue, WA
 Pastor Richard Pankow, Crete, IL
 Pastor Larry Pautz, West Bend, WI
 Pastor Edward Pinchoff, Ann Arbor, MI
 Pastor Victor Prange, Janesville, WI
 Pastor Hugh Reaume, Scottsdale, AZ
 Pastor Keith Roehl, Grove City, OH
 Pastor George Rothe, Brown Deer, WI
 Pastor Harold Schewe, Portland, OR
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 Pastor Melvin Schwark, Lake City, MN
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 Pastor William Staab, Oakdale, MN
 Pastor Carl Voss, Green Bay, WI
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Nominations — Dean of Women

The following have been nominated for the office of Dean of Women at Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota:

Esther Bartelt, Lake Mills, WI
 Carol Dobrunz, Menomonie, WI
 Marianne G. Docktor, Rosholt, WI
 Beverlee Haar, Hales Corners, WI
 Ruth Huebner, Menasha, WI
 Elsa Klein, Seminole, FL
 Elizabeth Kurth, Plymouth, MI
 Marion Makowski, Marathon, WI
 Marietta Meyer, Manitowoc, WI
 Celeste Schultz, Wyoming, MI
 Ruth Westendorf, Brookfield, WI

Anyone having pertinent information regarding these nominees which will be of benefit to the Board of Control is requested to submit it by September 10, 1973. A rereading of the position description as contained in the Call for Nominations in previous issues of The Northwestern Lutheran may offer some guidelines in submitting information.

All correspondence should be addressed as follows:

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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS NORTHWESTERN LUTHERAN ACADEMY

Northwestern Lutheran Academy has been granted approval by the Commission on Higher Education and the Board of Trustees to begin the calling process for its eighth professor. Hence the Northwestern Lutheran Academy Board of Control herewith petitions the membership of the Synod for nominations for this position. The candidate should be theologically trained, qualified to teach in the areas of English and Religion. If feasible, the man called to fill this position will be granted the opportunity to engage in graduate study. Please forward the names of candidates for this position to the undersigned by July 23, 1973.

N. L. A. Board of Control
 Pastor David Krenke, Chairman
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ORDINATIONS AND INSTALLATIONS

(Authorized by the District Presidents)

Ordained and Installed

Pastors:

Beyersdorf, Allen R., as pastor of Living Word, Mission Viejo, California, on July 22, 1973, by C. Lyon (Ariz.-Cal.).
Busch, Rodney, as associate pastor at new mission, Memphis, Tennessee, on August 5, 1973 by R. Stadler (SEW).
Fritz, Loren D., as pastor of St. James Lutheran, Prairie du Sac, Wisconsin, by A. Mennicke, on July 22, 1973 (W. Wis.).
Henkel, Carl R., as pastor of Peace, Echo, Minnesota, on July 29, 1973, by A. Jannusch.
Hochmuth, Donald F., Jr., as pastor of Gethsemane, Mason City, Iowa, by C. Bolle, on July 15, 1973 (Minn.).
Kirchner, William C., as pastor of Immanuel, Woodville, and of First Lutheran, Wilson, Wisconsin, by A. Ruddat, on July 22, 1973 (Minn.).
Klessig, Alan R., as pastor of Faith, Marquette, Michigan, by C. Klein, on July 22, 1973 (N. Wis.).
Lawrenz, John C., as pastor of the new WELS mission, Gainesville, Florida, by R. Wiechmann, on July 29, 1973 (Mich.).
Mehlberg, Ronald W., as pastor of The Nampa-Boise Mission, Nampa, Idaho, by G. Frey, on July 22, 1973 (PNW.).
Weiser, Douglas P., commissioned as missionary in Central Africa, at St. Paul's Lutheran, Hazelton, North Dakota, by A. Mennicke, on July 29, 1973 (Mich.).
Wenzel, Kenneth L., as pastor of First Lutheran, Winnett, and of Holy Trinity, Lavana, Montana, by L. Wenzel; and of Faith Lutheran, Melstone, Montana, by M. Putz; all on July 22, 1973 (Dak.-Mont.).
Werner, Paul J., as pastor of St. John, Boyd (Omro Twp.), Minnesota, by F. Werner, and of Bethany, Granite Falls, Minnesota, by A. Jannusch, on July 8, 1973 (Minn.).

INSTALLED

Pastors:

Wendland, Mark T., commissioned as missionary to Central Africa, at Good Shepherd Lutheran, West Allis, Wisconsin, by A. Mennicke, on July 1, 1973 (Mich.).

Teachers:

Fischer, Robert O., as teacher at Peace, Bradenton, Florida, on August 5, 1973, by J. Vogt (Mich.).
Hahlbeck, Gary, as principal and teacher at Christ, Eagle River, Wisconsin, on August 5, 1973, by M. Radtke (NW).
Wiechmann, Michael, as principal and teacher at Emmanuel, Tempe, Arizona on July 22, 1973, by D. Pautz (Ariz.-Cal.).

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CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES

DAKOTA-MONTANA

EASTERN DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: September 18, 1973; 9:00 a.m. Communion service.
Place: St. Martin Ev. Lutheran Church, Watertown, South Dakota.
Agenda: Reports on Synod Convention.
M. W. Schulz, Secretary

WESTERN DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: September 18, 1973; 10 a.m. (CDT) Communion service.
Place: Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Mobridge, South Dakota.
Preacher: R. Kloehn (T. Schmidt, alternate).
Agenda: Reports by the delegates to the August Synod Convention.
R. W. Kloehn, Secretary

WESTERN PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Oct. 2-3, 1973; 10:00 a.m. S.D.T.
Place: St. Paul, Roscoe, South Dakota; G. H. Geiger, host pastor.
Service: Communion at 7:30 p.m., Oct. 2; T. Schmidt, preacher, (D. Krenke, alternate).
Agenda: Exegesis of I Tim. 4, R. Weimer; Mission Outlines — Two Old Testament and Two New Testament, N. Engel; Formula of Concord, Article III, R. Pless; The Jesus People, R. Kloehn.
R. W. Kloehn, Secretary

MICHIGAN

NORTHERN PASTOR-DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: September 17-18, 1973; 9:00 a.m.
Place: Zion, Chesaning, Michigan.
Preacher: P. Kuske (O. Maasch, alternate).
Agenda: Reports by Synod delegates: Exegesis of Hosea; N. Pommeranz; A Study of Article 1 of the Augsburg Confession and the Apology; H. Birner; Abortion; L. Prael; Responsibility of the Congregation to its Kingdom Workers; O. Maasch.
E. C. Schmelzer, Secretary.

SOUTHEASTERN PASTOR-DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: Sep. 17-18, 1973; Communion at 7:30 p.m., Monday, Sep. 17.
Place: St. John, Ann Arbor, Mich. (E. Pinchoff, host pastor).
Preacher: J. Huebner (D. Falck, alternate).
Agenda: Exegesis of James 1, 12-27 by D. Buske; "The Charismatic Movement and Evangelism" by Prof. Arnold Koelpin; Conference reports.
J. Kiecker, Secretary

MINNESOTA

ST. CROIX PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: September 11, 1973; 9:00 a.m. Communion service.
Place: Immanuel, Woodville, Wisconsin (W. Kirchner, host pastor).
Agenda: Exegesis of I John 3:1-24; D. Ponath.
D. Buch, Secretary

MANKATO PASTOR-DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: September 17, 1973, at 8 p.m.
Place: Trinity, Smiths Mill, Minnesota (R. Luebchow, host pastor).
Agenda: Conference delegates report on the 1973 Synodical Convention of the Wisconsin Synod.
R. Luebchow, Secretary

NORTHERN WISCONSIN

LAKE SUPERIOR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS' CONVENTION

The 44th annual Lake Superior Sunday School Teachers' Convention will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church, Grover, Rt. 2, Peshtigo, Wisconsin, on September 16, 1973, at 2:30 p.m. CDT. The host pastor is Pastor Arnold Meyer.
Mrs. Raymond Thorsen, Secretary

WINNEBAGO CONFERENCE

Date: September 17, 1973; 9 a.m. Communion service.
Place: St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Markesan, Wisconsin (Steven Stern, host pastor).
Preacher: L. Pankow (J. Petrie, alternate).
Agenda: II Thess. 1: R. Maurice; Catechism Questions 23-26; N. Mielke.
P. Kolander, Secretary

MANITOWOC PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: September 17, 1973; 9:00 a.m. Communion service.
Place: St. John Ev. Lutheran Church, Two Creeks.
Agenda: Exegesis of Hebrews 8, by H. Juroff; "God Save The Family" by P. Borchardt; "How To Deal With Delinquent Members" by W. Geiger.
P. J. Damrow, Secretary

FOX RIVER VALLEY PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: September 18, 1973; 9:00 a.m. Communion service.
Place: St. John's, RR, Kaukauna, Wisconsin (A. Hertler, host pastor).
Preacher: H. Warnke (M. Schroeder, alternate).
Agenda: James 5; H. Pussehl (I Peter 2: F. Brandt); Psalm 2; E. Krueger (Psalm 3: C. Voss); Preaching on the Gospel for the Sunday after Christmas: J. Schroeder (New Year's Day: R. Ehlke); Pastoral Involvement in Community Affairs: R. Werner (Dealing with "Deadwood" Members: T. Baganz); Casuistry.
R. Muetzel, Secretary

DISTRICT MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

Date: September 24, 1973, 12 noon to 12 noon of September 25, 1973.
Place: Campus House, Oshkosh Wisconsin; host: R. Christman, 1721 Ohio, Oshkosh, WI 54901.
Communion Service: Sept. 24, 7:30 p.m.; G. Unke, preacher (A. Voigt, alternate).
Agenda: Mission Work in the Old Testament, R. Ehlke; Evangelism-WELS and Kennedy's Program Compared, G. Gartman; Are Some Cases of Mental Illness Possibly Demonic Possession as it is Described in Scripture? L. Winter.
C. J. Siegler, Secretary

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: September 18, 1973; 9:00 a.m. Communion service.
Place: St. John's, Lewiston, Minn.
Preacher: J. Parcher (L. Schalow, alternate).
Agenda: Lodges or Societies that are Acceptable; E. Klumb; Ministering to the Whole Man; H. Sturm; Exegesis of James II; N. Kuske.
G. W. Sommer, Secretary

ALBERTA-MONTANA PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: September 25-26th; Communion service on September 25th at 10:00 a.m.
Place: St. John's, Wetaskiwin, Alberta, Canada; P. Schliesser, host pastor.
Preacher: H. Wood.
Agenda: Continuation of the Anti-Nicene Fathers: D. Deutschlandler; Continuation of the Sermon on the Mount; H. Nehmer; Exegesis of II Thessalonians 2:1-12; P. Schliesser; In How Far have Variants of the Isaiah Scroll Been Used by Modern Translations, Especially by the R.S.V.; Dr. Peters.
H. Nehmer, Secretary

GULF-ATLANTIC

DELEGATE AND PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Sept. 25-26, 1973; 9:00 a.m.
Place: Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church, Merritt Island, Florida; Larry Zwieg, host pastor.
Agenda for Delegate Conference: Report on the Synod Convention; Federation for Authentic Lutheranism, Pastor Lewis Gerbhardt.
Communion Service: at 7:00 p.m., Ralph Waack, preacher; John Vogt, alternate.
Agenda for Pastoral Conference: Exegesis of I Tim. 6, 1-10, L. Zwieg; Ezekiel 38, Wendland; Reports.
G. P. Kionka, Secretary

NOTICE

The constituting convention of the newly formed South Atlantic District will be held on Tuesday, September 25, 1973, at Merritt Island, Fla., beginning at 9:00 A.M. President Oscar J. Naumann will convene the session.
Pastor James Vogt, chairman
Gulf-Atlantic Mission District

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN

CHICAGO-SOUTHERN JOINT PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: September 11, 1973; 9:00 a.m. Communion service.
Place: Trinity, Crete, Illinois.
Preacher: R. Stadler (A. Valerio, alternate).
Agenda: I Peter 4: N. Paul (I Peter 5: L. Nolte); "Christian Conscience And Governmental Authority"; T. Kraus.
A. H. Siggelkow, Secretary pro. tem

METRO-NORTH CONFERENCE

Date: September 24, 1973, 9:00 a.m.
Place: St. John's, Lannon, Wis.
Preacher: W. Hoffmann (alternate: G. Hoenecke).
Agenda: Doctrine of the Call, Prof. I. Habeck; I Peter 2:11-25, J. Sullivan.
H. Lichtenberg, Secretary

WESTERN WISCONSIN

SOUTHWESTERN PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: September 25, 1973; 9:00 a.m.
Place: St. John's, Rock Springs, Wisconsin.
Preacher: T. Kuske (G. Moldenhauer, alternate).
Agenda: Ephesians 1: O. Heier; The Bond of Christian Love in the Early Church: D. Kuske; The Christian Family and What Can Be Done to Renew It: J. Schneider; Commandments 9 and 10: R. Siegler.