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## Briefs by the Editor

In reading the accounts of the various District conventions, you have undoubtedly noticed a pattern — worship services, committee reports, discussion and debate, and finally resolutions. Analyzing these reports, you will also become aware of a fundamental concern: a concern for the message and a concern for sharing the message.

Concern for the message involves personal hearing and worship. The District meetings give evidence of that. There are the opening Communion service, the closing service, and the daily devotions. Here we see the church in action.

Concern for the message also includes a concern for doctrine. It means upholding the doctrinal article in our constitution. This commits us to the Holy Scriptures as the inspired and inerrant Word of God and to the Lutheran Confessions as the correct exposition of that Word. Whatever violates the Scriptures or the Confessions must be rejected. Of the two the Scripture, however, is supreme. God's people will seek not to deviate from it in a single word. This concern is very much in evidence as we read the reports of the District conventions.

And then there is that other concern without which we would cease being a living church. That is the concern about sharing the Word with others. You will be grateful to note that each of the reports emphasizes the mission aspect of our church life, both the joy connected with it and the responsibility laid upon us by our Lord. Sharing the message is, however, something vastly different from just seeking to enlarge our membership or the number of our congregations. It is the desire to bring to all whom we contact the Good News of

their salvation in Christ, so that they too may experience the joy that is ours. This is not something that can be measured in numbers. The numbers and names that do appear in these reports are given simply to assure the brethren that we have not been remiss in sharing the message.

In sharing the Gospel with others we do not take part in the crusades which are so popular in our day. Involved always is the truth of the message. Prof. E. Fredrich's article on "Edwards at Enfield in The Great Awakening" reveals this explicitly. Not only can emotions be deceiving, but preaching can be wrong even when effective. Though we cannot take part in such crusades, we dare not sit back and do nothing. The Lord still says: "Preach the Gospel to every creature."

Particularly refreshing in this connection is an aside in the article on "Another Visit to Sweden." Dr. S. Becker reports that, God willing, the pastor of St. Matthew's in Uppsala will be coming to visit our Synod this fall and that his particular purpose is to study evangelism. This demonstrates that the free Lutheran church being organized in Sweden will be totally different in spirit from the state church and from many other free churches on the European scene. Its members will be deeply concerned about sharing the Gospel message with their fellow citizens. Unless this is done, humanly speaking the church dies. Churches in Europe, as you perhaps know, are empty for the most part. They have become no more than cultural centers. We are thrilled to note that the spirit of these brethren in Sweden is a totally different one. We pray that after 125 years of Grace this spirit may also continue to dwell among us.

*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

Church anniversaries can be very happy occasions. It is evident from the picture that such was the case on June 9 of this year when First Ev. Lutheran of Racine observed its 125th birthday. Pastor of the congregation is the Rev. Reinhart J. Pope, shown greeting the worshipers at the right. Guest speaker was Synod President Oscar J. Naumann, shown at the left. An account of the anniversary is given on page 267.

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# Editorials

**Iron On Iron** Somehow it has gotten around that Christians are not supposed to argue. "If you can't say something nice," the saying goes, "then you mustn't say anything at all."

The Bible certainly lays that myth to rest. Can you picture Moses saying to the calf-worshippers, or Elijah to the priests of Baal: "Now, now, let's not hassle over religion, after all, it doesn't make any difference what you believe as long as you're sincere"?

Jesus did not drive the moneychangers out of the Temple nor speak the astonishing words in Matthew 23 with a serene smile on His face. Nor did Paul calmly contend for the faith in the synagogues along his mission journeys, but left a trail of controversy behind.

Surely, argument and debate can be misused. What can't be misused? Surely, voices are sometimes raised and tempers flare. But is that necessarily sinful? Is that Christian courtesy that blithely overlooks error, or is it really contempt for the truth, and for immortal souls that depend on it?

The person is blessed today who had a parent yesterday who dealt sternly and forcibly with error and wickedness. If at the time we children roared like a gored bull over the stern words and discipline, it is still true: "Faithful are the wounds of a friend, but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful."

Certainly there will be sparks as long as people care enough for the truth to contend for it, and great blessings for both sides involved: "Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend."

John Parcher

**"Relating" to Today's World** Several years ago a minister in a major metropolitan area began what he termed "a ministry to the disenchanting." It was aimed at those who are out of contact with society, particularly youthful junkies. In describing the minister's methods a reporter commented, "'Sensory awareness' is the reverend's bag." The minister attempted to achieve his purpose by means of psychedelic lighting, dancing, and so-called "incense jags," during which the congregation spent a good deal of time lying on the floor with arms and legs outstretched.

To employ the popular catchword, he was attempting to "relate" to the people and the times. There is heavy insistence in ecclesiastical circles today upon the necessity of "relating" to today's world. Attention is called to the fact that the attitudes, morals, values, and lifestyles of people are changing. And there is a degree of validity in this insistence. It is true that the church must "relate" to these people.

But particularly troubling to one observer is the thought that in order to "relate" to the people and the times "the church must embrace the values of the world, submitting itself to the prevailing mood and existing relation of forces in secular society." States this observer, "This effort to make Christianity popular with secularists, agnostics, and atheists simply amounts to throwing Christian principle overboard." It amounts, in effect, to a sanctified version of the philosophy, "If you can't beat 'em, join 'em."

But, contrary to the premise from which many advocates of new messages and new methods seem to proceed, the basic truth as it relates to people remains the same in every age. Whether they are reclining around the banquet table of Simon the Pharisee or smoking pot in a hippie commune, the truth is that they are separated by sin from their Creator and Lord and that Jesus Christ has reconciled them with God.

You don't need to make that truth "relate." In itself it does just that.

Immanuel Frey

**Discipline No Longer Intolerable?** Brigham Young University has what most young people today would consider an intolerable dress code; its students are not permitted to smoke or drink; there have been no student protest riots on its campus. An honor system is strictly enforced.

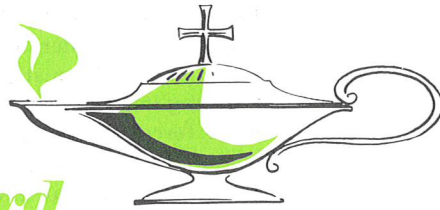
Six years ago a typical newspaper columnist would have written snidely about a university like this as being hopelessly "square," deplorably Puritan, pathetically repressed. This year a writer concluded his piece with the observation: "The secret, if you want to call it that, isn't really secret. It involves two old-fashioned qualities that seem out of tune with contemporary permissiveness: strict discipline, high standards." He judged that BYU's students were "well prepared for life."

Elsewhere also one senses a growing impatience with permissiveness and do-as-you-please immorality. Firmer steps are being taken against the epidemic of shoplifting. There are signs that even moral freethinkers are beginning to see that there is a connection between their campaign against limitations on pornography and for freedom and "naturalness" in sex, and the rising tide of rape, perversions, abortions, and divorce. Turkey's decision to resume the production and export of opium sends chills up the spine of law enforcement agencies and anxious parents in our country. Demands for the restoration of capital punishment are challenging soft-headed appeals to consider the feelings of the criminal.

Even sophisticated publications are beginning to think better of disdaining discipline and honor and trust. The continuing decline in national morality is beginning to cause concern even in the hearts of liberals. Their voices are no longer as strident as they once were, and a number of them are beginning to write more responsibly about the welfare of our society and nation.

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## Studies in God's Word



### The Joy of Forgiveness

Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark of the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus (Philippians 3:12-14).

One of the terms that may need explanation if we are to understand Paul's words to the Philippians is the verb "apprehend." We use it today in the sense of *to grasp*, i.e., to catch on to something, to understand. More commonly we hear it used of the traffic officer who apprehends a speeder, or the police who catch or apprehend a criminal. Paul three times uses a verb which retains the basic idea of catching or grasping and is translated as "apprehend" in our Bibles, but it tends rather toward the idea of *gaining possession*, of *acquiring* something. If we substitute *acquire* for *apprehend*, then Paul's words may open up a bit. The Apostle says: "I follow after, if that I may *acquire* that for which also I *was acquired* by Christ Jesus."

#### Saved to Serve

Why did Christ acquire us? Nothing says it more clearly than the Second Article. Christ bought us with His blood that we "should be His own, and live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness." By right of purchase we

have become His own and are now to spend eternity with Him in heaven. But if taking us to heaven were the sole objective of Christ's acquiring us, then it would be only logical for Him to take us out of the world immediately. No, we have been acquired also that we should serve Him. It is that service "in righteousness, innocence, and blessedness" that Paul was striving so zealously to acquire.

In this connection Paul gives us an insight that is essential for true Christian joy. We might be inclined to think that our joy is dependent on how well we serve our Master — the better we serve Him, the greater our joy will be. Hence, we conclude, Paul could be consistently joyful because he was serving His Lord so well. But now Paul lets us in on a surprise. He confesses: "Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect, but I follow after. . . ." Though Paul could be absolutely sure of his salvation by faith in Christ, yet in his life and conduct even he had to admit to many a shortcoming. Writing to the Romans he laments: "The good that I would I do not; but the evil which I would not, that I do" (Rom. 7:19).

#### Service Remains Incomplete

But how could Paul then be constantly rejoicing? He himself gives us the answer. "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, *forgetting those things that are behind*, I press toward the mark. . . ." Paul could forget the past because it had been paid for by Christ's blood. Paul's imperfections were covered by Christ's perfect righteousness. Though he had been "a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and

injurious" (I Tim. 1:13), the "chief of sinners," yet in Christ Paul had obtained mercy. He had learned the joy of forgiveness. The past could not spoil his present joy in Christ.

Who of us does not have things in the past that he would like to forget? Words have been spoken that cannot be unsaid and deeds have been done that cannot be undone, but thanks be to God, in Christ all these are forgiven and forgotten. "As far as the east is from the west," Scripture assures the believer, "so far hath God removed our transgressions from us" (Ps. 103:12). If God does not remember sins forgiven, what folly for us to spoil our joy by brooding over them!

#### Daily Forgiveness Necessary

Only let us not make God's free forgiveness an occasion to sin heedlessly. Paul also warns against that. "Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before," he says, "*I press toward the mark* for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." The whole picture is that of a runner straining every muscle to reach the mark (goal) and obtain the prize. What the great goal and prize is which the Apostle had in mind is clear from the words preceding our text, namely, "the resurrection of the dead," the glory of eternal life. Since this can so easily be lost through sin, Paul bent every effort to live a God-pleasing life, and he rejoiced in every step of progress made toward that end. Let us too run that race with all the strength that God gives through His means of grace. Not that we earn salvation by it, for that has been gained by Christ alone. Even though we can never attain perfection here — that prize will be ours in heaven — it will be our joy here on earth to conform ever more closely to the pattern that Christ has set for us. Reverses and setbacks will come, but in Christ God is pleased to forgive them. As we grow from day to day, let us joyfully accept forgiveness for the imperfections that cling to us, and let us cheerfully grant that forgiveness also to others. Only then do we pray aright: "Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us."

Armin J. Panning

## Another Visit to SWEDEN

After attending the convention of the Church of the Ev. Lutheran Confessions in Germany, two representatives of our Synod, Pastor Edgar Hoenecke, executive secretary of the Board for World Missions, and Dr. Siegbert W. Becker, professor at our Seminary in Mequon, made a brief visit to Sweden. Their purpose was to consult with and to counsel a group of confessional Lutherans there. Readers of *The Northwestern Lutheran* will remember the report of a previous visit as printed in the issue of December 3, 1972. The present visit was made from May 27 to 31 of this year.

The confessional Lutherans in Sweden who have been receiving both financial and moral support from our Synod in their efforts to form a truly orthodox Lutheran church in their country are continuing their efforts zealously. Doing so in the face of strong opposition from members of the State Church and from a number of other independent Lutherans, they need our prayers and support.

### Doctrinal Agreement

After examining the doctrine of the Wisconsin Synod very carefully, St. Matthew's Congregation in Uppsala, which was organized less than a year ago, this spring formally declared that it saw no obstacle to the establishment of full church fellowship with the Wisconsin Synod. During the May visit, a long and thorough discussion of the doctrine of the Church and Ministry revealed no disagreement in this area either.

### Constitution

A proposed constitution for St. Matthew's was drawn up in consultation with our Synod's representatives. This document is patterned very closely after the model constitution proposed to our congregations in America. A few changes were, however, made to take into account the special situation in Sweden. For example, because the Biblical principles of church fellowship are almost totally ignored in Sweden, a very

clear renunciation of all unionism was made part of the constitution.

Dr. Seth Erlandsson, a director of *Biblicum*, an institute for Biblical research, has written an account of the efforts to form a free Lutheran church in Sweden. The account is called "Biblicum's Battle for Biblical Faith." A free Lutheran church, by the way, is one that is not under state control, not a state church.

Dr. Erlandsson summarized the contents of this work in detail for the American visitors. It was agreed that the work should be published in Sweden and also translated into English in order to answer some of the false charges that have been made against those who are battling for a free Lutheran church in Sweden. Dr. Becker was asked to make the English translation. Readers of *The Northwestern Lutheran* will be alerted when the pamphlet is available.

At the time of the visit, *Biblicum* was also planning to publish an essay on "Justification." This has since appeared in print. It is written by Dr. Erlandsson and Pastor Johansson of Uppsala.

### Northern Sweden

Pastor Lars Engquist of Ranea, in northern Sweden, was present for part of the meetings. Perhaps you are aware that Pastor Engquist was arrested last year for refusing to compromise with error. Since his case is being delayed in the Swedish courts, the group advised him not to wait much longer in making an official break with the state church and in joining actively in the free church movement.

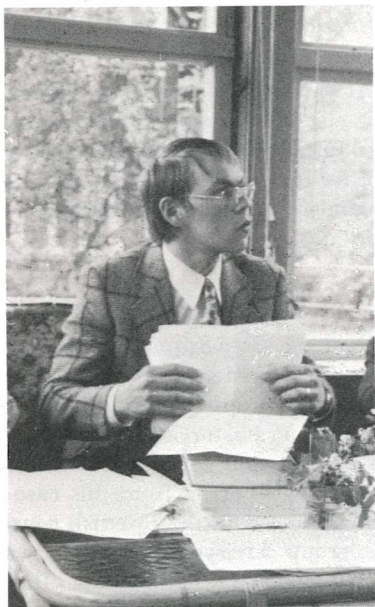
### Southern Sweden

Pastor Per Jonsson's activity in Landskrona, in southern Sweden, was also discussed with him at length. Conditions in Landskrona made it very difficult for Pastor Jonsson to adopt the same Communion practice which obtained in Uppsala. He felt compelled in his conscience first to instruct his people in the principles of church fellowship before making severance from the state church a prerequisite for admission to the Lord's Table. He clearly recog-



Pastor Per Jonsson of Landskrona, Mr. Ingemar Fuerberg, Pastor Sten Johansson of St. Matthew's in Uppsala, Pastor Lars Engquist of Ranea.

nized that this was a temporary expedient, and the congregation in Uppsala urged him to bring the matter to a speedy conclusion. As a result of the meeting in Uppsala, Pastor Jonsson has instituted a practice in Landskrona which is identical to that followed at St. Matthew's. A week after the meeting, a free confessional Lutheran congregation, called Our Savior's Lutheran Congregation, was organized in Landskrona. Full fellowship has thus been established between these two groups. Our Savior's celebrated its first mission festival on June 30 with about 50 people in attendance. Two families from the Danish Lutheran Free Church were also in attendance. Dr. Erlandsson preached at the service.



Mr. Mats Eskhult, a student of Hebrew and a member of St. Matthew's, helped the visitors through the Passport Control Office.

### Synod Being Planned

It is planned to hold a convention next month (September) to lay the groundwork for the formation of a Lutheran synod in Sweden. In October, God willing, Sten Johansson, the young pastor of St. Matthew's, will visit America, especially for evangelism training. He and Dr. Erlandsson, as well as Pastor Jonsson, are anxious to make their confessional church a truly mission-minded church which will always be con-

scious of its obligation to share the blessings of the Gospel with their countrymen.

St. Matthew's and Our Savior's have adopted our Seminary in Lusaka, Zambia, Africa, as their foreign mission project. The collection at the mission festival in Landskrona, amounting to \$196.82, was designated for this purpose. Since May, St. Matthew's has sent \$165.50 for the same purpose.

The zeal, devotion, dedication, and faithfulness to Scripture demonstrated by the Swedish brethren continues to amaze our Synod's representatives. For example, our *Sweden Conference and Aid Fund* has been making regular contributions toward the salaries of Pastors Johnsson and Johansson. Pastor Jonsson has been using a large part of his salary, which is very low by both American and Swedish standards, to pay the expenses of the *Lutherskt Saendebrev*, a magazine which he edits in behalf of the free church movement. When Pastor Johansson received a check for \$100 as a personal Christmas gift from a layman in America, he immediately asked his congregation to reduce his salary by this amount. When he received a scholarship grant from the University in Uppsala, where he is a graduate student, he likewise asked that this amount be deducted from his salary. Such devotion and unselfishness surely deserves our continued support.

Since there are no provisions in our Synodical budget for the work in Sweden, the support for Sweden depends entirely on offerings from groups and individuals. Such contributions may be sent either to the treasurer of the Synod or to the undersigned, who acts as treasurer for the Sweden Committee. All gifts should be clearly designated for the *Sweden Conference and Aid Fund*.

To be sure, not only our gifts are earnestly requested. Our prayers are needed as well. It is the Lord who builds His Church and blesses His Gospel so that it does not return void.

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# Grace Notes

It was unmerited GRACE when our Lord commissioned His Apostles to go out into all the world and preach the Gospel. His GRACE did not cease when the last of these witnesses entered life eternal. In their place, He sent others to proclaim His saving Word. And when, in time, the institutional church became faithless, our Lord always raised up witnesses anew.

He did this, too, in the years immediately before the Synods of Wisconsin, Michigan, and Minnesota were organized. In Europe rationalism had taken over in the church; God's Word was sneered at. But, in the midst of it all, God preserved to Himself "7,000 in Israel." Everywhere, as Prof. J. P. Koehler writes in his history of our Synod, there remained groups of quiet, earnest Christians who respected the Bible as the Word of God, who clung to the Gospel of Our Blessed Savior, and conducted their lives in keeping with this faith.

Though most of these did not dare oppose the forces of the established church and did not separate from it, they were earnestly concerned about spreading the Gospel. These were the people responsible for founding the German mission societies of the last century.

As we celebrate the GRACE of God, we also thank Him for these mission societies which trained our first pastors, men like J. Muehlhaeuser, J. Weinmann, W. Wrede, and F. Schmidt. Filled with mission spirit, these men brought the Gospel to many in our country who were as sheep without a shepherd. This spirit is still active in our midst. That too is the GRACE of God. May we never lose this heritage!



THE NORTHWESTERN LUTHERAN

# NEBRASKA DISTRICT CONVENTION

## *"We Are the Lord's!"*

Since we are the Lord's (Rom. 14:8), it is always a joy for Christians to be about the Lord's business. Thus, with joy and zeal for the Lord's work, 97 delegates of Nebraska District congregations gathered from June 18 to June 20 to share Word and Sacrament and to review the Lord's work programs in the District and the Synod. They were guests of St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church, Plymouth, Nebraska, served by Pastor Joel Frank. It is a tribute to both guests and hosts that business continued apace, even though the thermometer registered uncomfortably far above the century mark during the last two days of sessions.

### **Membership**

Four new congregations were accepted into membership in the District. They are Salem, Colorado Springs, Colorado; Shepherd of the Valley, Westminster, Colorado; Good Shepherd, Cheyenne, Wyoming; and King of Kings, Alexandria, Louisiana. Entrance of the last two means that the Nebraska District is now represented in nine states. Five pastoral candidates and three teacher candidates were also given membership.

The report of the Nebraska District Mission Board gave evidence that under the Savior's blessing membership is likely to increase. The District is strongly mission-minded as is evidenced by the report of new services being conducted in Scottsbluff and Wayne, Nebraska; Shenandoah, Iowa; and the Little Rock, Arkansas, area. Holy Cross in south Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, has just been granted mission status. In addition the mission board of the Colorado Mission District reported beginnings during the past biennium in Colorado Springs, Westminster, and Greeley, Colorado.

R. J. Kuckhahn

### **Essay**

Professor Carl Lawrenz, president of the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, read an essay on "God's Unique Judgment of the Flood." Professor Lawrenz analyzed and defended the historical accuracy of the Old Testament account of the Noachian Flood. He stated, "We are dealing with an actual historical happening. It is well to keep this in mind in our day also when in most Lutheran circles the first eleven chapters of Genesis, including the flood account, are treated as presenting symbolical stories rather than actual history."

The essayist also pointed out that we must understand God's unique judgment of the flood in relation to ourselves. God in His holiness and righteousness does punish sin and unbelief, yet through the same judgments God in His saving grace at the same time delivers His believers. God has promised that such a universal judgment by water shall never take place again. So we today live in a world that stands under God's covenant with Noah until the day God destroys it in fire. The Lord thus curbs our sinful flesh, and at the same time cheers and lifts us up through His free and faithful grace in His only-begotten Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

### **Business**

In matters of special concern to the District, several significant resolutions were passed. The delegates authorized a standing committee on secondary education to study ways and means of starting an area Lutheran high school in the District.

While concurring in the 1963 Synod resolution to transfer the central Iowa congregations (Des Moines area) to the Minnesota District, the Nebraska District urged patience in both Districts in implementing this resolution. It was felt that with the

establishment of more congregations in Iowa, an Iowa conference of the Minnesota District, which would include these stations of our District, would someday become a reality.

Because of its increasing size and administrative detail, the District voted to establish a District Council according to the provisions of the District constitution. This group — the officers of the District, various board chairmen, and the visiting elders — has been meeting unofficially for several years to counsel together on the Lord's work in the District and to assist the president.

President Gerald E. Free was re-elected to a third term. Also re-elected was Pastor William Goehring as secretary. Pastor Larry Ellenberger was chosen as first vice-president and Pastor Paul Knickelbein as second vice-president.

### **Synodical Matters**

The District went on record as not favoring the concept of a Synod-wide Coordinator of Evangelism. While reaching out with the Gospel of Christ Crucified to people lost in sin is the church's only assigned task, it was felt that in developing resources to carry out this task, we would be better advised to use the part-time services of men able to prepare such materials, and that congregations cooperate with their District evangelism committees in making known their needs and sharing what they have developed.

The establishment of a private institution for the mentally retarded with Synod-wide support was urged. Delegates approved the mandatory retirement from administrative duties by heads of Synodical worker-training schools at age 65. Noting with thankfulness and joy the grace of the Lord shown in 125 years of WELS history, the convention urged all congregations of the District to exceed their Synodical pledges by one per cent or more, and asked that if thankofferings exceed the \$3 million goal the Synod channel the excess into its Church Extension Fund.

In his opening remarks, President Free commented on the theme of the

Convention, "We are the Lord's." "As we consider what we were and would still be without God's grace in Christ Jesus we can see the importance and comfort of our convention theme." On the basis of Hebrews 10:19-25 he showed how we are the Lord's through the sacrifice of one High Priest, how we are to hold fast to the profession of our faith, and how as

adopted sons of God we need to provoke one another to love and good works. Convention days brought opportunities for following the Lord's guidance. There was His Word, ably explained and applied in the opening devotions. There was the special reminder to be about our responsibility of training our children, brought by Pastor P. Knickelbein in the closing

service. There was the review of the Lord's work in evangelism and missions, education and benevolences, all work which the Lord has given into our hands of clay, yet hands which are His own, made so by grace. "For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord; whether we live, therefore, or die, we are the Lord's."



Delegates at Arizona-California District Convention in Phoenix.



Founders of 1954 still in District: Front (left to right): Pastors Armin Keibel (secretary), Alfred Uplegger, and Venus Winter; Mr. Louis Karpe; Pastors Raymond Zimmermann and Immanuel Frey (president). Rear: Pastors Walter Diehl, Robert Hochmuth, and H. Eugene Hartzell; Teacher A. Meier. Former members, Pastor Norman Berg and Prof. Joel Gerlach.

## ARIZONA-CALIFORNIA DISTRICT

### *Twentieth Anniversary*

**Growth by Grace** The Arizona-California District held its 11th Biennial Convention in Phoenix, Arizona, June 18-20, 1974, twenty years after its organization in 1954 in Tucson. It recalled a score of years of growth by God's grace. From 2,500 communicant members in 33 congregations and preaching stations plus nine schools served by 25 pastors and 31 teachers in two states, the District has grown to 9,700 communicants in 100 congregations plus 22 schools served by 90 pastors and 70 teachers in six states (Arizona, California, Texas, New Mexico, Nevada, and Hawaii).

Grateful for such growth as we may be, President Immanuel G. Frey reminded the 130 delegates that the real assurance of success lies in our faithful proclamation of God's Word.

**Mission Spirit** The spirit of continued Kingdom-expansion pervaded the convention air. Devotions were conducted by veteran world-mission pastors based in the District: Spanish missionary Venus H. Winter, Executive Secretary Raymond H. Zimmermann, Apache missionaries H. Eugene Hartzell,



## PACIFIC NORTHWEST DISTRICT

## Meets in Expo '74 City

Spokane, Washington, the city that is hosting Expo '74, is also the home of St. Matthew Congregation which hosted the 29th Biennial Convention of the Pacific Northwest District,

Alfred M. Uplegger, Arthur A. Guenther, and Martin J. Wehausen. The delegates were especially gratified to follow the course of the Gospel's spread on the southwest frontier as reported by the District's three home mission board chairmen, and through the Synod across the earth as reported by District floor committees. The delegates rose in memory of Pastor Gilbert B. Seager through whose ministry in the District our church has been specially blessed.

**Elections** Instated by the District were Pastors Immanuel G. Frey as president, Marcus C. Nitz as first vice-president, Manfred J. Lenz as second vice-president, and Armin K. E. Keibel as secretary.

**Review Commission** A commission of review dealt with an appeal for transfer from several persons released from membership by one of the churches over enrollment of its children in a church school not in fellowship with our churches. It concluded that there was no unionistic participation and so recommended that the appeal be granted.

**Essay on Humanism** Professor Joel C. Gerlach of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, who had served as pastor in Arizona and California for 16 years, presented a timely essay on "Humanism, Its Origin, Nature, and Menacing Impact." In it he contrasted God's revelation with man's reason as the source of Truth and incited the delegates to continue to hold His Word supreme above all human viewpoints and movements.

Armin K. E. Keibel

June 18-20, 1974. Seventeen laymen, three teachers, and 24 pastors were in attendance.

On the spacious grounds of the World's Fair, ecology is the dominant theme. Everywhere one can read facts and see pictures which demonstrate man's abuse of the environment. The solution that is offered to the pollution of the environment, however, is one that is often found wanting. It doesn't always acknowledge that man lives out of harmony with nature only because he is not in harmony with his God.

The environment in the nave of St. Matthew Church was far different. There, all that was spoken or distributed in print pointed to the grace of God. Though sin has polluted us and all men thoroughly, the delegates were privileged to listen for hours to what the Lord is doing for us and through us. Delegates who spent a few hours at Expo didn't seem all that fascinated with the endless array of facts, figures, and pictures. But while sitting in the pews of the church, there was both visible and audible evidence that delegates were much impressed with the facts and figures which detailed the work our God of grace is permitting the people of our Synod to do.

### Guest Essayist

Prof. John Jeske of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, Wisconsin, set the tone for the entire convention by the reading of his essay, "Amazing Grace — 125 Years of It." Learning the history of our Synod in all its detail made everyone's heart larger with gratitude to God for choosing to sustain a synod, so weak in its infancy, for a century and a quarter!

### Other Guests

Both the Home and World Mission Departments of our Synod were represented by their executive secretaries, Pastors Norman Berg and Ed-

gar Hoenecke, respectively. With their vast knowledge of our Synod's outreach throughout the world, delegates were reminded again of the theme of our 125th anniversary year: "You Know the Grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ." In spite of some difficulties, and the continued harassment of Satan, the power of the Word in reaching the hearts of the heathen continues to accentuate the grace of God.



District Officers: Pastors E. Kahrs, secretary; G. Frey, president; M. Teske, 1st vice-president; W. Widmann, 2nd vice-president.



Convention Delegates.

### Convention Service

Professor Jeske preached the sermon on the basis of Deuteronomy 29:29. At the close of the service, President Frey noted how the grace

of God has permitted Pastor T. R. Adascheck and Pastor Elmer H. Zimmermann to serve for an extended period of years in the ministry. The former served actively for 35 years, and now substitutes in the pulpit wherever needed. The latter has been active for 45 years, and has announced his retirement as of the end of the year. Both of these servants of God have carried on their entire ministry in the Pacific Northwest District.

### Convention Agenda

The *Report to the Ten Districts* was summarized for the delegates by five pastors. With the added comments of the guest essayist and executive secretaries, all present felt they received a well-rounded glimpse of the scope of our Synod's work. By resolution, the convention favored the calling of a full-time evangelism coordinator. In another area, delegates agreed there is merit in using the talents of Synodical school instructors by various divisions, commissions, and agencies of the Synod. But they supported the resolution of the Commission on Higher Education that this be done only if replacements are provided for instructors on sabbatical leave.

### Elections

The following were elected to guide the District during the next biennium: Pastor George Frey, president; Pastor Melvin Teske, first vice-president; Pastor Warren Widmann, second vice-president; Pastor Ethan Kahrs, secretary. Lloyd Lambert is the new pastoral member of the Board for Parish Education. Teacher Wm. Habermann was reelected to the same board. Layman David Voll and Pastor David Bode were returned to the District Mission Board.

### EXPO-Worship

Should you visit Expo '74, our mission congregation in Spokane invites you to its Sunday worship service at 9:00 A.M. For directions call Pastor John Henning. His phone number is 326-3766.

David Bode

## SERMONS THAT MADE CHURCH HISTORY



### *Edwards at Enfield in The Great Awakening*

Visitors to Enfield, Connecticut, on a sightseeing tour will be shown a monument marking the site of the old Congregational church, where on July 8, 1741, Jonathan Edwards preached on "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God." The site merits the historical marker. There two and one-third centuries ago church and national history were made.

Jonathan Edwards, the preacher at Enfield, is generally regarded as America's outstanding theologian. The sermon preached was destined to become the most famous ever delivered in our land, if not the most evangelical or doctrinally correct. The occasion typifies the movement in American church history which is known as the "Great Awakening" and which has left profound influences on the national religious scenes at work to this day.

### The Great Awakening

Revival was in the air when Jonathan Edwards went from his Northampton parish to fill the Enfield pulpit at the request of the pastor there, Peter Reynolds. What Pietism had brought to German Lutherans somewhat earlier and Methodism was bringing to English Anglicans and others at that very time, that the Great Awakening was bringing to Protestants in New England and the other colonies in the late 1730s and the early 1740s. In the transfer from the Old World to the New and from the first generation of Americans to the third, religion had suffered a lag in zeal for the cause on the part of the church's membership and in enthusiasm for church mem-

bership on the part of the populace. To check the decline, it was deemed, special efforts were needed.

The lead was taken in 1720 by Theodore Frelinghuysen among the Dutch Reformed of New Jersey. In his revival effort he put emphasis on the conversion experience, on the devotional life, and on lay activity. His influence reached the Presbyterian Tennents, father and son, whose "Log College" trained men for the work of converting the sinner and reclaiming the backslider. In 1739 George Whitefield came to America for a second time on a two-year revival tour through the colonies that would spread the Great Awakening and include appearances at the schools of Harvard and Yale and in the Lutheran congregation at Philadelphia. On four occasions Whitefield preached from the pulpit of Jonathan Edwards at Northampton and, as usual, left his hearers stricken, convulsed, and "sweetly melted" by his sermon oratory.

### Jonathan Edwards

At the time of Whitefield's Northampton appearance in October, 1740, Edwards was no novice at the revival project. In 1735 he had conducted a revival in his own congregation and town that had enlarged the membership roll and increased the religious fervor of the congregation. The success was shadowed when an uncle-by-marriage slit his throat in a fit of religious dependency.

Two years later Edwards published an informal history of the Northampton revival under the title,

*A Faithful Narrative of the Surprising Word of God*, in which he set down models of what he considered perfect regeneration. The writing was widely read and became a sort of handbook for the Great Awakening. Edwards later wrote three other books on revivals and the religious emotions involved: *Distinguishing Marks of a Work of the Spirit of God* (1741), *Some Thoughts concerning the Present Revival of Religion in New England* (1742), and *Treatise concerning Religious Affections* (1746).

In an era when many were rejecting old doctrines for more "enlightened" views, Edwards, sometimes called a "Last Puritan," remained a strict Calvinist, espousing sovereignty, covenant, and total depravity and holding to the errors of double election, limited atonement, irresistible grace, and perseverance of the saints. However, he was surprisingly modern in what could be called sermon methodology.

From the philosopher Locke he had learned an appreciation for empirical knowledge and sense impressions. In his sermons he strove to make religious concepts as vivid as possible, attempting to provide the hearers with an experience of the sweetness of grace and heaven and the torments of hell and damnation. Such a homiletical approach lent itself easily and effectively to the revival task.

#### Enfield Sermon

At Enfield Edwards preached on these words from Deuteronomy 32:35, "Their foot shall slide in due time." His theme he stated as "There is nothing that keeps wicked men at any one moment out of hell but the mere pleasure of God." Ten doctrinal considerations preceded a soul-searching application introduced by the statement:

Thus it is that natural men are held in the hand of God over the pit of hell; they have deserved the fiery pit, and are already sentenced to it. The devil is waiting for them, hell is gaping for them. They have no refuge. All that preserves them is the mere arbitrary will and

uncovenanted, unobliged forbearance of an incensed God.

Eyewitness accounts report that many hearers were moaning and crying until the shrieks became so "amazing" that Edwards had to pause, eyes fixed as usual on a spot on the bell-rope somewhat above the heads of the audience. Many had a "conversion experience" that memorable night.

#### Legacy of Revivalism

The revivals at hundreds of Enfields in Colonial America, often accompanied by greater emotional excesses than exhibited there, provoked clashes between prorevival "New Side" or "New Light" and antirevival "Old Side" or "Old Light" forces. The latter were led by Chauncy of Boston, who deplored the "mechanical impression on animal nature." Edwards replied in the writings previously mentioned.

The Great Awakening foreshadowed revivals to come. At the turn of the next century a wave of massive revivals on the frontier added to the scene the camp meeting and the inevitable tent with the sawdust trail. Tamed down in an urban age but reinforced by its electronic aids, the revival tradition persists in the modern "Crusade."

At their worst, revivals can degenerate into rank exhibitionism. However, even at their best, they tamper with the comfort the Gospel is to bring to the converted sinner. Since the limited Gospel of Calvinism produced only limited comfort, an effort was made by Edwards and others to supply the deficiency by undue attention to the sinner's own conversion experience and inner emotion. Neither at Enfield nor elsewhere, neither then nor now is this what God wants and the sinner needs.

Edward C. Fredrich

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## First Ev. Lutheran of Racine Celebrates 125 Years of God's Grace

First Ev. Lutheran Church, Racine, Wisconsin, celebrated the 125th anniversary of its founding on June 9, 1974. President Oscar J. Naumann was the anniversary speaker. Preaching on Revelation 1:5,6, he expressed the feelings of the congregation in the words: "To Our God and Savior be Glory, Thanks, and Power for Ever and Ever!"

A confirmation reunion service was held in the afternoon. It was attended by several hundred past and present members who were confirmed at First Lutheran. There will be a second anniversary observance on September 8, at which the speaker will be President George Boldt of the Southeastern Wisconsin District.

The actual anniversary date was August 20. On that day, in 1849, the congregation was organized under the leadership of Pastor John Weimann, one of the original organizers of the Wisconsin Synod. Pastors who

served here, in addition to Weimann, are John Wrede, Jacob Conrad, Julius Hoffmann, Gottlieb Thiele, Christian Waldt, Conrad Jaeger, Theodore Volkert and, presently, Reinhart Pope.

First Ev. Lutheran has occupied the same site all 125 years of its existence. The present church building is the second built by the congregation. First Lutheran today numbers 1010 baptized members, of whom 860 are communicants. One hundred twenty of its schoolage children are enrolled in Wisconsin Lutheran School, which First Lutheran operates jointly with Epiphany Lutheran Church, also of Racine.

Pastor Pope writes: "As we observe this special milestone we echo the prayer which is the motto of *The Northwestern Lutheran*, 'The Lord our God be with us, as He was with our fathers; let Him not leave us, nor forsake us.'"

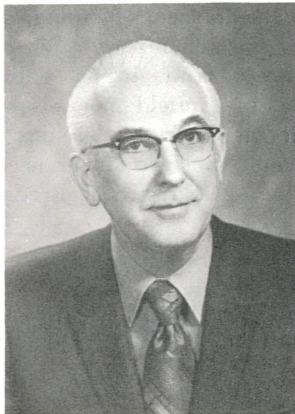
## NWC Professors Observe Anniversaries . . . . .

During the 1973-74 school year, Northwestern College was privileged to honor three professors who observed significant anniversaries in their ministries. The anniversaries were the 40th for Professor Erwin Scharf and the 25th for Professors William Zell and Sylvester Quam. In the anniversary service, held in the College chapel, Pastor Waldemar Zarling, president of the Michigan

At Northwestern Scharf has taught a variety of subjects in both the Preparatory School and College, principally Religion, History, and German. His special field, however, lies in the area of the Gospels and Reformation History. In keeping with the latter, he was able this summer to realize a long-cherished ambition of going to Europe and visiting the lands of Luther.

to be pastor of Emanuel Lutheran Church. In 1957 he was called to Emanuel Lutheran Church of St. Paul, Minnesota, where he remained until he accepted the call to Northwestern in 1960. At the time he left, he was copastor with another member of the present Northwestern faculty, Prof. George Baer.

Since coming to Northwestern, Professor Zell has concentrated his



Prof. E. Scharf



Prof. W. Zell



Prof. S. Quam

District and brother-in-law of both Scharf and Zell, preached the sermon.

Following his graduation from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Professor Scharf began his ministry as a teacher at Winnebago Lutheran Academy in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, where he had taught for two years while still an undergraduate. In 1937 he became pastor of St. Paul's Church in Slinger and St. Paul's in Cedar Lake. While there, he married Irene Zarling. Their marriage was blessed with four children.

In 1942, in the days of the Second World War, Professor Scharf left Slinger on leave of absence to serve as camp pastor in Louisiana, where he ministered to soldiers of our Synod stationed in the seven camps located in that area. After several years of this work, he accepted the call to Zion Lutheran Church, Rhinelander, Wisconsin, and was pastor there until he came to Northwestern College in 1956.

In 1967, the Synod again asked Professor Scharf to take time from his regular call to serve as civilian chaplain to our men in the armed services in Vietnam. Scharf accepted this assignment with the concurrence of the College Board and spent some six months ministering to Wisconsin Synod servicemen throughout South Vietnam.

Besides the above, Professor Scharf has served the Synod in other capacities, notably on the Commission on Inter-Church Relations, of which he has been a member for some years.

Like his colleague on the faculty, Prof. William Zell took time out from his theological studies at the Seminary to teach at Winnebago Lutheran Academy. Upon completion of his theological training he was assigned to Northwestern College as tutor for one year. Then he accepted the call to his first parish, Faith Lutheran Church of Tacoma, Washington, a mission congregation. Some years later he moved to Kohlberg, Wisconsin,

academic efforts almost exclusively on the teaching of German and has done so on both the prep and college levels. In addition, he has given of his time to help plan and supervise the construction of several new buildings on campus and has coached Prep basketball and "B" Team football.

His wife is the former Marian Griep of Two Rivers, Wisconsin. They have four children.

Professor Sylvester Quam came to Northwestern in January, 1964, from Trinity Lutheran School, Neenah, Wisconsin, where he had taught for 11 years and also served as principal. Previously he had taught in Lutheran elementary schools in Algoma and in Freedom, Wisconsin.

Quam studied at Dr. Martin Luther College, UW-Madison, Concordia-River Forest, and UW-Whitewater. He has spent the past three summers in England doing advanced work in Shakespearean studies.

Though called originally to the Preparatory School, Professor Quam

last year received and accepted the call to be professor of English in the College to fill the vacancy in the English department caused by Dr. E. C. Kiessling's retirement. Besides teaching English, his special field, he has taught music and has given of his time to guide student extracurricular activities in drama and forensics.

Professor Quam and his wife, Judith *nee* Selle of Neenah, have four children.

It is a happy occasion for the Church when it has the opportunity to honor the Lord by recognizing the gifts He has given it in the ministries of such faithful and capable men as Professors Scharf, Zell, and Quam. May the Lord grant us many more like them!

J. A. Fricke

#### SYNODICAL SCHOOL OPENINGS

##### Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Mequon, Wisconsin

Monday, September 9: Dormitory opens.  
Tuesday, September 10: Opening service at 10:00 a.m.

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

Monday, August 26: Orientation of new students.  
Tuesday, August 27: Opening service at 2:00 p.m. in the music auditorium.

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

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

##### Michigan Lutheran Seminary Saginaw, Michigan

Sunday, August 25: Registration of new students, 1:00-5:00 p.m. — Testing of new students, 7:00-9:00 p.m. — Registration of returning students, 7:00-9:00 p.m.  
Monday, August 26: Testing of new students, 8:00-11:30 a.m. and 7:00-8:30 p.m. Registration of returning students, 9:00-11:00 a.m. — Opening service, 1:30 p.m.

##### Northwestern Lutheran Academy Mobridge, South Dakota

Friday, August 23: Registration. Opening service at 1:30 p.m.

##### Martin Luther Academy New Ulm, Minnesota

Tuesday, September 3: Registration, 8:00-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-4:00 p.m. — Orientation in evening for all new students.  
Wednesday, September 4: Opening service, 8:30 a.m.

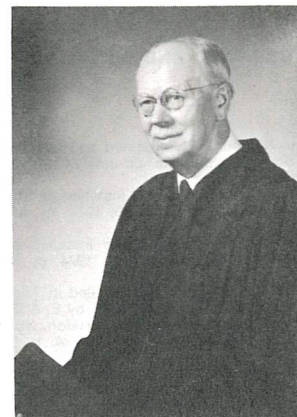
#### Pastor-Em. Karl A. Nolting 1887 - 1974

Eighty-six years, seven months, and twenty-three days was the measure of the earthly life granted to Karl A. Nolting. Though they were many, they were all days in which he was sustained by the love of Jesus Christ. This truth Pastor Nolting was often heard to point out, as he applied the words of the Apostle Paul to himself: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

It was in this vein that the chairman of the Wisconsin River Valley Conference, Pastor Burton Stensberg, spoke words of comfort to the family at the funeral of Pastor Nolting, using as his text I Corinthians 15:10, "By the grace of God I am what I am."

Karl A. Nolting was born in Germany on September 16, 1887, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilhelm Nolting. He came to the United States in 1910. On September 12, 1920, in Brooklyn, New York, he was married to Lucy Plage, who died in 1966. He graduated from Concordia Theological Seminary, Springfield, in 1918, and was ordained that same year in Brooklyn. He served in the active ministry for 42 years, retiring in 1960 and making his home in the Town of Rib Mountain, Wausau, Wisconsin. The past four years he lived with his sons. He was called to his rest on May 9, 1974, in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

The undersigned conducted the funeral services for Pastor Nolting on May 13, 1974, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Wausau, Wisconsin. The burial was at Mosinee.



Pastor K. A. Nolting

Three sons and their families survive. They are Carl W., Pastor Paul F., and Albert A. Nolting, plus nine grandchildren.

During his 42 years in the ministry, Pastor Nolting served the Lord of the Church at Immanuel Lutheran, Tuscola, Illinois, and St. Matthew's Lutheran, Brooklyn, New York, both congregations of the LCMS; and in the following WELS congregations: St. John's, Frontenac, Minnesota; Immanuel, West Florence, Minnesota; St. John's and St. Matthew's, both at Spring Valley, Wisconsin; and Immanuel, Mosinee, Wisconsin.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth."

Pastor R. A. Schultz

#### Editorials

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Rising concern for public and private morality will not yet assure the return of conscience and self-discipline and respect to our citizenry, but there will be no return without it. Permissiveness will not vanish overnight, but it will not even begin to go away if our citizenry does not recognize it for the ruinous malaise and destructive virus it is. If there is indeed a reviving concern for civic righteousness, every Christian citizen will say fervently, "Thank God."

Carleton Toppe

#### REQUEST

The Synod's archivist, Pastor Wm. Schink, is looking for a complete set of the *Michigan Plan Bulletins* for the Synodical archives. These are loose-leaf bulletins going back to the late twenties and thirties when the Synod was plagued by a huge Synodical debt. If you have a set but do not wish to give them up, zerox copies would be welcome. Please write: Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod, Att.: Archivist, 3512 W. North Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53208.

#### REQUEST

In order to manufacture the required number of bound copies of *The Northwestern Lutheran*, the Northwestern Publishing House is in need of a number of copies of the following issues:

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## ORDINATIONS AND INSTALLATIONS

(Authorized by the District Presidents)

### ORDAINED AND INSTALLED

#### Pastors:

**Beckmann, Raymond R.**, ordained and installed at St. John's, Stanton, Nebraska, on July 7, 1974, by R. T. Beckmann (Nebr.).

**Bell, Patrick C.**, ordained and installed at St. John's, Allegan, Michigan, on June 30, 1974, by A. Ruddat (Mich.).

**Castillo, James A.**, ordained and installed at Hope, Louisville, Kentucky, on July 14, 1974, by D. Kuehl (SEW).

**Eckert, Alan J.**, ordained and installed at Trinity, San Manuel, Arizona, on June 30, 1974, by E. A. Sitz, and commissioned as pastor of New Mission, North Tucson, Arizona, on June 30, 1974, by A. H. Reaume (Ariz.-Calif.).

**Haberkorn, David M.**, ordained and installed at St. John's, Herrick, South Dakota, and installed at Grace, Burke, South Dakota, and Peace, Carlock, South Dakota, on July 7, 1974, by H. Essmann (Nebr.).

**Knapp, Bradford T.**, ordained and installed at St. Paul's, Manchester, Wisconsin, and St. Paul's, Marquette, Wisconsin, on July 14, 1974, by S. Stern (Wis.).

**Kuenzel, Karl E.**, ordained and installed at Calvary, Abrams, Wisconsin, on July 7, 1974, by K. Koepflin (N. Wis.).

**Kuschel, Kieth B.**, ordained and installed at Mt. Olive, Suamico, Wisconsin, on July 7, 1974, by B. Kuschel (N. Wis.).

**Nast, Larry C.**, ordained and installed at Faith, Huron, South Dakota, on June 30, 1974, by J. Engel (Dak.-Mont.).

**Richmond, Gary D.**, ordained and installed at St. Paul's Lutheran, Faith, South Dakota; installed at First English Lutheran, Dupree, South Dakota; at Peace Lutheran, Isabel, South Dakota; and at St. Paul's, Timber Lake, South Dakota, on July 7, 1974, by D. Dengler (Dak.-Mont.).

**Roecker, Eugene A.**, ordained and installed at St. Matthew's, Butterfield, Minnesota, and St. John's, Darfur, Minnesota, on July 14, 1974, by R. Kant (Minn.).

**Schlenner, Paul A.**, ordained and installed as pastor of St. John's, Vesta, Minnesota, on July 21, 1974, by O. Schlenner (Minn.).

**Schlomer, Larry W.**, ordained and installed at Good Shepherd, Beloit, Wisconsin, on July 14, 1974, by J. Brandt (W. Wis.).

**Schulz, Dale R.**, ordained and installed at St. Mark, Flat Rock, Michigan, as missionary of the Taylor/Romulus area, on July 7, 1974, by G. Struck (Mich.).

**Schwartz, David C.**, ordained and installed as pastor of St. Paul's, Manistee, Michigan, on July 21, 1974, by E. Schmelzer (Mich.).

**Stauda, Steven O.**, ordained and installed at St. Mark's, Bloomington-Normal, Illinois, on July 14, 1974, by D. Rutschow (W. Wis.).

**Sullivan, Paul L.**, ordained and installed at Our Savior, Grafton, Wisconsin, on June 23, 1974, by R. E. Pope (SEW).

### COMMISSIONED

**Winterstein, Herbert C.**, commissioned as Missionary to Japan at Siloah Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on June 12, 1974, by K. Bast (SEW).

### INSTALLED

#### Pastor:

**Begalka, Del**, as chaplain at the Home for the Aged, Belle Plaine, Minnesota, on July 17, 1974, by P. Hanke (Minn.).

#### Teachers:

**Allerheiligen, David L.**, as principal of St. John Lutheran School, Wrightstown, Wisconsin, on July 14, 1974, by H. Pussehl (NW).

**Bonitz, Walter O.**, as teacher at St. John's, St. Paul, Minnesota, on July 21, 1974, by M. Petermann (Minn.).

**Enter, David R.**, as teacher of St. Matthew's, Stoddard, Wisconsin, and St. John's, Town Genoa, Wisconsin, on July 14, 1974, by J. Liggett (W. Wis.).

**Feuerstahler, Daniel**, as teacher at St. Paul's School, Menomonie, Wisconsin, on July 7, 1974, by L. Zessin (W. Wis.).

### SEMINARY GRADUATES

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### COLLEGIAN SEMINAR

The 4th annual Lutheran Collegians Christmas Evangelism Seminar will be held December 27-30, 1974. This year's theme is TALK ABOUT THE SAVIOR. Detailed information will be available later this fall through campus pastors or Ric Gudgeon, Rt. 2, Box 111, Cottage Grove, WI 53527.

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You may also send this information directly to one of our campus pastors. The names of colleges and universities served by WELS campus pastors are listed in *Yearbook 1974*, pages 42-44. Represented are 32 states and the District of Columbia.

## CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES MINNESOTA

### St. Croix Pastoral Conference

**Date:** September 10, 1974; Communion service at 9:00 a.m.  
**Place:** St. Paul's, Cannon Falls, Minnesota (R. Stevens, host pastor).  
**Preacher:** F. Kogler (R. Luebchow, alternate).  
**Agenda:** "Plural Marriages in the Old Testament"; W. Dorn; "When and How Long is a Christian in a Government Office Bound to Carry Out a Law Against His Conscience?"; D. Seager.

D. Buch, Secretary

## NEBRASKA

### COLORADO PASTORAL CONFERENCE

**Date:** September 17-18, 1974; opening devotion at 10:00 a.m.  
**Place:** Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, 2600 S. Wadsworth Blvd., Denver, Colorado; Douglas Bode, pastor.  
**Communion Service:** Tuesday, September 17, 7:30 p.m.; Preacher: L. Retberg (alt.: J. Phillips).  
**Agenda:** Reports; Christian Burial; D. Bode; "You Don't Have to Go to Church to be a Christian"; E. Ahls-wede; Isagogical Study of Revelation 1-3; P. Schwer-in; Jehovah Witnesses: C. Found.

L. Ellenberger, Visiting Elder

## NORTHERN WISCONSIN

### WINNEBAGO CONFERENCE

**Date:** September 16, 1974; 9:00 a.m.  
**Place:** St. Luke's, Oakfield, Wisconsin; John Ruege, host pastor.  
**Preacher:** L. Ristow (G. Schaefer, alternate).  
**Agenda:** Isaiah 9: A. Aichele; Continuation of II Thes-salonians 2: L. Ristow; Catechism Questions: N. Mielke.

Paul H. Kolander, Secretary

### LAKE SUPERIOR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS' CONVENTION

The 45th annual Lake Superior Sunday School Teachers' Convention will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, Coleman, Wisconsin, September 22, 1974, at 2:30 p.m. C.D.T. The host pastor is Pastor Waldemar Zink.

Mrs. Don Polzin  
Secretary

## SOUTH ATLANTIC

### SOUTH CENTRAL CONFERENCE

**Date:** September 23-25, 1974.  
**Place:** Nashville, Tennessee.  
**Communion Service:** 7:15 p.m. on September 23; R. Busch, preacher.

**Agenda:** Elections; Exegetical Study of Daniel: K. Peterson; Sermon Study: R. Waack; "The Practice and Principles of Separation of Church and State in Old and New Testaments"; R. Stadler; "The Scriptural Concept of the Term 'Fear of God'"; round table discussion; Study of the Preface, Article I, and Article II of the Augsburg Confession and the Apology; questions of casuistry.

R. H. Stadler  
chairman pro-tem

## SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN

### CHICAGO-SOUTHERN JOINT PASTORAL CONFERENCE

**Date:** September 10, 1974; 9 a.m. EST.  
**Place:** Beautiful Savior Lutheran, 11228 Coldwater Road, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46825 (A. Siggelkow, host pastor).

**Preacher:** A. Wolfgram (Galatians 3); R. Ziebell (Galatians 4), alternate.

**Agenda:** Exegesis of I Peter 4; N. Paul (I Peter 5: L. Luchterhand, and II Peter 1: L. Nolte, alternates); "Changing Church in a Changing World"; D. Schmeling; "Gospel Reductionism"; R. Voss.

**Note:** Please excuse to the host pastor.

A. Siggelkow, Secretary  
Chicago Pastoral Conference

### METRO SOUTH PASTORAL CONFERENCE

**Date:** September 16, 1974; 9 a.m. Communion service.  
**Place:** Mt. Calvary Ev. Lutheran, 1941 Madison St., Waukesha (M. Stern, host pastor; telephone 542-6509).

**Preacher:** H. Eckert (H. Flegel, alternate).

**Agenda:** Summary and discussion of essay by R. Dews on Matthew 18 concerning questions of excommunication, removal, and dismissal; Exegesis of Mark 4:21ff; D. Sabrowsky; Article III of the Augsburg Confession; V. Thierfelder; reports, questions of casuistry.

**Note:** Excuses are to be made to the host pastor.  
R. Baerbock, Secretary

## WESTERN WISCONSIN

### WISCONSIN-CHIPPEWA RIVER VALLEY JOINT PASTORAL CONFERENCE

**Date:** September 17, 1974; 9 a.m. Communion service.  
**Place:** St. John's Lutheran, Eagleton, Wisconsin (L. Koester, host pastor).

**Preacher:** R. Otto (H. Prah, alternate).

**Agenda:** Exegesis of II Timothy, chapter 3; M. Zank (Alternate: Isaiah 40: L. Koester); Examination of Proposed Revision of Luther's Catechism; R. Otto and G. Schmeling.

G. Lambrecht, Secretary

### MISSISSIPPI RIVER VALLEY PASTORAL CONFERENCE

**Date:** September 17, 1974; 9 a.m. Communion service.  
**Place:** St. Paul's Lutheran, Onalaska, Wisconsin.  
**Agenda:** Exegesis of James 3; J. Liggett; Talk about the Savior with Delinquent Members; D. Fischer; Sexism in the Wisconsin Synod; P. Ziemer; conference business.

G. Sommer, Secretary

### MISSIONARIES' CONFERENCE

**Date:** September 23-24, 1974.

**Place:** Wisconsin Lutheran Chapel and Student Center, 220 West Gilman, Madison, Wisconsin; host pastor, Rev. Wayne Schmidt.

**Opening Communion Service:** Monday, September 23rd at 10:30 a.m.

**Preacher:** D. Bitter, Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin.

**Essayist and Discussion Leader:** H. E. Wicke, Editor of *The Northwestern Lutheran*, "Guidelines for Receiving Lutherans."

**Note:** Missionaries, Board Members, and area Pastors encouraged to attend!

R. Scharf and D. Rutschow  
Program Committee

### CORRECTION

In the list of 1974 Teaching Assignments on page 219, issue of July 14, 1974, Miss Barbara E. Kletzke's assignment was erroneously given as Immanuel, Waukegan, Ill. It should have read Friedens, Kenosha, Wis. (SEW). Readers who file their copies are asked to note the correction.

### CHURCH BENCHES

Siloah Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, has available for the asking three 16-foot oak church benches in good condition. Anyone interested may contact: Pastor W. G. Hoffmann, 3721 N. 21st St., Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53206.

## EXPLORATORY SERVICES

### OWATONNA, MINNESOTA

WELS exploratory services are being held in the 7th Day Adventist Church at Grove and Pearl Streets in Owatonna, Minnesota, at 9:30 a.m. Sundays. Please send names of interested parties to: Chaplain W. R. Hoyer, 725 Northern Hts. Dr. N.E., Rochester, Minn. 55901; or contact: Mr. and Mrs. Gary Greenwood in Owatonna — phone 507-451-8092.

### WASHINGTON-ROME, MICHIGAN

Exploratory services have begun in the Washington-Romeo, Michigan area, serving also other communities in northern Macomb County. Services are held at the Indian Hills Elementary School, 8401 — 29 Mile Road, about 1/2 mile west of M-53. Worship is at 11:00 a.m. with Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. Please send addresses of interested families to Pastor John Henderson, 4717 Buchanan, Warren, Michigan 48092 (Phone: (313) 264-3903) or Mr. Wm. Drayer, 64019 Kildare, Romeo, Mi. 48065 (Phone: (313) 752-6894).

### MOBILE, ALABAMA

Exploratory services are being conducted in Mobile, Alabama, on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. (Sunday school at 9:00 a.m.) at the Belmany Funeral Home, 100 S. Beltline Highway, Mobile. For further information, contact: Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Mueller, 2809 Richardson Drive, Mobile, Alabama 36606; phone: (205) 478-0180.

### ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MISSOURI

Exploratory services will be held this September in the St. Charles, Missouri, area. The WELS mission of North St. Louis County is conducting Sunday services at 9:00 a.m. at the Trio Restaurant, 7900 N. Lindbergh Blvd. Please send addresses of interested families in both areas to Pastor Peter Berg, 1830 St. Catherine St., Florissant, Mo. 63033 (Phone: 314-837-7489).

### GREELEY, COLORADO

The Colorado Mission District Mission Board is conducting exploratory work in the Greeley, Colorado, area. Our WELS group there has chosen the name Shepherd of the Hills Ev. Lutheran Church and is renting the chapel of Our Savior's American Lutheran Church, 1800 21st Avenue, Greeley, for services. Worship is held each Sunday at 7:15 p.m. Anyone knowing of prospective members or students at the University of Northern Colorado is kindly asked to call or send pertinent information to: Pastor Lawrence Retberg, 4610 Hogan Drive, Fort Collins, Colorado 80521 (1-303-493-3999).

## TIME AND PLACE

### BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA

St. Mark's Ev. Lutheran Church, a WELS mission, is now worshipping at 824 America Ave. (the former 7th Day Adventist Church) in Bemidji, Minnesota. The time of service is set for 9 a.m., with Sunday school at 10 a.m. Pastor Roy H. Rose.

### FORT SILL, LAWTON, OKLAHOMA

WELS civilian and military visitors and residents in the Fort Sill/Lawton area are invited to attend Communion services held the last Sunday of each month at 3:30 p.m., Sheridan Road Chapel, Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. For more specific information and direction contact: Major Carl B. Eggleston, 524 L. N. Lauman Ave., Ft. Sill, Oklahoma 73503, Telephone: (405) 351-3137.

### FORT COLLINS, COLORADO

St. Peter Ev. Lutheran Church of Fort Collins, Colorado, has moved to its newly completed church facilities located in South Fort Collins at 4610 Hogan Drive. For worship service information please contact Pastor Lawrence Retberg, 4610 Hogan Drive, Fort Collins, Colo. 80521 (1-303-493-3999).

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS Northwestern College

The Board of Control of Northwestern College, Watertown, Wisconsin, invites the members of the Synod to submit nominations for the professorship to be vacated through the intended retirement of Prof. D. Rhoda at the end of the coming school year. Nominees should be qualified to teach German on the college level.

Nominations together with pertinent information concerning them should be in the hands of the undersigned no later than September 18, 1974.

W. A. Schumann  
612 South 5th  
Watertown, Wis. 53094

## REQUEST FOR NOMINATIONS

The Wisconsin Synod Board for Parish Education requests the membership of the Synod to suggest teachers and/or 1974 graduates who may be considered for teaching positions in our area Lutheran high schools in the following subjects: industrial arts, home economics, and business education (typing, shorthand, book-keeping). Candidates must hold membership in a congregation of the Wisconsin Lutheran Synod or in a congregation that is in fellowship with the WELS. Please send names, addresses, and information concerning proposed candidates to Mr. Adolph Fehlauer, Executive Secretary of the Board for Parish Education, 3614 W. North Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53208.

## NOMINATIONS — MLS

The following men have been nominated to teach at Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Saginaw, Michigan, in the field of mathematics:

Leonard Collyard, Milwaukee, Wis.  
Thomas Dobberstein, Kenosha, Wis.  
Russell Griffin, Lannon, Wis.  
Gary Johnson, Dayton, Ohio  
Arlen Koestler, Greenfield, Wis.  
Timothy Paschke, Helenville, Wis.  
Lauris Plath, New Ulm, Minn.  
David Toepel, Fond du Lac, Wis.

The Board of Control of MLS will meet at 1:00 p.m. on August 29, 1974, to call a man from this list. Correspondence concerning the nominees should be in the hands of the secretary no later than August 28, 1974.

Mr. Milton Bugbee, Sec.  
MLS Board of Control  
206 S. Alp  
Bay City, MI 48706

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS Northwestern Publishing House

Pastor Lyle Albrecht, heretofore associate editor at Northwestern Publishing House, has accepted the call as instructor at the Wisconsin Lutheran High School, effective with the fall semester beginning in August, 1974, necessitating the calling of a replacement for the position of associate editor.

Because a list of nominees for the editorial position vacated by Pastor Wicke was published recently, the Board of Directors of the Northwestern Publishing House decided to fill this current vacancy from the same list, offering the opportunity to augment this list with additional names of qualified candidates. Nominees must be theologically trained, preferably have some experience in the parish or teaching ministry, and have mature theological judgment. Considerable competence in the field of English and literary taste and discrimination are required. The work includes evaluation of manuscripts ranging from scholarly theological works to children's literature and the ability to write clear, contemporary English. Creativity is a definite asset.

Please supply pertinent information regarding qualifications of the nominee. All nominations should be in the hands of the secretary of the Board by September 16, 1974.

Mr. H. P. Gieschen, Secretary  
c/o Northwestern Publishing House  
3624 West North Avenue  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53208

# Treasurer's Report

## PREBUDGET SUBSCRIPTION PERFORMANCE

Six months ended June 30, 1974

	Subscription Amount for 1974	6/12 of Annual Subscription	Subscription and Pension Offerings	Per Cent of Subscription
Arizona-California .....	\$ 284,176	\$ 142,088	\$ 146,057	102.8
Dakota-Montana .....	198,690	99,345	81,397	81.9
Michigan .....	1,013,283	506,642	463,206	91.4
Minnesota .....	1,050,611	525,306	525,086	99.9
Nebraska .....	204,415	102,208	100,793	98.6
Northern Wisconsin .....	1,140,109	570,054	540,969	94.9
Pacific Northwest .....	75,950	37,975	35,915	94.6
Southeastern Wisconsin .....	1,374,223	687,111	650,905	94.7
Western Wisconsin .....	1,320,560	660,280	599,469	90.8
South Atlantic .....	52,870	26,435	25,309	95.7
Total — 1974 .....	\$6,714,887	\$3,357,444	\$3,169,106	94.4
Total — 1973 .....	\$6,416,873	\$3,208,437	\$3,185,456	99.3

## CURRENT BUDGETARY FUND

### Statement of Income and Expenditures

Twelve months ended June 30, 1974 with comparative figures for 1973

	Twelve months ended June 30		Increase or Decrease*	
	1974	1973	Amount	Per Cent
<b>Income</b>				
Prebudget Subscription Offerings .....	\$6,721,909	\$6,219,575	\$502,334	8.1
Pension Plan Contributions .....	93,349	95,124	1,775*	1.9*
Gifts, Memorials and Bequests .....	74,783	59,340	15,443	26.0
Earnings from Fox Estate .....	48,073	51,119	3,046*	6.0*
Income from NWPB .....	—	—	—	—
Other Income .....	8,893	2,498	6,395	—
Transfers from Other Funds .....	77,950	12,907	65,043	—
Total Income .....	\$7,024,957	\$6,440,563	\$584,394	9.1
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Worker-Training — Expenses .....	\$3,841,361	\$3,487,227	\$354,134	10.2
Worker-Training — Income .....	1,603,818	1,465,535	138,283	9.4
Worker-Training — Net .....	\$2,237,543	\$2,021,692	\$215,851	10.7
Home Missions .....	1,237,747	1,029,343	208,404	20.2
World Missions .....	1,151,022	954,490	196,532	20.6
Benevolences .....	815,821	815,650	171	—
Administration and Services .....	533,604	428,272	105,332	24.6
Total Operations .....	\$5,975,737	\$5,249,447	\$726,290	13.8
Appropriations — Building Funds .....	222,000	250,349	28,349*	11.3*
Appropriations — CEF Program .....	799,968	789,483	10,485	1.3
Total Expenditures .....	\$6,997,705	\$6,289,279	\$708,426	11.3
Operating Gain .....	\$ 27,252	\$ 151,284		

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

Note: Future cutoff dates of PBS receipts in the Synod's Post Office Lock Box are as follows:

For the month of:	Cutoff Date
August	September 6
September	October 7
October	November 7
November	December 6

## RHINELANDER PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: September 9, 1974; 9 a.m. Communion service.  
Place: Bethany Lutheran Church, Bruce Crossing, Michigan (F. Bergfeld, host pastor).  
Preacher: H. A. Kahrs (D. Kock, alternate).  
Agenda: Conclusion to "The Times and Life of the Early Christian Church"; R. G. Koch; Exegesis of Ephesians 6:10ff.; C. J. Siegler; Demon Possession and Exorcism: D. Fleming.

C. J. Siegler, Secretary

## BARGAIN CENTERS

The Milwaukee Federation of Wisconsin Synod Ev. Lutheran Churches wishes to thank all donors who have supported the two Bargain Centers which it operates at 2245 West Fond du Lac Avenue and 826 South 16th Street, both in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

In addition to the constant need for clothing there is a continuing demand for household items, such as linens, bedding, knickknacks, dishes, pots, pans, etc., in fact, anything that is portable and usable. Your donations will be greatly appreciated.

The Centers can always use more workers, in fact, help is badly needed. If you are able to donate of your time, please call Mrs. Irma Vogt at 476-5753 (Milwaukee).

## OSHKOSH STUDENTS

The WELS Campus ministry in Oshkosh has headquarters at the Wisconsin Lutheran Campus House, Wisconsin and Amherst Sts. Services in chapel at 12:00 noon on Sundays, with informal Vespers each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information contact Pastor Robt. Christman, 1721 Ohio St., Oshkosh, Wisconsin 54901; Phone (414) 235-0957.

## AVAILABLE

Available without charge to any mission congregation: one pair three-branched candelabra for the altar, one pair candlesticks, and a one-quart wine flagon. Write: St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, 309 Second Avenue N, Hurlay, WI 54534.