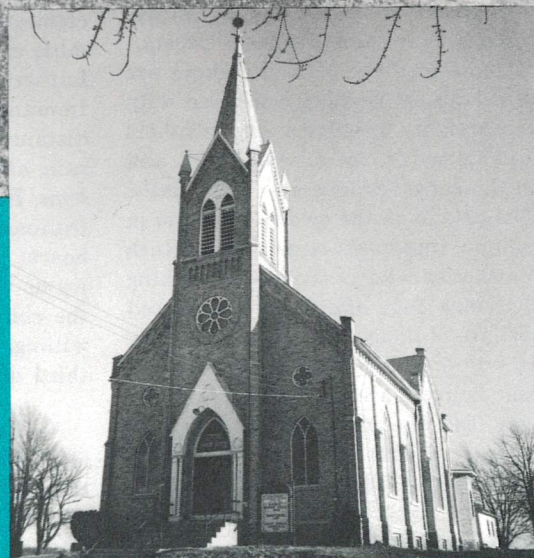


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Decisions! Decisions! An editor faces them daily, and the decisions he makes may not at all please the reader or the person who submits an article. There is only so much space available, and so it may well happen that an article is delayed which should have appeared much earlier.

Another decision has to do with relating *The Northwestern Lutheran* to the church year. In 1974, for example, the Easter issue will be published on Palm Sunday. That, of course, is not an insurmountable problem, for Holy Week reaches its climax in the resurrection. There is no conflict between Easter and the day the Lord Jesus rode into Jerusalem as the Messiah-King.

A similar difficulty faces us at Christmas. Two issues are due at about that time, one on December 16 and another on December 30. So we'll combine Christmas with the last Sunday in Advent.

And then there's Reformation! This year October 31 falls on a Wednesday. So there was the question of whether to devote this issue to the Reformation or the issue of November 4. Since November 4 is closer to the actual date, it was decided to wait until then. This may please some readers and displease others.

Come to think of it, the above are really minor matters compared with the weighty problems our brothers and sisters on the mission fields and in the congregations are facing daily. The article on the medical mission in Salima introduces us to Nurse Ruth Vathauer who is constantly making decisions that affect the health and welfare of thousands of people a year. In winning their confidence, she and her helpers are also preparing the way for the message of salvation brought to these same people by the missionaries. The work done by these nurses — and since November 1961

there has been a progression of eleven nurses serving in the Salima Dispensary in Malawi and in the Mwembzhi Lutheran Dispensary in Zambia — is one which the Lord has greatly blessed.

Establishing the WELS mission in Hawaii involved decisions on the part of many men in positions of responsibility. The question never was: Shall we preach the Gospel in Hawaii? Rather it was: How can we most effectively work in this new field? Members of the mission board, the pastor who was called, the voting members of the mission — all of them wrestle with this problem constantly. Pastor William Wietzke, the resident pastor, graduated from the Seminary in 1951, tutored at Northwestern College for two years, and before coming to Hawaii served Good Shepherd Congregation in Omaha and Zion in Denver. One of the major decisions which he and his group face is the matter of church property. It will be interesting to see how this problem will be solved. Needless to say, it will require an imaginative approach.

It took more than imaginative approach to solve the sticky problems connected with moving the relocatable chapel from Abiding Word Ev. Lutheran Church, Houston, Texas, to Immanuel Lutheran at Fort Worth, a distance of 250 miles. The Lord sent rain, and with it problems upon problems. Read about them, feel the frustrations that filled these Christian hearts, and then join them in their joy as they now worship the Lord in the comfort of a chapel which, God willing, may some day be used by a third or fourth congregation!

And so the Church is constantly faced by decisions! decisions! But the Lord never forsakes those who put their trust in Him!

*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

The architectural forms of a century separate these two church buildings. Faith at Prior Lake, Minnesota, was dedicated in June, 1973. Trinity at Town Ellington, Wisconsin, celebrated its centennial in August. Its church building was erected in 1897. Though today's church architecture is horizontal and yesterday's vertical, the Gospel is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

THE NORTHWESTERN LUTHERAN

Editorials

Story Sequel Mayor Gaynor of New York, it is said, once donated a Bible to a public library when he discovered there was no copy on the shelves. Predictably, he got a letter from someone who objected to a gory book like that being made available to children to read.

It's an old story. Whenever a pornography case comes to court, some defense attorney will point to so-called "blue" passages in the Scripture that ought to be censored, too.

It is true that the Bible does describe some terrible sins. People commit such sins. The narrative is at times shocking. The behavior of men is often just that, shocking.

But the Scripture records these crimes in a totally different way from the pornographer. Nobody who reads of Sodom's sexual perversion and depravity ever gets the impression that such sin is charming, stylish, or the thing to do.

No one who reads the story of the life of David ever gets the idea that his fall into sin was a "romantic adventure," much to be imitated. It is with heavy heart that one reads the unhappy sequel.

The Bible bluntly tells the consequences of sexual excesses, and does it in a way that seeks to restrain men, not to lure them into further sin. People, of all ages, weary of the degradation, cruelty and bestiality of carnal lusts, have found personal worth and forgiveness in the Scripture's redeeming promises: "Your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost . . . Ye are bought with a price."

John Parcher

Recognizable Products U.S. Catholic elementary and secondary schools have suffered severe setbacks in the past 10 years. More than 2,600 of 13,200 schools have been closed, and the enrollment has dropped from nearly 5.6 million to less than 3.8 million.

A second setback was the Supreme Court decision in June that struck down tax credits for parents of nonpublic school pupils. Many Catholics had hoped that such credits would help to save their school-supporting parishes from financial foundering.

Now there is a third setback. Catholics are dismayed by the decline in the quality of the product of their schools. Their junior and senior high-school children are remiss in their attendance at Sunday mass and monthly communion. Many Catholic youths prefer secular colleges to, e.g., Marquette, Loyola, and Fordham. They no longer identify with the strict sexual morality their parents accepted as "the good Catholic life."

This means that they are apparently absorbing the secular values of their public-school counterparts. "[They] are getting their values from television, songs, movies and peer groups," observes Father Leo G. Henry of Pittsburgh.

Our Wisconsin Synod elementary and secondary schools have not decreased in number; rather, they have increased. Our total enrollment continues to climb. The Supreme Court decision did not threaten the solvency of our parishes. By the grace of God we have not suffered these setbacks.

The third setback is more alarming. The cultural air our youth is breathing is the same as that breathed by Catholic youth. The secular influences that are sapping their faith and morals are assailing the Christian youth in our Lutheran grade schools and high schools.

Are the products of our Christian day schools and Lutheran high schools readily recognizable from those of public schools? We should take a close look. The Reformation hasn't taken us out of this world.

Carleton Toppe

"Beware!" Even a small tot can identify the devil as he is commonly portrayed. He is the one with the red suit, horns and a tail, a pitchfork, and a sinister look.

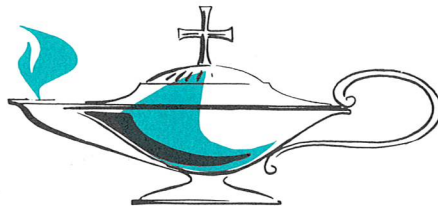
If the devil looked like that in real life, there would be no problem. Unfortunately, he comes in disguise, changing color like a chameleon to suit the circumstances.

To the religious he is religious. Religious people are attracted to religious people. No one can appear more religious or more sincere than Satan when he puts his mind to it.

As "a liar and the father of it" the devil conceals error. The best way to conceal error is to mix it with truth. It has been said that "error is dangerous in proportion to the amount of truth it contains." Satan knows this, and he is clever enough to put this principle into practice. There isn't much danger that Christians will be deceived by obvious error (e.g., "There is no God"). But there is danger that they will be deceived by error which is compounded with truth, as it is in so much of today's religious literature and in so much of today's religious broadcasting. Their very zeal for deeper knowledge and understanding can be used by Satan to increase their exposure to error.

Not all religion is the truth of God. Much of it incorporates the lies of Satan. We who want to remain in the truth must discriminate. Accordingly, in the words of Jesus, the watchword for religious novices and sophisticates alike is still "Beware!"

Immanuel Frey



Studies in God's Word

Strange Tongues Neither Instruct Nor Convert

In the Law it is written, "With men of other tongues and other lips will I speak unto this people, and yet for all that will they not hear Me, saith the Lord."

Wherefore tongues are for a sign not to them that believe but to them that believe not, but prophesying serveth not for them that believe not but for them which believe.

If, therefore, the whole church be come together into one place and all speak with tongues, and there come in those that are unlearned or unbelievers, will they not say that ye are mad?

But if all prophesy, and there come in one that believeth not or one unlearned, he is convinced of all, he is judged of all.

And thus are the secrets of his heart made manifest, and so, falling down on his face, he will worship God and report that God is in you of a truth (I Cor. 14:21-25).

To make a show or to show the way, that was the question facing the believers in Corinth. If their object was to put on a display of spiritual gifts, the spectacular speaking in tongues was the answer. Then let all strive to speak in tongues! If on the other hand their goal was to show sinners the way of salvation, the gift of prophesying (plainly proclaiming the Word of God) was the superb solution. Let them all, then, "covet to prophesy"!

The Apostle, in weaning the Corinthians away from their childish attraction to "tongues," proceeded to show how unedifying "tongues" were compared to prophesying. The reference to Isaiah 28:11f, from the Old

Testament Scriptures ("the Law"), helped to illustrate Paul's point.

Strange Tongues a Sign

Judah had refused to heed God's Word declared to them by His spokesmen, the prophets. Since the people rejected the Word of God in plain Hebrew, God made them listen to His will by permitting the conquering Assyrians to issue orders which the Jews could not disobey with impunity. Through a strange tongue the Lord passed judgment on His wayward people. The Assyrian tongue was a punitive sign to unbelieving Judah. It was a sign which they still did not heed since they refused to perceive what the Lord was telling them by means of their captivity.

Applying the parallel to Corinth, Paul states the principle that "tongues are for a sign not to them that believe but to them that believe not." Alien tongues may be used by God as a punitive sign for those who will not hear the plain message of God. Since they will not listen to plain speech, God lets unintelligible utterances arouse their hostility and harden them in unbelief. Corinthian "tongues" fall into this category since they leave unbelieving hearts unchanged and even increase the hardness of them. (According to the same principle, by the way, the parables of Christ had the effect on unbelievers of confirming them in their unbelief.)

On the other hand the plain proclamation of saving truth ("prophesying") is a sign of grace for believers. Understandable words of divine wisdom have a blessed effect on believers, building and confirming them in their faith.

Converting Sinners

In line with this principle, suppose that uninformed or unbelieving persons attend a Christian assembly and find all speaking in tongues. Would they not say to the congregation, "You are out of your minds!"? Of what benefit would such a display of spiritual gifts be? Would it be the "highest manifestation of the Spirit" to be judged a crowd of lunatics?

Suppose, on the other hand, that an uninformed or unbelieving person walks into a Christian assembly where all are discussing, explaining, or expounding Scripture? Would not the intelligible words tend to make the man examine himself in the light of divine truth? Would not his heart be searched and his innermost sinfulness be uncovered? Convinced of his need for a Savior, would he not bow down, confessing his sin, and worship his Redeemer? Would he not bless the congregation, saying, "God is truly among you!"? Through prophesying, not through "tongues," the one who enters as an unbeliever departs a believer.

How unprofitable are "tongues" employed "in church"! They are a sign to unbelievers, confirming them in their unbelief. They produce only a scoffing retort: "You are crazy!" They are of little use to believers, at best; of no use at all to unbelievers — even harmful.

"Prophecy," however, is of the highest value "in church." It edifies the whole body (vv. 3ff). It employs man's rational powers (vv. 14-19). It can be exercised by the whole church. It converts sinners.

Thus the Apostle Paul quenches the Corinthian ardor for "tongues" and elevates the gift of understandable speech in declaring the wisdom of God. May we imbibe the spirit of Paul!

Paul E. Nitz

A Parish Pastor's Perspective

"No Shortage There"

The Synod convention and annual vacation combined to take this writer and his family to Wisconsin and Minnesota for a month during July and August. During that month we heard four different WELS pastors in four different towns. We were impressed by the striking similarities and notable differences.

Each of the pastors based his words on a text from the Scriptures. Each let the Scriptures speak out clearly without forcing the meaning. Each of the pastors was thoroughly prepared and sure of where he was going. There was no hint that any of them had neglected the importance of careful preparation. Each of the sermons was entirely listenable, easy to follow, and worthy of discussion and meditation on the way home. Those were the similarities.

There were differences, too. Two of the pastors were young, with less than 10 years of experience combined. One was nearing the age of retirement. Another was already retired and was filling in for a vacationing pastor. The sermons varied in length. The style of each was different, as different as the age and personality of the pastors delivering them.

What struck us was not so much that there were differences, but that there were not greater differences. Two thousand miles from home we were able to worship, feeling just as comfortable as ever. We felt that way, not only for ourselves and our immediate need to hear the Word and to bask in it, but also for the continuing needs of the people in those towns. We left knowing they are in good hands. Souls there are being fed Sunday after Sunday on the Word of God. There may be a shortage of beef, wheat, and other commodities, but God has not allowed a shortage of good food for the soul to befall those four towns. The Word of the Lord is there in abundant measure.

How easy it would be to pass over the phenomenon lightly without remembering all the effort and prayer that went into those four sermons! There were the four mothers who taught their little boys about Jesus and prayed for them to become pastors. There were the four fathers who worked especially hard so their sons could get the necessary education. There were the Christian teachers who shepherded them through their elementary years. There were the concerned faculties at our institutions of higher learning, where those four pastors learned the languages of the Bible, learned the art of preaching, learned to understand themselves and others in the light of God's Word, and learned Christian doctrine.

How easy it is to listen to a good sermon that lasts 20 minutes without realizing the hours of preparation that went into it! Most pastors in our Synod start work on their sermons early in the week, some as early as Sunday afternoon. During the week they study the text in the original language, they mull over the thoughts and directives of the Lord, they pray for the Lord's guidance in properly teaching the meaning of the text and accurately applying it to the Lord's sheep. They look for illustrations and anecdotes to give the sermon snap and life. They pray for the wisdom to preach the Law so as to arouse the sleeping sinner and the Gospel so as to soothe the troubled conscience. They compare what great scholars and other preachers have said about the text. They outline their thoughts so that they flow smoothly from point to point. Many pastors write their sermons out word-for-word and memorize them painstakingly on Saturday night and during the wee small hours of Sunday morning. They do this because they are convinced that the final selection of words is more accurately done in

the calm of the pastor's study than in the pressure of the pulpit, at least for them. Other pastors, who have special gifts from God, are able to preach effective sermons, memorizing only their outlines, without writing the sermon word-for-word. Many pastors in our Synod spend as much as one hour for each minute of delivery time.

It was evident on our trip that all this had been happening. The thorough training received in our schools was plain to see in the finished products. The thorough preparation of the pastors could not be hidden. How clear it was that here were pastors who trembled at God's Word, who bowed before it in their preaching, who submitted to it in their teaching, who made it speak clearly to the people in unmistakable terms. How clear it was that here were pastors who loved their people, loved them too much to preach politics, loved them too much to skimp on preparation, loved them too much to waste their time with worthless drivel, loved them too much to send them home without solid food for life.

We returned home inspired, and grateful. If the word we heard preached in those four pulpits is a reliable cross-section of what is happening throughout our Synod (What reason have we to believe otherwise?) then blessed indeed is our Synod, and great indeed is the work of the Lord which is being done!

Thomas B. Franzmann

The 1973 REFORMATION LECTURES

The Convocations Committee of Bethany Lutheran College announces that the Annual Reformation Lectures will be held at Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato, Minnesota, on Thursday and Friday, November 1 and 2, 1973.

The lecturer for this year will be Dr. Robert Preus of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. He will present three lectures on the general theme: "How Is the Lutheran Church to Interpret and Use the Old and the New Testaments?"

Two reactors have also accepted invitations to participate in this program. They are President Carl J. Lawrenz of the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, Wisconsin, and Prof. B. W. Teigen of Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato, Minnesota.

Requests for information and reservations for this Reformation series may be sent to:

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A Letter from Nurse Ruth Vathauer
describes the work of

The Medical Mission in Salima, Malawi

Dear Friends,

This letter and pictures should have reached you long ago, but we were waiting for the pictures to come back from America. The prints that are made here are not as good, and it takes over a month to get them back from the States.

As you know, our Salima Dispensary began operations in July, 1970. Miss Edith Schneider was the first nurse. Pastor Theodore Kretzmann is the local missionary and project director. We live on a compound which fronts on Lake Malawi. The Kretzmans live in the main house, I live next door, and at the other end of the property is what we call "The Cottage." This is the vacant house which came with the property. The missionaries from Malawi and Zambia use it as a vacation cottage, because our lakeside compound is usually cool and the swimming is rather good in lovely Lake Malawi.

Our medical dispensary project is sponsored by the women's organizations of the Wisconsin Synod. Every women's society in our congregations is considered a part of this sponsoring group.

Our dispensary and its branch clinics in the surrounding area are a part of the Central Region Lakeshore Development Project, a foreign-aid program carried on by West Germany. The administrative center of the German project is also on the lakeshore, very near to our compound.

We conduct most of our clinic work from a mobile unit. Patients used to be treated entirely at the rear door of our Landrover. However, because of heat, rains, large crowds, and damage to equipment that had to be transported, shelters have now been built to house the clinics. Since we must get all our drugs and supplies from Salima, 70 miles away from our base at Senga Bay, we hold clinics every weekday but Wednesdays.

We presently also serve four areas south of Salima, one 20 miles from our home base. Soon we will have another clinic at Chagunda, farther into the bush near the hills. Fortunately, the Germans are continually improving the roads, so more and more areas are becoming accessible. The Coot, our all-terrain vehicle, is used only for extremely muddy, short runs during the rains. Also, a new bridge has been built over the Linthepe River, so we do not have to walk across the railroad trestle any more.

Our "Under Five" clinics include giving malaria suppressive drugs, immunizing against smallpox, diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, polio, TB, and soon also measles. Over half of the children are under weight, so an important part of our clinic is teaching mothers facts about nutrition and supplying them with food supple-

ments. The main illnesses of the "under fives" include malaria, protein deficiency, upper respiratory infection, diarrhea, and dysentery. Severe cases of measles are also the cause of many deaths. We saw 21 children in 1972 with polio.

We also treat adults at our clinics. Complaints about body pains, backaches, heart palpitations, rashes, and abdominal pains, after more searching questions, may reveal hookworm, malaria, anemia, arthritis, venereal diseases, and bilharzia. Leprosy occurs in an estimated one out of 50 Malawians. Patients with this disease are now treated in the villages rather than in leprosaria.

The work is challenging. Only patients who are in very serious condition are taken to hospitals. Sometimes Mavis Juwa, my assistant, must do some fast talking to persuade patients to go to the hospital. Frequently patients whom we permit to stay in their homes fail to return for treatment. The reason usually is that relatives — husbands, uncles, in-laws — forbid them to return. When this involves a very sick child, we must search for it in the bush villages. Going to the hospital is not simple; it usually involves at least one other person to go along, also cooking utensils, firewood, and food. Should this food include dried fish, we can hardly wait to get there!

Another problem of mobile clinic work is always coming to a building that has been unoccupied for at least a week. Besides dirt, we find birds' nests, spiders, cockroaches, frogs, lizards, mice, and sometimes also snake skins. This is not really too bad. While we conduct the clinic, chickens and goats may wander in, children may wet on the floor, and . . .

To induce mothers to feed their children better, we offer them free clothes if they gain two pounds in two months. Perhaps six out of 60 qualify.

We intend to expand our services to include antenatal clinics. Ethel Kuntumbila, our midwife, is on maternity leave just now, but as soon as she returns, we will begin. In this service we will try to discover those who must deliver in a hospital, try to improve the health of expectant mothers and teach them proper childcare and nutrition. We also expect to train our clerk, Luther Mtali-manja, to do simple laboratory work.

Statistics: In 1972 we treated 9,600 adults and 7,175 children. That averages about 90 per day. During harvest time the patient load is lower, as also during the rains.

Spiritual work: We would like to do more mission work in connection with our clinics, but at present are able to do little more than hand out Christian literature, encourage the patients to attend the classes and services,

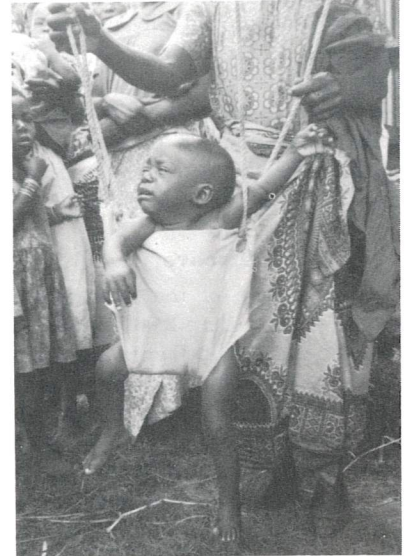


Miss Ruth Vathauer, Mavis Juwa, and Trywell packing the Landrover for the clinic run.

Mavis Juwa transmitting the nurse's instructions to patients in the Chichewa dialect.



Luther Mtalimanja and Mavis Juwa listening to a mother describing her baby's illness.



The "under-Fives" must all be weighed and the weights recorded.

and speak a Christian word through our helpers.* The people in our area are mostly Muslims, Roman Catholics, or heathen. The regular mission work is growing, now being spread over 150 square miles of Central Malawi, with our mission at Senga Bay at the center.

Don't feel too sorry for us. Aside from the problems and difficulties we face, life is very enjoyable here at the lake. The swimming is excellent. Two hotels are nearby. Tennis can be played at the German administration center. And there are beautiful mountains with trails to

climb. We never lack for something to do to entertain our friends who come to visit us. Above all, it is a privilege to be here to serve Christ and His Church.

*Yours in the Lord's Service,
Ruth Vathauer*

*Miss Vathauer also teaches Sunday-school classes.

AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS

WELS CONVENTION 1973
"Teach Them Diligently" — (FS-57-TTD)
20 min. CL. 7-1/2 ips. tape
and Printed Commentary

A brief summary of how our Wisconsin Synod is carrying out the mandate of God, "Teach them diligently," in the various fields of missions, evangelism, education, benevolences and administration. This was a historic convention in many ways and this picture story of the happenings will certainly encourage our people to take a greater interest in the wonderful work of the Lord. Produced by Audio-Visual Aids, WELS. (1973)

Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary
— (FS-56-WLS)
15 min. CL. 7-1/2 ips tape
and Printed Commentary

Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary is operated by the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod for the sole purpose of training pastors. The story of how this is done in the fourth-largest Lutheran Seminary in the United States is fascinating.

Our people want to know how well the Seminary's purpose is carried out: to prepare men for a public ministry of proclaiming that we are saved by grace alone as we know from the Scriptures alone by faith alone. Produced by Audio-Visual Aids, WELS. (1973)

Northwestern College — (FS-55-NWC)
20 min. CL. 7-1/2 ips tape
and Printed Commentary

This discussion concerning Northwestern College was developed from the script used by students as they present slide lectures on their school to various congregations, schools and organizations. Because you have a spiritual and a financial interest in Northwestern, we want to bring you a report on what your money and prayers are doing. Consider this a report from your school. Produced by Audio-Visual Aids, WELS. (1973)

Dr. Martin Luther College — (FS-54-DMLC)
30 min. CL. 7-1/2 ips. tape
and Printed Commentary

Our ascended Lord Jesus has given to His Church on earth those who are teachers. The

WELS has enjoyed this blessing for almost the entire history of its existence. The school where students receive training for the work of a Christian day school teacher is Dr. Martin Luther College. The story of this training is told in this filmstrip. Produced by Audio-Visual Aids, WELS. (1972)

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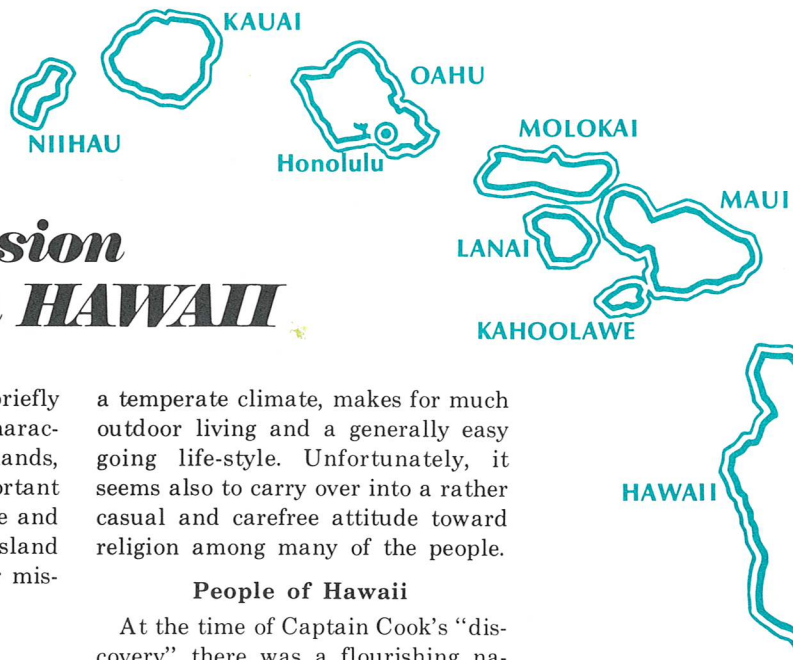
The Rev. Dennis A. Hayes of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, has been appointed to fill the vacancy on the Board of Control of Northwestern Lutheran Academy at Moberge, caused by the resignation of Pastor Ronald Heins, who has accepted a call into the Southeastern Wisconsin District.

The Rev. Thomas R. Schmidt of Faith, South Dakota, has been appointed to fill the vacancy on the Board of Control of Northwestern Lutheran Academy at Moberge, caused by the resignation of Pastor Nathan Engel, who has accepted a call into the Northern Wisconsin District.

O. J. Naumann, President

CHURCH FURNISHINGS

St. Peter Lutheran Church of Savanna, Illinois, has available an altar, pulpit, lectern, two candelabras, baptismal font and miscellaneous other furnishings. These are offered to any mission congregation for the asking. For information kindly contact: Mr. E. Dewey Gantert, 210 Diagonal, Savanna, Illinois 61074; Tel. (815) 273-2567.



WELS Mission Work in HAWAII

It is important to comment briefly on the history and physical characteristics of the Hawaiian Islands, since these factors play an important part in the present day life-style and religious persuasion of many island people. This in turn affects our mission work in the 50th State.

Discovery

The location of the Hawaiian Islands — more than 2,000 miles from the American continent, more than 2,000 miles from the nearest major island group — makes it the most isolated archipelago in the world. Thus, it is understandable that the discovery of these lovely islands came quite late in history. Polynesian people perhaps arrived as late as the eighth century A.D. Westerners discovered Hawaii something like a thousand years later, in 1778. Thereafter, in a period of less than 200 years, this island world went from a primitive feudal society, to monarchy, to statehood. This rather sudden transition left intact many customs of old Hawaii and much of its charm and warmth — often called the Aloha spirit.

A Place of Contrasts

Hawaii today is a unique blend of the old and new. It is at once like everything you dreamed it would be, and, at the same time, completely different than what you imagined. It is both tropical island and cosmopolitan boom-town. There are volcanoes, barren lava fields, and desert stretches; yet within a few miles one is in verdant rain forests with jungle vines and impenetrable underbrush. Flowering trees and plants bloom the year round in wild profusion. Ever present is the deep blue Pacific — its coral reefs, the surf, and sparkling sand beaches. All of this, along with

a temperate climate, makes for much outdoor living and a generally easy going life-style. Unfortunately, it seems also to carry over into a rather casual and carefree attitude toward religion among many of the people.

People of Hawaii

At the time of Captain Cook's "discovery" there was a flourishing native population of approximately 400,000 — inhabiting eight major islands. The native Hawaiian, however, had no immunity against the communicable diseases that were brought into the islands by sailors, merchantmen, and whalers. By the mid-1800's the native population was decimated. Today there are only some 50,000 remaining, the majority of whom are only part Hawaiian. With the growth of the sugar-cane industry, and later on the pineapple, contract labor was introduced. First came the Chinese, then the Japanese, and later the Filipinos. In more recent years, small numbers of Koreans and Samoans have made the islands their home. Thus Hawaii is an unusual mixture of east and west. Caucasians comprise about 40 per cent of the population, Japanese 30 per cent, other Oriental and Polynesian peoples the remaining 30 per cent. Although there is great diversity of ethnic backgrounds, yet all seem to live together in a surprisingly high degree of harmony.

Nature of Our Work

The question is often asked: What is mission work like in Hawaii? One can honestly say that it is *outwardly* different from what is generally experienced on the mainland. For one thing, there are the many different ethnic groups referred to previously. Also large numbers of people still cling to Buddhism and other oriental religions. In a recent survey, the peo-

ple claiming religious affiliation were distributed in the following manner: Protestant 30 per cent, Roman Catholic 30 per cent, Buddhist 25 per cent, and the remaining 15 per cent distributed among various sects and mystic cults. The old Hawaiian religion — an elaborate mixture of tabus, superstition, and even human sacrifice — has ceased to exist as a formal system since the 1820's. While some vestiges may remain, they are mostly for the tourist consumption.

Our work is divided between the civilian and the military population. Thousands of service people and their dependants are stationed at the many military bases located on the island of Oahu. The largest of these are Pearl Harbor, Hickham AFB, and Schofield Barracks. Hence there are always some members of our Synod moving in and out of the islands.

Thus while the work may be somewhat different outwardly, actually it is essentially the same here as elsewhere. All people are by nature lost and condemned sinners. All have been redeemed by the precious blood of Christ. Whatever our race or outward position may be, the Gospel of Christ alone has the power to rescue and save. It is still the Holy Spirit who by that Gospel enlightens and sanctifies. So, indeed, the work is the same — to bring the message of life to sinful mortals.

History of Our Mission

The beginning of our mission work in Hawaii is of recent origin; and the decision to enter this field, as in many other cases, was the result of appeals from a number of Wisconsin Synod families. Exploratory services were begun in February of 1969 by the California Mission District Mission Board. Services were conducted once a month in the afternoon at Fort Shafter Army Chapel. Pastor Paul Heyn, a member of the California Board at the time, was primarily in charge of the work. Actually a few services, at irregular intervals, had been held the previous year by our Synod's civilian chaplains to Viet Nam and World Mission Board executives passing between the mainland and the Orient. In June of 1970, Pastor W. H. Wietzke was installed as the first resident missionary. The following year a congregation — St. Paul Lutheran — was organized and accepted into membership with the Synod. Despite a high rate of membership turnover, our mission presently numbers over 60 souls. The Lord has blessed His Word among us.

While occasionally your missionary may make a special call on one of the neighboring islands, most of his work is done on the Island of Oahu which contains three-fourths of the state's population. Services are being held at the Holiday Inn Motel close to the Honolulu International Airport. We take this opportunity to invite those members of our Synod vacationing in the islands to worship with us. To those whom we've had the privilege of meeting in the past, we again extend our warmest Aloha!

The Future

We look to the days ahead with confidence, not because of any ability or strength on our part, but because the Lord has promised to be with us and has assured us that His Word will accomplish that which He pleases. At the same time we also know that there will always be problems and difficulties to be faced. Our young mission is up against such a situation at this time. We are seeking to acquire land for a future chapel.



Members of St. Paul Lutheran visiting after a church service at the Holiday Inn Motel.

However, in Hawaii land is a most precious commodity — partly because this is a relatively small island. Besides, much of the interior is rugged mountain terrain, and while beautiful, it is unsuitable for building purposes. Furthermore, the federal and state governments own about half of the island and much of the rest is controlled by a few large estates and corporations. When some tracts are finally put up for sale or lease, they are usually snapped up by large developers for subdivisions. The individual has little chance to get into the picture until the prices are astronomical. We have looked at land in the suburban housing areas of Honolulu that is selling for \$100,000 to \$200,000 per acre. Comparable land in most mainland cities would bring no more than \$20,000 to \$40,000. At the present time we do not know what the solution is. Yet we trust that the Lord will open a door for us in His own way and at His own good time.

We have previously mentioned the enchanting loveliness of these islands in the vast ocean of waters. Surely one cannot but marvel at the beauty of God's creation. We close, however, with the prayer that the even greater beauty of our Savior's Gospel may turn the hearts of all who hear to believe and to drink of the Water of Life!

William H. Wietzke



First WELS youth confirmation in Hawaii.



Meeting of voting members. Pastor Wietzke at the head of the table.

Aloha!



Moving the Relocatable Chapel

"It seems such a simple way to have a church building," thought the members of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Fort Worth when the Texas Mission District Mission Board first told us that their relocatable chapel would be available to us. After three years of worshipping in an office, a bank, and a shopping center we were ready to settle down.

However, it was not such a simple task. Land fill, site preparation, and utility installation were as extensive as for a permanent building. Easements had to be granted, a special zoning variance applied for (for a temporary unit), and our 1973 lease at the shopping center broken. What's more, disassembly and reassembly of the mobile unit took twice the time expected.

In December of 1972 we purchased five acres of agricultural land. Before using the land we had to prepare a plat detailing all future buildings. We platted four phases, including a church, a day school, and parsonage and teacherage. Before approving our plat, the city required installation of a 500-foot-long water main and a fire hydrant in the middle of our property. We also had to dredge a drainage ditch along the side of the five acres.

When we learned that the relocatable chapel would become available May 1, we rushed engineering the site and obtaining permits. At first the

city council objected to any kind of temporary building, but pictures from Abiding Word Lutheran Church (Houston) helped get an 18-month use permit. The city fathers urged us to proceed with our permanent building promptly so that we might vacate this mobile unit by January, 1975.

Rain, and More Rain!

In mid-May we selected a contractor to take care of the excavation, fill, and utility work. Two days after he began, it rained and rained, so that it took five weeks to do work which should have been finished in two. By the middle of June we were more than anxious to move the unit since we were staying at the shopping center on a 24-hour notice agreement.

Few contractors handle double-wide trailers. Finally, when we found a man in Houston willing to do the whole job, he was already behind schedule because of the rains. When more rain soaked the Houston site, he decided to wait. But it continued raining, and so he finally moved in spite of the mud, using a winch truck to free of both units from their locations. The first half of the chapel was on the road three days covering the 250 miles from Houston to Fort Worth. The trip was plagued by flat tires — seven of them! More rain in Fort Worth made it necessary to use a caterpillar to pull the unit into place.

Five hours before the second half of the chapel arrived, a four-inch downpour soaked the site again. The driver had had enough; he parked the unit on the street.

More Trouble

When the men of the assembly crew came, they had to spend a day finding a truck to place the second

1. First half of Relocatable Chapel positioned on site.
2. Second half misses drive and settles in the mud.
3. Move it slow and easy, and as close as possible!
4. Inside Relocatable Chapel after reassembly.
5. Unlocking door during the "Rededication Service."

This is the Love of God

"I am a murderer?!"

half. The first night they had their tools swiped from the motel and so had to locate and rent the needed tools. The third day they moved the second half of the chapel until it got stuck in the mud. Two more trucks were needed to get it into location. Because the fill dirt on the site was not yet dry, it required 38 foundation piers instead of the 20 at the former location.

When the relocatable chapel was connected, the old carpeting was too worn to be steamed, stretched and re-sown; so a new center runner had to be bought. Finally, the frustrated contractor left us after four days, and we ourselves had to finish the trim, nail the shingles, lay the carpeting, and reinforce the piers under the center aisle.

The rains naturally also delayed the sewer and water hookup. And then the electric company refused to hookup the electricity because the chapel had aluminum wiring, not copper as required by the city code. It took two more weeks until the city granted a special use permit. Meanwhile we conducted vacation Bible school at our old location.

Since we were without a lease at the shopping center, we decided to move on Sunday, July 1, and invited Pastor Walter Diehl, chairman of the Mission Board, to preach the sermon. We began our service at the shopping center and then, after the sermon, proceeded to the new chapel. As yet we had no utilities, no driveway, no parking lot, no sidewalks. But we moved all of our equipment that Sunday nevertheless. By the next Sunday we had electricity. By the third Sunday we had water. By the fifth Sunday we had our driveway. By the seventh Sunday we had a parking lot.

It Was Worth It!

Finally settled, we are pleased to meet for worship on our own property in a very attractive house of worship. An increase in attendance was noticed almost immediately. It has now been 45 months since exploratory services were first begun in Fort Worth.

The move was more expensive (\$2100 instead of \$1000), took more work (but all the long-range site

Among the Ten Commandments there is one which perhaps more than any of the others draws a "Not guilty" response from many people. Their plea, with countless variations, goes something like this: "I know that I'm far from perfect. I confess that I am a sinner. But at least I've never murdered anyone!"

Do you recognize the error of this kind of thinking? It's much too superficial, for one thing. Even the unregenerate Pharisees at the time of Christ knew (and their counterparts today know) that the physical act of murder is wrong. But all the Commandments of the Law require much more than simply an outward observance of "the letter of the Law."

Specifically, when God says, "Thou shalt not kill," He is, of course, forbidding the sin of physical murder. But consider this word of the Apostle John: "Whosoever *hateth* his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him" (I John 3:15). Compare this passage with the words of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 5:21,22) and with other related Scripture texts, and you come up with the sobering fact that when we become angry with someone God considers us to be murderers! It's true: "Out of the heart proceed murders . . ." (Matt. 15:19). We *are* guilty of sinning against the Fifth Commandment! *Everyone is!* Or are you different, perhaps? Is there no struggle in your heart between the Old Adam

work is finished), required more time (we had hoped to move in a month), and used up more patience than we had first assumed would be required when the Mission Board told us that the relocatable chapel was available to us. We hope that our experiences will help to plan the next move more efficiently and with fewer problems and delays.

It won't rain everytime! Today we can laugh about it — and praise the Lord!

Myrl Wagenknecht

(your inborn sinful nature) and the New Man (the new life created in the image of God)?

No, none of us escape this lifelong struggle. Therefore also we, as Christians, need to be aware of the sin of hatred, ill-will, and the desire to "get even" when we have been wronged — however unjustly.

What does John mean in the passage quoted above when he says that "no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him"? Thank God that this does not mean that anger or hatred or even the physical act of murder cannot be forgiven, otherwise all of us would be lost forever. Despite the countless times that we have been guilty of "murder in the heart," we have ever and again found our Savior's forgiveness. He has continued to lead us to repentance and renewed faith.

John does mean, however, that when a person lets anger and hatred grip him and rule his life, Jesus is being driven out of his heart. Faith in Christ and a continually burning hatred of any fellow human being cannot live together. "Faith worketh by love," not by hatred.

Let us, therefore, recognize the danger of letting anger and hatred burn in our hearts against those who wrong us or insult us! Let us ask the Lord to help us remember His unspeakably great love for us, and gratefully show love to our neighbor, yes, even to our enemies!

Philip R. Janke

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS Michigan Lutheran Seminary

Additional nominations for the vacant professorship in music at MLS are hereby solicited from the members of the Synod. The nominees should be qualified to work in the MLS Music Department. This includes teaching classes in music theory, directing the band and choruses, and assisting in the administration of the piano program. Nominations and pertinent data should be in the hands of the undersigned no later than November 14, 1973.

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Direct from the Districts

Southeastern Wisconsin

75 Years of Christian Education

St. Matthew's of Niles, Illinois, observed the 75th anniversary of its Christian day school on June 10, 1973. In a special anniversary service, Pastor George Boldt, president of the Southeastern Wisconsin District, addressed the worshipers, asking them to make the words of Joshua their anniversary promise, "We will Serve the Lord." More than 550 people attended the service of thanksgiving, also revisiting the school to meet class members and to view the picture and antique displays.

In a day when many churches and church bodies are unwilling to continue their support of Christian day-school education, St. Matthew's Congregation is grateful to its gracious God for this wonderful blessing. It is thankful that its school is growing and that enthusiasm for Christian education is increasing.

St. Matthew's Christian Day School was started in the spring of 1898, two years after the congregation was founded. The Rev. Karl Buenger, the first resident pastor, served as teacher for the five years he was with St. Matthew's. Classes were conducted in the German language in an annex of the original church building. For the next 20 years, until a teacher was called to serve the congregation, the resident pastor always conducted classes. Through the years, 37 teachers have served the congregation. The present school building, now 50 years old, was dedicated in 1923.

Western Wisconsin

Pastor's Widow Dies

Mrs. Elsie Marie Geyer, widow of the late Pastor Kurt Geyer, entered Life on June 19, 1973. Her time of grace was 81 years plus.

Funeral services were held in Peshigo, Wisconsin, with Pastor Delton

Tills and in Belvidere, Illinois, with Pastor Orval Cullen officiating.

Mrs. Geyer was born December 16, 1891, in Sturgis, Michigan. In January, 1909, she started teaching at Bethesda Christian Day School, Milwaukee. She was married to Pastor Kurt Geyer in 1913, and served with her husband at Zion Lutheran Church, Peshtigo, for 48 years.

After her husband's retirement and death, Mrs. Geyer became a member of Peace Lutheran Church, a WELS Mission in Rockford, Illinois, and served as the mission's organist until a few months before her death.

Minister 40 Years

On September 3, 1933, Pastor Hugo Fritze was ordained into the Lutheran ministry. On August 26, 1973, his congregation, St. John's Lutheran Church of Ixonia, Wisconsin, observed his 40th anniversary.

Pastor H. Hackbarth delivered the sermon on the occasion, speaking on Psalm 34:3. His theme was: "Your Pastor Invites You to Exalt the Lord's Name with Him." Pastor R. E. Lauersdorf served as liturgist. A pot-luck dinner followed the service.

From 1933 to 1969 Pastor Fritze served congregations in the Nebraska District. Among them were the churches at Valentine, Nebraska, Des Moines, Iowa, Norfolk, Nebraska, and Council Bluffs, Iowa. Since May of 1969 he has been serving St. John's of rural Ixonia.

Pastor Fritze has also served the church-at-large in various capacities. From 1945 to 1958 he served on the Nebraska District Mission Board, being its chairman for many years. He was president of the Nebraska District from 1958 to 1969. He has also served a term as visitor in the Central Conference of the Western Wisconsin District.

May the Lord continue to bless Pastor and Mrs. Fritze in the years to come!

Dedication at

On June 10, 1973, in a near record-breaking 98 degree temperature, 245 members and friends gathered for the 3:00 P.M. dedication service of Faith Ev. Lutheran Church, Prior Lake, Minnesota. The service began with the cornerstone-laying ceremony conducted by the local pastor, the Rev. LeRoy H. Lothert. The guest speaker for the dedication service was the Rev. Norman W. Berg, Executive Secretary of the General Board for Home Missions. On the basis of Matthew 15:32-39, Pastor Berg addressed the congregation on the theme: "The Church Which Cares." He pointed out that our Synod cares about the spiritual needs of people. By reaching people with the Gospel in this community and in the world we are a church which cares. Liturgists for the service were Pastor M. Petermann, chairman of the Minnesota District Mission Board, and Pastor E. Peterson, former chairman of the District Mission Board. Two hymns were also sung by the Junior Choir of Trinity

Centennial at

The beginnings of Trinity Lutheran Church, Ellington Township, Route 2, Appleton, Wisconsin, date back to the year 1873 when a number of Lutheran families asked the Rev. John Sprengling, the pastor of St. John's in Center Township, to conduct services in our community. Trinity Congregation was organized on February 3, 1874.

From 1873 to 1883 the congregation was served from St. John's, Center, by Pastor Sprengling and then by Pastor Martin Eickman. The first resident pastor was Richard Siegler who was installed in the fall of 1883.

Trinity's first church building was a simple frame structure built in 1874. The first parsonage was built in the summer of 1883. By 1896 it became apparent that the first church building was no longer large enough to accommodate the membership. At

Faith, Prior Lake, Minnesota

Lutheran, Belle Plaine, under the direction of Teacher Melville Schultz.

Not only did the dedication take place on Pentecost Sunday, the birthday of the Christian Church, but also on the fifth anniversary of Faith Ev. Lutheran Church. Its first service was held on June 9, 1968. The church was begun as a dual parish with Mt. Olive, Shakopee. June 10, 1973, therefore was for the members of Faith Congregation a day of thanksgiving.

The new church is a one-story building, 43 feet wide and 67 feet long. The seating capacity is 250. Eventually an educational building will be built on the north side of the church and will be connected to the main entrance by a corridor. The chancel end of the church has a temporary wall that can be removed in the future so that the church may be lengthened to twice its present size. Architect for the church was Mr. Duane D. Anderson, head of our Synod's

Architectural Department. By hiring a general building agent, Mr. John Cloutier, Alexandria, Minnesota, and by having the members help with the erection of the building, the congregation was able to save about one-fourth of the estimated cost. One of the members built the chancel furnishings.

As a church which cares for the spiritual needs of people, the congregation on the Sunday following was privileged to witness the baptism of one child and one adult and the confirmation of three adults.

We wish to thank you, the members of the Synod, who through your offerings and gifts and loans to the Church Extension Fund have made it possible for our mission congregations to obtain loans to build churches where they may worship their Savior. Above all we thank our heavenly Father for caring enough about all of us to send His Son to die on the cross for our sins.

On June 24, Pastor Lothert preached his farewell sermon, having accepted a call to Columbia and Owensville, Missouri. Two months later, on August 26, the Rev. Oliver Lindholm was installed as pastor of Mt. Olive, Shakopee, and Faith, Prior Lake. May the Lord bless Pastor Lindholm and these congregations in caring for the spiritual needs of the many people living in these two suburban areas of the Twin Cities!

Pastor L. H. Lothert, Mrs. Gary Milard, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ball and Lori.



Trinity, Tn. Ellington, Wisconsin

a special congregational meeting in November, 1897, the voters decided unanimously to build a new church.

Ground was broken the next April. To keep building costs down, the members helped as much as possible in excavating the basement, in assisting the carpenters and bricklayers, and in hauling building materials from Appleton and Oshkosh. By September the church was completed. Thus 1973 not only marks the 100th anniversary of the beginnings of Trinity Congregation, but also the 75th anniversary of the dedication of its house of worship.

The present church property was completed with the erection of a new parsonage in 1903. During the years 1959 to 1964, the church was completely renovated inside and out, and then rededicated to the glory of God on February 9, 1964.

Resident pastors who have served Trinity are: Richard Siegler (1883-1886), August Vollbrecht (1886-1896), William Kansier (1896-1912), Emil Redlin (1912-1943), Carl Henning (1943-1951), Robert Waldschmidt (1952-1956), Robert Carter (1957-1969), and Donald Ninmer (1969-present).

On August 19, 1973, the members and friends of Trinity took time out to thank the Lord in two special anniversary services. Addressing the congregation that day were Pastor Carl Henning, who used I Peter 1:23-25 as his text, and Pastor Carl Voss, who chose Romans 1:16. The resident pastor served as liturgist. Organist for both services was Mrs. Earl Jentz, who has faithfully served the Lord and Trinity Congregation as organist for 30 years.

We are thankful that God has blessed us with a beautiful house of



Trinity Lutheran, Town Ellington.

worship for the past 75 years. We are even more grateful that He has blessed us with His Word for the past 100 years.

Donald P. Ninmer

Pastor Alvin H. Baer
1902 - 1973



On Monday evening, August 20, 1973, the Almighty God said to His faithful servant, the Rev. Alvin H. Baer, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many. Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

The funeral service was held at St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Adrian, Michigan, where the departed had

been pastor for 15 years. The family was encouraged to follow the example of John the Baptist's disciples, recorded in Matthew 14:12, "Go and tell Jesus."

Pastor Alvin Baer was born June 9, 1902, at Bowdle, South Dakota, the son of Herman and Anna (Wagner) Baer. He was baptized into the Christian faith on June 29, and was confirmed on April 16, 1916. On July 20, 1952, he was united in holy wedlock with Alice Seeburger.

Pastor Baer prepared for the ministry by attending Dr. Martin Luther High School, Northwestern College, and the Theological Seminary at Wauwatosa. He was ordained into the ministry in 1926. Among the parishes he served were Haynes, North Dakota; Aurora, South Dakota; Hastings, Minnesota; Toledo, Ohio; St. Stephen Lutheran Church in Adrian, Michigan, from 1941-1956; and also Redeemer Lutheran and Sa-

lem Lutheran, both in Ann Arbor, Michigan. After his retirement on June 9, 1968, he continued to preach regularly at various Michigan and Florida congregations.

The brother was privileged to serve his Lord in various other capacities in the church, such as a member of the Apache Mission Board, chairman of the Michigan District Mission Board, member of the General Board for Home Missions, and secretary of the board for the Martin Luther Memorial Home at South Lyon, Michigan.

Pastor Baer leaves to mourn his wife, Alice; a son, Pastor Robert Baer of Westland, Michigan; a daughter, Mrs. Esther Sieg; one sister; two brothers; and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Leona, and a son, Alvin.

D. Gieschen

ORDINATIONS AND INSTALLATIONS

(Authorized by the District Presidents)

Ordained and Installed

Pastors:

- Busch, Rodney**, as pastor of the new mission at Memphis, Tennessee, on August 5, 1973, by R. Stadler (SEW).
- Hartman, Paul J.**, as pastor at Divine Savior, Indianapolis, Indiana, by R. Hartman, on July 8, 1973 (SEW).

INSTALLED

Pastors:

- Burk, Milton W.**, as pastor at Prince of Peace, Yucaipa, California, by A. Habben, on August 26, 1973 (Ariz.-Cal.).
- Engel, Nathan J.**, as pastor at Grace and Emanuel, New London, Wisconsin, by A. Engel, on September 9, 1973 (N. Wis.).
- Lindholm, Oliver H.**, as pastor at Mt. Olive, Shakopee, Minnesota, and Faith, Prior Lake, Minnesota, by W. Wiedenmeyer, on August 26, 1973 (Minn.).
- Luebchow, Roderick G.**, as instructor at St. Croix Lutheran H. S., W. St. Paul, Minnesota, by D. Meier, on September 9, 1973 (Minn.).
- Olson, Willard**, as pastor at St. Paul's, Hustler, Wisconsin, and St. Peter's, Indian Creek, Wisconsin, by H. Winkel, on August 26, 1973 (W. Wis.).
- Pankow, Paul**, as pastor at Crown of Life, Hubertus, Wisconsin, by J. Raabe, on August 5, 1973.
- Ziemer, Paul C.**, as instructor at Luther High School, Onalaska, Wisconsin, by F. Mueller, on August 19, 1973 (W. Wis.).

Teachers:

- Bame, Robert**, as teacher at St. Paul's, New Ulm, Minnesota, by T. Henning, on August 26, 1973 (Minn.).
- Bauer, Gerhard**, as professor at DMLC, New Ulm, Minnesota, by O. Engel, on September 10, 1973 (Minn.).
- Bauer, James**, as teacher at St. Mark's, Watertown, Wisconsin, by M. Kell, on August 26, 1973 (W. Wis.).
- Bauer, John**, as teacher at Palos, Palos Heights, Illinois, by J. Schewe, on August 19, 1973 (SEW).
- Bauer, Rodney**, as instructor at Luther High School, Onalaska, Wisconsin, by F. Mueller, on August 23, 1973 (W. Wis.).
- Biedenbender, Frederick**, as teacher at St. John's, Westland, Michigan, by R. Baer, on August 26, 1973 (Mich.).
- Besemer, Ronald**, as teacher at Christ Lutheran, Menominee, Michigan, by J. Lindquist, on August 19, 1973 (N. Wis.).

- Boehm, Daniel**, as teacher at St. John's, Westland, Michigan, by R. Baer, on August 26, 1973 (Mich.).
- Boll, Arlyn**, as professor at Northwestern Prep, Watertown, Wisconsin, by W. Schumann, Jr., on September 9, 1973 (W. Wis.).
- Brutlag, Ron**, as teacher and principal at St. Paul's, Livonia, Michigan, by W. Koelpin, on August 26, 1973 (Mich.).
- Carlovsky, Steven**, as teacher at Emanuel, New London, Wisconsin, by F. Heidemann, on August 19, 1973 (N. Wis.).
- Carolfi, James**, as teacher at Emanuel, New London, Wisconsin, by F. Heidemann, on August 19, 1973 (N. Wis.).
- Evans, John**, as teacher at Faith, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, by M. Janke, on August 5, 1973 (N. Wis.).
- Filter, Robert**, as teacher at Peace, Livonia, Michigan, by R. Mueller, on September 2, 1973 (Mich.).
- Gauger, Steven**, as teacher at Fox Valley Luth. H.S., Appleton, Wisconsin, by J. Schroeder, on August 31, 1973 (N. Wis.).
- Geisler, Terry**, as teacher at St. John, Waterloo, Wisconsin, by H. Essmann, on August 19, 1973 (W. Wis.).
- Glock, Ronald**, as teacher at Pilgrim, Minneapolis, Minnesota, by K. Schroeder, on August 19, 1973 (Minn.).
- Goodger, Arnold**, as teacher at Christ Our Redeemer, Bend, Oregon, by E. Kahrs, on August 26, 1973 (PNW).
- Gulczynski, Dennis**, as instructor at Lakeside Lutheran High, Lake Mills, Wisconsin, by H. Wiedmann, on August 26, 1973 (W. Wis.).
- Hackmann, David**, as teacher at St. Lucas, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, by R. Johnston, on August 26, 1973 (SEW).
- Halldin, David C.**, as teacher at Timothy, St. Louis Park, Minnesota, by M. Hanke, on September 2, 1973 (Minn.).
- Hein, Michael**, as teacher and principal at Pilgrim, Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin, by H. Kruschel, on August 5, 1973 (SEW).
- Hill, Robert**, as instructor at Shoreland High School, Kenosha, Wisconsin, by A. Capek, on August 19, 1973 (SEW).
- Hinz, Roger**, as instructor at Luther High School, Onalaska, Wisconsin, by F. Mueller, on August 19, 1973 (W. Wis.).
- Klug, James A.**, as teacher at St. Paul's, Norfolk, Nebraska, by M. Weistahn, on August 22, 1973 (Neb.).
- Kluth, Herbert**, as teacher at St. Matthew's, Benton Harbor, Michigan, by K. Biedenbender, on August 26, 1973 (Mich.).
- Mateske, Robert**, as teacher at St. John, Waterloo, Wisconsin, by H. Essmann, on August 19, 1973 (W. Wis.).
- Menges, David**, as teacher at St. John's, Lewiston, Minnesota, by D. Fischer, on August 26, 1973 (W. Wis.).
- Miller, Ralph L.**, as teacher at Buffalo Lutheran School Association, Cochrane, Wisconsin, by W. Beckendorf, on August 26, 1973 (W. Wis.).

- Niedfeldt, Thomas**, as instructor at Winnebago Lutheran Academy, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, by M. Janke, on August 27, 1973 (N. Wis.).
- Ottenbacher, Kenneth**, as teacher at St. Paul's, Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin, by D. Bitter, on August 19, 1973 (W. Wis.).
- Pasbrig, James**, as instructor at Lakeside Lutheran High, Lake Mills, Wisconsin, by H. Wiedmann, on August 26, 1973 (W. Wis.).
- Pingel, Frederick T.**, as teacher at Good Shepherd, Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, by L. Cooper, on September 2, 1973 (W. Wis.).
- Rodenbeck, Timothy**, as teacher at St. Paul's, Lake Mills, Wisconsin, by R. Hartmann, on August 26, 1973 (W. Wis.).
- Schramm, Darwin**, as teacher at St. Paul's, Livonia, Michigan, by W. Koelpin, on August 26, 1973 (Mich.).
- Schroer, Robert**, as professor at Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Saginaw, Michigan, by E. Kasischke, on August 27, 1973 (Mich.).
- Slattery, Richard**, as teacher at Grace, Oshkosh, Wisconsin, by C. Koepsell, on September 2, 1973 (N. Wis.).
- Tomezak, Frank**, as teacher at Pilgrim, Minneapolis, Minnesota, by K. Schroeder, on August 19, 1973 (Minn.).
- Walz, Dale**, as instructor at Lakeside Lutheran High, Lake Mills, Wisconsin, by H. Wiedmann, on August 26, 1973 (W. Wis.).
- Westphal, Steven**, as teacher at Martin Luther, Neenah, Wisconsin, by G. Albrecht, on August 19, 1973 (N. Wis.).

ADDITION

Through an oversight two names of teachers who have achieved Synodical certification were omitted from the September 9, 1973, report on "A Busy Summer at DMLC," page 288. The minutes of the Conference of Presidents of July 19, 1973, also include the names of Miss Frieda Lannoye, Green Bay, Wisconsin, and Mr. Steven Gauger, Appleton, Wisconsin. We are happy to make this correction.

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WISCONSIN STATE TEACHERS' CONFERENCE WISCONSIN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Thursday, Nov. 1, 1973
9:00 Opening Service: C. Mischke
10:15 Announcements and Elections
10:30 "The Fifth Commandment": M. Janke
11:45 Noon Hour and Displays
1:30 Devotion
1:40 Board for Parish Education Report
2:10 Reports on DMLC and NWC
2:45 Sectionals

Friday, Nov. 2, 1973
9:00 Devotion
9:15 Sectionals
11:30 Noon Break
1:00 Sectionals
2:15 Return to Auditorium
2:30 Unfinished Business and Closing Service
R. Moldenhauer, Secretary

WISCONSIN STATE HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS CONFERENCE Wisconsin Lutheran High School Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Thursday, Nov. 1, 1973
9:00 Opening Service: C. Mischke
10:15 Announcements
10:30 "The Fifth Commandment": M. Janke
11:45 Noon Hour and Displays
1:00 Devotion
1:10 "The Gl and His Church": C. Krug
2:10 Recess
2:20 "Innovations in Classroom Methodology": C. Gloor; "Writing Self-Instructional Materials": J. Wandersee

Friday, Nov. 2, 1973
9:00 Devotion
9:15 Department Sectional Meetings and Meeting of High School Principals
12:00 Noon Hour and Displays
1:00 Devotion
1:10 Business Meeting, Elections, and Reports
2:10 "The Arrested Youth — Procedure, Detention and Result": Judge V. Manian of the Milwaukee Children's Court
3:10 Unfinished Business and Closing Service
Walter Sebald, Secretary

NOTICE

The next regular plenary session of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for

October 22 and 23, 1973.

Business to be acted upon is to be submitted to the Executive Secretary of the Board with copies to be furnished the Chairman of the Board at least 10 days before the scheduled meeting.

Carl S. Leyrer, Secretary
Board of Trustees

COLLOQUY REQUESTED

Mr. Gary A. Taylor of Carson, California, a former teacher in parish schools of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, has applied for a colloquy, with a view to being received into the teaching ministry of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod.

I. G. Frey, President
Arizona-California District

MINNESOTA

NEW ULM PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: November 7, 9:30 a.m.
Place: St. Paul's, New Ulm, Minnesota.
Preacher: L. Boerneke (H. Bittorf, alt.).
Agenda: Evangelism vs. the Evangelist Pentecost Movement; J. Miller; I Corinthians 4: A. Koelplin; panel discussion on present Evangelism programs.
L. Meyer, Secretary

NORTHERN WISCONSIN

DISTRICT PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: October 29-30, 1973; 10 a.m. Communion service.
Place: St. Mark, Green Bay, Wis; Carl Voss, host pastor.
Preacher: F. Zink.
Agenda: "The Prayer of our High Priest (John 17); Prof. A. Panning; Brief Written Report of District Boards.
Note: Each pastor will arrange for his own lodging; kindly send excuses to the host pastor.
D. Worgull, Secretary

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN

DODGE WASHINGTON PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: October 30, 1973; 9:00 a.m.
Place: Emmanuel, Tn. Herman.
Preacher: T. Horneber (P. Huth, alternate).
Agenda: Exegesis of I Timothy 1:14ff; T. Horneber; Use of the New Bible Translations: W. Nommensen; Exegesis of Psalm 103: W. Schink.
P. H. Huth, Secretary

SOUTHERN PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: November 13, 1973; 9:00 a.m. Communion service.
Place: St. John's, Burlington, Wisconsin (Pine & Madison St.).
Preacher: F. Kosanke (T. Kraus, alternate).
Agenda: Romans 2: L. Nolte (Romans 3, R. Pope, alternate); Fraternal Benevolent Organizations: A. Buenger (Christian Liberty as Exercised by the Individual Christian: R. Gosdeck, alternate); conference business.
K. E. Schroeder, Secretary

CHICAGO PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: November 13, 1973; 9:00 a.m.
Place: St. James, Evanston, Illinois.
Preacher: A. T. Kretzmann (T. Liesener, alternate).
Agenda: Exegesis of James 5: J. Braun; Campus Organizations: H. Wackerfuss; Relation of the Mosaic Law to the New Testament: J. Schewe (alternate).
A. H. Siggelkow, Secretary Pro-Tem.

WESTERN WISCONSIN

CENTRAL PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: October 23, 1973; 9:00 a.m.
Place: St. Paul, Ixonia.
Preacher: C. Tessmer (alternate, M. Sordahl).
R. Ehler, Secretary

CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES

ARIZONA-CALIFORNIA

DISTRICT PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: October 30-Nov. 1, 1973.
Opening service: Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.
Place: Christ the King, La Habra, California.
Agenda: The Minister's Pledge of Loyalty to the Confessions and Scripture; D. Redlin; Neo-orthodox Faith vs. Scriptural Faith: A. Keibel; An Exegetical-Homiletical Study: V. Glaeske; Carnal Security—Once Saved Always Saved: D. Pautz; Goals and Methods of Adult Instructions: A. Habben.
Note: Reformation service on Wednesday evening, October 31.
Th. B. Franzmann, Secretary

DAKOTA-MONTANA

EASTERN PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: November 6-7, 1973; 10:00 a.m.; Communion service at 7:30 p.m.
Place: Ascension Ev. Lutheran Church, Moorhead, Minnesota.
Preacher: E. Habermann (G. Bunde, alternate).
Agenda: Exegesis of Matthew 5:31-32, with emphasis on V. 32, and Matthew 19:3-9; G. Lemke; Exegesis of I Corinthians 7:1-15; J. Engel; Exegesis of I Timothy 6: R. Ziebell; Exegesis of II Kings 5:18-19, with Overview of Fellowship Principles: W. Russow; Satan and His Tactics — A Scriptural Study of Our Arch-enemy: E. Habermann; The Seventh Commandment in Luther's Large Catechism: W. Allwardt.
M. W. Schulz, Secretary

MICHIGAN

COLONIAL PASTOR-DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: October 22, 1973.
Place: Army-Navy Club, Biltmore Hotel, New York, N.Y.
Communion Service: 8:00 p.m.; C. Pagel, preacher.
Agenda: Worship in the Christian's Life: R. MacKain; Presentation of the Unioan Program: N. Berg and A. Schaefer; Report on the Synod Convention.
J. Mittelstaedt, Secretary

EXPLORATORY SERVICES

MANSFIELD, OHIO AREA

Exploratory services are being conducted in the central Ohio area of Mansfield, Ashland, Galion, and other cities. Names of WELS families and prospects should be sent to: Pastor John C. Ibsch, 1032 Leith St., Maumee, Ohio 43537, Telephone 414-893-3116.

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

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.

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).

NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL

Trinity Lutheran Congregation of Ballwin, Missouri, has withdrawn from the fellowship of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.
G. A. Horn, president
Minnesota District

Treasurer's Report

PREBUDGET SUBSCRIPTION PERFORMANCE

Seven months ended July 31, 1973

	Subscription Amount for 1973	7/12 of Annual Subscription	Subscription and Pension Offerings	Per Cent of Subscription
Arizona-California	\$ 254,122	\$ 148,238	\$ 148,033	99.9
Dakota-Montana	191,770	111,866	107,925	96.5
Michigan	994,460	580,101	567,979	97.9
Minnesota	992,412	578,907	580,234	100.2
Nebraska	186,352	108,705	106,645	98.1
Northern Wisconsin	1,108,983	646,906	607,815	94.0
Pacific Northwest	69,325	40,440	36,709	90.8
Southeastern Wisconsin	1,353,982	789,822	748,915	94.8
Western Wisconsin	1,265,467	738,189	718,689	97.4
Total — 1973	\$6,416,873(A)	\$3,743,174	\$3,622,944	96.8
Total — 1972	\$5,890,965	\$3,436,394	\$3,196,125	93.0

Note (A) — The subscription amount for 1973 has been increased \$1,650.00 to include all revisions received by the Stewardship Department as of June 30, 1973.

CURRENT BUDGETARY FUND

Statement of Income and Expenditures

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

	Twelve months ended July 31			
	1973	1972	Amount	Per Cent
Increase or Decrease*				
Income				
Prebudget Subscription Offerings	\$6,300,848	\$5,662,570	\$638,278	11.3
Pension Plan Contributions	95,594	99,630	4,036*	4.1*
Gifts, Memorials and Bequests	54,751	58,557	3,806*	6.5*
Earnings from Fox Estate	52,558	—	52,558	
Distribution of Trust Funds Income	—	—	—	
Income from NWPB	—	6,562	6,562*	
Other Income	2,588	232	2,356	
Transfers from Other Funds	14,346	—	14,346	
Total Income	\$6,520,685	\$5,827,551	\$693,134	11.9
Expenditures				
Worker-Training — Expenses	\$3,467,648	\$3,310,865	\$156,783	4.7
Worker-Training — Income	1,467,285	1,421,139	46,146	3.2
Worker-Training — Net	2,000,363	1,889,726	110,637	5.9
Home Missions	1,040,837	916,862	123,975	13.5
World Missions	965,571	886,406	79,165	8.9
Benevolences	814,853	781,705	33,148	4.2
Administration and Services	454,468	423,380	31,088	7.3
Total Operations	\$5,276,092	\$4,898,079	\$378,013	7.7
Appropriations — Building Funds	248,284	279,239	30,955*	11.1
Appropriations — CEF Program	789,076	767,367	21,709	2.8
Total Expenditures	\$6,313,452	\$5,944,685	\$368,767	6.2
Operating Gain	\$ 207,233	—	—	
Operating Deficit**	—	117,134**	—	

Norris Koopmann, Treasurer & Controller
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TIME AND PLACE

TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA

Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Torrance, California, is now meeting in its new church home at 1001 W. 223rd St., Torrance, California 90502. The new time of service is: Worship at 9:00 a.m. and Sunday school and Bible class at 10:15. The phone number at the church office is 320-1771, area code 213. H. Curtis Lyon, pastor.

GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA

The WELS mission begun in the fall of 1972 has organized as Zion Ev. Lutheran Church. Regular morning services are now being held at

10:30 a.m. in a chapel at 1204 NW. 10th St. in Gainesville. Visitors welcome. Our mission serves the U. of Florida. Send referrals to 2130 NW. 55th Terrace, Gainesville, FL 32605 or call (904) 376-9940; John C. Lawrenz, pastor.

MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

The WELS mission in Memphis has become GLORIA DEI EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH. Currently it is meeting at the Parkway Village Athletic Club, 5111 Bryndale Ave. Worship service is at 9:45 Sunday mornings with Sunday school and Bible class following. Please send contact information to Pastor Rodney Busch, 3438 Sophia, Memphis, Tn. 38118 (901-365-8668).

NOMINEES — MLA DEAN

Members of the Synod have nominated the following for the office of dean at Martin Luther Academy, New Ulm, Minnesota.

Pastor G. Jerome Albrecht, Neenah, WI
Pastor Mark Bartling, Grant Park, IL
Pastor Ralph Baur, Edmonds, WA
Pastor Gerhard Birkholz, Litchfield, MN
Pastor Larry Cross, Rochester, MN
Pastor Daniel Deutschlander, St. Albert, Alberta, Canada
Pastor David Fischer, Lewiston, MN
Pastor William Fischer, Brookfield, MN
Pastor Charles Flunker, Stockton, KS
Pastor Gerald Free, Omaha, NE
Pastor Robert Hartman, Lake Mills, WI
Prof. Lloyd Hahnke, New Ulm, MN
Pastor Martin Janke, Fond du Lac, WI
Pastor Iver Johnson, West St. Paul, MN
Prof. Harris Kaesmeyer, Saginaw, MI
Pastor Paul Kelm, Pittsfield, MA
Pastor David Kock, Rhineland, WI
Pastor William Leerssen, Winner, SD
Pastor Mark Lenz, Inver Grove Heights, MN
Pastor Edward Lindemann, Loretto, MN
Pastor Jon Mahnke, Carlsbad, CA
Pastor Floyd Mattek, Riga, MI
Pastor Richard Paustian, Tucson, AZ
Pastor Larry Pautz, West Bend, WI
Pastor Karl Peterson, Birmingham, AL
Pastor Reuben Reimers, Hutchinson, MN
Pastor George Rothe, Brown Deer, WI
Pastor James Schneider, Ontario, WI
Pastor Edmund Schulz, Redwood Falls, MN
Pastor Reuel Schulz, West Allis, WI
Pastor Wayne Schulz, Aberdeen, SD
Pastor Alan Siggelkow, Ft. Wayne, IN
Pastor Lyle Sonntag, Bylas, AZ
Pastor Lowell Smith, San Diego, CA
Prof. Cyril Spaude, Watertown, WI
Pastor David Tetzlaff, South Haven, MI
Pastor Richard Wiechmann, Milwaukee, WI
Prof. Paul Wilde, Mobridge, SD
Pastor Herman Winkel, Sparta, WI
Pastor David Worgull, Menasha, WI
Pastor Larry Zwig, Merritt Island, FL

The Board of Control of Martin Luther Academy, New Ulm, Minnesota, will meet on Monday, October 29, 1973, at 4:30 p.m. in the faculty meeting room. Correspondence concerning the nominees should be in the hands of the secretary before this time.

Mr. Paul Fritze, Secretary
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