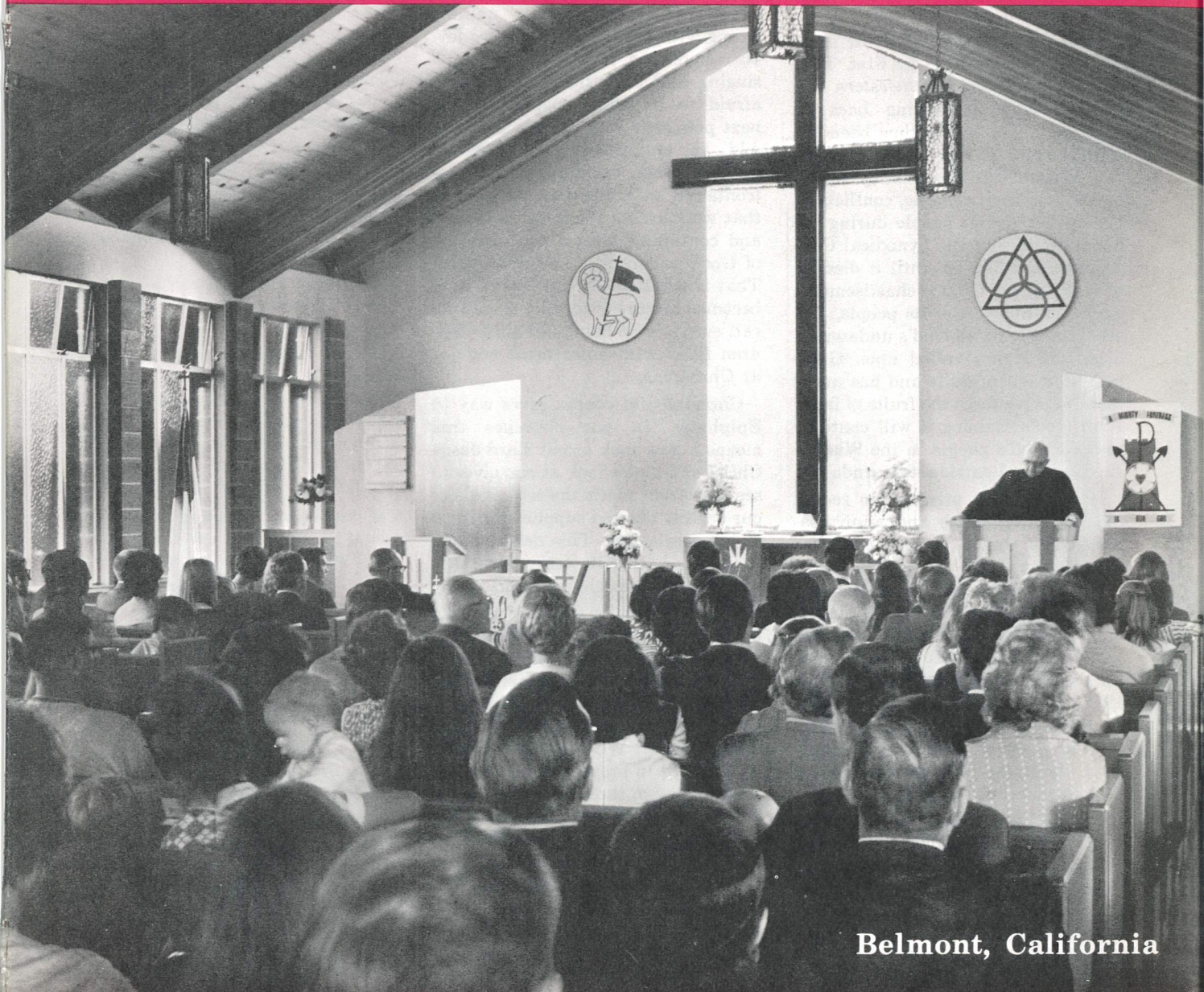


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Briefs by the Editor



A New Year brings new matters to the attention of the readers of *The Northwestern Lutheran* too.

To begin with, this is the first number in a new volume, the 61st. That tells us that *The Northwestern Lutheran* began publishing back in January, 1914. It has thus been the official voice of our Synod through two World Wars and many lesser, but no less heart-rending, conflicts. It has spoken to our people during the noontide days of the Synodical Conference and then on until it died. It has chronicled God's chastisements upon our Synod and its people, and also joyously noted God's undeserved blessings. It has called upon God's people to repent daily and has urged them to bring forth the fruits of faith. With God's blessing it will continue to serve God's people in the Wisconsin Synod and outside its boundaries.

It is always a privilege to record the important dates and anniversaries in the church. In this issue, for example, we call attention to the Lord's remarkable blessings bestowed on one of the former editors of *The Northwestern Lutheran*, Pastor W. J. Schaefer. He guided the affairs of this periodical from 1939 to 1957. The Lord has now granted him 60 years in the Christian ministry and 60 years of marriage. You may read about the joy expressed by his congregation on page 10.

On the very same page we bring you a contrasting article. The one on Pastor Schaefer speaks of many long years of serving and loving the Savior; the other, entitled "First Love — African Style," speaks of the delight which recently-converted believers find in the same saving Gospel. Though the book of Revelation pointedly criticizes such who lose their first love and take their faith and worship for granted, it also fully approves when that first love develops into a steadfast love and mature zeal. We pray for all the members and congregations of our church, whether

stateside or overseas, that both elements may always be evident in their lives. You know, there's nothing wrong with putting a little more joyous expression into our worship, a singing that is enthusiastic and not afraid to let your neighbor in the next pew hear you. To this we must add an enthusiastic preaching of God's message, beginning with a confrontation with the Law of God so that we may see the need to repent, and continuing with a proclamation of God's saving love in Jesus Christ. That is what spells "first love" as it becomes mature love. But there's no call ever to stop being like little children filled with amazement and joy at Christmas.

Christmas, of course, gives way to Epiphany. In our churches this means a new look at our Lord Jesus Christ and a new look at ourselves to see how Jesus meets the real needs of our earthly life and supplies the hope of life everlasting. This new volume, therefore, begins its task at a thrilling hour in the church year.

What greater joy, can we who are members of the Wisconsin Synod experience than at this time to accept the invitation of Missioner Roger Sprain to take our new mission on a new continent to our mission Lord in united prayer. We take this mission to the Lord in prayer because we are sending these three men and their wives and families to Medellin, Colombia, not to build the Wisconsin Synod but to bring men, women, and children to the knowledge of Him who is "the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world." That requires God's blessing. We hope that you will accept this invitation to pray for them personally and in the family of your congregation. The Lord will hear these prayers of ours for He has promised to hear all who pray in His name.

A new year, a new volume, a new and steadfast love, a new continent, but the same loving Lord!

*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

Gloria Dei Lutherans recently celebrated the tenth anniversary of the founding of their congregation in Belmont, California. Their celebration centered around the Word, for it is the Gospel that brings to faith and then gathers believers together in congregations. Preaching for the occasion was Pastor Hochmuth of Santa Clara. The Rev. Gerald E. Geiger is pastor of the congregation. See "Direct from the Districts," page 13.

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Editorials

Creating God In Our Own Image "God created man in His own image; in the image of God created He him." That's the way it was according to Genesis, chapter one.

Subsequently, however, man promoted himself to the position of God, and the order has been reversed: God is created in the image of man.

By this procedure man determines who and what God is. In the Epistle to the Romans, Paul said of the heathen: "They changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like unto corruptible man and to birds and four-footed beasts and creeping things." We observe it also in the more sophisticated conceptions of God; for example, that God is all, and all is God — a sort of impersonal force in the world.

It comes a little closer to home when we observe the tendency, even on the part of professed Christians, to determine what God as God ought to think and what position He ought to take with respect to various issues. In His inspired Word God speaks clearly on such matters as divorce, adultery, homosexuality, abortion, and religious unionism, to name a few. But by means of specious reasoning and ingenious manipulation we can make quite a case for attitudes and positions which are contrary to God's Word. We search our minds, liberally influenced by sentiment and our own inclinations, and we determine what in our own opinion a righteous and intelligent God would think. This to us becomes right and truth, and the original order is reversed: Man has created God in his own image.

This can be a very effective procedure in salving one's conscience or in establishing the validity of a preferred position. There is one thing wrong with it, however. "God created man in His own image" — not vice versa.

Immanuel Frey

A Return To The Old Paths? Church people have been packing auditoriums in a number of cities to listen to the Rev. Bill Gothard (of an independent Bible church background) give 32 hours of lectures in six days on youth conflicts and principles of family life. In 1973, it is estimated, his seminar attracted 250,000 participants.

As reported in the *New York Times*, the seminar "is based on the fact that there are underlying principles of life set forth in Scripture and that there is a clear relationship between the violation of these principles and the conflicts which both youth and adults are facing today." In his courses he stresses the primacy of the father in a strong, successful family. The wife, or mother, he believes, is to "be obedient to God and submissive to her husband."

The basic content of the week's lectures is a blend of Bible texts, interpreted literally, plus psychology and common sense.

Another example of a growing interest in traditional values is seen in the results of a survey of 26,000 high-school leaders, recently released by "Who's Who Among American High School Students." For example, 77 per cent of those responding feel that religion is relevant in today's society (up from 63 per cent in 1972); 66 per cent claim to attend religious services regularly; 83 per cent favor traditional marriage; 72 per cent say they have never engaged in sexual intercourse (up from 60 per cent in 1970). Sixty-eight per cent intend to raise their children in the same general way that they were raised.

It is too early to say that the pendulum has swung back from the extremes of the situation ethics, anti-establishment binge of the 60's, but signs like these are encouraging. It is the time for all good Christians and true, who know the importance of religion in society, who know God's will for families, and who know God's directives for personal morality, to practice what they know, so that a younger generation that has begun to turn away from the irresponsibilities and the wild excesses of the last decade will have before them God's will spelled out in the life of His people.

Carleton Toppe

Mr. Chairman This time of year many congregations elect officers and appoint people to various duties in the church. Because the same faithful few seem to shoulder the load year after year, we are tempted to appoint the lax, indifferent or delinquent member to office in hopes of getting him "active."

A British Bible Society once tried this tactic on a certain nobleman. He replied: "I have long been addicted to the gambling table. I have lately taken to the turf. I fear I frequently blaspheme. I have never distributed religious tracts. Yet you think me a fit person to be your president. God forgive your hypocrisy."

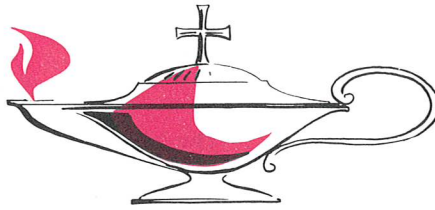
Membership is not discipleship, and church office is not conversion. The ungodly elected as church chairman is just that: an ungodly church chairman. And, as Jesus asked, "Can the blind lead the blind?"

The church at Jerusalem wrestled with this problem, too. St. Luke tells us that they first of all looked for "men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom." St. Paul has a whole chapter (I Tim. 3) on the qualifications of congregational leaders.

In the Lord's order of things the conversion of the world begins with our own conversion. "When thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren." The winning of outsiders begins by first setting our own house in order.

By appointing elders "full of faith and of the Holy Ghost" the old Jerusalem church kept its priorities straight. It pleased the Lord to bless them for it, "and the Word of God increased, and the number of disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly."

John Parcher



Studies in God's Word

A Warning against Immorality

Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers . . . did eat the same spiritual meat, and did all drink the same spiritual drink, for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them; and that Rock was Christ. But with many of them God was not well pleased; for they were overthrown in the wilderness. Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted. . . . Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand (1 Cor. 10:1-8).

One of the prominent thoughts of the Epiphany season, which treats of Christ's *showing forth* His glory, is the revelation of that glory to gentiles as well as to the chosen people, the Jews. When we think of gentiles, our thoughts at once turn to the Wise Men whom the star led from the East. The prophecy of the "Star" is truly one of the most striking in the Old Testament. But in our text the Apostle Paul would remind us that even to this incident which produced so glorious a prophecy there was a sordid and a seamy side, a side that we must know, at least in outline, if we are to catch the point of the Apostle's warning against immorality.

One of the last countries through which Israel had to pass before entering the Promised Land was the land of Moab. In panic at Israel's approach, the king of Moab sought to halt their advance by engaging the prophet Balaam to curse Israel and thus deprive them of Jehovah's gra-

cious presence. Though God clearly warned Balaam against such a course of action, and though even his donkey spoke to him and tried to dissuade him (Num. 22:22f.), yet Balaam tried to go through with what the king of Moab requested of him. But he found himself unable to do so. All he could do was to speak the glorious promise concerning the Star who was to come out of Judah and the Scepter who was to rise out of Israel (Num. 24:17).

Immorality Separates Men from God

When Balaam failed in this attempt to separate Jehovah from His people, he resolved to separate Israel from Jehovah. To do this, he hit upon the idea of urging the women of the land to seduce Israel into sins against the Sixth Commandment (Num. 31:16). Thus, instead of showing outward hostility, the Moabites invited Israel to join them in their worship, marked as that was with flagrant sins of immorality. In simple, unvarnished terms Scripture reports the deplorable success of Balaam's evil plan: "And the people began to commit whoredom with the daughters of Moab" (Num. 25:11). In His anger at Israel's sin God sent on them a plague that destroyed upwards of 23,000 of the offenders.

Immorality a Constant Temptation

"Now these things were our example," St. Paul says, "to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted. . . . Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three

and twenty thousand." This encouragement to moral purity is directed to members of the congregation in Corinth, a port city notorious for moral laxity. In its obsession with sex, Corinth made an appeal to the Corinthian Christians that might fairly be compared with the blatant invitation to promiscuity that is extended by 20th-century America. Wherever one looks, sex is emphasized and glorified. It is highlighted in magazine and movie. It comprises an alarming percentage of the material on TV, especially in its use as an incentive for buying many of the products advertised. As a result of such emphasis, the child of God might be inclined to overreact and conclude that all sex is evil. Hence we need to remind ourselves that sexuality is a gift of God, but one to be used in keeping with His directives. The world, however, wants to use it promiscuously, indiscriminately, when and how it pleases. The world's constant challenge is: "Why not? Whose business is it what people do in private?"

Morals are God's Concern

St. Paul answers that challenge. In no uncertain terms he states that morals are the Lord's concern. "Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost, which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price" (1 Cor. 6:19,20). That the world rebelliously lives as it pleases should not surprise us, but the Lord expects more of us. Not only has He created us, but we are His by right of purchase. He has bought us at the price of His own blood! We are His! We live under Him in His kingdom. Well might the Apostle urge us: "Therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's."

Today as never before the world with its distorted sense of values needs the Christian's example of purity. As we make our way through the new year, let us resolve especially in the purity of our lives to "let our light shine before men" to the glory of Him who loved us and gave Himself for us and who now gives us the strength to resist the devil, the world, and our own sinful flesh.

Armin J. Panning

A Sunday of Prayer

January 20, 1974, has been designated as Prayer Sunday for the Synod's new mission in Colombia, South America. All our congregations are invited to pray for this new field, the three missionaries and their families, and the success of the work.

Continuing Prayer

"Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations," is our Lord's grace-filled command to His disciples of all times. If we are to undertake this new mission in His name, certainly we will pray to the Savior *from the beginning* that Missioners Roger Sprain, Ernest Zimdars, and Frances Warner will experience the blessings which the Lord has promised as an answer to our prayer.

But we will also want to accompany our missionaries and their families into this strange, new land and on this mission enterprise which is also ours; we are sending them, we are promising to remember them, to support them with our gifts and continuing prayers. The Lord's "Go, and preach the Gospel!" means that we and they are to go on preaching; and for that they will need to be assured that we are with them, remembering them in our intercessions day after day.

This Sunday of prayer is only the beginning of *your* part in this exciting new undertaking and it is a most important part for our missionaries who are going to preach Christ in our name.

For What Are We To Pray?

Above all, for the success of the Gospel which they preach. So St. Paul asked the Thessalonians to do: "Brethren, pray for us, that the Word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you!"

Besides that, there are so many other things that we cannot possibly list them all. Among them, that the Lord would help us to arrive safely in

Colombia; that He would grant us what we need for body and soul — houses, food, clothing, schools, cars, happy adjustment to our new environment; also faithful daily devotions and prayers, the ability to study the situation, the gift to know how to reach the new people with His Word; the gift to remain confident of His presence, the grace to sing our thanks to Him with hymns and songs of praise.

To Save Souls Is Our Purpose

The Lord is not sending us to build churches or imposing organizations. His purpose with us is to win all those whom God has ordained to salvation with the Gospel call. We cannot begin to do this in our own strength; we will need God's abundant grace in our planning, our surveys, and our outreach. He must show us in which area of Medellin, a city of over a million, we are to begin. He must guide us to those whom He wants us to reach. How indispensable it is that God's will be done in these very first steps!

For this we would ask you to join us in praying.

We Pray For A Harvest

We hope that thousands, yes, that all of the souls at Medellin who do not know Christ, may be brought to Him. Some will say that is a hopeless task, an impossible dream. This is true, if it were left to us; but with God all things are possible. Have not the prayers of His people through the ages moved our God to supply the means of carrying out His will! Has He not given us better transportation, communication, knowledge of the language, extension of our speech through radio and television, even the satellite broadcasts that reach many millions at the same time!

We cannot hope to reach all the people at Medellin in a short time. It

may take a year just to find an open door by gathering a group of believers into a congregation. But step by step God will bless us to accomplish His saving purpose through us.

There Will Be Difficulties

It is certain that the devil will try to hinder our work. He uses many points of attack. The unregenerate world round about us will try to dislodge the missionaries from their purpose. Problems and difficulties may assail our missionary families. We know that the schooling of their children will present a great problem.

We may expect open opposition to the Gospel. We do not know what form it may take in Colombia. Will it come from the government, from false teachers, from prejudices of the people against our Lutheran faith? We do not know; only God knows. And He cares!

Please, Pray For Us Without Ceasing!

Luther said it correctly: "With might of ours can naught be done, soon were our loss effected." If we would have to stand all alone against opposition, indifference, prejudice, day after day, we would soon be overcome.

We are thankful for the Prayer Sunday to begin our work; but how quickly we will be tempted to forget to keep praying!

Will you not, please, take time to pray for us also on Monday, the 21st, and remember us daily in your family devotion? Make it a habit to plead with our Father in heaven to bless our mission in your name! It is good to form a good habit and to set aside time and thought for a specific cause, for definite people, our loved ones who are so far away, doing our work.

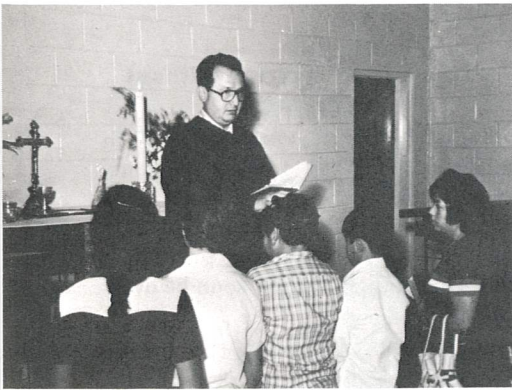
Let the petition "Thy kingdom come!" now also include the new South American mission at Medellin, Colombia, as you come before the Lord daily in the prayer which He has taught us!

Please, pray for us on Sunday, January 20, and every day without ceasing! For this we thank you and bless you.

Missioner Roger Sprain

Dedication at Juarez, Mexico

The sun was shining brightly over Ciudad Juarez, the Mexican border city across from El Paso, Texas, on Sunday, October 28, 1973, adding its warmth and splendor to the important event taking place here. A sunny day is not an uncommon event in the Great Southwest, but the dedication of a Lutheran church in Old Mexico is still something of an occasion. Over one hundred happy worshipers gathered to dedicate the little church of Cristo Redentor (Christ the Redeemer), the first Lutheran church to be opened in Ciudad Juarez, a city of almost half a million souls.



Vicar Vincent Guillen confirming five persons at dedication service.

Congregation leaving chapel after dedication service.



The work at Juarez goes back to contacts which were made over six years ago from El Paso by Pastor Ernest Zimdars, our Spanish missionary of San Juan Lutheran

Church of El Paso. During those years Pastor Zimdars met with family groups across the Rio Grande River to study the Word of God and to worship in the homes of the people. He was assisted in this work by a number of Mexican nationals whom he had trained. For a long time these Lutheran Christians were praying and working for the day when a chapel could be built and dedicated to the glory and service of the Triune God in their city. Thus the day of dedication was one of special joy for the various smaller groups, because it was the first time that they could be brought together for a united service that was also open to the public.

The liturgist for the dedication service was Vicar Vicente Guillen who has served the Lutherans at Juarez for more than a year while he attended classes in the Seminary Training Program at El Paso. Others taking part in the service were: The Rev. David Chichia G., president of the Confessional Ev. Lutheran Church in Mexico and pastor of the church at Guadalajara; The Rev. Felipe Luna G., pastor of our Cristo Resucitado Church at Mexico City; The Rev. Ernest Zimdars, pastor of San Juan Church at El Paso; Vicar Daniel Perez R., seminarian and shepherd of the Juarez flock; Pastor H. Essmann of the Executive Committee for Latin-American Missions; and the undersigned.

In his dedication sermon on Psalm 84 Pastor Ernest Zimdars called attention to the fact that, while the style and materials used in the church are simple, it has great beauty in that it is the house of God and the spiritual home and refuge for those who come here to worship.

The church is constructed of concrete block with a high-pitched roof. The nave will seat 125 comfortably. Two rooms for Sunday school and general purposes are at the rear of the building. The altar, pulpit, lectern, and large cross on the wall over the altar are of wrought iron and wood.

On the day of dedication six new members were received into fellowship, one by baptism and five by confirmation.

Mexican Lutheran Mission Council

On the Saturday before the dedication the Mission Council of the I.E.L.C. (Confessional Ev. Lutheran Church in Mexico) met to hear reports and to plan for the extension of the Lord's work in that country. A good future is indicated for Ciudad Juarez, necessitating another chapel in the near future. At present the home devotions, study groups and Bible classes, conducted by Vicars Perez and Guillen in various parts of the city, serve upwards of 300 souls, of whom 70 are adults.

In Mexico City the radio program serves to give us new contacts in areas not served at present by our church. Several new home worship groups have been started in the Mexican capital.

Daniel Perez was assigned as Vicar to begin work at Saltillo, where we already have several communicants and a small group of interested people who desire to be served by our church.

Among other matters dealing with the work of the church in general were two applications for entrance into our Seminary Program at El Paso.

In spite of difficulties and delays, the work of the church is going forward in Mexico. In the name of the Juarez congregation, Cristo Redentor Lutheran Church of Juarez, and the Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Church in Mexico we give thanks to the Board for World Missions, the Executive Committee for Latin-American Missions, and all the members of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod for their aid. But all glory and praise to our God who has placed His abundant, but undeserved blessings upon our weak labors! "Give unto the Lord, ye kindreds of the people, give unto the Lord glory and strength. Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name!" (I Chron. 16:28,29.)

Rupert A. Eggert
Friendly Counselor for
Mexican Missions

A Parish Pastor's Perspective

"What Goes on at a Pastoral Conference?"

"Did you call Pastor Jacobson about that problem we wanted to talk over with him?" Mr. Hanson asked the question as the steaming hot dishes were being passed around the table for the evening meal. After a moment's delay, caused by a child's slight difficulty with the peas, Mrs. Hanson replied, "Yes, but only Mrs. Jacobson was home. Pastor is attending a conference."

A little later, between mouthfuls, Mrs. Hanson asked, half to herself and half to her husband, "Doesn't it seem like Pastor J. is gone a lot?" Mr. Hanson thought a moment, and said, "It does seem that way. He is always so busy and never seems to have enough time. Yet he doesn't miss one of those conferences unless he's sick or someone dies. What do the pastors do at those conferences that makes them so important, anyway?"

What do the pastors do at those conferences? Just about every issue of *The Northwestern Lutheran* carries announcements on one of the back pages about upcoming pastoral conferences. They give a rough idea of what goes on there.

Worship

Each conference begins with an opening service, usually including Communion. The pastors look forward to this opportunity to worship from the pew for a change. Pastors, too, thirst for the comfort, hope, encouragement, strength and joy that come from worship which is centered in God's Word. The preaching at pastoral conferences is usually directed at the kinds of sins that most frequently beset pastors, bringing both admonition and comfort and thus making the service especially beneficial for them. Receiving the Lord's Supper as assurance of forgiveness after such a sermon is a fitting way to start a pastoral conference.

Essays

The meatiest part of the conference is the essays. Essays are papers on various subjects. They usually take about an hour to read. An essay is assigned to one of the pastors about a year before he is due to present it. During that year he has time to do research on the subject, to study the subject thoroughly, to plan his presentation, and to write it out in full. Hundreds of hours of work go into one essay. At the conference from three to five of these essays are read. Thus the results of many, many hours of study, prayer, and thought can be shared. Pastors appreciate this because they do not have time to study each one of the subjects that thoroughly for themselves.

The essays fall into five general categories. The first is the exegetical essay, in which the essayist leads the conference through a finely detailed study of a portion of Scripture. The purpose is to let the original language speak its meaning clearly and forcefully, without the misinterpretations that are caused by faulty information and shallow study. The second is the confessional essay, which is a study of a part of the Lutheran Confessions which came out of the Reformation. The third is the doctrinal essay, which carefully unfolds a particular teaching of the Scripture and distinguishes it from false doctrines. The doctrines covered in these essays are usually determined by those teachings that are chiefly attacked or questioned today. The fourth is the homiletical essay, which studies a text of Scripture, interprets it, and outlines it in preparation for preaching. The fifth is the practical essay, which deals with any one of a host of topics of interest and value to pastors. Examples of practical essays which were delivered recently around our Synod are: "The Purpose and

Method of Communion Announcements," "The Pastor as Family Man," "The Christian Family and What Can Be Done to Renew It," "Shall a Pastor Offer Himself to Be a Leader in Civic Community Affairs?" These essays usually generate lively discussions and debate among the pastors. It seems pastors are never hesitant to offer their opinions to their brethren in the ministry.

Reports

Most pastoral conferences include some time on the agenda for reports. These help the pastors to stay abreast of the most recent developments within the church. The District president reports on many areas of vital concern to our pastors and congregations. The mission board's report encourages pastors in the work of missions. The evangelism commission reminds them of the need to be witnesses. The stewardship board points out the many opportunities of service that the Lord has placed before our Synod. The board of education reports on how diligently God's truths are being taught among us.

Fellowship

One of the greatest values of the pastoral conference becomes evident during the informal periods. During the recesses, lunch breaks, and often in the evenings in homes and motels, you will find the pastors gathered in small groups busily talking. Sometimes they are "talking shop," sharing a joy or a sorrow with members of the same profession, learning a different way to handle a knotty situation. Other times they roar with laughter after hearing a new joke, find out how their brothers' families are doing, learn where an old buddy is now serving, or discover the best way to grow carrots. There doesn't seem to be enough time to discuss it all.

When the pastor comes home from the conference he is usually tired physically. But he is refreshed spiritually and mentally. He returns more eager to dive into his work because he has had the inspiration of the Word and Sacrament, the insights of careful study, and a change of pace.

Thomas B. Franzmann



WLS Auxiliary

The first annual meeting of the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Auxiliary, held on October 6, 1973, opened with a devotional service at which Professor I. Habeck served as the liturgist and President C. Lawrenz as the speaker. Basing his sermon on John 4:27-35, President Lawrenz gave a bit of background to show why it was necessary for the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod to develop a world mission program of its own, and then most inspiringly pointed out that as we build our salvation on the Savior's perfect obedience He also becomes our example inspiring us to spread the Gospel of salvation. "Our attention must be directed away from the earthly harvest," he stated, "and be shifted to the harvest of souls."

The business meeting was called to order by Mrs. John Metzger, serving as president pro tempore. She welcomed every one present in the name of Christ and expressed humble gratitude to God who moved so many to come and privileged them to do His work. Roll call was taken with the ladies from each conference rising when their conference was named. Women from 12 conferences were

present, representing five out of the 10 Districts of the Synod. The first order of business was the election of officers. The Rev. Herbert Kruschel, pastor of Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin, was elected pastoral advisor; Mrs. John Metzger, Metro North, president; Mrs. Carroll Dummann, Metro North, first vice-president; Mrs. Dale Arndt, Metro North, second vice-president; Mrs. Charles Kirst, Metro North, recording secretary; Mrs. William Fischer, Metro South, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Norbert Netz, Metro North, treasurer; and four representatives at large: Mrs. Clair Yerges, Central, Mrs. Elroy Bublitz, Dodge-Washington; Mrs. Kenneth Gawrisch, Winnebago, and Mrs. Frederick Naumann, Southern. Prof. I. Habeck was named as the faculty representative of the Auxiliary.

The Auxiliary received a list of projects for their consideration from the Seminary Board. This list was made up of items not provided by the regular budget. It included carpeting for the chapel and classrooms, furniture and draperies for the married students' lounge, a coffee brewer, toaster, stainless steel refrigerator, and stainless steel worktables. The Project Committee, under supervision of the Board, was instructed to proceed with the most feasible project until the next meeting.

Following the business meeting a program was presented by four Seminary students who showed slides on "How Does a Student Get to Attend Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary" and "How Does He Stay There." Mr. Siegfried Koehne told of his background in the Evangelical Lutheran Free Church of South Africa before coming to our Seminary, and Mr. Thomas Horton told of his coming to the Seminary by way of the Bethany program. Mr. Keith Kuschel and Mr. David Palmquist then told of their summertime employment and vicar-ing in Alaska and at Glacier National Park.

In closing, Mrs. Metzger thanked all present for making this an enjoyable October 6 meeting at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary.

Mrs. Frederick Naumann

INDIA

**"Who hath despised
the day of small things?"**

The Prophet Zechariah was asked that question by the angel who appeared to him in a vision to reassure him. There were many in Israel who despised the small beginnings made for the restoration under Zerubbabel. But the Lord had said, "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts" (Zech. 4:6). The Spirit of the Lord works mightily and contrary to all human reason through the preaching of the Word of God. The building of His kingdom will proceed, as He wills.

Nor has the Lord forgotten or overlooked India in our day. As the angel told Zechariah, so it is today: "The eyes of the Lord run to and fro through all the earth." The arduous travails of Christ's faithful witnesses in India will bear fruit, for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it!

"A Voice in the Wilderness"

Like John of old, Pastor T. Paul Mitra is teaching and preaching the Word of God faithfully under great difficulties. Not only are his loyal wife and his sisters by his side, but the Lord is with him, as He promised Isaac of old: "Fear not, for I am with thee and will bless thee, and multiply thy seed!"

Pastor Mitra writes: "Our mission started with the Sunday school for all heathen Hindu children, and as it grew week by week, its number at one time exceeded 200. From this we started Young People's Gospel Witness Teams, and later, fellowship meetings for adults and others."

The Children Bring Their Parents

"The children learn things very well to the point of reciting Scripture passages, and they also offer prayer. We do not know how many of them have been touched by the Holy Spirit and have come to true faith in Jesus Christ. Every week we send them as emissaries of our Lord to go and tell

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their parents and relations of the wonderful things of God in the Gospel. Sometimes the parents then also come to our fellowship meetings and hear the Law and the Gospel.

Christmas Provides An Opening

"Once a year we train the children to put on the Nativity Play, teaching them many songs, Bible texts and the Christmas story, and giving them an opportunity to render all that they have learned before their parents and others. Last year there were 200 who thus heard the Good News of their Saviour. This meeting was followed by refreshments for all.

"Many of the children are very faithful in attendance and they also stay after Sunday school to attend the worship hour. They profess their faith in our Lord Jesus Christ and that they have salvation in Him. — Yet, oftentimes one wonders if they come to our Bible-teaching because of the refreshments we provide."

"The Lord Knoweth Them That Are His"

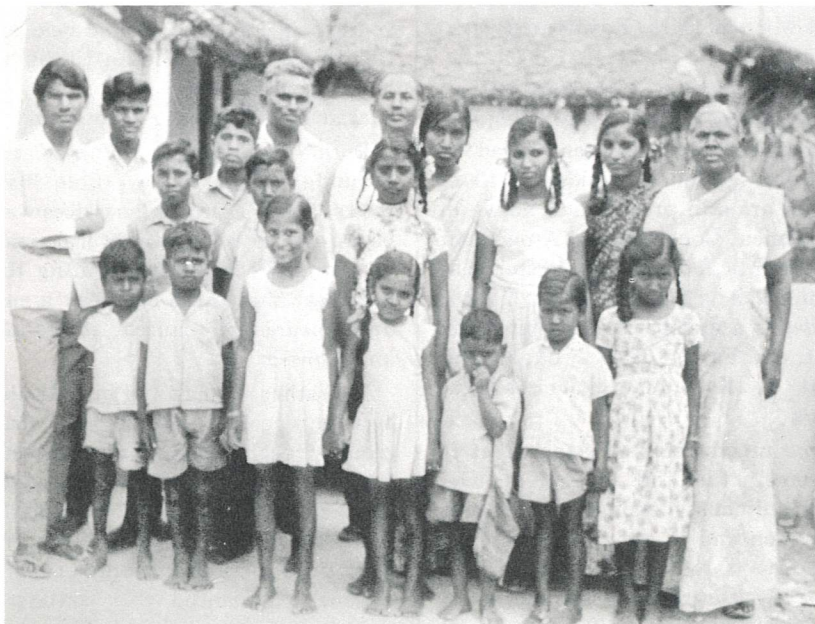
Like the great men of God in old times, Elijah, David, Jeremiah, and others, we are all apt to have these moments of doubt and discouragement. Thus it was with Elijah. And then in His mercy the Lord set the prophet upon the mountain and, opening his eyes, He said, "Yet I have left Me 7,000 in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal."

Also in India we may depend upon the Lord's solemn pledge: "So shall My Word be that goeth forth out of My mouth: it shall not return unto Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

Humanly considered, we may wonder to what degree this promise has been kept in our case. "Nevertheless, the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal: The Lord knoweth them that are His."

Edgar Hoenecke

The congregation at Nandalur-Nagireddipalle



Note the large proportion of children and young people.
 Pastor Mitra, center rear; Mrs. Mitra, right.



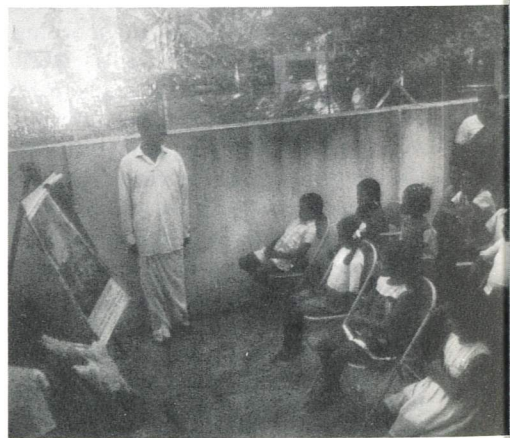
Pastoral helper, Pastor T. Paul Mitra, Mrs. Mitra (Dr. Sugu), and Mary and Margaret, sisters of Pastor Mitra — at Madras.



Pastor and Mrs. Mitra passing out tracts to those who read English.



Street preaching attracts many children.



Sunday school class at Ashoknager, India.

Former NWL Editor Observes Sixtieth Anniversary



Pastor and Mrs. W. J. Schaefer

It is not given to everyone, neither to individuals nor to congregations, to be able to observe 60 years of service in Christ's ministry and to be able to celebrate 60 years of wedded life. This unique opportunity was presented to Atonement Congregation of Milwaukee and its senior pastor, William J. Schaefer and his wife, Pency. On November 25, 1973, the congregation noted these blessings by means of special morning services at which time a gracious God was praised and thanked for His gift to the Church and to the jubilarians.

The Rev. James P. Schaefer, the Stewardship Counselor for the WELS, son of the celebrants, and for 20 years an associate with his father at Atonement, delivered the morning message based upon God's Word through St. Paul to the Romans (8:1). He noted that this ringing affirmation of God's justifying grace through Christ was the hallmark of his father's ministry and that through the six decades, Mrs. Schaefer, with quiet strength, stood behind her husband in a steady supportive role.

Pastor Schaefer's full ministry began in Garrison, Nebraska, in 1913. From this congregation he accepted a call to Zion, Colome, South Dakota. In 1929, he was called to Milwaukee to establish a mission on the north-

west side of the city. The mission, Atonement, was organized by him on January 12, 1930, with 12 charter members. For the past 44 years, he has participated in its ministry and outreach and has been granted the grace to see the visible fruits of Gospel preaching in the form of a strong congregation of over 1,800 souls supporting an eight-teacher Christian day school of over 200 pupils with an annual operating budget of a quarter of a million dollars.

In addition to his pastoral duties, Pastor Schaefer served the Synod in a variety of positions among which were membership on the mission board, the intersynodical hymnbook committee, and for 20 years on the editorial staff of *The Northwestern Lutheran*. From May 21, 1939, to February 3, 1957, he served as managing editor.

On November 20, 1913, Pastor Schaefer was united in wedlock with Pency Palmer. The marriage was blessed with five children: Marcus and Margaret (deceased in early childhood), John W., Rev. James P., and Miriam (Mrs. Raymond Wiechmann).

In conjunction with this festival thanksgiving to God it was also noted that Atonement has been served by 15 congregational presidents, 10 of whom are still present and active in Atonement Congregation. Atonement is served by four pastors. Pastor William is its visitation pastor; Pastor James is a member and pulpit assistant; and Pastors Kurt J. Eggert and Kurt F. Koeplin are its pastoral team.

The membership of Atonement is extremely thankful to God for His multitudinous blessings to the congregation and to the church at large and was grateful to be able to demonstrate its gratitude by means of these festive services. To Him be all glory and praise!

Kurt F. Koeplin

FIRST LOVE ♦♦

Better to See It in Action

In the Book of Revelation the Lord censures the church at Ephesus for having left its "first love." Love is difficult to define. It is better seen in action, as John so pointedly reminds us in his Epistles.

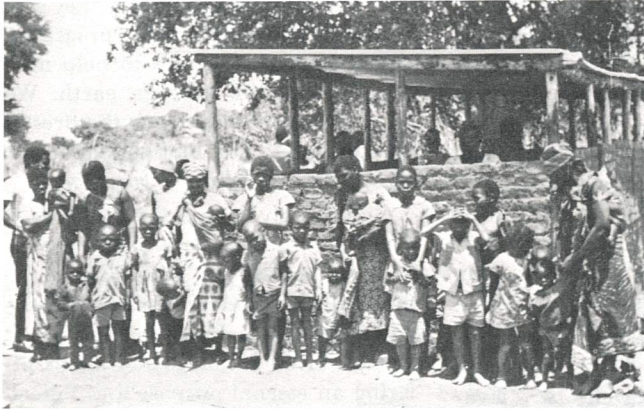
One naturally looks for this "first love" in those who have been converted recently, in young confirmands, or in mission congregations which have just come into being. In a foreign mission field, where entire congregations are brought under the influence of the Gospel within a very short time, there is more opportunity, perhaps, to see this "first love" as a congregational experience.

It Kindles a Fire

At a recent joint service of two young congregations located near our Central African Bible Institute, we had this experience. It can only be shared by attempting to describe it.

Both congregations, Venter and Chainda, are served by Bible Institute students. Although services were begun in both places several years ago, it has been largely during this past year that there has been a sudden upsurge in church attendance and growth.

It's rather strange and inexplicable how this comes about. The little group struggles along, barely managing to survive. Then suddenly something catches on, like a wind fanning a tiny spark into a blazing brush fire. Both the Venter and Chainda congregations experienced this conflagration during the past year. Tiny shelters built to accommodate modest church attendances can no longer



Above: Some of the mothers who had their children baptized in the service. **Right:** Mother-love for one of God's newly baptized children.



house the number of people who come every Sunday.

It Is Contagious

The congregations like to meet jointly. The one group infects the other. When they came together at Venter recently for a joint service, the Chainda people marched in a body over a distance of more than three miles to get there. They sang most of the way. Fortunately the weather was favorable, since services for the large joint gathering had to be held under the spreading branches of a fig tree. The Venter people were thoughtful hosts. As they came to church, well in advance of the Chainda procession, the members of each family carried with them all the household chairs in their possessions, so that their guests did not have to sit on the ground.

It Is Spontaneous

Before the service begins, the Venter people sing a song of welcome to their guests from Chainda. A leader sings a line, and the entire group joins in a refrain. The voices are loud and clear. How the African people manage to sing so loudly and yet so effortlessly has always been a mystery. Their voices must contain some secret ingredient. The rhythm of the song is syncopated, yet nobody misses a beat. It is accompanied by the clapping of hands, a typical part of an African greeting.

It Is Not Puffed Up

The service itself is solemn, yet much less formal than we "Western-

ers" are accustomed to. Several ushers — whether self-appointed or elected is hard to say — are kept busy keeping order among the children. "Directing traffic" might be a more fitting description. In the outdoor atmosphere children are tempted to stray in various directions. Some stray off and just don't return. At various parts in the service the Venter choir sings, and then the Chainda choir reciprocates. This can go on for a long time, until somebody finally calls a halt.

It Never Fails

A rather tense moment comes along when an official Land Rover with loudspeaker drives into the Venter brickfield compound, blatantly announcing the arrival of the president of Niger at a nearby airport. All people are urged to come and welcome him. The Chainda choir happens to be in the midst of a song. Undaunted and unperturbed, the choir carries on. The song rises in volume from forte to fortissimo, and the announcement does not impede progress in spite of its raucous quality.

It Believes All Things

Ten children are baptized in the service. An announcement is made and the parents come forward with their little ones from various parts of the assembly. One of the members has supplied a huge basin of water for the occasion. No doubt the same basin serves many other purposes during the week. One little fellow who is brought forward seems espe-

cially unhappy. Even the mother's breast fails to silence his wailing. At the behest of an usher the mother leaves the service and returns just in time to have the little one baptized. The important thing, of course, is the fact that water is applied in the name of the Triune God.

The sermon is based on Ephesians 6:10-17. Missionary E. R. Wendland has been asked to preach. The text has a special significance for people whose former life has been constantly upset by spirits and demons. The congregation listens with rapt attention as it is urged to put on "the whole armor of God" in order "to stand against the wiles of the devil." As the preacher closes with his "Amen," the entire congregation responds with the same word. All evil spirits, get ye hence!

Over 50 communicants receive the Lord's Supper. Many worshipers can still not receive the Sacrament, since they are still receiving instruction. But they are anxiously looking forward to the day when they, too, can receive this precious gift of Christ's own Body and Blood. It is really amazing when one thinks back to a few short years ago, when most of these people did not even know their Savior. By the power of His Holy



**AFRICAN
STYLE**



FIRST LOVE (Cont.)

Spirit He is now the center of their lives. Amazing grace!

It Suffers Long

The entire service takes well over two hours. No doubt the Chainda people had to begin their trek to Venter at around 7 A.M. They won't get back home until sometime in the afternoon. But in Africa this isn't a great problem. When God is worshiped in love, the Sunday church service is the event of the week. All sorts of distractions do not interfere. There was a time when they did. Sunday was the day to gather for beer drinking. The former things are now passed away!

It Is Uninhibited

There is something so uninhibited about this "first love"! You sense it in the way people greet you, in the many little things they do spontaneously. You see it on their faces as they pray. You hear it in their powerful voices as they sing. You feel it in the atmosphere of joy, where once there was nothing but superstitious fear and hopelessness.

It Is Spirit-filled

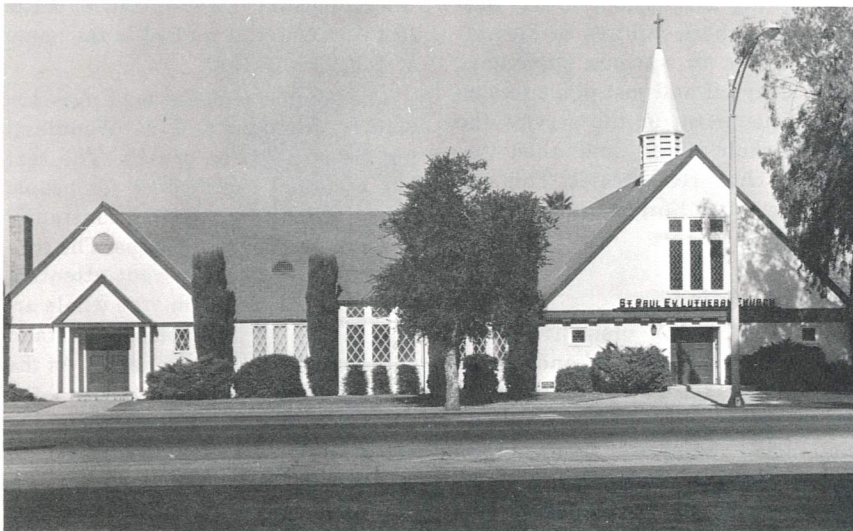
After participating in a "love-feast" such as this, one can't help wondering about the pitiful efforts of many churches today, which try so desperately to make their religion "relevant" to the needs of humanity.

We need more social action, they say, in the form of betterment programs. We need more schemes to help man live the full life here on earth. We need more speeches to stir the fires of human liberty and blot out the forces of oppression. What a travesty!

God has given us a Gospel. This is Good News. It centers in the Savior from sin, death, and the power of the devil. This Good News has all the power of God's Spirit behind it. It changes lives. It makes new again, offering an eternal purpose and inheritance here and now.

This Gospel alone can create the "first love," in Africa as well as in all parts of the world.

E. H. Wendland



St. Paul Lutheran Dedicates at Riverside

"'Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise; be thankful unto Him and bless His name' (Ps. 100:4). In this spirit the members of St. Paul Lutheran Congregation humbly dedicate this edifice to the glory of the Triune God for the upbuilding of His kingdom among us, and for the eternal salvation of the many blood-bought souls who will be brought to the knowledge of their Savior through the Gospel preached within these walls!"

So read page one of the dedication bulletin on Sunday, September 30, 1973, when the members of St. Paul Lutheran Church of Riverside, California, dedicated their facilities to the glory of God. This was a joyful occasion for them. For nearly two years they had been conducting services at the local YMCA. Now they had a permanent church home of their own!

Pastor Hermann John, who organized the Riverside congregation while he was pastor of Prince of

Peace Church, Yucaipa, conducted the dedication service. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Edgar Hoenecke, executive secretary of the Board for World Missions. His sermon theme, "Lord, It Is Good For Us to Be Here," was based on Matthew 17:4. He reminded us that our church is there where the Lord dwells and that it is there also where we will find our friends.

The congregation's history is a brief one. The first service was held in a private home on May 3, 1970. One month later, because the group had increased in size, services were moved to the Riverside YMCA. Services continued there until August, 1973. On January 17, 1971, the congregation was formally organized, and on August 5, 1971, was received into membership with the Wisconsin Synod. On March 5, 1972, Pastor A. B. Habben was installed as the first resident pastor.

In November, 1972, the congregation requested the California Mission District Mission Board to purchase a fine church property which had become vacant. It was formerly the church home of an LC-MS congregation which had outgrown the facilities when its membership reached 1,200. In January, 1973, Pastor Harold Eckert, executive secretary of the Board of Trustees, and Pastor Elton Huebner, chairman of the Board of

Direct from the Districts

California

Gloria Dei 10 Years Old

October 28, 1973, was a day of rejoicing and thanksgiving at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church of Belmont, California. The church was filled as members, former members, and friends joined for a special service to give thanks to God for the blessings He bestowed on them during the past 10 years. The Rev. Robert Hochmuth delivered the sermon, basing his message on Psalm 104:31. He reminded his listeners of God's glory as evident also in the history of Gloria Dei.

Trustees, journeyed to California to inspect the property and negotiate for its purchase. The first service was held at the church in August, 1973.

The facilities purchased by the Synod include the church which has a normal seating capacity of 300. The well-planned structure also includes office rooms, Sunday-school rooms, and storage areas. There is a parish hall adjoining, and a school building for grades one to six behind the church. Ample playground is provided.

Approximately 260 people attended the special dedication service. Nearly all of them remained for a fellowship dinner prepared by the ladies guild. All in all, it was a beautiful Sunday for the members and friends of St. Paul's Congregation. They enjoyed an inspiring sermon, a tasty dinner, and Christian fellowship.

We, the members of St. Paul's, sincerely thank the Synod for purchasing the property for us. Our individual thanks also to the many members of the Wisconsin Synod who make such a purchase possible through their contributions to the Church Extension Fund. Without your help, this church home would not be ours.

The Lord has given the members of St. Paul's Congregation a big challenge: "Fill My church!"

Joseph G. Werner
Chairman of the Congregation

Pastor Hochmuth was the first full-time missionary of the WELS in northern California, beginning his work in 1959 in Santa Clara County. In 1960, the Rev. Robert Waldschmidt accepted the call to begin work in the San Francisco area and, in June of 1963, Gloria Dei was organized in Belmont, 20 miles south of San Francisco. The property was purchased in 1964. Presently Gloria Dei numbers 136 souls and 93 communicants.

Gloria Dei was privileged to open a Christian day school in 1969. Its present enrollment is 20, with Miss Nancy Wiedenhoeft serving as teacher. Pastor Waldschmidt served Gloria Dei until May, 1970. In January, 1971, Gerald E. Geiger was installed as pastor.

Gloria Dei is grateful to God for all His blessings of the past, also for the CEF loans which made possible the purchase of the property and the erection of the church. Many an individual has been led to hear of God's glory as they have seen the beautiful church located on one of the hills of western Belmont. May the Lord continue to use Gloria Dei to His glory!

Northern Wisconsin

40 Years in Parish Ministry

The Rev. Armin Engel of St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Maribel, Wisconsin, was privileged to celebrate his 40th anniversary in the ministry on October 21, 1973. The special service also commemorated the 40th wedding anniversary of Pastor and Mrs. Engel. A classmate, the Rev. Louis Winter, gave the sermon, and the couple's son, the Rev. Nathan Engel, was liturgist. The afternoon program was highlighted with slides of the past 40 years in the lives of the Engel family. A son, Jonathan Engel, was the master of ceremonies.

After graduating from the Seminary in 1932, Pastor Engel spent a year preaching in the Ashippun-Watertown area of Wisconsin. On October 22, 1933, he was installed in a mission congregation at Hyde, Michi-

gan. He also served congregations in the following Wisconsin communities: Lena; Fairburn and Red Granite; Winchester, Readfield and Caledonia (Waupaca Co.); Kendall and Dorset Ridge. Since 1962 he has been pastor at Maribel.



Pastor Armin Engel

Pastor and Mrs. Engel are grateful to the Lord not only for health and strength but also for the help He has given them during these many years in His service.

40 Years at Bruce Crossing

Bethany Lutheran Church of Bruce Crossing, Michigan, held a special service in honor of their pastor, Fred Bergfeld, on Sunday, November 11, 1973. This was in recognition of his 40 years in the ministry, all of them spent at Bruce Crossing. For about 25 years he also served St. John's of Phelps.

Among the gifts he was given in appreciation for his years of faithful service was a plaque with the words of Isaiah 61:1: "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek." Mr. Gene Schroeder, a member of the District Mission Board, was present to convey words of congratulations.

Pacific Northwest

Parsonage Dedicated at Salem, Oregon

On a rainy Sunday morning, September 23, 1973, the members of Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church of Salem, Oregon, dedicated a new parsonage to the glory of God.

Pastor William Bernhardt addressed the congregation on the basis of Joshua 24:15c. In the dedication prayer he asked the Lord so to order things that all who would live in the parsonage would serve the Lord faithfully and work with the congregation to share the Good News of the Savior, Jesus Christ, with others.



Parsonage at Salem, Oregon

The new parsonage contains 1,700 square feet of living space. It is conveniently located on the same property as the new chapel which the congregation dedicated in July of 1972.

Certainly the members of Immanuel have good reason to thank their Lord for these buildings which He made available to them through the Synod's Church Extension Fund. With the building program at Immanuel completed for the time being, this six-year-old congregation can now concentrate on its great task of reaching out with the message of salvation.

NOMINATIONS

NORTHWESTERN PREPARATORY SCHOOL

The following nominations have been submitted for the professorship to be vacated by the approaching retirement of Prof. L. Umms. The man called will be asked to coach in Northwestern Preparatory School, with emphasis on football, and conduct classes in physical education.

Mr. Kenneth Ahlmann	Milwaukee, Wis.
Mr. Daniel Billitz	New London, Wis.
Rev. Roger Drews	Oak Creek, Wis.
Mr. Johnathan Earl	Baraboo, Wis.
Mr. John Eggert	Pompano Beach, Fla.
Mr. Larry Erbe	Onalaska, Wis.
Mr. Jerry Gronholz	Lake Mills, Wis.
Mr. John Gronholz	Stevensville, Mich.
Mr. Robert Gruetzmacher	Fort Atkinson, Wis.
Mr. Don Hartwig	Nicollet, Minn.
Mr. Bruce Heckmann	Crete, Ill.
Mr. Charles Hussman	Saginaw, Mich.
Mr. Alan Jeffers	New Ulm, Minn.
Mr. Allan Just	Belview, Minn.
Mr. Paul Kneueppel	Juneau, Wis.
Mr. Dwayne Krentz	Saginaw, Mich.
Mr. Jerome Kruse	Mankato, Minn.
Mr. Carl Lemke	East Fork, Ariz.
Mr. Werner Lemke	Alpena, Mich.
Mr. Duane MacNeill	So. St. Paul, Minn.
Mr. John Oldfield, Jr.	Johnson Creek, Wis.
Mr. Gary Reinke	Neenah, Wis.
Mr. Lyle Schneider	Hayward, Calif.
Mr. Carl Schwertfeger	
Mr. Raymond Spangenburg	Malone, Wis.
Mr. David Toepel	Fond du Lac, Wis.
Mr. David Umms	Appleton, Wis.

Any correspondence concerning these nominations should be in the hands of the secretary of the board no later than January 13, 1974.

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LIST OF CANDIDATES

The following have been nominated as candidates for the position of full-time editor of *The Northwestern Lutheran* by members of the Synod:

Pastor Lyle E. Albrecht, Brookfield, WI
 Pastor Gary P. Baumler, E. Brunswick, NJ
 Pastor Errol W. Carlson, Ellensburg, WA
 Pastor Siegfried H. Fenske, Wauwatosa, WI
 Pastor Thomas B. Franzmann, Citrus Heights, CA
 Pastor Werner H. Franzmann, Westfield, WI
 Prof. Edward C. Fredrich, Mequon, WI
 Pastor Immanuel G. Frey, Phoenix, AZ
 Prof. James A. Fricke, Watertown, WI
 Prof. Joel C. Gerlach, Mequon, WI
 Pastor Paul E. Hanke, St. Peter, MN
 Prof. Harris P. Kaesmeyer, Saginaw, MI
 Pastor Gary A. Kirschke, Cedar Rapids, IA
 Pastor Clarence Koepsell, Oshkosh, WI
 Pastor Richard E. Lauersdorf, Jefferson, WI
 Pastor Carl H. Mischke, Juneau, WI
 Pastor Paul E. Nitz, La Crosse, WI
 Pastor Henry E. Paustian, Watertown, WI
 Pastor Reinhart J. Pope, Racine, WI
 Pastor John E. Raabe, Brookfield, WI
 Prof. Darwin Raddatz, New Ulm, MN
 Pastor James P. Schaefer, Milwaukee, WI
 Prof. Loren Schaller, Manitowoc, WI
 Pastor Wayne E. Schmidt, Madison, WI
 Pastor Reuel J. Schulz, West Allis, WI
 Prof. Robert A. Sievert, West St. Paul, MN
 Pastor Richard H. Stadler, Hendersonville, TN
 Prof. Carleton Toppe, Watertown, WI
 Pastor David J. Valleskey, San Jose, CA
 Pastor Cleon H. Weigand, Fountain City, WI
 Pastor Harold E. Wicke, West Allis, WI
 Pastor David Worgull, Menasha, WI

The Conference of Presidents will meet on January 22, 1974, to call a man from this list as full-time editor of *The Northwestern Lutheran*. All communications regarding the candidates on this list must be in the hands of the undersigned before that date.

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A. J. Wolfgramm, Secretary

CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES

MICHIGAN

OHIO CONFERENCE

Place: Grace Lutheran Church, Kenton, Ohio.
Date: January 21-22, 1974
Preacher: D. Koelpin
Agenda: Exegesis of Romans 11: K. Roehl; Is All Gambling a Sin? J. Brug; Theology of the Confirmation Vow: J. Lang.

SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

PASTOR-TEACHER-DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: January 21, 1974; 9 a.m. (EST) Communion service.
Place: St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran, South Haven, Mich. (D. Tetzlaff, host pastor).
Preacher: F. Toppe (K. Vertz, alternate).
Agenda: Guidelines Governing The Selection Of Wedding Music For Christian Ceremonies: V. Raasch; The Right To Die — Theological Presentation: D. Dolan; The Right to Die — Medical Presentation: Dr. David Witte; reports; questions of casuistry.
Note: Excuses should be mailed to host pastor.
 R. Semro, Secretary

SOUTHEASTERN PASTOR-TEACHER CONFERENCE

Date: January 21-22, 1974; Communion service, Monday 7:30 p.m.
Place: Zion Lutheran, 4001 S. Pennsylvania, Lansing; F. P. Zimmerman, host pastor, phone (517) 882-1004.
Preacher: D. Falck (J. Kiecker, alternate).
Agenda: Presentation on Art and/or New Liturgical Forms: F. Biedenbender; Gambling in the Light of Scripture: R. Winter; Exegesis of James 2:1-13: E. Fredrich; Discussion of new three-year lectionary: G. Tiefel.
Note: You must announce for meals to host pastor at least one week in advance.
 J. Kiecker, Secretary

MINNESOTA

RED WING PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: January 15, 1974.
Place: Cross Lutheran, Charles City, Iowa.
Preacher: R. Goede (D. Gosdeck, alternate).
Agenda: Zechariah 1 and Introduction: D. Hochmuth; Ecclesiastes, Its Meaning for Today: M. Doelger; The Beatitudes and Law and Gospel: R. Berg; The Practical Application of the Scriptural Principles of Women in the Church: R. Beckmann; "This We Believe, Part VI": F. Mueller.
 F. Mueller, Secretary

NORTHERN WISCONSIN

RHINELANDER PASTOR-TEACHER

Date: January 18, 1974; Communion service at 9 a.m.
Place: Trinity, Wabeno, WI; H. Kahrs, host pastor.
Preacher: D. Fleming (W. Hoepner, alternate).
Agenda: Preparing Our Youth for Continuing Membership in Our Churches: W. Hoepner; Appropriate Wedding Music: Ph. Otto.
 C. J. Siegler, Secretary

SOUTH ATLANTIC

PASTOR-TEACHER CONFERENCE

Date: January 22-23, 1974; 9:30 a.m.; Communion service, Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Place: Peace Lutheran, Bradenton, Florida (James Vogt, host pastor).
Preacher: John Vogt (R. Waack, alternate).
Agenda: Revision of the Enrichment of Luther's Small Catechism: panel discussion; reports. Jan. 23: Missionary Conference and Teacher Conference.
 J. Guse, Secretary

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN

METRO SOUTH PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: January 21, 1974; 9 a.m. Communion service.
Place: Centennial Ev. Lutheran, 3558 South 24th St. (R. Hoepner, host pastor; telephone 282-7168).
Preacher: H. Eckert (R. Ehke, alternate).
Agenda: Exegesis of Mark 4:1ff: J. Murphy; A Brief Review of Article II of the Augsburg Confession: M. Volkmann; A Review of What Scripture Says About Repentance, Both the Old and New Testaments: L. Albrecht; reports; questions of casuistry.
Note: Excuses are to be made to the host pastor.
 R. Winters, Secretary

CHICAGO PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: January 22, 1974; 9 a.m.
Place: Palos Lutheran, 125th and Harlem, Palos Heights, Illinois (J. Schewe, host pastor).
Preacher: T. Liesener (N. T. Text); L. Luchterhand (O. T. Text), alternate.
Agenda: James 5: J. Braun (alternate: Hebrews 10:26,27: T. Deters); Relation of the Mosaic Law to the New Testament: J. Schewe (alternate: The Role of Women in the Church: A. Siggelkow).
Note: Please excuse to the host pastor.
 A. H. Siggelkow, Secretary

METRO NORTH PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: January 28, 1974; 9 a.m. Communion service.
Place: St. John's, 620 W. Division St., Newburg, Wis.; Dale W. Arndt, host pastor.
Preacher: G. Hoenecke (J. Jeske, alternate).
Agenda: Exegesis of I Peter 2:18-25: H. Kaiser; Discussion of the New Pastor's Companion: M. Albrecht.
Note: Please excuse to the host pastor.
 T. C. Spiegelberg, Secretary

WESTERN WISCONSIN

WISCONSIN-CHIPPEWA RIVER VALLEY JOINT PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: January 15, 1974; 9 a.m. Communion service.
Place: Our Savior's Lutheran, Wausau, WI: R. Schultz, host pastor.
Preacher: N. Lindloff (J. Meyer, alternate).
Agenda: Exegesis of II Timothy, chapter 3: M. Zank; Review of J. P. Koehler's essay: Legalism in an Evangelical Church: E. Prenzlow, Sr.; Who Shall Commune at Our Altars? L. Zessin.
 G. Lambrecht, Secretary

MISSISSIPPI RIVER VALLEY PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Place: Grace Ev. Lutheran, Ridgeway, Minn.
Date: January 29, 1974.
Preacher: L. Schalow (H. Sturm, alternate).
Agenda: An Evaluation of the Proposed Catechism Revision: F. Mueller; Gaining and Instructing the Adult: J. Mahnke; James 3: J. D. Liggett; alternate essay: Talk About the Savior: D. Fischer.
 G. Sommer, Secretary

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NEW W.E.L.S. CHURCHES**Names Requested**

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

Alaska	Fairbanks*
Arizona	Litchfield Park*
	Paradise Valley*
California	Alameda County
	(Fremont)*
	Arcadia
	Mission Viejo
	Novato
	(Marin County)*
Colorado	Colorado Springs
	North Denver*
Delaware	Wilmington
Florida	Gainesville
	Winterhaven*
Idaho	Boise/Nampa
Illinois	Bloomington/Normal*
	Champaign-Urbana
	Crystal Lake*
	Springfield*
	West Chicago*
Iowa	Dubuque*
	Shenandoah*
Louisiana	Alexandria
Michigan	Holland
	Indian River
	Taylor Twp.
Minnesota	Bemidji
	Eagen Twp.*
	Forest Lake
	Owatonna*
Missouri	Columbia*
	N. St. Louis County*
	St. Joseph
Nebraska	Scottsbluff*
New York	Schenectady
	Syracuse*
North Carolina	Cherry Point*
	Raleigh
Ohio	Mansfield*
	Youngstown (Niles)
	Providence
Rhode Island	Huron
South Dakota	Memphis
Tennessee	Corpus Christi*
Texas	Lubbock*
	San Angelo*
	Temple*
	Weslaco
Washington	Spokane Valley*
	Vancouver*
Wisconsin	Prairie du Chien*
	Suamico
Wyoming	Cheyenne
Alberta	Edmonton*
Ontario	Orleans
	(Ottawa)

*Denotes exploratory services.

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

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

WELS MEMBERSHIP CONSERVATION
10729 Worden, Detroit, Mich. 48224

EXPLORATORY SERVICES**WEST CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

Exploratory services are being conducted at 7:45 a.m. every Sunday in West Chicago, Illinois, at the Indian Knoll Elementary School, located on Indian Knoll Road (one mile east of Rt. 59 on Washington Street, which is also known as Geneva Road). Please send all pertinent information regarding prospective members in the West Chicago, Wheaton, Winfield, and Warrenville area to: Pastor Terry A. Deters, 1910 W. Richard Street, Aurora, Illinois 60506; Telephone (312) 896-0664.

**PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, WISCONSIN
MARQUETTE, McGREGOR, IOWA**

WELS exploratory services are now being held in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin. The services are held every Sunday at 12:30 p.m. in the Prairie du Chien Convalescent Center, 1150 S. 15th Street. Please send names of interested persons to: Mr. Dan Kapanke, 900 E. Brunson St., Prairie du Chien, WI 53821; telephone: (608) 326-6767.

HAVELOCK, NORTH CAROLINA

WELS exploratory services are being held on the second and fourth Sundays of the month at 4 p.m., with Sunday school and Bible class following at 5 p.m. Services are held at the Fellowship Chapel on the Cherry Point Marine Corps Air Station. Please send contact information to: Pastor Paul A. Schmiede, 720 Currituck Drive, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609; phone: (919) 782-8327.

CRYSTAL LAKE, ILLINOIS

Worship services are being conducted weekly at 8:30 Sunday mornings at Lake Manor Motel at the corner of U. S. Hwy 31 and 14 near Crystal Lake, Illinois. This is about 50 miles NW of the Chicago Loop and 20 miles south of the Wisconsin State line.

Interested parties may contact one of the following: Mr. Allan Schubring, 108 Lake Dr., Algonquin, Ill. 60102, Ph. 312-658-7845; Mr. Paul Grass, 615 So. McHenry Ave., McHenry, Ill. 60050, Ph. 815-385-8208; Pastor Norman Paul, 134 Cambridge Lane, Hoffman Estates, Ill. 60172, Ph. 312-882-1876.

TIME AND PLACE**Peoria (Marquette Hts.), Illinois**

Sunday services at Beautiful Savior's are now being held at 10:00 a.m. with Sunday school and Bible class at 11:00. This schedule goes into effect immediately and will apply year around. David N. Rutschow, pastor.

Raleigh, North Carolina

Gethsemane Evangelical Lutheran Church is holding Sunday morning services in the Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge, located at 1174 U.S. Hwy. 1 North at the intersection of By-pass U.S. Hwy. I-64 (Belt line). Bible class and Sunday school at 9:00 a.m., worship service at 10:30 a.m. Please send contact information to Pastor Paul Schmiede, 720 Currituck Drive, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609, Phone (919) 782-8327.

JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

Our Savior Ev. Lutheran Church of Jacksonville, Florida, now meets at its new chapel at 2140 St. John's Bluff Road. Sunday school and adult Bible class meet at 9:15, with the worship service following at 10:30. As you travel to Florida this year, you are invited to visit. For further information, call or contact Pastor John F. Vogt, 2142 St. John's Bluff Road, 32216. Telephone: 904-725-0230.

SERVICES AT FT. CAMPBELL, KY

Monthly Communion services are being conducted on the first Sunday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in Chapel No. 8 at Ft. Campbell, Kentucky. Names of WELS people in the area should be sent to: Pastor R. H. Stadler, 124 Elnora Dr., Hendersonville, Tennessee 37075 Telephone: (615) 824-3894.

GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA**(Correction)**

Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, the WELS mission in Gainesville, Florida, is conducting worship services regularly at 10:30 Sunday morning in a chapel at 1204 NW 10th Ave. Visitors welcome. The mission serves the U. of Florida. Send referrals to Pastor John Lawrenz, 2130 NW 55th Terrace, Gainesville, FL 32605, or call (904) 376-9940.

**TEXAS LOWER RIO
GRANDE VALLEY**

If you or acquaintances will vacation or winter in Texas, Abiding Savior Lutheran Church of Weslaco invites you to Sunday services at 10 a.m. and family Bible study at 9 a.m. at the Weslaco Civic Center, 520 S. Kansas Ave. We are located in the center of the Valley serving also McAllen, Mission, Pharr, Alamo, Edinburg, Donna, Mercedes, Harlingen, San Benito, Brownsville, Port Isabel, etc. Direct inquiries and referrals to Pastor G. Scheuerlein, 1600 Orchid, McAllen, Texas 78501; telephone (512) 686-6818.

LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

The WELS mission in Louisville, Kentucky, conducts worship services at 10 a.m. and Sunday school and Bible class at 10:45 a.m. at the Jefferson County Farm Bureau Ins. Building at 730 Locust Lane. For information and referrals contact Pastor John Raabe, 1080 Alfred Street, Brookfield, Wisconsin 53005; or call: (414) 782-5852.

HURON, SOUTH DAKOTA

Faith Ev. Lutheran Church, the WELS mission in Huron, South Dakota, is worshipping in the Seventh Day Adventist Church, 244 6th Street S.W. The time of service is now 9:30 a.m. Sunday school and Bible Class meet at 10:30 a.m. For information and referrals please contact: Pastor John M. Engel, Box 215, Huron, South Dakota 57350.

NAMES REQUESTED**ST. OLAF COLLEGE
AND CARLETON COLLEGE
Northfield, Minnesota**

Wisconsin Synod students at St. Olaf College and Carleton College, both in Northfield, Minnesota, are being served by Pastor Richard Stevens of Cannon Falls. Anyone knowing of students attending either of these colleges is asked to remit their names and other pertinent information to Pastor Stevens at the following address: Pastor Richard P. Stevens, P. O. Box 361, Cannon Falls, Minnesota 55009.

Bemidji State College

Names of WELS or ELS students attending Bemidji State College should be sent to Pastor Roy H. Rose, 813 Quince St., Brainerd, Minn., 56401. Transportation to WELS services in Bemidji will be provided.

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Treasurer's Report

PREBUDGET SUBSCRIPTION PERFORMANCE

Ten months ended October 31, 1973

	Subscription Amount for 1973	10/12 of Annual Subscription	Subscription and Pension Offerings	Per Cent of Subscription
Arizona-California	\$ 254,122	\$ 211,769	\$ 210,508	99.4
Dakota-Montana	191,770	159,808	164,859	103.2
Michigan(B)	994,460	828,717	820,456	99.0
Minnesota	992,412	827,010	827,258	100.0
Nebraska	186,352	155,293	164,778	106.1
Northern Wisconsin	1,108,983	924,152	857,762	92.8
Pacific Northwest	69,325	57,771	54,138	93.7
Southeastern Wisconsin(B)	1,353,982	1,128,318	1,048,679	92.9
Western Wisconsin	1,265,467	1,054,556	1,003,497	95.2
Total — 1973	\$6,416,873(A)	\$5,347,394	\$5,151,935	96.3
Total — 1972	\$5,892,435	\$4,910,362	\$4,589,069	93.5

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

Note (B) — The subscription and offering totals includes the congregations that constitute the South Atlantic District as of October 1, 1973.

CURRENT BUDGETARY FUND

Statement of Income and Expenditures

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

	Twelve months ended October 31			
	1973	1972	Amount	Per Cent
Increase or Decrease*				
Income				
Prebudget Subscription Offerings	\$6,437,377	\$5,836,070	\$601,307	10.3
Pension Plan Contributions	95,111	98,937	3,826*	3.9*
Gifts, Memorials and Bequests	63,615	54,717	8,898	16.3
Earnings from Fox Estate	72,549	—	72,549	
Income from NWPH	—	6,562	6,562*	
Other Income	2,398	346	2,052	
Transfers from Other Funds	23,085	—	23,085	
Total Income	\$6,694,135	\$5,996,632	\$697,503	11.6
Expenditures				
Worker-Training — Expenses	\$3,585,646	\$3,243,034	\$342,612	10.6
Worker-Training — Income	1,496,367	1,458,052	38,315	2.6
Worker-Training — Net	2,089,279	1,784,982	304,297	17.0
Home Missions	1,096,096	942,935	153,161	16.2
World Missions	1,011,134	902,360	108,774	12.1
Benevolences	811,014	791,083	19,931	2.5
Administration and Services	500,280	402,850	97,430	24.2
Total Operations	\$5,507,803	\$4,824,210	\$683,593	14.2
Appropriations — Building Funds	242,029	267,992	25,963*	9.7*
Appropriations — CEF Program	788,920	779,057	9,863	1.3
Total Expenditures	\$6,538,752	\$5,871,259	\$667,493	11.4
Operating Gain	\$ 155,383	125,373		

Norris Koopmann, Treasurer & Controller
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ANNUAL MISSION SEMINAR

Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary at Mequon, Wisconsin, is conducting its annual mission seminar from January 28 to January 30, 1974. All pastors, teachers, and laymen are invited to attend.

Schedule: Morning Evening
Monday, Jan. 28 9:15-12:30 7:30-9:00
Tuesday, Jan. 29 9:20-12:30 7:30-9:00
Wednesday, Jan. 30 9:20-12:30

Kieth B. Kuschel, publicity

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS — MLS

Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Saginaw, Michigan, has been granted approval by the Commission on Higher Education and the Board of Trustees to call a sixteenth professor. Herewith the Board of Control of MLS petitions the membership of the Synod for nominations for this position. The candidate is to teach in the social-studies area and possibly to assist in athletics. Please send names of candidates with pertinent information to the following by January 29, 1974: Milton Bugbee, Secretary, MLS Board of Control, 206 S. Alp, Bay City, Michigan 48706.

REQUEST FOR COLLOQUY

The Rev. Charles Gartner of Altoona, Pa., who has resigned from the ministry of the Lutheran Church in America for confessional reasons, has requested a colloquy with a view to entering the ministry of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod. Correspondence relative to the colloquy may be addressed to the undersigned.

W. J. Zarling, President
Michigan District, WELS

YEARBOOK 1974

The Official Directory of the

Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod

The WELS Yearbook contains a complete listing of all officials, boards and committees of the Synod and the Districts; the name, address and telephone number of all pastors, professors and teachers; the name, address and time of service of all congregations; a complete listing of all colleges, academies, area high schools, day schools, and charitable institutions; a directory of the pastors and teachers of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and the Federation for Authentic Lutheranism. Spiralbound.

Price: \$1.40