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## Briefs by the Editor

This column was written soon after those tense days in August which news commentators and our new president called "our long national nightmare." The Sunday services that followed — it was the Ninth Sunday after Trinity — brought the comfort of joining hearts with fellow believers and bringing to the attention of our Lord the ache of our spirit and our concern for our country. As happens so often, the Gospel and the Epistle seemed written for that very occasion.

In the Gospel (Luke 16:1-9) the Lord Jesus had a rich man who had a steward accused of wasting his goods tell him: "Give an account of thy stewardship." In our own situation, when the accounting was in, the verdict was also that of the Gospel: "Thou mayest no longer be steward," for the accounting disclosed a fabric of lies and deception. Even the resignation, thus avoiding impeachment, finds an echo in our Lord's words: "For the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light." In these weeks we lived through a tragedy, a moral tragedy, not only of one man but of many. The outcome, however, demonstrated once again a truth God's children cling to in evil times and good: the Lord is still the ruler of heaven and earth.

The Epistle for the Sunday (First Corinthians 10:6-13) made of us more than just observers on the national scene as it pointed to a number of unsavory incidents in Israel's history. The Holy Spirit had Paul write: "Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things . . . neither be idolators . . . neither commit fornication . . . neither tempt Christ . . . neither murmur . . . They are written for our

learning, upon whom the ends of the world are come." God in judging them, and in judging men and situations today, urges us to examine our own hearts and lives. As we do so, each of us has reason to beat upon his breast and cry out: "Father, forgive, for Jesus' sake." Strength comes only from Him of whom the Epistle states: "But God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able, but will with the temptation make a way to escape." There will always be temptations; with the Savior there is always strength to overcome. If the lessons of the Gospel and the Epistle of the Ninth Sunday after Trinity, the Sunday after America's nightmare, stay with us, then good will come out of evil.

Since there is help for mankind only in Christ, because He is the only way to life eternal, we are particularly happy to report in this issue concerning two men recently called into the foreign mission fields of our church, Pastor Winterstein to join our Gospel team in Japan and Pastor Cox to return to Central Africa. Not only we in America need the Gospel if we would have forgiveness and find strength to lead the sanctified life; this is man's need everywhere.

Again, since Satan not only does his evil work out in the world, but especially delights to corrupt the church, the account of our World Mission Seminary Conference is one that will assure you that our church, as it brings the Gospel to others at home and abroad, is deeply concerned about transmitting it as the Lord gave it. It isn't our Word, but the Lord's own message of grace. The same Lord who judges the nations builds His Church. He alone can do so.

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

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### THE COVER

The Japan Mission staff welcomes the visitors to the Third World Mission Seminary Conference. They are: R. Igarashi, H. Johne, R. Poetter, F. Oshino, Student Nakamoto, T. Yoshida, and K. Habben. The lower picture shows Supt. T. Sauer addressing the conference in the chapel-temple at Tsuchiura. Read the full account on pages 278 and 279.

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# Editorials

**No Place Like It** A little boy flipped his bicycle over in the street, and when I picked him up, torn trousers, tears, and running nose, all he wanted was to get on home, limping and dragging his bike. He knew that home is the place where hurts are healed and broken things get fixed.

Grown men have said the same thing, from a hospital bed or some far-flung military outpost: "If I can only get home again, everything will be alright." People who have had a good home know this, and people who haven't perhaps know it even better. "Be it ever so humble, there's no place like home."

This is the Bible's viewpoint, too. There is no substitute for the home. All the churches, schools, social agencies, activity centers, and federal programs with multiplied millions in money cannot replace one home.

Home is the nursery of our infant years, the school where character is formed, the resting place of the laborer, the hospital of the heartbroken, the one place that makes the toil and trouble of life worth the effort. When we become old or unwanted, when health breaks down and life's companions drop out one by one, it is the comforting promise of our Heavenly Home that keeps us going.

Keep that in mind this fall. Take the glowing promises of all outside agencies with a large grain of salt. Firm up your backbone to withstand the contemptuous question of the gadfly, "What? You're only a homemaker?" and the condescending attitude of busybodies toward you whose home comes first.

The very best that grownups and children are ever going to get — physically, spiritually, emotionally — can be right there at home.

John Parcher

**The Book For Both Worlds** In her *New York Times* "Report on Teen-age Reading Tastes and Habits" Rema Freiburger writes that young people have "interests in the occult, supernatural, magic and mystic at the same time that there is a demand for . . . young adult fiction that deals realistically with the immediate problems young people are facing." She suggests that "in books as in life there is the need to deal with tortuous, sordid immediate crises at the same time that there is a necessity for finding relief and hope in dreams of a better world to come."

Youth is seeking its realism and its dreams in books like *Love Story*, *Catcher in the Rye*, *Animal Farm*, *Brian Piccolo: A Short Season*, *The Godfather*, 1984, *Lord of the Flies*, *Guinness Book of World Records*, and others in their top 25.

If young people are looking for a realistic portrayal of this world and their problems, and for a better world to come, they should be reading another book. It is not on their list of the top 25, but it ought to be. That book is the Bible.

If teen-agers want real life presented honestly and forthrightly, they will find it in Scripture. Murder, witchcraft, adultery, theft, lust, slander, disobedience, lies — sin is depicted as it is, without playing it up or playing it down, without bypassing some sins and capitalizing on others as their top 25 do. And if they want to read about the problems that they must face in life, how about the accounts of Abel or Jacob or Joseph, David or Daniel, Ruth or Esther or Michal, Peter or Paul?

Are they looking wistfully for a better world? The books they are reading are fantasy. The Bible portrays the only better world there is, with peace and joy and love and truth to satisfy the human heart. It marks the road that leads to it: the road of repentance and forgiveness and faith, the way of salvation through Jesus Christ.

All this and heaven too. Every other book falls short — for any reader of any age.

Carleton Toppe

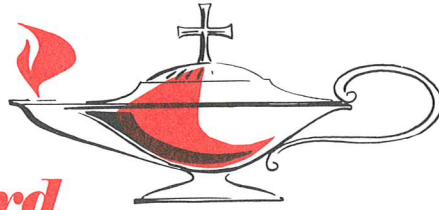
**A Crime Against Children** Some of the worst crimes in contemporary society are perpetrated on children. These crimes are committed not only by child molesters and kidnappers but in many cases by the parents of the children. Furthermore, this is done not by those who are unconcerned about their sons and daughters but by parents who are concerned about the wrong things with regard to their children.

Society today is sex-oriented and success-oriented. This has the effect of placing the emphasis on externals in the lives of individuals. Personal appearance, glamor, and popularity become the overriding considerations. The heroes and heroines of television, sports, motion pictures, and pop music furnish the models. Millions of dollars are expended by doting parents in an effort to mold their children in the image of these glamorous personalities. Pushy mothers who dream of stardom for their children and irate fathers who chew out the coach of the Little League team reflect these concerns. The effect upon the personality and character of the children who are the pawns of their parents' ambitions is often disastrous.

A much more wholesome effect in child rearing would be achieved if these energies, concerns, and ambitions on the part of parents were channelled into molding character instead of striving to create glamor, beauty, and popular recognition. These external assets are of negligible value in improving human relationships or in coping with such unpleasant but universal realities as sickness, disappointment, and death, or in preparing the child for eternity.

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## Studies in God's Word



### The Joy of Citizenship in Heaven

Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample. For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things. For our conversation is in heaven; from whence we look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body, according to the working whereby He is able even to subdue all things unto Himself (Philippians 3:17-22).

Last time we heard St. Paul say that in his life and conduct he was not "already perfect," but by God's grace he "followed after." Paul's life was a constant, earnest effort at holiness. Like a runner straining toward the finish line, he says: "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." In the section under discussion, Paul now urges that same activity on others. "Brethren," he says, "be followers together of me."

#### Examples Needed

Literally Paul says: "Be imitators of me." There was no pride on Paul's part in setting himself up as an example, for he explains what he means when he writes to the Corinthians: "Be ye followers of me, *even as I also am of Christ*" (I Cor. 11:1). Christ is the power and the motivation. He is to shine through all that we do.

Paul's words give us cause to stop and ask ourselves: Could we invite others to look to us as examples? Does our life show forth Christ in all that we do and say? It should. The world desperately needs such examples, because there are all too many bad examples around. Among the worst are those who profess to be Christians, whose names are on church membership rolls, who may perhaps attend the Sunday service with some regularity, but who during the rest of the week live a life that betrays their real interests. Paul calls them people "who mind earthly things." What they're really interested in is not Christianity or spiritual things, but the things which the world offers. Hence their life is slanted toward enjoying the things that satisfy their appetites and desires. Of them Paul may fairly say that their god is their belly.

#### Earthly-Minded

Not only do they follow their baser natures, but in a very real sense they are examples — bad examples — for they "glory in their shame." Paul does not elaborate, nor do we need to do so. Suffice it to note that bragging about gluttonous eating and drinking, pride in one's capacity for alcohol, boasting of sexual escapades, and the like, can still be found today. With tears Paul declares that they who glory in such things are "the enemies of the cross of Christ, whose end is destruction."

#### Heavenly-Minded

"But *our* conversation," St. Paul states, "is in heaven." In total con-

trast to those "who mind earthly things" is the example of the child of God with his thoughts directed heavenward. The term "conversation" as used here does not mean "talk," but reflects rather an original word meaning a *city* or a *state*. We are not permanent citizens here on earth. Our homeland is in heaven. Recall how regularly Scripture speaks of believers as sojourners, as strangers and pilgrims passing through an alien land. And it is only natural for Scripture to speak thus, for on earth we have no abiding city. Believers have their citizenship in heaven. Their names have been written in God's book of life. Their inheritance is in heaven. "Mansions" are even now being prepared for them there. Many of their friends and relatives have already gone on ahead. Small wonder then that believers have never put down permanent roots here on earth, for "they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly . . . for (God) hath prepared for them a city" (Heb. 11:16). The believer's look is not *around* himself toward the world, but *upward* toward heaven, "from whence also we look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ."

As the Apostle already pointed out, here on earth things will never be perfect. That can come only in heaven. Hence the believer in eager anticipation awaits the return of his Savior, "who shall change our vile (humble) body, that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body." While we are on earth, we will always be subject to sin and suffering, to disease and finally death. But by the use of His ability to subject all things to Himself, Christ will change all that, so that we shall one day have bodies "like unto His glorious body." Exactly what that entails we cannot entirely grasp now, but the prospect is glorious! To be with Christ, to see Him face to face, to be like Him is a thought that lifts us above the trials and tribulations of the present. This earthly pilgrimage is only temporary. Heaven is our sure and abiding home. To all citizens of that homeland the Apostle says: "Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, Rejoice."

Armin J. Panning



The 125th Anniversary Committee, appointed by the Synod's 1973 convention to plan the 125th anniversary of the Synod, was given two assignments. The first assignment was to gather a thankoffering with an approximate goal of \$3 million. The convention directed the offering to capital needs at the Synod's schools and on its home and world mission fields.

The first assignment has just about been completed. After giving their families an opportunity to express their gratitude for God's 125 years of blessings, congregations submitted their firm commitments for the Thankoffering during July and August.

As these lines are being written (in early August), 605 congregations have submitted their commitments to the Thankoffering. The total commitments of these congregations is \$2.2 million. By the time you read these lines, the \$3 million goal will have been reached. Another manifestation of God's Grace to us. But we must not — pray God — take His Grace for granted.

#### Construction on Schedule

The Thankoffering will substantially fund the cost of three dormitories. The replacement dormitory at Northwestern College is proceeding on schedule and will be ready for occupancy during the second semester. It is hoped that ground will be broken for the two dormitories at Michigan Lutheran Seminary in late August or early September. The dormitories will be completed in about a year.

The convention also gave the 125th Anniversary Committee a second assignment. It was instructed to plan a fitting celebration of the 125th anniversary of the Synod to culminate in an Anniversary Sunday, May 18, 1975. The actual organization of the Synod took place on May 26, 1850.

Under the supervision of the Board for Parish Education, study materials are being prepared for use in Christian day schools, Sunday schools, and area Lutheran high schools during the six weeks prior to the Anniversary Sunday. The materials will relate God's Grace to the



## Another Step

125-year history of the Wisconsin Synod. Offering banks will be made available to the children so that they too can share in the Anniversary Thankoffering and in the worldwide ministry of their church.

#### Special Bible Emphasis

It is appropriate that the People of the Book in celebrating 125 years of Grace should study the Bible with renewed zeal. For youth and adult Bible classes, a six-week course on Ephesians is being prepared. The course is designed to fit between Easter and May 18, 1975. This does not rule out, however, its use during the rest of the year. Only eight per cent of the Synod's confirmed membership attended Bible classes in 1973. It is hoped that this figure can be raised under God to 100 per cent in 1975!

Most Christians, at one time or another, have wanted to read through the whole Bible. During the anniversary year each family of the Synod will be encouraged to read through the entire Bible. A special folder will be given to each family dividing the entire Bible into 365 readable sections. Ten to fifteen minutes a day will bring the reader through

the Bible, the unique message of God's Grace to sinners, during the anniversary year.

Under the supervision of the Commission on Worship, a special order of service for the anniversary Sunday is being prepared. An original hymn for congregational and choir use is being composed. For Ascension Day (May 8) there will be a special children's service available.

Although it is hoped that on May 18 each congregation will have its own celebration within its local family, area rallies in the afternoon and evening are being encouraged. It is expected that the rallies will follow the pattern of existing rallies, e.g., Reformation rallies. Even so, it is not too early to start planning them.

#### 1975 Synod Convention

The formal celebration of the anniversary is scheduled to close at the 43rd biennial convention of the Synod, August 6-13, at Northwestern College, Watertown, Wisconsin. The theme, essays, and devotions of the convention will center upon the 125 years of God's Grace to the Wisconsin Synod.

"The purpose of these plans," said Pastor Carl H. Mischke, chairman of the Anniversary Committee and the Synod's first vice-president, "is to permit our members to realize anew the great Grace of God to all of us. What God has done for us — that is the heart and soul of our celebration. It is the sole reason for our celebration, at least the only worthy one."

Members of the Anniversary Committee, in addition to Pastor Mischke, are Pastor Robert P. Mueller, Owosso, Michigan, first vice-president of the Michigan District; Pastor Norval W. Kock, Manitowoc, Wisconsin, visiting elder of the Manitowoc Conference; Professor Irwin J. Habek of the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, Wisconsin; Pastor Robert J. Voss, Milwaukee, executive secretary of the Commission on Higher Education; and Pastor James P. Schaefer, stewardship counselor. Also serving on the Committee until his retirement from the active ministry was Pastor Herman W. Cares, Milwaukee.

Rev. James P. Schaefer





**Participants** (left to right): Prof. Carl Lawrenz, Mequon; Supt. Theodore Sauer, Lusaka, Africa; Prof. Harold Johne, Tsuchiura Seminary, Japan; Chairman R. H. Zimmermann, Glendale, Arizona; Friendly Counselor John Chworowsky, Hong Kong; Prof. E. H. Wendland, Lusaka Seminary, Africa; Prof. Heinrich Vogel, Mequon; Chairman L. J. Koeninger, Plymouth, Michigan; Pastor Kermit Habben, Tokyo, Japan; Principal Howard Festerling, Hong Kong; Prof. Rupert Eggert, El Paso/Juarez Seminary, Mexico; Chairman Harold Essmann, Waterloo, Wisconsin; Pastor Fukuichi Oshino, Ashikaga, Japan; Supt. Richard Poetter, Mito Japan; Executive Secretary Edgar Hoenecke; Pastor Tadashi Yoshida, Hitachi, Japan. **Missing:** Deacon Ryuichi Igarashi, Mito, Japan; Pastor Tatsushiro Yamada, Yokohama, recovering from illness.

## *Third World Mission Conference at Tsuchiura*

"We are gathered here to make certain that not only a spirit of youthful vigor in carrying the Gospel into the world prevails, but that it be carried out in the channels the Lord laid down in His Word with the promise of success."

These words, spoken by Pastor Edgar Hoenecke, executive secretary of the Board for World Missions, at the opening session of the Third World Mission Seminary Conference of our Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod set the direction of the discussions and essays for the entire week of the conference.

Two previous World Seminary Conferences have been held, one in Hong Kong from July 24 to 26, 1971, and the other Lusaka, Zambia, from April 12 to 14, 1972. The site of this third conference was the church center and seminary of our Lutheran Evangelical Christian Church in Japan. This center is nestled on a verdant hillside overlooking the city of Tsuchiura, Japan.

Mission executives and seminary leaders of our Seminary in Mequon and our four world mission seminaries in Zambia, Mexico, Hong Kong, and Japan converged on Tsuchiura on June 7 in anticipation of the conference which was held June 10-14.

Those in attendance included Pastor Richard Poetter, Pastor Kermit Habben, and Prof. Harold Johne of the Lutheran Evangelical Christian Church in Japan; Prof. Rupert Eg-

gart of the Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Church in Mexico; Pastor Theodore Sauer and Prof. Ernst Wendland of the Lutheran Church in Central Africa; Pastor John Chworowsky of the Chinese Evangelical Lutheran Church; Prof. Carl Lawrenz and Prof. Heinrich Vogel of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary; Executive Secretary Edgar Hoenecke, Pastor Raymond Zimmermann, Pastor Leonard Koeniger, and Pastor Harold Essmann, representing the Board for World Missions. Later in the conference Mr. Howard Festerling of Hong Kong and Pastors Fukuichi Oshino and Tadashi Yoshida as well as Deacon Ryuichi Igarashi of the Lutheran Evangelical Christian Church in Japan were present.

Pastor Raymond Zimmermann was elected chairman of the conference and Pastor Leonard Koeniger the conference secretary.

### **Worship Services**

Each day of the conference was opened with an abbreviated worship service. Missionary Richard Poetter, superintendent of the Lutheran Evangelical Christian Church in Japan, conducted the opening service. He based his remarks on II Corinthians 4:13 and in a unique way with the use of Japanese writing characters spoke of the Biblical doctrines of sin and grace. He reminded all present that sin and grace must be the burden of our message, for only in

this way can man be brought to salvation.

A Communion service was conducted on Thursday evening with Pastor Raymond Zimmermann, chairman of the Board for World Missions, as the speaker. Not only during the sessions, not only in the devotions, but especially also by participation in Holy Communion did the oneness of faith and purpose become evident and were the souls of the participants strengthened in the resolve to bring the message of sin and grace to men everywhere.

### **Sixteen Essays**

It would be virtually impossible to outline or discuss all 16 essays that were presented during the weeklong conference. Suffice it to say that they covered the entire gamut of theological disciplines dealing with subjects in such areas as dogmatics, exegesis, and pastoral theology.

In the field of dogmatics the topic, "Dogmatics Courses in World Mission Seminaries," dealt with such questions as, "What is essential in a dogmatics course? What material is available to teach dogmatics in our world mission seminaries?" It was the contention of all those present at the conference that our faculty at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon should proceed with all vigor to produce a dogmatics textbook that could then also be translated and used in all our world mission seminaries.



Practical matters were discussed under such headings as: "Evangelization Programs and Problems in Our Work among Other Cultures" and "Liturgics Adapted to Our National Churches."

Different approaches to theological education were discussed under topics dealing with "Theological Education by Extension" and "Minimal Standards in Our Mission Seminaries."

Perhaps the highpoint in the presentations was the essay entitled, "The True Mission of the Church," presented by Professor Carl Lawrenz, president of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, and Prof. Ernest H. Wendland. Twenty theses for indoctrination of seminary students with reference to the doctrine of the two kingdoms were presented. While it is not possible to present all the theses in this article and one risks the danger of causing misunderstanding by quoting them out of context, it is well to state at least the following two:

"4. The only *task or mission* specifically entrusted to the church is that of proclaiming the Gospel, the whole counsel of God in Christ, to men for their salvation. To the unregenerate the church is to proclaim the Gospel, the whole counsel of God in Christ, in order to make disciples of them, i.e., that through its testimony the Holy Spirit may bring more and more sinners to saving faith in Christ (*mission* work). To those who have already come to faith, the church is to continue to proclaim the Gospel, the whole counsel of God in Christ, that they may be built up in Christian faith, joy, comfort, understanding, hope, and a sanctified life (Christian education). Fostering Christian sanctification with the Gospel also includes fostering Christian welfare work. In Christian liberty the church may set up the machinery to administer welfare work and thus assist its members in carrying out this responsibility. When the church administers welfare work, it will, wherever possible, bring this into a close relationship with its prime

responsibility of preaching the Gospel to sinners for their justification and sanctification.

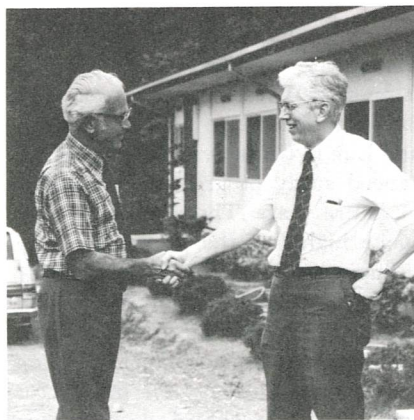
5. The means with which the church is to carry out its one entrusted task, or mission, of bringing sinners to salvation for time and eternity is the Gospel, and together with it the entire Word of God, the Holy Scriptures. In proclaiming any part of God's Word to men the church is to keep it in close relation to the central message of pardon and salvation in Christ. Only in this way will the testimony of the church remain a part of the one task or mission specifically assigned to it."

Thus the purpose of the conference "to make certain that a youthful vigor in carrying the Gospel into the world . . . in channels the Lord laid down" was strengthened by the resolute efforts of the participants in adopting the theses on "The True Mission of the Church."

#### A Spirit of Oneness

One of the by-products of such a conference as this is the spirit of oneness that is made evident by the wonderful fellowship that is enjoyed.

There was the fellowship of men



#### TWALUMBA! and SAYONARA!

Supt. Theodore Sauer, Lusaka, Africa, says "Thank you!" in the Sala language.

Supt. Richard Poetter, Mito, Japan, wishes him "Auf Wiederseh!" in Japanese.

from all our mission fields with our Japanese Christians. When the visitors attended worship services and the tea hours held after the services in many of our Japanese congregations, the visitors to Japan were encouraged by the joy expressed in words by Japanese believers in finding Christ as their Savior. A truly inspiring evening of fellowship was enjoyed on Wednesday evening of the conference when the Tsuchiura congregation and the conference participants joined in viewing slides of the various mission fields, singing hymns together in Japanese and English, and enjoying conversation over a cup of tea.

There was then also the fellowship of men from all our mission fields with one another. At coffee breaks, at lunch and evening hours, it was possible to discuss joys and disappointments with one another and receive encouragement, realizing that when one seems to be alone in his own field of work, there are others also struggling with the same end in mind, namely, that of bringing souls to Christ especially through the training of national evangelists and pastors.

Above all, in all this work we have the blessed assurance that our God is always by our side. Whether we labor in Hong Kong, Japan, Zambia, Mexico, or in the United States in establishing and maintaining seminary programs, we are not alone. Our Lord promises that our labor shall not be in vain.

Special thanks should be directed to all those who by their monetary gifts made this conference possible. Another such conference has been scheduled for June, 1976, at our Mequon Seminary. That conference will take on a different form in that it will be a workshop and will have at hand resource men in the Mequon Seminary faculty and also have available for reference the facilities and books of the extensive library at our Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary.

May the Lord continue to bless these conferences and especially the men who are dedicated to training young men of other races and cultures to proclaim the Gospel to their own people!

Harold A. Essmann



## Gentleness and Goodness

A Christian's life will exhibit "gentleness" and "goodness," as the King James translation of Galatians 5:22 puts it. The New International Version translates the two Greek synonyms used here as "kindness, goodness." The Phillips translation has "kindness, generosity." A Greek lexicon gives these as definitions for the first of these synonyms: "moral goodness, integrity, benignity, kindness"; and for the second: "uprightness of heart and life, kindness, beneficence."

From all this you can see again that the fruits of the spirit as they reveal themselves in a Christian's life are in direct opposition to the works of the sinful flesh described by Paul in Galatians 5:19-21. The unbeliever will hate others; he will be inclined towards greedy and envious behavior, concentrating principally on what is best for "Number One," and not caring much about anyone else. That's human nature. That's sin. That's why mankind needs the Ten Commandments, for if there were no sin there

would be no need for the Law.

A sinner, however, who has experienced the joy of a true spiritual rebirth — a person who knows his Savior, Christ Jesus, and who gratefully seeks to emulate Him as the Spirit enables him to — will serve as a mirror which reflects the warm rays of the Savior's kindness and beneficence for the whole world of sinners. You can see this divine kindness displayed, for example, in Luke 7:37-50, where Jesus is shown lovingly receiving the penitent sinner whom all the self-righteous had rejected and despised.

It happened not too long ago in one of our congregations (and, sadly, it probably happens only too often among those who call themselves Christians) that certain members left the church because of their feelings towards others who had just been received into membership. These new converts had in the past been like the penitent sinner in Luke 7 — morally on a very low level, spiritually dead, headed for destruction. Then came

the Light, the rebirth of faith, penitence, life. Great reason for joy on the part of other Christians, wouldn't you say? And yet there were those who, in mock piety, said, "I see this church doesn't care whom it receives into membership," and walked out.

Gentleness, kindness, goodness, beneficence — this is what should fill our hearts and lives. Paul speaks here not only of a mere passive kind of moral excellence, but the kind of "goodness" which is involved in doing good to others. Having this kind of "kindness" in our hearts will make us able to rejoice over every sinner who repents; it will give us the energy and the desire needed to participate in the work of bringing many more sinners to repentance and faith; it will remind us that it is also the highest form of "kindness" and "gentleness" and "goodness" to point out and warn against the spiritual dangers which surround us. Here, too, Jesus gives us an example to follow (cf. Matthew 23).

God help us all to be gentle and kind and good — in the fullest sense of these words and in all our dealings with our fellow-men.

Philip R. Janke

## Summer School at DMLC

Two hundred twenty-six attended classes and workshops at Dr. Martin Luther College during the 1974 summer session. Of this number, 95 were enrolled in the regular session for five weeks. Seven workshops, lasting either one or two weeks, attracted a total of 104 to the campus. Included were workshops for 1) supervising teachers, 2) instructional materials for mathematics for primary grades, 3) instruction media, 4) individualized instruction, 5) mathematics laboratory activities for intermediate grades, 6) teaching kindergarten, and 7) laboratory experiences for teaching science in elementary schools. Another 27 took the opportunity to attend the courses offered for the first time in the advanced study program. These courses included: Psalms for Use in Public Worship; Modern

Theologies: a) Bases and b) Contemporary Directions; Letters from St. John; Guidance and Counseling; and Life in Christ with John. The advanced study program will continue in future years. Those who attended spoke highly of the program.

The opening service of the summer session was conducted by Prof. Lloyd Huebner. He introduced as theme of the entire summer chapel program the thought: "Jesus, All in All for Me." In daily chapel service, this theme was related to the various courses and workshops. The closing service was conducted by Prof. Delmar Brick, who based his sermon on Hebrews 13:8, using the theme, "Jesus, My All in Eternity."

During the closing service President Conrad Frey conferred Bachelor of Science in Education degrees on

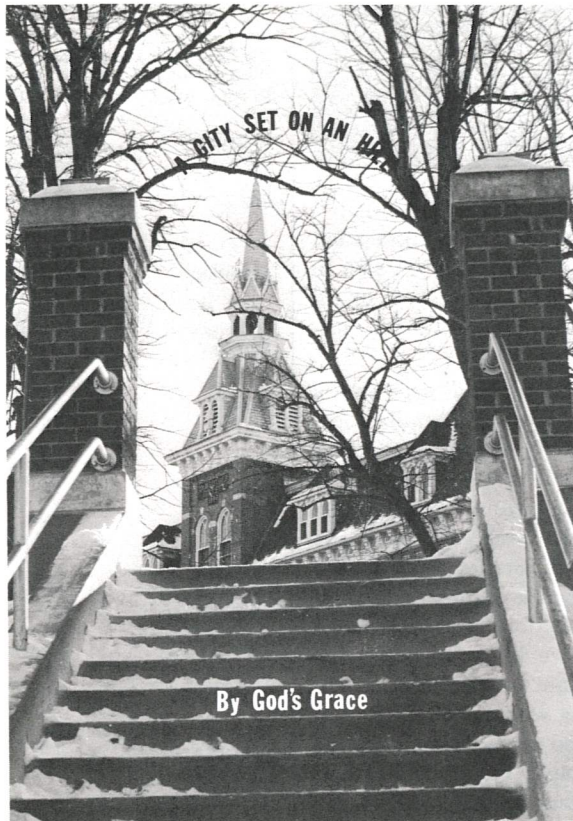
the following: Jean Bassler, New Berlin, Wisconsin; Jane Franzmann, Citrus Heights, California; Beverly Gurath, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Ronald Sieggreen, Saginaw, Michigan; Larry Weist, Minneapolis, Minnesota; and, *In Absentia*, Ruth Hatzung, Monroe, Michigan, and Dale Stelter, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The following were recommended for Synod Certification: Robert Becker, Appleton, Wisconsin; Dennis Oldenburg, Appleton, Wisconsin; John Paulsen, New Ulm, Minnesota; Barbara Samuelson, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin; and David Toepel, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

Assignments of calls were also made: Ronald Sieggreen to Redeemer, Ann Arbor, Michigan; and Larry Weist to Immanuel, Tawas City, Michigan.

The well-organized and operated 1974 summer session at Dr. Martin Luther College was guided by Prof. Heckmann, who is in charge of Special Services at DMLC.



# A CITY SET ON AN HILL



"Old Main"

"Beautiful for situation is mount Zion." Obviously, that's a compliment. What's more important, this compliment stems from Him whose "glory filleth all the earth." This compliment is His word in praise of His "city set on an hill."

What! Is God a respecter of places? Does God's Word advocate place-worship? Hardly! God is a spirit! He can be and is worshiped anywhere: on a mountain or in Jerusalem, by a river or in some temple made with hands. He asks but this: that He be worshiped "in spirit and in truth." Wherever there is such worship, there is found God's house and God's city.

Still, under God, locations can be meaningful and valuable. Places can inspire; they can preach eloquently. What better sermon was ever delivered than the one preached two millennia ago by a location where

rested — of all things — a piece of inanimate stone! Not even the most gifted Christian orator ever witnessed more forcefully to our Savior's glorious victory than did that place where at one time lay — imagine it — some linen clothes and a folded napkin.

Just an accident, then, that Jesus employed the illustration of "a city set on an hill"? Indeed not! By means of this apt picture-language the Master Teacher would impress upon hill-dwellers truths momentous and vital for them.

These truths concern *you*. This is the case not only because you are God's child and thus belong to Zion, the city of God. No, you are involved in a special way. You are an *owner* of a city beautifully and significantly situated on an hill.

"I such an owner?" Most assuredly! Are you not a member of the Wis-

consin Evangelical Lutheran Synod? Then, together with approximately 400,000 fellow Synod members, you own what may justifiably be labeled "a city set on an hill." That city is *your* school at New Ulm, Minnesota: Dr. Martin Luther College and Martin Luther Academy.

## On An Hill

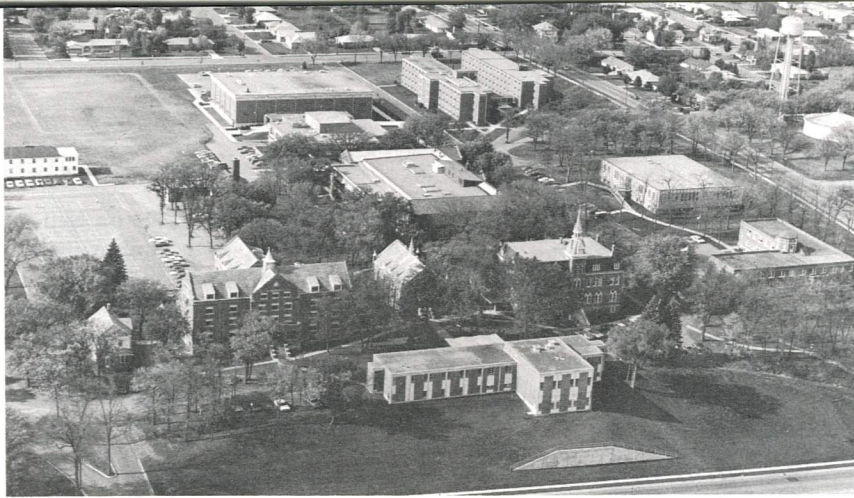
No, God's Word did not direct our Synodical fathers in 1884 to locate this school of the prophets at New Ulm. It is understandable that a good deal of discussion and debate preceded the determination where to locate. Other places were considered before the lot fell on a city of hills. This was also true regarding the particular site in that city. How fortunate the eventual choice! Truly, a spot "beautiful for situation" — *on a hill*.

On that hill you have a campus of which you may justifiably boast. There stand, amid attractive and lovely surroundings, imposing and functional structures. Yet bricks and mortar never really constitute a city. People transform a site into a city. Those being taught and those teaching, in fact, all comprising the hill's "campus family" — these are truly your city "set on an hill."

Your city is well aware of this. Those on that hill in New Ulm know well the high responsibility and great privilege which are theirs. From that point of vantage on the hill their lights can and do shine forth. What happens on the hill is easily seen. It witnesses — either for or against the Builder of that city. In itself, what a constant and needful reminder this is ever to operate with policies and principles consistent with the city's God-given building code. Curriculum and conduct, work and play, in fact, whatever it may be that engages the hill-people, all is like an open book, a confession before men. *On an hill* — may this ever be and remain the watchword for all inhabiting that "city set on an hill." But do not forget, this is *your* city. It needs and requests your prayers.

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DMLC Campus

### Your City

That your city remain a city of God is extremely important for you. Year after year hill-residents descend from the hill. As graduates they enter your congregations, specifically, your classrooms. There they instruct your sons and daughters, your flesh and blood. What these builders learned on the hill about building a city deserving of the Building Inspector's commendation "can not be hid." It will influence and govern their shepherding of Jesus' lambs in your midst. The stock you have in that "city set on an hill" is immense. Take your city to the Lord in prayer!

Naturally, our Synodical fathers are not responsible for making the school they established in New Ulm to be a city of God. The Lover of souls did that. He effected it through His *Word*. Only continued and complete loyalty to God's charter and compass, to the plumb line of Holy Writ, will protect your city against the philosophy and vain deceit so prevalent especially in the field of education. Only to the degree that your school in New Ulm abides faithful to its well-stated principles and purposes will it retain the coveted commendation, "Well done!" Its true beauty and boast are and must remain but this, that it "exists in fulfillment of pedagogical principles based on the Word of God," principles clearly confessing, "Wisdom's highest, noblest treasure, Jesus, lies concealed in Thee."

That indicates that all of us must look far higher than to that hill in New Ulm. With hearts united, let us lift up our eyes to those hills from whence comes our help. There alone

has been help for all in ages past. There only lies our hope that also in the years to come that "city set on an hill" may remain "beautiful for situation."

Your city's "ages past" are rapidly approaching a memorable milestone. On November 10, 1974, your school in New Ulm will have enjoyed nine decades of abundant and uninterrupted guidance and gifts from the God of all grace. Self-evidently, such undeserved goodness dictates jubilation and celebration. We alert you to this fact, for we know that our joy would surely not be full if you were not celebrating with us. Should it be possible for you to be present on the hill on that happy day in November, a hearty welcome awaits you. Should circumstances prevent your attending, we trust you will in spirit be a part of our thankful congregation.

### Excelsior!

Excelsior. That's the name given the stairway leading up the hill to your city. Excelsior is a fine and fitting name. Martin Luther Academy and Dr. Martin Luther College are, and want to be, nothing more and nothing less than a stairway or "steps to shepherding." Excelsior! Upward! May it ever remind all of us from whence our help comes! Excelsior! Higher! May it ever be a challenge for all of us ever to seek and strive for better things for our school and thus for God's kingdom! In setting such a goal for ourselves at this anniversary time, we covet but this, that our school's Architect and Building Inspector always regard our "city set on an hill" as one worthy of His commendation: "Beautiful for situation!"

Prof. Roland H. Hoenecke

### 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.

Alabama	Mobile*
Alaska	Fairbanks*
Arizona	Paradise Valley
California	Fremont
	Mission Viejo
	Sacramento
	Sierra Madre
Colorado	Arvada/Westminster
	Colorado Springs
	Greeley*
Delaware	Wilmington
Florida	Beverly Hills
	Engelwood*
	Gainesville
Idaho	Boise/Nampa
Illinois	Bloomington/Normal
	Champaign-Urbana
	Crystal Lake
	Schaumburg*
	Springfield*
	West Chicago*
Iowa	Dubuque*
	Shenandoah*
Louisiana	Alexandria
Michigan	Holland
	Indian River
	North Pontiac
	Romeo*
	Taylor Twp.
Minnesota	Bemidji
	Eagan Twp.*
	Forest Lake
	Owatonna*
Missouri	Columbia*
	N. St. Louis County
	St. Charles County*
	St. Joseph
Nebraska	Scottsbluff*
New York	Long Island*
	Rochester*
	Schenectady
North Carolina	Raleigh
Ohio	Mansfield*
	Youngston (Niles)
Pennsylvania	Altoona*
	Lehigh Valley*
Rhode Island	Providence
South Dakota	Huron
	Mitchell*
Tennessee	Memphis
Texas	Beaumont*
	Corpus Christi*
	Lubbock*
	San Angelo*
	Temple
	Weslaco
Washington	Spokane Valley*
	Vancouver
Wisconsin	Ashwabenon*
	Middleton*
	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  
3512 W. North Ave., Milwaukee, Wis. 53208



## EXPLORATORY SERVICES

### 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

### CHAMPAIGN-URBANA, ILLINOIS

Bethlehem Ev. Lutheran Church of Champaign-Urbana, Illinois, is now conducting services in its own house of worship at 312 W. Elm Street, Urbana. Bible class and Sunday school meet at 9:30 a.m., and the worship service is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Pastor Richard Raabe, Jr.

### 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).

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## Missionary Cox Returns to Africa



Pastor and Mrs. Raymond G. Cox

The commissioning service for the Rev. Raymond G. Cox as missionary to Africa was held June 30, 1974, at Good Shepherd's Lutheran Church, West Allis, the church of which the called missionary was pastor.

The sermon for the service was preached by the Rev. Robert Sawall, Manitowoc, Wisconsin, former missionary to Africa. Speaking on Acts 13:47, he presented "The Profile of a Missionary." In his introduction he asked the question, "With the social, moral, and spiritual confusion that is so apparent in our communities, how can a pastor accept a call as missionary in a foreign land?" "This is the question," he stated, "that naturally surfaces in the parishoner's mind."

He pointed out that a missionary is a man set aside by God. "When Paul and Barnabas were confronted with hostile Jews in Antioch, they pointed to the prophecy of Jehovah concerning the Messiah: 'I have set thee to be a light to the Gentiles.'" "They recognized this," the speaker said, "as their command from Christ Himself to go unto the Gentiles." He continued, "This year God set aside 44 young men from our Seminary to

serve Him in various capacities." Becoming personal in his presentation, Pastor Sawall said, "Missionary-elect, Raymond Cox, received such a divine call. He heard the voice of God, and to do anything less than to accept it would have brought about disappointment. God set him aside!"

Speaking of the congregation he said, "Good Shepherd Congregation did not ask their pastor to go to Africa personally, but through their elected mission officials they indeed did. Together we Christians have a responsibility to our missionary-elect and his family." He suggested frequent correspondence spirited with encouragement as one means of lending support.

Continuing to speak on his theme, he stated that "a missionary is to be a light to the Gentiles." He pointed out that "if a missionary is to be a light it means that he is being sent into a world of spiritual darkness, blindness, confusion. The missionary is to shine, but of himself this is impossible. If then he is to be a light it can come from Him alone who is the Light of the world, our Jesus who was lifted high upon the cross that



His righteousness may bring forth the dawn of a new day for people who still sit in darkness."

In the final part of his sermon the speaker pointed out that "the missionary is a man who is a bringer of salvation to the ends of the earth. He has his eyes lifted unto the horizon where fields are white unto harvest." He reminded his audience, "There are hundreds of millions of precious blood-bought souls without one word of the Gospel." "Tonight," he said, "we are commissioning our brother who has heard the voice of God to go even unto Zambia. We are happy God blessed him with vision to see the need, with ears to hear the call, and with energy to go as God has commanded." He ended the sermon with the prayer, "Dear Lord, bless our beloved brother and his family as they now go forth, that their joy will be complete and Thy kingdom extended to the glory and praise of Thy name."

The rite of commissioning was read by the Rev. A. L. Mennicke, chairman of the Executive Committee for Central Africa. The liturgist was Pastor R. J. Schulz, West Allis, Wisconsin. Miss Carol Hilberg was at the organ, and Mr. Orville E. Hando directed the choir in singing, "Holy Spirit, Source of Gladness." Assisting pastors were the Rev. Lyle Albrecht, the Rev. Richard Mueller, the Rev. Luther Voss, the Rev. Harold Wicke.

Missionary Cox, the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Cox of West Allis, Wisconsin, will serve the Lutheran Church of Central Africa at Lusaka, Zambia. Previously he already served as missionary in Africa for 10 years, beginning his work there in 1961. In June, 1963, he was one of the first two Lutheran missionaries to serve in the country of Malawi. Returning to the States in 1971, he accepted a call to Good Shepherd's Ev. Lutheran Church, West Allis, Wisconsin. Now he and his family have returned to Africa.

Missionary Cox is married to the former Lois Stewart of La Grange, Illinois. There are five children in their family: Gregory, Lynnia, Michael, Leonard, and Bradley. May God richly bless all of them!

A. L. Mennicke

## Pastor Herbert Winterstein Commissioned for Japan

Siloah Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, hosted the commissioning service for Missionary Herbert C. Winterstein, who will be serving in the Gospel ministry in Japan. Accompanying him is his wife, the former Erica Pfeifer, and their four children: James, Stephen, Christine, and Rachel. They are now making their home in Tsuchiura, Japan, while Missionary Winterstein pursues full-time language studies. While still in the United States, he completed one semester of Japanese language study at the U.W.-Milwaukee.

In the commissioning service, which took place on Wednesday evening, June 12, 1974, Pastor Karl G. Bast, chairman of the Executive Committee for Japan, served as liturgist. The sermon was preached by Prof. Armin Schuetze of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon. Using John 17:13-19 as his text, the speaker applied "Our Savior's Prayer for Those Whom He Sends" to the missionary-elect. Mr. Fred Bartel served as organist and the choir of Our Savior Congregation, Grafton, Wisconsin, sang the mission hymn, "Arise and Shine in Splendor." Ladies of Our Savior Congregation served light

refreshments in the hour of fellowship immediately after the commissioning service.

Missionary Winterstein was born in Saginaw County, Michigan, on June 3, 1941. He is a graduate of Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Northwestern College, and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, the latter in 1967. He served Our Savior Ev. Lutheran Church of Grafton as its first resident pastor from the time of his Seminary graduation until accepting the call to Japan.

During recent years Pastor Winterstein also served as a member of the Synod's Audio-Visual Aid Committee and as editor of the *Junior Northwestern*. He was active in promoting the Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School, scheduled to open in the fall of this year, and was its first pro-tem president.

The following words, printed in the service folder on the occasion of Missionary Winterstein's commissioning, are some we might well take to heart: "We have introduced you to the Wintersteins in the hope that knowing them a bit better, you will also remember them in your prayers, together with the others who serve the Lord for us in the world fields."

### 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).

### FALL PASTORS' INSTITUTE

The 1974 Pastors' Institute at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, Wisconsin, will be held, God willing, on five Monday afternoons beginning October 7. Two lectures will be presented on each of the Mondays from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the multipurpose room in the lower level of the library. The following are the topics and the lecturers:

"Eschatological Prophecies and Their Misinterpretations," Prof. W. Gawrisch.

"The History of the Bible through the Ages," Prof. R. Balge.

The registration fee is \$5.00. Registrations are to be sent to Pres. Carl J. Lawrenz, 11831 N. Seminary Dr. 65W, Mequon, Wis. 53092.

Emil G. Toepel, Secretary  
Seminary Board of Control

### 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



## First Ev. Lutheran at Elkhorn, Wisconsin Relocates

The gestation period for churches usually lasts longer than nine months. Thus, our WELS church in Elkhorn, Wisconsin, first conceived the idea of relocating under the ministry of the sainted Pastor Herbert Lau in the mid-60s.

The need for a new church was undeniable. For years Sunday-school and vacation-Bible-school children were crowded into the balcony and nave of the old church, the basement, and the first and second floors of the "annex." The old church, built in 1884, is 90 years old, the age of Sarah at the birth of Isaac. This year the congregation is 103 years old — three years older than Abraham at the birth of Isaac. The annex, really the original two-story schoolhouse, was built in 1899 and moved on a full basement and attached to the church in 1948, under the leadership of Pastor W. A. Diehl. This part of the old structure is the same age which Abraham had reached when the Lord called him in Haran and told him to move to a land of promise where he would become a great nation. The Elkhorn congregation also prays that the Lord will bless it and cause it to grow in strength and numbers in its new location on the southwest edge of the city, about one-half mile from the original location. The new site is a tract of land slightly less than four acres in size. It is located on the corner of West Centralia and Devendorf Streets, across from the new parsonage purchased six years ago.

In planning the new structure, the church council, planning committees,



Chancel of First Ev. Lutheran at Elkhorn.

and building committee worked hard and long to get the best structure which the congregation could afford. The result is very pleasing. Prominent is a free-standing cross tower, rising 46 feet at the side of the church. This tower houses electronic carillon speakers. The church and education wing are constructed of cream-colored split rock, set off with dark brown shingles and brown aggregate above and below the windows. Three lighted crosses are mounted on a panel at the north end of the church. A canopy, two cars wide, protects the worshipers as they enter and leave the church.

The traditional sanctuary has modern appointments and a simplicity which accents the three Means of Grace represented by the pulpit, free-standing altar, and baptismal font, all made of red oak with bronze symbols. Behind the altar, a ten-foot-wide reredos of green Italian Verdi Issori marble rises 30 feet to the ceiling and draws the attention of the worshiper to the heart of the church. Here, like a benediction, the arms of the large oak cross, inlaid with brass, extend over the altar, font, and pulpit.

Seating capacity of the nave is 260. Thirty more can be accommodated in

the balcony and 50 in the spacious narthex. Just off the nave is the library which also serves as lounge, mother's room, and bride's room.

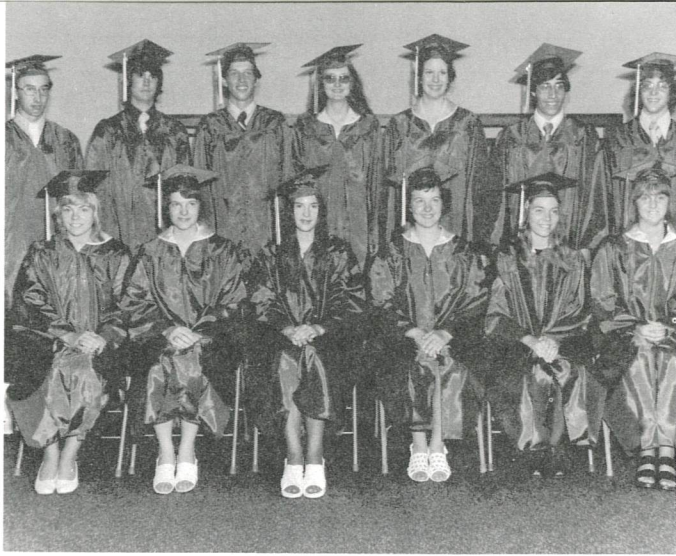
In the educational wing are a church office, pastor's study, and a kitchen area which opens on a dual purpose room. Used as a fellowship hall, this room will seat 200. Divided by soundproof accoridian doors and panel doors, it can be transformed into eight Sunday-school rooms. On the other side of the corridor are four smaller teaching stations and two additional large classrooms divisible into six smaller Sunday-school rooms.

Dedication was observed on June 9, 1974, with Pastor John Huebner of Faith Lutheran Church, Dexter, Michigan, as guest speaker. Pastor Huebner, a son of First Lutheran, himself recently dedicated a new church structure for his mission congregation.

Even though First Lutheran family of Elkhorn is not as numerous as the sands of the seashore, yet it has the same Son of God as its Savior, Intercessor, and Brother. In this new structure, the members rejoice, above all, that by faith in Him their names are written in heaven.

Pastor Frederic G. Kosanke





## Michigan Lutheran High Graduates Charter Class

"You Must Take It With You." With these words, Pastor Ronald Freier of Grace Lutheran Church, St. Joseph, Michigan, challenged the 15 members of the charter graduating class of Michigan Lutheran High School in the commencement exercises on Sunday, June 9, 1974.

Basing his sermon on Deuteronomy 10:12-13, the speaker exhorted the first graduates of the second-newest secondary school in the Wisconsin Synod "to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways, to love and serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments and statutes of the Lord." He contrasted this with "Humanism, a new religion in America," as advocated by the majority of public schools, colleges, and universities in America. Pastor Freier commended the class on its choice of Romans 1:16 as class motto and called on the class along with an audience in excess of 500 to join in reciting, "For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth."

The main address was preceded by the processional, "Trumpet Voluntary," played by the Titan Band under the direction of Ronald Pape; the class hymn, "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"; the Versicles; a recitation in unison of Psalm 13:8, and a scripture reading. Then followed the graduation anthem by the Titan Chorus, directed by Mrs. Bernard Kremers,

and the sermon hymn, "Lord, Thee I Love With All My Heart."

Following the main address, Mr. Elmer Dobberstein, principal of Michigan Lutheran High School, presented the Class of 1974 to Pastor Henry Peter, chairman of the school's Board of Regents, who awarded the diplomas. There followed an address by Cheryl Pedde, salutatorian, the closing prayers, and a closing hymn, "Abide With Me."

Members of the Michigan Lutheran High School Class of '74 are: Cynthia Bostwick, Michael Clark, Debra Clayton, Mark Freier, Albert Hafer, Steven Knight, Debra Lane, Cheryl Pedde, Brian Rauh, Susan Rimpel, Timothy Rimpel, Susan Ropke (valedictorian), Ruth Skibbe, Michael Skoda, and Amy Stubelt.

The charter graduates began classes four years ago in temporary quarters at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Fairplain, with two full-time instructors and one part-time. The class entered the new school building at the beginning of its junior year in the fall of 1972. The school anticipates an enrollment in excess of 150 this fall. There will be 10 instructors.

Michigan Lutheran High School is owned, operated, and supported by members of the Southwestern Conference, Michigan District, Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. The Conference includes 21 congregations in southwestern Michigan.

The Southeastern Wisconsin District Convention opened with a service held at Jordan Lutheran Church, West Allis, Wisconsin, on Tuesday morning, June 11. President George W. Boldt emphasized the convention's theme, "Freely by His Grace," in his sermon based on Ephesians 2:8-10. He reminded us that we are God's workmanship, saved by grace and saved to serve. The pastor of Jordan Congregation, the Rev. Frederick Gilbert, served as liturgist and was assisted in the celebration of the Sacrament by Pastor Herbert Lichtenberg.

Convention sessions were all held at Wisconsin Lutheran High School, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin. With 413 pastors, teachers, and delegates in attendance, the convention is on record as one of the most faithfully attended in years.

Pastor Boldt in his biennial report directed attention to certain problem areas in what, in general, was a year of joy. He pointed to our responsibility, asking God to give us zeal to

## Arizona-California

### Mrs. Ruby Hudson Retires After 45 Years as Church Organist

Pastor David V. Schultz of Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Mesa, Arizona writes:

"As one looks back after many years of service to the Lord, one can see that that service rendered returns more rewards than one might ever imagine. This is not only true in the teaching and preaching ministry, but also in the service that a lay person gives to his Lord.

"Many of our pastors and teachers have served as many as 40 to 50 years in the Lord's vineyard, but only rarely do we hear about those lay people who have given 40 or 50 years of their life to glorify God. For that reason we feel it a privilege to note the years of service joyfully given by Mrs. Ruby Hudson. For the past 45 years Ruby has served the Lord as church organist, first of all in Strassberg, Illinois, then in Melmo, Nebraska, and for the past 14 years here in Mesa.



## SEW — “Freely by His Grace”

keep us mindful of the fact that we are doing the king's business and that each of us has a part in the royal work. The extensive District statistical report was also reviewed.

### Essays

Two essays were read to the assembly. Prof. Joel Gerlach, Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, read: “The Holy Spirit and the Charismatic Renewal.” He presented his theme in two parts: 1) The doctrine of the Holy Spirit as presented in the Scripture, and 2) the Holy Spirit as represented by the Charismatic Movement.

Pastor Reuel Schulz of Woodlawn Lutheran Church, West Allis, read the other essay, entitled “Person-to-Person, Face-to-Face Evangelism by Lay People.” The essay discussed four areas: 1) Past and Present Performance, 2) Problems and Pitfalls, 3) Lessons to be Learned from

Others, and 4) Some Specific Suggestions.

### Elections

All pastors on the District praesidium were reelected. They are: George W. Boldt, president; Winfred B. Nommensen, 1st vice-president; Dietrich Kuehl, 2nd vice-president; and Mentor Kujath, secretary.

### Care of Mentally Retarded

The convention directed a number of advisory decisions to the Synod. One of the more far-reaching resolutions involved the care of the mentally retarded. It asked that the Special Ministries Board provide means, materials, and men to reach the institutionalized and encouraged it to investigate the establishment of custodial-type care for the mildly retarded in strategic locations in order to minister spiritually to these people.

### Missionaries

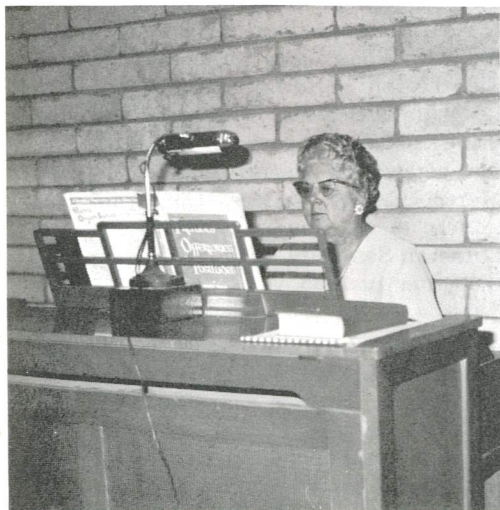
During the convention a member of the District, Pastor Herbert Winterstein, Grafton, Wisconsin, was commissioned as missionary to Japan in a special service at Siloah Lutheran Church on Wednesday evening, June 12. The convention expressed its joy in and support of his work by designating the offering of the opening service of the convention for the work of missions in Japan.

The convention was also pleased to welcome Missionary Ralph Martens from Puerto Rico. He greeted the assembly in Spanish, the language in which most of the mission work in Puerto Rico is done. He reported on the joys and the trials in this field of our Synod's Spanish mission work.

The closing service was conducted by Pastor Robert Johnston. In his sermonette, based on Ephesians 4:11-16, he again stressed the convention theme, “Freely by His Grace,” and reminded us of the privilege which is ours.

Pastor Robert W. Kleist

## Direct from the Districts



Mrs. Ruby Hudson

“A small celebration of *thanks* was prepared in her honor on the 1st of May, when after 45 years of leading

others ‘to sing unto the Lord,’ she retired from her position as organist. Thank you, Mrs. Hudson.”

### Northern Wisconsin

#### Mrs. Theophil Hoffmann Dies

Mrs. Theophil (Claudia) Hoffmann, Waupaca, Wisconsin, was called from the Kingdom of Grace into the Kingdom of Glory on June 19, 1974.

The daughter of Ripley Hoffman and Mary nee Jennejahn, she was born on September 1, 1898, at Winneconne, Wisconsin. In 1920, she graduated from Milwaukee State Teacher's College, and taught in Wisconsin, Utah, Wyoming, and Michigan.

On September 17, 1924, she was joined in holy matrimony with Pastor Theophil Hoffmann. From 1924 to 1927, they resided in Durango, Colo-

rado, and from 1927 to 1969 in Gladstone, Michigan. When Pastor Hoffmann retired in 1969, they moved to Waupaca.

The marriage was blessed with five children, two of whom preceded their mother in death. Besides her husband, she leaves to mourn three daughters, seven grandchildren, and two sisters.

Funeral services were conducted at Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church, Waupaca, on June 22, 1974. Bringing comfort from the Word of God and expressing the confident hope of the resurrection to eternal life was Prof. Armin Panning. The pastor of the congregation, the Rev. James R. Diener, served as liturgist. Her body was laid to rest the same day in the cemetery at Winneconne.

#### 110 Years at East Bloomfield

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ has been proclaimed for 110 years at St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church in East Bloomfield, a rural



community near Fremont, Wisconsin. In gratitude for God's marvelous grace, members, former members, and friends of St. John's Congregation gathered in two services on August 4, 1974, to offer Him praise and thanksgiving. The Rev. Martin Schwartz proclaimed the message of God's grace in the morning service. In the afternoon the Word was spoken by the Rev. John Zickuhr. Fellowship lunches followed each service.



St. John's, East Bloomfield

The present church was dedicated on August 23, 1891. The congregation has conducted a one-room Christian day school for the past 82 years. The present teacher is Mr. Lance Hartzell. Mrs. Hartzell teaches kindergarten. Fifteen pastors and two vicars have served the parish during its long history. The present membership of 298 souls is served by Pastor Richard A. Maurice.

#### **Mr. Paul Baumler Dies**

Paul Baumler, a member of the District's Stewardship Board, was called to his eternal rest on April 11 at the age of 68 years while visiting his son at La Sueur, Minnesota. Death was caused by heart failure.

The funeral service was conducted on April 15 at the church of which he was a member, Mt. Olive Ev. Lutheran Church, Iron Mountain, Michigan. His pastor, the Rev. Johannes Hering, based his message of comfort on John 11:25,26.

Mr. Baumler had been active in church work, teaching Sunday school and serving in various church offices.

Two of his sons, Dale and Gary, are serving our Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod in the holy ministry. Besides his sons he is survived by his wife Lillian and one daughter.

## **Western Wisconsin**

### **Guest Preachers and Organists Help St. Paul's of Ixonia Celebrate**

July, 1974, marked the 125th anniversary of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ixonia, Wisconsin. Planning for this anniversary began more than a year before with the decision to set aside the first three Sundays in July as a time for special thanksgiving to God for all the blessings He had showered on the congregation. Sons and daughters of the congregation in the teaching and preaching ministry of our Wisconsin Synod were asked to serve as guest preachers and guest organists.

On Sunday, July 7, Pastor Steven Degner, Santa Barbara, California, reminded the congregation of the many spiritual blessings the congregation had experienced during these 125 years. Miss Karen Degner, Watertown, South Dakota, served as the organist for the two morning services.

Sunday, July 14, was observed as a confirmation reunion day with all former confirmands of the congregation invited. In the first morning service, Pastor Richard Pagels, Cibecue, Arizona, preached and Miss Deborah Melcher, a 1974 graduate of Dr. Martin Luther College, was the organist. In the second service, Pastor Alvin Degner, Oak Grove, Wisconsin, was the guest preacher and Miss Barbara Bobrofsky, Mobridge, South Dakota, was the organist.

At noon the ladies of the congregation served dinner for 525 guests.

In the afternoon service Pastor William Winter, Douglas, Arizona, brought the Word of God and Miss Nancy Wiedenhoft, Belmont, California, played the organ.

On Sunday, July 21, Pastor Percy Damrow, Mishicot, Wisconsin, pointed out the special blessings the congregation had enjoyed because the Lord had blessed them with a Chris-

tian day school for 125 years. Mr. Alex Damrow of Medford, Wisconsin, presided at the organ.

In planning the celebration it was also decided to have a special thank-offering. The collection, in excess of five thousand dollars, was divided between the Church Extension Fund, WELS missions, and Lakeside Lutheran High School.

Pastor of St. Paul's Congregation is the Rev. G. B. Frank. The congregation numbers 513 baptized members, 380 communicants. Its Christian day school last year had an enrollment of 93, with four teachers. Principal is Mr. Edwin Sell.

On the first page of the anniversary booklet, printed for the occasion, there appear the words of Psalm 100. The last verse of this Psalm, "For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endureth to all generations," expresses the sentiment of the members of St. Paul's Congregation.

## ***Asleep in Jesus***

### **Pastor Roland W. Scheele 1912 - 1974**

Though Pastor Roland W. Scheele spent most of his time and ministry in Michigan and Ohio, he was a native of Minnesota. Born on March 30, 1912, in Wood Lake, Minnesota, he was the son of Edward Scheele and Lydia Jaus Scheele. To prepare for the Christian ministry, he attended the high-school department of Dr. Martin Luther College, Concordia College at St. Paul, and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, graduating from the latter in 1935.

His first charge was Tecumseh, Michigan, where he served Grace Church until 1943. Using Ann Arbor as his base, he then served as missionary-at-large for the Michigan District, establishing congregations at Dexter, Ann Arbor, East Ann Arbor, Battle Creek, Morenci, Detroit, and Durand. In 1946, he began his ministry at St. Paul's in Manistee, Michigan, and from there was called to Zion Lutheran in Toledo, Ohio. After ten years at Zion Lutheran, he



became pastor of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church at Flint, Michigan, where he served until 1969. After a brief retirement, he became assistant pastor at St. Paul's, Arlington, Minnesota. From 1970 until June of this year, he served Grace Lutheran at Hutchinson, Minnesota.

On August 1, 1936, Pastor Scheele was united in marriage to Viola Wandersee. She, together with their four children and eight grandchildren, survives him. The children are Mrs. Neil Turnbull, the Rev. Martin Scheele of Denver, Colorado, Mrs. Je-



Pastor R. Scheele

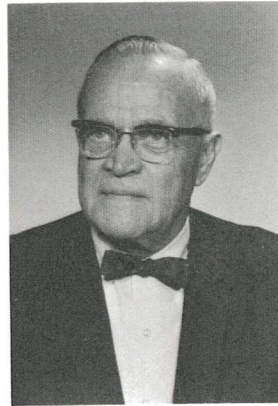
rome Wolff, and Mrs. Warren Hartman.

Pastor Scheele entered the joy of his Lord on July 3, 1974. Funeral services were conducted at St. John's Church, New Ulm, Minnesota, on July 6. His pastor, the Rev. David E. Koeplin of Immanuel Church at Willmar, Minnesota, brought the words of comfort, "Nothing But The Best," on the basis of I Samuel 3:18. Pastor Frederic Nitz of St. John's, New Ulm, had charge of the liturgical portion of the service. Burial took place in the Lutheran Cemetery at New Ulm, where the body of our brother awaits the resurrection to life eternal.

David E. Koeplin

**Pastor Arthur A. Gentz  
1901 - 1974**

Pastor Arthur Gentz faithfully served his Lord for 48 years in the public ministry. On Saturday, July 20, the Lord suddenly called His servant to his eternal rest. The funeral service was held on July 23, 1974, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Marinette,



Pastor A. Gentz

Wisconsin, where the departed was pastor. The undersigned brought the message of comfort. Pastor Philip Kuckhahn served as liturgist.

Pastor Gentz was born on October 12, 1901, at Beaver Dam, Wisconsin. Soon after birth he was received into God's covenant of grace by the washing of Holy Baptism. After confirmation he entered Northwestern Preparatory School at Watertown, Wisconsin. He graduated from Northwestern College in 1922 and from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Wauwatosa on June 11, 1926.

Pastor Gentz was ordained on July 11 of that year and shortly thereafter installed as pastor of a triparish: Grace Congregation of Powers, Trinity Congregation of Hermansville, and St. Paul Congregation of Hyde, all in Michigan. In 1930 he accepted the call to Trinity Congregation in Marinette, Wisconsin, where he served for 44 years.

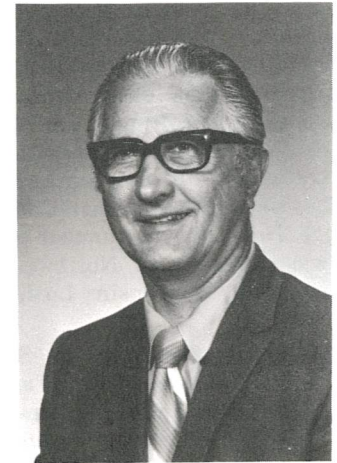
In addition to fulfilling his pastoral duties, Pastor Gentz also served as 1st vice-president of the Northern Wisconsin District from 1936 to 1940. For many years he was visiting elder of the Lake Superior Conference.

On May 9, 1929, Pastor Gentz was married to Miss Ida Hanson at Escanaba, Michigan. She survives him together with two children: Grant, principal of Eastside Lutheran School at Madison, Wisconsin, and Mrs. Rae Schumacher of Milwaukee; also three grandchildren, one brother, and two sisters. The mortal remains of Pastor Gentz were laid to rest in Forest Home Cemetery at Marinette, Wisconsin, to await the blessing of the resurrection.

Waldemar F. Zink

**Teacher William E. Kuether  
1920 - 1974**

On Thursday afternoon, August 1, 1974, Martin Luther Congregation, Neenah, Wisconsin, paid final respects and granted Christian burial to Mr. William E. Kuether, who had served as principal of Martin Luther School since 1961. The undersigned addressed the family, colleagues, and congregation on the basis of Psalm 46, 1: "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."



Mr. William Kuether

Mr. Kuether had suffered a severe heart attack on Sunday evening, July 14. He then appeared to be making a satisfactory recovery; but the Lord called him out of this life rather suddenly on Monday evening, July 29.

William E. Kuether was born to Pastor William A. Kuether and his wife Caroline nee Hendel at Wabeno, Wisconsin, on February 19, 1920. In early infancy he was baptized by his father. He received his elementary and high school education in Kewaunee, Wisconsin, where he also was confirmed. He graduated from the three-year course at Dr. Martin Luther College in 1941 and later earned his bachelor's degree at Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Illinois. He served in Christian day schools at Sanborn, Minnesota, and at Tigerton and Algoma, Wisconsin, before coming to Martin Luther in Neenah.

Survivors include his mother, Mrs. Caroline Kuether, Neenah; his wife, the former Bertha Bierwagen, to



whom he was married on August 2, 1970; his two-year-old son Mark William; three sisters: Mrs. Erwin Kuehl, Mrs. Earl Fager, and Mrs. Cecil Davis; and a brother, Arnold. "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord."

G. Jerome Albrecht

**Pastor John C. Dahlke  
1907 - 1974**

Pastor John C. Dahlke, son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Dahlke, was born on June 13, 1907, at New Prague, Minnesota. Received into God's Kingdom of Grace by Holy Baptism, he received his early Christian schooling at New Prague and Belle Plaine, Minnesota. He began his preparation for full-time work in the Lord's vineyard at Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm. His further training was received at Northwestern College and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary.

After graduating from the Seminary in 1934, he was assigned as tutor to Dr. Martin Luther College. On July 7, 1935, he was ordained and installed as pastor of Jerusalem Ev. Lutheran Church in Milwaukee. The following year he was joined in marriage to Caroline Kansier of Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Pastor Dahlke served Jerusalem Congregation until 1950, when he accepted a call to St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church in Tomah. In 1957 he was called as pastor of St. Peter Ev. Lutheran Church, Weyauwega, Wisconsin.



Pastor J. Dahlke

The Lord of the Church gave him ample opportunity to use his God-given gifts and talents. He served as president of the Southeastern Wisconsin District from 1948 to 1950, as vice-president of the Western Wisconsin District from 1952 to 1958, and as president of the Northern Wisconsin District from 1962 to 1968. He also was a member of the Synod's Doctrinal Commission and of many other committees.

On July 30, 1974, the Lord called his faithful servant home after a brief illness. Survivors include his wife, Caroline, who presently serves as a teacher at St. Peter's Lutheran School, Weyauwega; two daughters, Mrs. Dean (Carol) Kasdorf and Ruth Dahlke; two sons, John and Mark; two sisters, six brothers, and nine grandchildren.

The burial service was held at St. Peter Ev. Lutheran Church, Weyauwega, on Friday, August 2, 1974. Family, friends, and members of St. Peter Congregation were edified and

strengthened in their Christian hope and joy by the Word in sermon and song as chosen by the deceased, who thus even in death spoke loudly of his Spirit-wrought faith and confidence. Echoing the Apostle Paul's sentiment, the hymn "My Course Is Run, Praise God, My Course Is Run" set the theme for the service, followed by the hymns of praise, "Now Thank We All Our God" and "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty." The sermon, based on Romans 1:16, was preached by the Rev. Oscar J. Naumann. Pastor L. Pankow, associate pastor of the congregation, conducted the service and officiated at the committal.

Truly, "blessed are the dead that die in the Lord, . . . their works do follow them."

Leonard W. Pankow

**Editorials continued:**

Dr. James Dobson, director of behavioral research in the Department of Child Development at Children's Hospital in Los Angeles, urges that parents, instead of exalting beauty, brains, or accomplishment, teach their children such virtues as diligence, patience, and honesty. He goes farther. He prescribes religion. He says: "It's tough to buck the values of society as it is now, but giving a child spiritual values is at least a good place to start."

We are with him in his viewpoint, particularly if the expression "spiritual values" is understood as meaning "godliness" in the Scriptural sense of the term. "Godliness," the inspired Apostle wrote, "is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come."

Parents who want to give direction to the lives of their children need to remember that nothing but godliness has that promise. And if they insist on pointing to external appearance and success as the fulfillment of promise to their children, the results of their own ungodliness will return to indict them.

Immanuel Frey

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## CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES

### DAKOTA-MONTANA

#### WESTERN PASTORAL CONFERENCE

**Date:** October 1-2, 1974; 10:00 a.m. Mountain Time.  
**Place:** St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran, Rapid City, South Dakota (R. Strobel, host pastor).  
**Preacher:** D. Krenke (F. Brandt, alternate).  
**Agenda:** Review of Walthers' *Law and Gospel*; D. Denger; The Pentecostal Movement and Lutheran Theology; R. Krueger; Obadiah; L. Wiedrich; Mission Outlines; C. Lindemann; Financial Support of Church Projects through Grants from Business Organizations; D. Krenke; I Timothy 5; P. Heidrich.  
R. Pless, Secretary

### MICHIGAN

#### NORTHERN PASTOR-DELEGATE CONFERENCE

**Date:** September 16-17, 1974.  
**Place:** St. John's, Clare, Michigan.  
**Preacher:** R. Mueller (L. Pingel, alternate).  
**Agenda:** Exegesis of Romans 3; L. Prah; Studies in the Augsburg Confession and Apology; H. Buch; Women's Liberation in Society and Church — A Scriptural Examination; D. Heise; Church Discipline in WELS Congregations; R. Carter.  
**Note:** Lay delegates are expected to attend only the first day.  
E. C. Schmelzer, Secretary

#### SOUTHWESTERN PASTORAL CONFERENCE

**Date:** September 17, 1974; opening service with Communion.  
**Place:** Hope, Hartford, Michigan; David Dolan, host pastor.  
**Preacher:** H. Zink; D. Zwiag, alternate.  
**Agenda:** Exegesis of Ephesians 5; Toppe; Exegesis of Ephesians 6; R. Shimek; A Study of the Baptist teaching, "Once Saved, Always Saved"; M. Ahlhorn; "How far is the pastor responsible for his members, in their lives and actions?" J. Graf; Reports and Conference Business.  
R. A. Semro, Secretary

### MINNESOTA

#### CROW RIVER VALLEY PASTORAL CONFERENCE

**Date:** September 17-18, 1974; 10 a.m.  
**Place:** St. John, Hancock, Minnesota; M. T. Bradtke, host pastor.  
**Communion Service:** 8 p.m., Sept. 17.  
**Preacher:** M. T. Bradtke.  
**Agenda:** Sermon Study of II Kings 2:6-18 (Syn. Conf. Trin. XX); P. Naumann; Exegesis of I Timothy 6:1-11; C. Zuleger; Isagogical Study of St. Luke; J. Lillo.  
K. Mau, 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. Ahlsvede; Isagogical Study of Revelation 1-3; P. Schwerin; Jehovah Witnesses; C. Found.  
L. Ellenberger, Visiting Elder

### NORTHERN WISCONSIN

#### 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

#### 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 Thesalonians 2; L. Ristow; Catechism Questions; N. Mielke.  
Paul H. Kolander, Secretary

### FOX RIVER VALLEY PASTORAL CONFERENCE

**Date:** September 17, 1974; 9:00 a.m., Communion service.  
**Place:** Mt. Calvary, Kimberly, Wisconsin (J. Schroeder, host pastor).  
**Preacher:** H. Bergholz (F. Brandt, alternate).  
**Agenda:** James 5; H. Pussehl (I Peter 2; F. Brandt); Psalm 5; C. Schlei (Psalm 6; A. Hertler); Preaching on the Gospel for Sunday after New Year; I. Boettcher (Epiphany); J. Behling; Ways to Keep Young People Close to the Church; D. Gruen (Modern Bible Translations — Assistance or Hindrance; J. Diener); Discussion of Lectionary Revisions; Report by representatives of WLCFS; Elections.  
R. Muetzel, 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. Drews 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

#### SOUTHWESTERN PASTORAL CONFERENCE

**Date:** September 24, 1974; 9 a.m.  
**Place:** Faith Lutheran, Reedsburg, Wisconsin.  
**Preacher:** M. Nommensen (alternate, W. Paustian).  
**Agenda:** Ephesians 4; G. Moldenhauer; A Study of the Term "Israel" and the Prophecies Concerning It; W. Paustian; How the Church Can Guide the Home in the Training of the Young; K. Gust; Liturgy Study as Recommended by the Committee of Our Synod; H. Winkel.  
T. Kuske, Secretary

### ORDINATIONS AND INSTALLATIONS

(Authorized by the District Presidents)

#### Ordained and Installed

##### Pastors:

**Durfey, Gene A.**, ordained and installed at Glory Lutheran, De Soto, Texas, on July 14, 1974, by M. Hahn (Ariz.-Calif.).  
**Hilliard, Thomas H.**, ordained and installed at Peace, Rockford, Illinois, on July 28, 1974, by D. Cullen (W. Wis.).  
**Lehmann, Philipp A.**, ordained and installed at Arlington Ave. Lutheran Church, Toledo, Ohio, on July 21, 1974, by J. Ibsch (Mich.).  
**Lemke, Dennis R.**, ordained and installed at St. Paul's, Beverly Hills, Florida, on July 7, 1974, by L. Zwiag (S. Atl.).  
**Schmidt, John H.**, ordained and installed at St. Paul's, Grand Junction, and installed at St. John's, Montrose, Colorado, on July 14, 1974, by M. Scheele (Nebr.).  
**Stellick, John E.**, ordained and installed at St. John's, Belview, and installed at St. Paul's, Seaforth, Minnesota, on July 21, 1974, by M. Doelger (Minn.).  
**Terrell, Brian S.**, ordained and installed at Hope, Fremont, California, on July 21, 1974, by R. Hochmuth (Ariz.-Calif.).  
**Weber, D. Craig**, ordained and installed at Abiding Savior, Weslaco, Texas, on July 14, 1974, by V. Glaeske (Ariz.-Calif.).

#### Installed

##### Teachers:

**Draeger, Alan**, installed at Mt. Olive, Overland Park, Kansas, on July 21, 1974, by P. Soukup (Nebr.).  
**Knobloch, Ernest F.**, installed at Divine Savior, Shawano, Wisconsin, on August 4, 1974, by R. Muetzel (N. Wis.).  
**Stark, John B.**, installed at Our Savior, Zion, Illinois, on July 28, 1974, by J. Braun (SEW).

#### POSITION AVAILABLE

Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary has a position open for a full-time maintenance supervisor. This individual must have the ability to supervise others, plus capabilities and knowledge in the following areas: heating system, electrical, plumbing, and general maintenance of building and grounds.

Please contact Mr. David Martin, Business Manager, either by telephone (business office — 242-2330, or residence — 242-1752) or by writing to the following address: 11831 N. Seminary Drive 65W, Mequon, Wisconsin 53092.

#### REQUEST

The new mission in Taylor-Romulus, Michigan, is in need of a Communion chalice and paten. Please send information as to the purchase or procedure for obtaining the same to Pastor Dale R. Schulz, 10820 Mt. Vernon Dr., Apt. 101, Taylor, Michigan 48180.



# BEQUEST: a testimony of love



Writing a will is an act of love.

A Christian knows that for him death is not an end but, in the God and Father of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, a beginning. By making arrangements for the disposition of the material blessings that have been entrusted to his care during his stay in life, the Christian reaffirms that not only all he is, but all he has, comes from God alone.

Through the provisions of his will the Christian may be assured that his love will continue to bear fruit in the lives of his survivors, the activity of a favored charity, or the mission of his Church.

We can help with information about wills and estate planning. Simply fill out the coupon and mail it to the Deferred Giving Counselor, Milwaukee, Wis.



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Please send me, without obligation, information about wills and how a will may fit into my estate plan.	Name _____
	Address _____
	City _____ State _____ Zip _____

### DMLC LADIES AUXILIARY

The Dr. Martin Luther College Ladies Auxiliary Fifteenth Annual Meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 9, 1974, at the College in New Ulm, Minnesota.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m., and will be preceded by a coffee hour from 9:30 to the time of opening. The order of business will include election of officers, selection of projects, campus tours, and a program by students. Closing is set for 3:30 p.m.

All women of Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod congregations are invited to attend.

### SECOND ANNUAL MEETING

#### Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Auxiliary

Women who are members of Wisconsin Synod congregations or of a congregation in fel-

lowship with it are invited to the second annual Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Auxiliary meeting on October 5, 1974, at the Seminary in Mequon, Wisconsin. The meeting will begin with a service at 10:00 a.m., with registration during the preceding hour. A noon luncheon will be served in the Seminary dining room. Included in the business meeting will be a progress report on projects completed and the selection of new projects. An information program about the Seminary and its work, and a tour of the buildings will complete the days activities at about 4:00 p.m.

Reservations should be made by September 14, 1974. These, together with the \$3.25 for registration and the luncheon, are to be sent to the corresponding secretary: Mrs. Wm. Fischer, 120 N. Eastmoor, Brookfield, Wisconsin, 53005. Publicity Committee

### COURSES FOR SYNODICAL CERTIFICATION

In an attempt to make Synodical certification courses more readily available, Dr. Martin Luther College has arranged to offer an extension course in CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE I at the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, Wisconsin, beginning October 1, 1974, and meeting regularly on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 9:15 p.m. until January 28, 1975. Professor Edward Fredrich of the Seminary has consented to teach the course if sufficient students enroll.

### STUDENTS INFORMATION

Parents and pastors are reminded to send the names of their young people who attend secular or non-WELS affiliated colleges to the *Special Ministries Board*, 3521 W. North Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53208. Please include all pertinent information: name, age, name of university, name and address of dormitory or apartment, phone number, grade in school.

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.