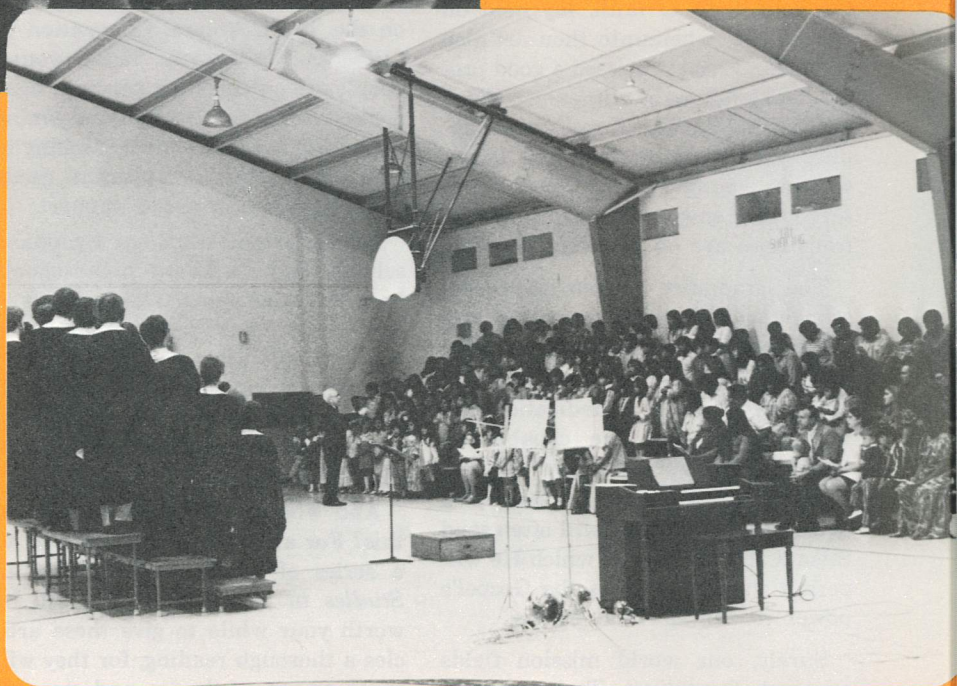


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Briefs by the Editor

With this issue our churches enter the *after Trinity* season of the Church year. That does not mean that God is being laid aside and forgotten. Rather, it means that we Christians are taking God with us out into our world as we rub elbows with our fellow workers, with our neighbors, with chance acquaintances, with people young and old.

We need to take God with us into our daily lives for otherwise we ourselves would fall victim to the temptations of the Evil One, and would stand little chance of exerting a wholesome influence on others. The *after Trinity* season may be a season for vacations, but it dare never become a season to take a vacation from God.

In writing to a young coworker, the Apostle Paul put it this way: "Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses." What applied to Paul's young coworker applies equally to all believers today, whether young or old. There is no season for spiritual relaxation. The front lines are no place for sleeping.

The graduates of our Synodical schools entering the preaching and the teaching ministry will soon find out that manning the front lines requires every ounce of dedication and watchfulness they are capable of. Even more. Though they may at times be disheartened by their own performance, the Lord will often send them a special hour in which He will permit them to witness the Gospel's power to win spiritual battles.

Surely, our world mission fields are such front lines. Trying to persuade others to drop a system of beliefs which they have followed for generations provokes opposition. The work is difficult, to say the least. But, as stated before, God in His grace often shows the faithful missionary

that his work is not in vain in the Lord.

Take the article on that *Unplanned Day in Japan*. It has a joyous sequel. Dr. Yanagawa was baptized the next day. Joy replaced fear in his heart as he waited for his Lord to call him home. Not only did this event strengthen the missionary's faith, but also the faith of that entire group of Christians. Though they are but a few among millions walking another way, yet they have experienced that the power of the Gospel can override any and all considerations of the human heart. What joy!

Of course, it isn't only Christians in a foreign land who are on the front lines of this battle. That is also the case with the young people of our congregations, both those in school and those not in school. That's why it's a pleasure to bring you the report on the Tenth Annual Convention of *Lutheran Collegians*. These young people are putting up a personal fight against forces that seek to undermine their faith and are actively seeking to gain others. This organization needs your prayers and active support.

Young people from our Synodical schools and Lutheran high schools have the same spirit. The accounts of two choir tours reveal that these young people are not only interested in sharing worthwhile music with music lovers, but are bringing a message to lift up the hearts and souls of their hearers.

And where's the power to achieve this? For an answer we direct you to a series of articles just beginning in *Studies in God's Word*. It will be worth your while to give these articles a thorough reading, for they will speak to you of the joy and strength that is yours and mine through Christ Jesus. In the power and strength of His name, we shall always be ready to live the Christian life and to proclaim the Christian faith. And that's why we are here!

*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 cover pictures two appearances by the Dr. Martin Luther Choir in Apache-land. The church scene shows the Choir in concert at The Church of the Open Bible, our Apache congregation in Whiteriver, Arizona. The other shows our Apache youth joining the DMLC Choir in song in Stanley Hall, Bylas, Arizona, on Good Friday, April 12, 1974.

THE NORTHWESTERN LUTHERAN

Editorials

Afraid of Children As reported in the *Lutheran Witness*, an article in the *U.W. Catholic* on "Why Are People Afraid to Have Children?" states that parents are afraid to have children today because "They can't cope. . . . They find today's children challenging, frightening, even threatening." *Esquire* magazine agrees: "Our culture, especially in its younger married sector, is afraid of and for its children."

If these frightening children are the social monsters and moral derelicts we read about, the anxiety of young married couples is understandable. It is dismaying to anticipate that one's offspring may grow up to be an uncontrollable rebel, insolent to his teachers, contemptuous of authority, a child that shall "behave himself proudly against the ancient, and the base against the honourable."

But such progeny are usually the consequence of the folly of their parents, who fail to exercise their God-given authority and who do not blend firmness and constancy with their love. They are also the product of the folly of child psychologists who teach that the child's natural desires must be heeded, and its will must not be crossed — lest the personalities of these self-assertive and self-righteous creatures be bruised and bent and distressed.

Parents need some fiber in their blood. Father's Day reminds us also that families need fathers who will assert their authority and control over the lives of their children, for children are neither all-knowing, nor all-wise, nor inspired, nor experienced, nor even civilized. In fact, as God reminds parents, children are by nature foolish and perverse. They have inherited the sin of Adam.

If parents are clear-sighted about their children's sins and shortcomings and the need of their children for loving but firm training and guidance, and if parents have faith that God will support them in the parental duties He has assigned them, they need not fear that their children will be "frightening, even threatening."

Carleton Toppe

"Better Than Sacrifice" Books and plays have been written about the famous American woman, Helen Keller. Blind, deaf, and mute as a child, she learned to read, write, and speak, graduating from Radcliffe College with high honors and traveling about to inspire other handicapped persons.

Less well known is the story of her teacher, Anne Sullivan. Her story is almost as amazing. For where does one

even begin to teach a child that cannot hear or speak or see?

Miss Sullivan wrote something worth remembering: "I saw clearly that it was useless to try to teach her language, or anything else, until she learned to obey me. I have thought about it a great deal, and the more I think, the more certain I am that obedience is the gateway through which knowledge, yes, and love, too, enter the mind of a child."

That is a keen observation. It is the Scriptural viewpoint also, not only in teaching children but basic to all true religion. "If any man will *do His will*," Jesus said, "he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God." First obedience, then comes the understanding, yes, and love, too.

The passing fads of child psychology, the theory that "true love" conquers all, must not make us forget that God's people are to obey orders, first. Christianity is a way of life, not a course of study, a couple of memorized prayers and passages, an emotional "high" from time to time.

The world scoffs at "blind obedience," so-called. But we dare not give up on God's way of doing things nor substitute something else for plain obedience. Over the "gateway" it is still written: "To obey is better than sacrifice."

John Parcher

Troubled Marriages Adultery and malicious desertion do not appear to rank very high these days as causes for the dissolution of marriages. The divorce rate has increased, and the number of marital problems which are brought to the attention of today's parish pastors has multiplied, but seldom is the cause attributed to such overt acts as these.

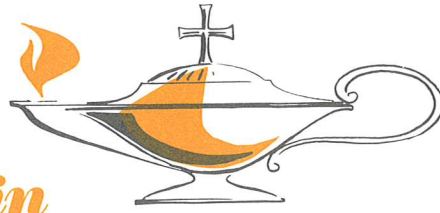
"We're just not getting along together" is the most common complaint on the part of those contemplating legal dissolution of their marriage. Nothing disastrous has happened in most cases. It's just that the partners have discovered faults in each other, and do not choose to put up with them.

All marriages could be dissolved on this basis. Since the Fall of Man, there have been no perfect marriage partners. It is therefore illogical, even naive, to profess shock and disillusionment upon finding that one's spouse is less than perfect.

Faults and deficiencies on the part of one's spouse hardly add to the enjoyment of married life, nor can the aggrieved party be expected to take pleasure in those faults and deficiencies. However, one thing that may make it easier to bear with the limitations of one's partner in life is this question: "Since you are imperfect yourself, what makes you think that you deserve a perfect wife or husband?"

The wonder of the Christian Gospel is that God puts up with *us*. A deeper appreciation of this truth would go a long way toward alleviating a problem which has taken on frightening proportions in our society today.

Immanuel Frey



Studies in God's Word

Rejoice in the Lord Always!

Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:4-6).

Within the last decade tranquilizers have become a way of life for countless Americans. Hundreds of thousands of pills are taken daily to help people cope with their problems. The frazzled mother surrounded by toddlers, the weary workman, the harried businessman, the tense executive, all these are potential customers for anything that will help them cope with the pressures of everyday living. Small wonder that there should be a booming business in tranquilizing pills that seem, for the moment at least, to make life more bearable.

Add to that yet another tranquilizer that has become very big on the American market, the tranquilizing book. Thousands of volumes are sold annually promising help in allaying fears, removing tensions, gaining strength to cope with problems, and in general promising the inner calm that leads to the quiet, well-adjusted life.

Human Cures Ineffective

But the sheer number of plans suggested and the widely differing methods advocated indicate that these do-it-yourself methods do not offer an effective road to the "good life." Furthermore, when we observe the tangled lives of the authors themselves,

our disillusionment with homemade methods of happiness may well be complete. Hence it is with a bit of skepticism perhaps that we listen to anyone who says: "Rejoice always, and again I say, Rejoice." But when he tells us: "I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need," then our ears perk up. The more so when we realize that the man who spoke those words could say them even though he was a prisoner who was being held unjustly on a false charge and who stood in danger of being sentenced to death.

That man, of course, was the Apostle Paul and the quotation is from his letter to the Philippians. You might turn to your Bible and read the letter. It's only four chapters long, and yet in it Paul 16 times uses the words "joy" and "rejoice." We wish in this series of *Studies* to examine some of the aspects of his joy.

God's Cure

Joy presupposes an absence of worry and care. Anxiety destroys joy. Hence St. Paul urges: "Be careful

(i.e., full of care) for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication . . . let your requests be made known unto God." Note the contrast. Be full of care *in nothing*, but *in everything* let your requests be made known unto God.

If there is a lack of joy in our lives, St. Paul would have us ask ourselves: Is it perhaps because we have not taken to our Lord in prayer all the things that cause worry and anxiety? The condition that James describes when he says: "Ye have not because ye ask not" is a very real possibility when we forget that our Lord invites us to "cast all our care upon Him, for He cares for us." The hymn-writer is surely right: "Oh, what peace we often forfeit, Oh, what needless pain we bear, All because we do not carry Everything to God in prayer." As objects of God's unchanging love in Christ, we can and should come boldly to His throne of grace, laying our every care on Him.

The Peace of God

And what will be the result of such a care-less and prayer-full life? St. Paul promises: "The peace of God, which passeth all understanding shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." The only peace worthy of the name is that which God brings into our lives "through Christ Jesus." That peace will keep (literally: guard) our hearts against the corroding effect of care and worry and will keep our minds clear of the anxiety and tensions that come with the responsibilities of fulfilling our role in life.

How fitting it is that at the close of his Sunday sermon a pastor should quote this gem from *Philippians*. In the sermon he has once more held before us God's grace in Christ. He has declared to us a living, ascended, all-powerful Savior who promises: "Peace I leave with you . . . My peace I give you." To that peace our pastor now commends us, for that peace alone can sustain us in our fears and weaknesses. The world has long recognized the value of the advice: accept no substitutes. It is doubly true here. Only when we have the "peace of God" can we "rejoice away."

Armin J. Panning

Unplanned

A Day in Japan

It came to me late that night that this had been a remarkable day.

It was one of those rare days with not too much on the schedule and with the weather cooperating. Then came a phone call. It was from Uno Sensei. "How was Mr. Obu coming on the carving of the 'Farmer Doll'?" he asked. Mr. Obu is a former carpenter who fell from a tree and broke his back some time ago. He is paralyzed in the legs. I have been trying to lead him to accept Christ as his Savior. Trying to find some work for him to do for sometime, I ran across an article about the last man still carving the "Farmer Doll." Years ago, a lord of Mito had someone make a gold doll for him depicting the Japanese farmer. Thus, the lowliest of humans in Japan — the farmer — was honored. In more recent times, someone had started to carve these out of wood, but now the symbol of Mito was about to die out. In a flash I thought of Mr. Obu and searched out Uno Sensei. The two met, were mutually attracted, and discovered they had roots in the same rural area. Thus Mr. Obu carried home a block of wood to begin carving the "Farmer Doll."

"I will have to run out and see Mr. Obu today," I thought as I reached for my Bible and a replica of the "Farmer Doll" which I had recently received. In a typical Japanese farm house on a typical Japanese farm, Mr. Obu sat bent over in his wheel chair drawing lines on a map. This is piece work, drawing in lines for the telephone company on a project map — 100 maps for 50 yen a map. One map takes an hour. When he would finish this assignment, that would be the end of work for him again. But Mr. Obu is always cheerful. When his car is fixed he will go to see Uno Sensei for the next lesson. He proudly showed me what he had carved thus far. We read in the Bible and talked about it. I asked him why he had discontinued our Bible correspondence course. He said the church didn't send it any more. I'll have to look into that. I took a snapshot of



Mr. Obu and replica of "Farmer Doll."

him at his work bench. As I departed, he called that he would come to church when his car was fixed.

The springs on my car seemed to ride more softly on the way home. Then I remembered I had forgotten Miss Noguchi. She is studying organ, the Annotated Catechism, and the Sunday-school material with me on Friday mornings. This day we started a little late and ran over into the afternoon.

"Hmmm! It's early in the afternoon yet. Think I'll run out to the Garden of Nazareth and see the two disciples out there. I know they are waiting for me. On the way I can see if everything is all right at the cemetery," I said to myself. Mr. Kashimura is a lame, frail man, baptized some years ago. Mr. Urui has twisted legs and confines himself to a desk piled high with books. The desk is about one foot high. He once asked if I wouldn't come to see him too. The books are almost all English, for he is an English scholar. The books take him to far-off, wonderful places where he will never be able to go. His Bible is well worn and it will take him to a wonderful place I'm sure. We have our devotion together and Communion for Mr. Kashimura. Then Mr. Urui asked if somehow he couldn't go to summer Bible camp. He had read about it in our church paper. I was taken aback and said something about being sure we could find a way. To myself I thought: This is going to be something like pepe-

tual care for three days. Then Mr. Kashimura said he wanted to go too. I didn't promise but said the Lord has ways. Then I took Mr. Urui's order for his favorite sweet, sweet potato candy, and was on my way.

I got home in time to spade a few rows in the garden and plant the first radishes of the year with Tim, my son. Then the phone rang. It was Mrs. Yanagawa, the doctor's wife from Daigo. I had visited him twice that week in the hospital. Mysteriously his operation had been postponed, giving me this opportunity to see him several times. He was always too busy when he was well. Now he welcomed me and the message from God's Word. He was plainly upset and troubled about his sins. I had urged him to repent and believe the Gospel. When I left her several days ago, I told Mrs. Yanagawa to be sure to call me if her husband wanted me. Now on the phone she told me her husband wanted to leave his sick bed and come to church to be baptized. I told her I would come to the hospital to baptize him.

Mrs. Yanagawa was baptized several years ago in Daigo. She has been a joy to the missionary, eagerly confessing her faith and being active in evangelism. Her husband, a medical doctor, is about 60. Several times she had him to the point of coming to church. He approves of his wife being a Christian and listens to her witness. But on weekends the great outdoors always beckoned him. Now a mysterious pain in his shoulder had laid him low. He is face to face with his Maker and trembles. He calls the missionary. Arrangements were made for the next day.

My wife being ill, I was busy with household tasks for the next hour. Then I opened up a batch of new tracts which had come in the mail for distribution. Oh, yes, I have to get at that Hitachi report and the Sunday sermon! The hours just flew by.

It came to me late that night that this had been a remarkable day. This day, unplanned by me, had been well planned by the Holy Spirit. Here and there a seed had been planted, a soul comforted, a soul saved.

Richard A. Poetter

A Parish Pastor's Perspective

STATISTICS

We are living in the age of statistics. The total number of transactions on the New York stock exchange on any day flashes around the world in a matter of minutes. You can easily find figures on the gross national product, on first quarter sales for giant corporations, on the fastest mile ever run, on the batting average of little leaguers, on the cost-of-living rise in a month, and on the number of acres in corn and soybeans across the nation. Brainy computers have brought statistics into their own.

It seems the current interest in statistics has invaded the church, too. Pastors carefully prepare annual (sometimes monthly) reports for their congregations, showing the number of services and classes conducted, the

number of pastoral acts performed, and various figures on calls, Communion attendance, and church attendance. Every six months our home-mission congregations throughout the nation prepare detailed statistical reports for their mission boards. The Statistical Report of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod for 1973 was an 82-page book, crammed with figures on every congregation in our Synod. Each month our congregations receive complete financial reports from our Synod's treasurer. With few exceptions, the volume of statistical information is growing.

Are statistics being overemphasized in the church? Since the keeping of statistics is neither commanded nor forbidden in Scripture, this is a

matter of opinion. We can live with more than one point of view when God's Word does not decide the issue.

Regarding statistics, one point of view thinks the keeping of them is a waste — a waste of manpower in preparing them, of time in reading them, of supplies in printing them, of space in storing them. Proponents of this view feel that the muscle tone of the church should be kept lean and hard, and that statistics are like rolls of fat that encumber the church in her race to proclaim the Good News to a dying world. They would like to keep statistical information to a minimum.

The other point of view feels that even more statistics would be useful. Those who argue for this think that statistics help the church to see where she has gone, what ground has been covered, and what still needs to be done. They would like to see new figures in our Synod's statistical report, showing not only the membership in our churches. They believe that exact statistics assist the church in an exact accounting of souls.

Lutheran Collegians 1974 Convention

"Jesus Lives!" was the theme of the 10th Annual Lutheran Collegians National Convention held April 19-21, 1974, at the Milwaukee Central YMCA and hosted by the Milwaukee chapter. Over 150 attended the convention, representing 19 Midwest universities, DMLC, NWC, and interested pastors and laymen.

Registration began Friday morning at 9:00 A.M., followed by delegate committee meetings lasting through the late afternoon. For the "free" members there were slide lectures on the island of Crete and ELS mission work in Nicaragua, films on archaeology by a representative of the Lutheran Science Institute, and recreation. After supper the convention officially opened with a vesper service with Prof. Richard Balge of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary as liturgist and Pastor Martin Birkholz of Mankato, Minnesota, as preacher. The opening business meeting was con-



Seated: Jan Kurth (Whitewater), secretary; Karen Motcheck (East Lansing), vice-president. Standing: Curt Zaske (Brookings), treasurer. Absent: Dan Heins (Winona), president.

ducted by President Rick Haase, Kalamazoo, Michigan. The order of business included reports of Lutheran Collegians' standing committees and nominations for new officers. The YMCA gym and pool were available for the Collegians' use for the remainder of the evening.

On Saturday morning the business meeting was opened with a devotion by Pastor Richard Ziesemer, Milwaukee, and continued with action on 32 resolutions. Of special importance was a resolution to place more of LC's emphasis on the Campus Ministry. Also passed was a resolution requiring closer control of LC's finances so that the income may always be put to the wisest use. LC presently is supporting Vicki Miller, a lay worker in the ELS mission in Peru, but because of a lack of money, it was decided to keep her there only as long as funds are available.

After lunch a Bible study based on I Corinthians 15 was led by Prof. Armin Schuetze of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. The general assembly was divided into small groups to discuss

Some statistics appear in Scripture. We have Methuselah's exact age — 969 years. We know that 12 baskets of fragments were left over from the feeding of the 5,000. The sons of Israel increased from 12 to 600,000 during their four-century stay in Egypt; 3,000 souls were brought to Christ on Pentecost. One out of 10 lepers returned to thank Jesus after He healed them; 276 people were with Paul on the ship that was wrecked on the voyage to Rome. This sampling of figures would indicate that attention to numerical detail is not beneath the dignity of Holy Writ.

Perhaps a better question than, "Should we keep statistics?" would be, "How should we use statistics?" Statistics can be used for encouragement. Our work in the church deals primarily with what is invisible and immeasurable, namely, the impact of the Gospel on the hearts of people. Therefore it is encouraging to see statistics that seem to show an increase in some of the tangible effects of the Gospel, such as membership, adult conversions, and offerings. Such fig-

five subdivisions of the Convention theme "Jesus Lives," examining the historical fact, the practical consequences if this were not true, the effect this has in the lives of Christians, our personal resurrection, and closing admonitions based on this fact. Also meeting during the afternoon was a Pastors' Workshop, led by LC spiritual advisor Pastor Wayne Schmidt, in which pastors and ministerial students discussed their role as it relates to Lutheran Collegians, and how the two can work together to serve our college students better.

Saturday evening's highlight was the banquet. Guest speaker was Pastor Norman Engel of Gloria Dei-Bethesda Lutheran Church, Milwaukee. The Brookings chapter was awarded the traveling trophy for the best display portraying the year's activities. The names of the newly elected national officers for 1974-75, announced at the banquet, are: president, Dan Heins, Winona, Minnesota; vice-president, Karen Motcheck, East Lansing, Michigan; secretary, Jan Kurth, Whitewater, Wisconsin;

ures can encourage us to keep pressing on.

Some statistics can be used for warning. When we hear, for example, that only one in four humans claims to be a Christian and that, at current rates, that figure will be one in five by the year 2000, or when we hear that our Synod's growth rate (while better than in previous years) still does not keep up with population growth, it may warn us against complacency.

Statistics can be helpful tools for us. But they dare never attempt to do what only the Word of God can do with its message of sin and grace. To the degree that reading statistics keeps us from reading the Bible, and to the degree that publishing statistics keeps us from publishing the Gospel, to that degree we use them amiss. For there is one statistic that we will not find reported anywhere, that is, how many days we have left to live, how many days left to accomplish our task of bringing the message of the Bible to dying souls.

Thomas B. Franzmann

and treasurer, Curt Zaske, Brookings, South Dakota. The spiritual adviser will again be Pastor Wayne Schmidt, Madison, Wisconsin, and the faculty advisor will be Dr. Robert Becker, Mankato, Minnesota. Entertainment in the form of skits and songs was provided by each LC chapter. Following this, some of the Collegians participated in a Sing-Along.

The closing church service was held Sunday morning at Grace Lutheran Church. It included Holy Communion and the installation of the new officers. This was followed by rolls, coffee, and juice in the church basement. Conventioneers then left to return to their respective schools and homes, thankful that they had an opportunity for Christian fellowship and for working together in serving their Lord.

Lutheran Collegians asks all of you to remember the organization in your prayers so that it may continue its work on the college campuses and its outside mission activity.

Arllyss Drews

EXPLORATORY SERVICES

ALTOONA, PENNSYLVANIA

WELS exploratory services are being held at the Holiday Inn, Rte 220, Altoona, PA; Bible class at 6 p.m. and worship service at 7 p.m. Sundays. Please send names of prospects or requests for information to: Pastor John Brug, 501 Vine, West Newton, PA 15089; Phone 412-872-9710.

COLUMBIA — OWENSVILLE, MISSOURI

Time change for the WELS exploratory services being conducted at the Holiday Inn East, junction of I-70 and Providence Rd., Columbia, Missouri, are Sunday worship at 8 a.m. and Sunday school at 9 a.m. For the Peace Lutheran Mission at Owensville, Missouri, Sunday school is at 10:30 a.m. and Sunday worship at 11 a.m. For more information contact Pastor LeRoy H. Lother, 2816 Leeway Dr., Apt. 2, Columbia, Missouri 65201 (Phone: 314-474-2168).

OWATONNA, MINNESOTA

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

BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL, ILLINOIS

Exploratory services are now being held at 7 o'clock Sunday evenings in Bloomington-Normal. These services are held at "The Guest House" on the corner of Linden and Emerson in Bloomington. Names of WELS families and students enrolled at Illinois State University and at Wesleyan University should be sent to Pastor D. N. Rutschow, 122 State Street, N. Pekin, Illinois 61554.

GREELEY, COLORADO

Exploratory work is being conducted in the Greeley, Colorado, area by the Colorado Mission District Mission Board. Anyone knowing of prospective members, interested persons, or students at the University of Northern Colorado is kindly asked to call or send pertinent information to: Pastor Lawrence Retberg, 1304 Lemay Avenue, Fort Collins, Colorado 80521 (1-303-482-5326).

NAMES REQUESTED

MIDDLETON, WISCONSIN AREA

Please send names of any WELS members or prospects living in the Middleton, Wisconsin area to Pastor Loren Fritz, Route 1, Box 220B, Prairie du Sac, Wisconsin 53578.

EAGAN, MINNESOTA

Exploratory services are being planned for the Eagan, Minnesota area. Please send names of prospects to Pastor Charles Clarey, 3124 78th Street East, Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota 55075, or call 455-6097

TIME AND PLACE

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.

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO New Place of Service

Salem Ev. Lutheran Church has moved its place of worship to Keller Elementary School, 3730 Montbello. The school is located in the N. E. area of Colorado Springs. Time of service is 10 a.m. If more information is desired, contact Pastor E. Ahlswede, 22 W. Clover Circle, Colorado Springs, CO 80906, Phone: (303) 576-5814.

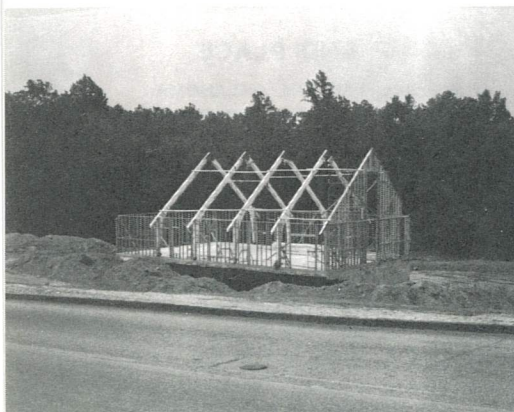
Building the Kingdom in the Empire State of the South



Ground breaking at Sola Scriptura on March 3, 1974, presided over by Pastor Meyer and the Church Council.



Preparing the foundation.



The church taking shape.

Sometimes God's schedule is not our schedule. Moses was ready to take on the leadership of the children of Israel 40 years before God called him to the task. Moses had to wait. In His own time God did appear to Moses in the burning bush and call him to lead His people Israel out of Egypt. Our Synod talked about doing mission work in South America a long time before God's chosen hour came and He made it possible for us to bring the Gospel to the continent to the south. We have also had to learn to wait for God's time in the work of building the kingdom in Georgia, the Empire State of the South.

The first Lutherans in Georgia were the Salzburger refugees who established a Lutheran colony in Ebenezer, near Savannah, in 1735. The kind hospitality accorded them by General Oglethorpe moved Johann August Urlsperger, a German theologian who was a friend of missions, to publish a pamphlet: "De praesantia colonia Georgiensis prae coloniis aliis" (The Ways in which the Colony of Georgia Excels the other Colonies). In 1780 Urlsperger founded the Baseler Christentums-gesellschaft. This led, in 1815, to the establishment of the Baseler Missionsgesellschaft, a society for training and sending missionaries. Although Urlsperger had hoped that missionaries would be sent to work in Georgia, that hope never materialized. God's hour had not yet come. Instead, many of the Basel missionaries were sent to the midwestern part of the United States. Some of the early pastors of the Michigan and Wisconsin Synods were men who came from the Basel Mission Society.

Little work was done in Georgia by any Lutheran church bodies until after World War II. As the population

of the country became increasingly more mobile, Lutherans from other parts of the country found themselves transferred to Georgia, particularly to the Atlanta area. Small Lutheran congregations began to develop. The Mission Board of the Michigan District of our Wisconsin Synod investigated the possibility of starting work in the Atlanta metropolitan area in 1965. Again it did not materialize. God's hour had not yet come.

Our present mission work in Georgia received its start from a letter sent to the mission board of the Gulf-Atlantic Mission District in the spring of 1970, by a Lutheran family concerned about doctrine. Pastors Ray Wiechmann and Ed Renz visited the family and made arrangements for an exploratory meeting with other interested people in the area. Thirteen people attended the meeting on July 19, 1970, which was conducted by Pastor Karl Peterson of Birmingham, Alabama. When exploratory services were authorized, Vicar Karl Henkel helped find a place of worship for the group, the North Clayton County Civic Center. The congregation has used this location for its worship services since August 10, 1970.

By the end of November, 1970, the little group had organized, and had chosen for itself the name *Sola Scriptura*, a name both unique and confessional. On January 24, 1971, the present missionary was installed as pastor of the congregation.

From the very beginning, the District Mission Board as well as the General Board for Home Missions and the Synod's Board of Trustees were all aware of the need for a building in order to do permanent mission work in a part of the country where temporary facilities are looked on with extreme suspicion, and where

Pastor Joh. P. Meyer grew up in Milwaukee and graduated from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in 1963. Before accepting the call to Atlanta, he served congregations in Eau Claire, Michigan, and Hillsboro, Wisconsin. The Meyers have two children and are enthusiastic about the work in Georgia.

the Lutheran Church is almost unknown. Sola Scriptura Congregation did not have to wait nearly as long as some missions have had to wait in the past for funds to be made available from the Church Extension Fund. But God's time had not yet come. Many local obstacles had to be met and overcome first.

Now God's time has come. On Sunday, March 3, of this year, after the morning Communion service, a joy-filled congregation drove the 17 miles from its temporary place of worship to the building site, to break ground for their new church. We know that the building itself is not a means of grace. Neither is the human voice. But the human voice is the instrument that conveys the Gospel by which the Holy Ghost brings sinners to the saving faith in the Lord Jesus, and gives them forgiveness for all their sins. The new church building will be a place where the saving Gospel will be spoken and the precious gift of forgiveness shared.

Despite a very high rate of membership turnover, Sola Scriptura has grown to be a congregation of 60 communicants, over 100 souls. The members who have been served during the past four years came here from 26 different states. It is our prayer that we will also reach more of the local population with the Gospel when we are in our new building.

Next to Satan, distance is our worst enemy in doing mission work. Our present membership is scattered from the mountains of northern Georgia and the cities of eastern Tennessee to the Piedmont of central Georgia. The distance between the members farthest north and those farthest south is over 400 miles. The two girls in our confirmation class this year live 130 miles apart. We have members who must, and do,

leave home before 7:00 A.M. to get to church for the 10:00 A.M. service. We can only be humbly grateful that our Lord has moved His people to such faithfulness.

The same Lord has also moved you, our brothers and sisters in the faith, to great faithfulness. We are grateful for your faithfulness in your prayers on our behalf, your faithfulness in bringing mission offerings to subsidize our work, your faithfulness in providing CEF funds that enable us to build, your faithfulness in sending us the names of people moving into our area. But there is another



Confirmation 1974: Linda Thomason and Lisa Sorheim live 130 miles apart.

faithfulness that has been most encouraging. Ours is an area through which many tourists travel, to which many come on business or to attend conventions. It has been an agreeable surprise to see how many of you have gone miles out of your way to worship with us. I recall especially a businessman from one of our congregations in the Midwest who was flying to Charleston, and had to change planes in Atlanta. It was a Wednesday in Lent. He called the missionary about services and then changed his flight to a later one so that he could worship with us before continuing on his trip. Such faithfulness cannot but encourage us in our otherwise isolated station.

How will we continue to build the kingdom of God in the future in the Empire State of the South? By means of preaching the Word and administering the Sacraments, of course. These are the only means we have.

The question is rather "Where?" Sola Scriptura Congregation serves the entire metropolitan Atlanta area, which has a population of nearly two million. From our location near the intersection of I-285 and I-20 in DeKalb County we can well serve the eastern part of the city. In the future we must look northwest to Cobb County, northeast to Gwinnett County, and south to Clayton and Fulton Counties, fast-growing areas in which we already have some members. Under the Lord's blessing, missions in each of these areas are possibilities. Monthly services are being conducted



A baptism on Christmas Eve.

for the military population of Augusta, to the east, by the missionary in Columbia, South Carolina. Our sister synod, the ELS, serves the Savannah area from Christ Lutheran Church in that city. Services have been conducted in other parts of the state, mainly for our military people. The results of these services indicate that the Lord would have us continue to concentrate our efforts in the Atlanta area at present.

A complete report of our work of "Building the Kingdom in the Empire State of the South" would also speak of sins and human frailties; but above all it would show the work of God's grace and long-suffering in the lives of the faithful. Eternity alone will reveal the unfading blessing the preaching of the Gospel of Christ has wrought in our midst.

Joh. P. Meyer

Choirs Tour the West and the South

CROIXALIERS

Go South on A Tour for Education

Over the recent Easter recess the "Croixaliers", 12 singers from Saint Croix Lutheran High School in West Saint Paul, Minnesota, embarked upon a different kind of choir tour. The express purpose of the tour was



Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Schmeling, Pastor W. Diehl, Pastor M. Lenz, and Mr. John Oldfield.

recruitment for the cause of Christian education in general and secondary Christian education in particular.

Mr. Daniel Schmeling, former instructor at Saint Croix, and now principal at Dallas, Texas, and Pastor William Gabb of Houston, Texas, did the initial planning and coordinating of the tour.

Traveling in a 28-foot mobile home, the Croixaliers covered 3,220 miles in 10 days and sang at eight of our congregations in Texas, Oklahoma, and Nebraska.

The theme of the concert was "The Church Year in Song." In connection with each concert a short talk on Christian education was given by Mr. John Oldfield, vice-principal of Saint Croix Lutheran High School. A brochure on the whys and wherefores of secondary Christian education was also distributed as part of the program.

Many blessings were realized by those who made the tour. The enthusiasm and zeal, the warmth and cor-

diality of the mission congregations made a deep and lasting impression. It is our prayer that similar blessings were realized by those who were visited on the tour.

Rev. Mark J. Lenz
Croixalier Director

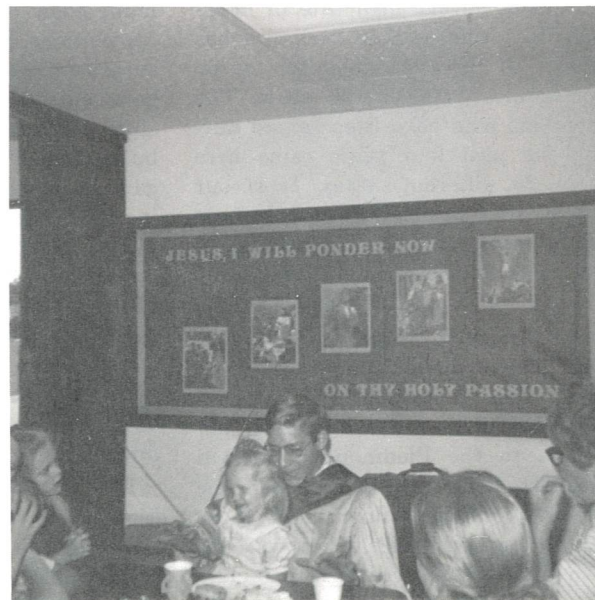
DMLC CHOIR

Future Teachers Visit Congregations from Nebraska to California

After many months of planning and many hours of preparation, the Dr. Martin Luther College Choir, under the direction of Prof. M. Zahn and the management of Prof. D. Brick, left the campus on Wednesday, April 3, 1974, at 12:15 P.M. The weather was ominous. In Fact, the Choir drove through a snowstorm to arrive at Hoskins, Nebraska, the first stop on its western tour. On Thursday the storm had ended, but travel



Singer Robert Johnson entering mobile home choir used on trip to WELS South.



Chorister Dennis T. Rawerts entertains Sunday-school children at Abiding Word, Houston, Texas.

was still difficult. Friday morning greeted the members of the Choir with sunny, clear skies so that Pike's Peak was visible from Denver, 70 miles away. All song services in Colorado (at *Christ Our Redeemer* and *Zion* in Denver, at Colorado Springs and Pueblo), in Arizona (Flagstaff, Prescott, *Good Shepherd* in Phoenix, Glendale, Mesa, and *Redeemer* in Tucson), in California (La Mesa, San Diego, and Garden Grove), and in Apacheland in Arizona (Bylas, Peridot-San Carlos, and Whiteriver) were first time appearances by the Choir in these congregations. The Choir also sang at Hoskins and Plymouth, Nebraska, and at Sanborn, Minnesota.

The entire tour, though strenuous because of the long distances involved, was deeply edifying. Many choir members visited the churches in these areas for the first time. Thrilling was the first real contact with our Christian brethren among the Apaches. Uplifting was the thought to be present in congregations where many a choir member might some day be called as a teacher, and to visit congregations whose schools were new or who planned opening a school soon.

The tour was also educational. In the memories of choir members will live scenes of Pike's Peak, Wolf Creek Pass, the Grand Canyon, Old Tucson, irrigation fields around Phoenix, Salt River Canyon. Not to be forgotten are Disneyland, the hospitality of the people everywhere, a sandstorm in southern Arizona, citrus groves, the Pacific Ocean, and many other places and wonderful people.

The Choir sang its homecoming concert in the DMLC chapel on Sunday, April 28. A week earlier, together with the Academy Choir and the Concert Band Ensemble, it gave a presentation to the people attending the Music Division Meeting of Synodical schools and area high schools. Prior to the western tour, weekend tours were made to South Shore, Goodwin, and Bethlehem in South Dakota and Olivia and Morgan in Minnesota. Later the choir also sang at Tomah, Sparta, and Bangor in Wisconsin and at Goodview, Winona, and North Mankato in Minnesota.

Direct from the Districts

Arizona-California

A Night to Remember

Friday evening, March 8, 1974, was a special evening at Our Savior Ev. Lutheran Church in Pomona, California. On that evening the congregation honored its principal, Mr. James Dallmann, with a well-kept secret, a surprise "This is Your Life" program. The 35 mm slide and cassette tape-recorded program traced Mr. Dallmann's life from his early childhood, his grade-school days in Nicollet, Minnesota, high school and college at DMLC and his 19 years in the teaching ministry in Minnesota, in Washington, and in Pomona, California.



Teacher and Mrs. J. Dallmann

In arranging this program, the officers of Our Savior Ev. Lutheran Church wanted to show, in some measure, the whole congregation's heartfelt thanks for the added burdens Mr. Dallmann so willingly shouldered during the 18-month pastoral vacancy experienced from July 1972 to December 1973. Throughout those trying days when church membership and day-school enrollment declined to half of the July 1972 levels, Mr. Dallmann was a source of

spiritual inspiration for the day-school teaching staff and the congregation.

Persons involved in the tape program included his relatives, friends of his school days and his early days in the teaching ministry, and his family and friends at Our Savior. Of particular interest were DMLC professor, Raymond Duehlmeier, his grade-school teacher, and Professor Martin Albrecht, his high-school and college teacher.

In the closing prayer, Pastor James Humann, the resident pastor since December 1973, asked the Lord's continued blessings on Mr. Dallmann's teaching career and on his family. It is the earnest prayer of the members of Our Savior that Mr. Dallmann and all called servants of the Lord continue to be blessed in their work.

Dakota-Montana

Mortgage-Burning Ceremony

March 24, 1974, was a happy day for the members of Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Mobridge, South Dakota, as they were permitted to witness the burning of their mortgage. The note of \$45,000, taken out January 4, 1960, with the A.A.L., was officially discharged on February 2, 1974.

The members of Zion Church and their pastor, the Rev. David Krenke, are also looking forward to an early retirement of an indebtedness on the teacherage, hoping to sign a contract by January 1, 1975, for the installation of a new pipe organ.

Golden Anniversary of Organist

On March 17, 1974, more than 100 friends and relatives gathered at St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Raville Township, South Dakota, in a special evening service to thank the Lord for all His blessings, including the gift of their organist, Mrs. Otto

Redemske. Mrs. Redemske was baptized, confirmed, and married in St. John's and has served as regular organist of the congregation for over 50 years. Pastor D. Shook chose Ephesians 5:19,20 as his text for the anniversary service. Following the service, an open house gave all present an opportunity to express their thanks to Mrs. Redemske.

St. John's of Rauville Township is served as part of a joint parish together with Bethlehem Ev. Lutheran Church of Watertown, South Dakota.

Northern Wisconsin

Kewaskum Church Rededicated

The members of St. Lucas Lutheran Church, Kewaskum, Wisconsin chose February 3, 1974, as the day to rededicate their newly remodeled house of worship to the glory of God. This date also marked the 60th anniversary of the original dedication of their church.

The redecoration and remodeling program at St. Lucas was planned and executed by the Potente Studios of Kenosha, Wisconsin. The extensive program included the remodeling of the chancel and narthex areas, the installation of a ventilating system, the renovation of the lighting system, and the installation of new carpeting. Two murals depicting the

birth and ascension of Christ, originally a gift to the congregation by a Wisconsin artist, were completely restored by Chicago artist, Mr. Max Ranft. Total cost of the project came to \$40,000.

In the three services of rededication, the congregation was addressed by its former pastor, the Rev. Donald Bitter of Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin, and by the visiting elder of the Winnebago Conference, the Rev. Clarence Koepsell of Oshkosh.

At noon on the day of rededication a fellowship dinner was attended by 570 members. In a program following they had an opportunity to meet all who had planned and executed the remodeling. A quartette from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary provided entertainment.

St. Lucas Congregation, organized on August 20, 1877, has a membership of 802 communicants and 1084 souls. The Rev. Paul Hoenecke has served the congregation since 1966. Assisting him this year are Mr. David Beckman and Mr. James Tiefel, both second-year students at nearby Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. The following have served as pastors during the 96-year history of the parish: Fredrick Hilpert, Fredrick Opitz, Fredrick Greve, Henry Heidel, Gerhard Kaniess, Donald Bitter, and Paul Hoenecke.



St. Lucas Lutheran Church at Kewaskum, Wisconsin.

55 Years of Organ Playing

Members of Salem Ev. Lutheran Church of Escanaba, Michigan, honored Mrs. Henry (Kate) Ottensman at a special program and supper on Sunday evening, March 31, 1974, in commemoration of her 55 years of service as organist. Pastor John J. Wendland was in charge of the arrangements for the program which included a number of Mrs. Ottensman's favorite hymns sung by the choir.



Mrs. Ottensman at the organ.

In 1908, at the age of seven, Mrs. Ottensman came to Escanaba from Berlin, Germany. When she was 17, she became organist of the congregation. She recalls that in those early years the services were all conducted in German.

NOMINATIONS — MLS

Since Prof. Armin W. Schultz has resigned after teaching at Michigan Lutheran Seminary for 39 years, the Board of Control of Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Saginaw, Michigan, authorized by the Commission on Higher Education, asks the membership of the Synod to submit nominations for the vacant professorship. The nominees should be qualified to teach in the field of mathematics.

Nominations and pertinent data should be in the hands of the undersigned no later than July 10, 1974.

Mr. Milton Bugbee, Secretary
MLS Board of Control
206 S. Alp
Bay City, Michigan 48706

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS DR. MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE

By authorization of the Commission on Higher Education, the Board of Control of Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota, requests the constituency of the Synod in accord with the accepted procedures to nominate candidates for the professorship being vacated by the announced retirement of Professor Otis Steljes after 53 years of full-time service in the church.

Nominees should be qualified to teach music theory and organ. As much pertinent information as possible should accompany all nominations.

Nominations must be in the hands of the Board of Control no later than June 26, 1974.

Mr. Darrell Knippel, Secretary
Board of Control - DMLC
4818 Garfield Avenue S
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55409

Looking at the Religious World information and insight

Golden Anniversary of Our First Overseas Mission

Fifty years ago on May 11, 1924, our Synod's first overseas mission was formally begun when Candidate Maliszewski led the first public worship service in Lodz, Poland. This mission celebrated its golden anniversary during the recent Convention of the Church of the Evangelical Lutheran Confession in Germany, May 23-26, 1974.

The change in location calls to mind the key events in this mission's half century of history. Begun to aid Germans living in Poland in their efforts to maintain confessional Lutheranism, this mission in Poland was driven westward in the course of World War II and scattered throughout Germany.

In the immediate aftermath of the war the designation for the undertaking was "refugee Mission," a name that speaks for itself in describing conditions that prevailed. By 1951 things had improved to the extent that a new name, "Church of the Ev. Lutheran Confession in the Dispersion," seemed more appropriate. As the work became more permanently established in Germany the "in the Dispersion" part of the name was dropped.

The most important item on the agenda of the anniversary convention of the Church of the Ev. Luth. Confession is the question of its relations to the newly formed SELK, a union of three free churches of Germany.

Bible Society Report

The American Bible Society's annual report covering 1973 activities offers for Bible friends information that on the whole is heartening. Two special projects of the past year receive prominent mention.

One was the launching of the 12-year, \$63,000,000 "Good News for New Readers" program which hopes to put in the hands of an entirely new group of Bible readers almost three fourths of a billion Scripture selections in 200 languages and easy reading format. The other was the Key 73 distribution of 35,000,000 Scriptures, concerning which the report says, "Long after the Key 73 program fades into memory, these Scriptures will continue to 'call the continent to Christ.'"

Added to the previous total of 1,500 languages and dialects in which at least one book of the Bible has been published, were 26 new languages or dialects ranging from Achual spoken in Peru to Yakurr of Nigeria.

Bible production lags in the Soviet Union, with only 140,000 Bibles and Testaments having been published since 1956. However, an endeavor to produce a new translation of the Bible into Russian is apparently underway in Leningrad. Pilot projects of the venture, involving translation of Mark sections, have already been completed.

No Pope for Lutherans

The recent report issued by Lutheran and Roman theologians on the results of their dialogue on the subject of papal primacy and suggesting the possibility of reconciliation of the two communions under a renewed papacy has provoked heavy and heated response. The News Bureau of the Lutheran Council in the USA was moved to issue a bulletin under the heading, "Statement on Papal Primacy Inspires Barrage of Mail."

Among the many periodical articles taking issue with the dialogue report is an editorial in the May *Lutherans Alert*. It asks, "What are the

chief issues that separate us?" Then the editorial presents a list of ten major doctrinal matters still dividing Lutherans and Romans. While our readers might want to change order and wording or add or substitute certain items, the list highlights important doctrinal disagreement and reminds us that the distance from Wittenberg to Rome is just as far in 1974 as it was in 1517. The list follows:

1. Supremacy of the papacy (Infallibility).
2. The doctrine of justification by faith.
3. Number of the sacraments — two or seven?
4. Doctrine of purgatory.
5. Which is the final authority: Scripture or Church?
6. Is tradition equal with Scripture in church doctrine?
7. Nature of the priesthood (ministry).
8. Nature of the Eucharist (Mass).
9. Faith and good works.
10. The way of salvation.

Argentina School Problems

Our Christian elementary and secondary schools and our Synodical worker-training educational establishments have by now all completed another school year without any special difficulties. We can rejoice that in this day of declining enrollments and private-school closings on the elementary level at least eight new day schools will be opened by our congregations next fall. These are blessings not to be taken for granted.

In Argentina's Cordoba province private secondary schools, mostly maintained by the Roman Church, are being harassed and threatened by new educational legislation. The law requires that all teaching and administrative posts be filled through a public competitive procedure by which the person with the best professional qualifications is to be hired. The result could well be a Marxist filling the post of principal in a Roman high school. Roman Church officials have protested that "from now on the parents will not have the right to decide how to educate their sons. Their only option will be the building they will attend."

We have reason to be grateful that in the northern part of this hemisphere our schools are free of such rigid state control. We also have reason to take heed that we never do anything that in any way might be a factor in bringing about such controls in our country.

The Church's Staying Power

Six years after the Hoxha regime in Albania formally outlawed church and religion in that Iron Curtain country, a party newspaper had to admit, "We have by no means achieved complete emancipation from the remnants of religious influences." Another publication complained, "Openly in some places, clandestinely in others, in new form and in old . . . religious vestiges are still alive."

In China the so-called "Cultural Revolution" was supposed to have ended formal and public worship of Christians. Not too long ago came word that a Chinese priest had conducted a Roman marriage ceremony in Peking's one remaining Roman Catholic church.

Long before the Red rulers of this century came upon the scene, other kings of the earth were finding out that their seemingly limitless power was not strong enough to uproot the Christian religion through any quick and harsh program of persecution. It is not strange that that fact of history is repeating itself in our day. The Spirit, who preserves faith through

the Gospel, is God, unchanging and enduring.

Domino in the Ring

In the Lutheran Church in America a parish pastor, Dr. Wallace Fisher of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, is actively campaigning for the presidency of that church body. The election will be held at the church's Baltimore Convention, July 3-10, 1974. Dr. Marshall, the incumbent, is eligible for reelection.

This is the first time that anyone has campaigned actively for the top leadership post of the LCA. A recent ALC presidential election was also marked and marred by such electioneering.

Dr. Fisher's campaign involves mailings to the clergy and to convention delegates. He has offered to discuss his candidacy "at Synod meetings and in other groups throughout the church." His platform includes a call for an upgrading of economic support for the clergy and augmented pensions for retired church workers.

We hope that this recent innovation does not become commonplace. Most of all, we would wish it would not ever crop up in our church body. The concept of the call, which applies also to Synod leaders, is not enhanced when election is sought by means of political-type campaigns. Let the office seek the man; let the church call its leader.

Edward C. Fredrich

HOUSEMOTHER NEEDED — MLA New Ulm, Minnesota

The position of housemother in Centennial Hall will be vacant following the close of the 1973-74 school year. With the help of three college, resident assistants, the housemother has supervision of 100 to 125 girls of high-school age preparing for the teaching ministry.

Please direct any applications or inquiries regarding this responsible position to: Prof. Lloyd D. Hahnke, Acting Dean of Students, Martin Luther Academy, New Ulm, Minnesota 56073.

ARIZONA-CALIFORNIA

DISTRICT CONVENTION

Date: June 18-20, 1974.

Place: Good Shepherd Church (Pastor I. G. Frey) at 3040 N. 7th Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona.

Time: 9:00 a.m. check-in; 10:00 a.m. opening service.

Essayist: Prof. Joel C. Gerlach on "Humanism Today."

Accommodations: Delegates on own for housing and meals due to limited facilities at the church.

Attendance: Delegates expected to remain to close of convention.

Visitors: All in Arizona at this time are welcome.
A. Keibel, Secretary

COLLOQUY

Mr. E. R. Wendland has requested a colloquy to verify his theological competence for the work of Language Coordinator in the Lutheran Church of Central Africa. Correspondence relative to the request may be addressed to the undersigned.

W. J. Zaring, President
Michigan District

INSTALLATIONS AND COMMISSIONINGS

(Authorized by the District Presidents)

Pastors:

Flunker, Charles, commissioned as Christian Missioner to Puerto Rico on May 7, 1974, at St. Paul's Lutheran, Stockton, Kansas, by H. Essmann (Nebr.).

Miller, John David, installed as pastor of St. John's, Renville, Minnesota, on May 12, 1974, by O. Engel (Minn.).

Scheuerlein, Gary L., installed as pastor of St. John's, Victorville, California, on April 28, 1974, by R. Yecke (Ariz.-Calif.).

Ziebell, Raymond E., installed as pastor of St. John's, Slades Corners, Wisconsin, on May 5, 1974, by R. Michel (SEW).

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(Submitted by the District Presidents)

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Addition: Please add the following names to the list of mission workers as printed on page 41 of the 1973 Yearbook, under Hong Kong:

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Hip Wo Street

3rd Floor — Flat A-5

Kwun Ton, Hong Kong

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

RED PULPIT SCARF

St. John's Lutheran Church of Lake Benton, Minnesota, has a red pulpit scarf available to any congregation requesting it. Contact: Mrs. Vernon Schlapkohl, Verdi, MN 56179.

NOTICE

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

June 17 & 18, 1974.

Business to be acted on is to be submitted to the Executive Secretary of the Board with copies to be furnished the Chairman of the Board.

Carl S. Leyrer, Secretary
Board of Trustees

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Pastor E. G. Hertler
1890 - 1974

It was at his home on the South Ridge — six miles west of La Crescent, Minnesota — on Monday, April 22, 1974, that the Chief Shepherd and Lord of the Church brought to a peaceful close the 60-year earthly ministry of Pastor Edwin G. Hertler, taking to Himself in heaven the soul of His under-shepherd at the age of 83 years, 9 months, and 14 days.

Pastor Hertler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gottlob Hertler, was born on July 8, 1890, in Saline, Michigan. He was baptized at Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church of Saline on August 3, 1890, and confirmed there on Palm Sunday, 1904.

Urged by one of his parochial-school teachers to prepare for the ministry, he attended Northwestern Preparatory School and College at Watertown, Wisconsin, and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, then in Wau-

watosa, Wisconsin, graduating in June, 1914.

On September 8, 1914, he was united in marriage to Marie nee Reck, at Appleton, Wisconsin, and then moved to his first charge, a mission congregation at Temvik, North Dakota, where he served two years. In the summer of 1916, Pastor Hertler accepted the call to southeastern Minnesota, where he faithfully shepherded the Lord's flocks at Emanuel Ev. Lutheran Church, Brownsville, 48 years, from 1916 to 1964; Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church, South Ridge, 58 years, from 1916 to 1974; Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Hokah, 58 years, from 1916 to 1974; and First Ev. Lutheran Church, La Crescent, 26 years, from 1942 to 1968. Under his spiritual administration, 507 souls were baptized, 455 confirmed, 182 weddings performed, and 190 funerals conducted in the tri-parish of South Ridge, Hokah, and La Crescent. Loved by generations of Lutherans and many other people who knew

him, Pastor Hertler was affectionately considered "the shepherd of the hills" of southeastern Minnesota.

Survivors include his wife and their son, Pastor Alfred Hertler of Kaukauna, Wisconsin, two grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and one sister.

Funeral services were conducted at First Ev. Lutheran Church, La Crescent, Minnesota, on Thursday, April 25, 1974. Pastor John Parcher preached the sermon based on Deuteronomy 3:24, and the undersigned read the liturgical service at the church. The committal services were held at Riverside Cemetery, Appleton, Wisconsin, on April 26, with Pastor F. M. Brandt officiating.

"O Lord God, Thou hast begun to show Thy servant Thy greatness, and Thy mighty hand: for what God is there in heaven or in earth, that can do according to Thy works, and according to Thy might?"

M. C. Smith

CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES

DAKOTA-MONTANA

DISTRICT CONVENTION

Date: June 18-20, 1974.
Place: Northwestern Lutheran Academy, Mobridge, South Dakota.
Opening: Communion Service, June 18, 10:00 a.m. C.D.T., at Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Mobridge, South Dakota.
Preacher: David A. Krenke.
Essay: "The Old Gospel for the New Age," Prof. Frederic E. Blume, Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, Wisconsin.
Agenda: "Report to the Ten Districts" and reports of the standing committees.
Note: Pastors and delegates are reminded to bring their own bedding for lodging in the NLA dormitories.
John M. Engel, Secretary

MICHIGAN

DISTRICT CONVENTION

Date: June 11-13, 1974.
Place: Michigan Lutheran Seminary Saginaw, Michigan.
Registration: Tuesday, June 11, from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.
Opening Session: Tuesday, June 11, at 10:30 a.m.
Convention Service: Wednesday, June 12, 7:30 p.m., at Trinity Lutheran Church, Bay City, Michigan.
Essay: Anticipating the Return of the Exalted King, G. Tiefel.
Exegesis: Colossians 1:15-19, Raymond Frey, J. Westendorf, Secretary

MINNESOTA

REDWOOD FALLS DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: Tuesday, June 25, 1974; 1:30 p.m.
Place: Immanuel Ev. Lutheran, Gibbon, Minnesota (L. A. Hohenstein, host pastor).

Agenda: Holy Communion for pastors, teachers, and delegates; Essay: "Amazing Grace — 125 Years of It"; The Book of Reports and Memorials; Redwood Falls Conference Mission Booster Association; conference business.
Note: Please send all excuses to the host pastor, L. A. Hohenstein, Secretary

ST. CROIX PASTOR-TEACHER-DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: June 25, 1974; 9:00 a.m. Communion service.
Place: Good Shepherd, 1301 E. County Road 42, Burnsville, Minnesota.
Preacher: Mark Lenz (F. Kogler, alternate).
Agenda: "The World of the Occult"; C. Sengbusch; Dues and subscriptions for "The Lutheran Educator."
D. Buch, Secretary

RED WING DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: June 25, 1974.
Place: Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Eitzen, Minnesota.
Preacher: D. Gosdeck (alternate: T. Haar).
Agenda: Report to the 10 Districts; conference business and elections.
F. Mueller, Secretary

CROW RIVER VALLEY PRE-DISTRICT DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: June 26, 1974; 9:00 a.m. Communion service.
Place: Salem, Loretto, Minnesota.
Agenda: Reports presented by Central Circuit pastors.
Note: The conference will close at 4:30 p.m.
K. Mau, Secretary

NEBRASKA

DISTRICT CONVENTION

Date: June 18-20, 1974.
Place: St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church, Plymouth, Nebraska.
Opening Communion service: June 18, 9:00 a.m.
Preacher: Prof. Carl J. Lawrenz, President, Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, Wisconsin.
Essay: "God's Unique Judgment of the Flood," Prof. C. Lawrenz.

The Closing Service: The closing service with special emphasis on Christian education will be held on Wednesday evening, 7:30 p.m. The Preacher: Pastor P. Knickelbein, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
Cost: To defray the cost of the convention, each congregation within the District is to send \$5.00 to the District secretary prior to the convention. For every pastor, teacher, and lay delegate attending the convention, there will also be an \$8.00 fee for the cost of meals. This is to be paid at the registration center upon arrival.
Registration: All voting delegates are to present their certification forms at the registration center before the opening service.
Excuses: All excuses, full-time or part-time, are to be sent to the District secretary or to the host pastor prior to the convention. For unforeseen part-time excuses, there will also be an excuse box at the convention.
Housing: Kindly respond to the host pastor in ample time so that the necessary accommodations can be arranged.
W. C. Goehring, Secretary

NORTHERN WISCONSIN

FOX RIVER VALLEY PASTOR-TEACHER-DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: June 16, 1974; 2:00 p.m.
Place: St. Mark, Green Bay, Wisconsin (C. Voss, host pastor).
Agenda: Report to the Districts; Election of Visiting Elders.
R. M. Muetzel, Secretary

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

DISTRICT CONVENTION

Date: June 18-20, 1974.
Place: St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Spokane, Washington (J. E. Henning, host pastor).
Essayist: Prof. John Jeske, Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, Wisconsin.
Agenda: The Report to the Ten Districts.
Notes: Details concerning the time of sessions will be sent to every congregation. Authorization of lay delegates by their respective congregations should be submitted at the Convention. Meals and lodging will be provided by the host congregation. Please notify the host pastor early in the event of an intended absence of a pastor and/or lay delegate.
David Bode, Secretary

Treasurer's Report

PREBUDGET SUBSCRIPTION PERFORMANCE

Four months ended April 30, 1974

| | Subscription Amount for 1974 | 4/12 of Annual Subscription | Subscription and Pension Offerings | Per Cent of Subscription |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Arizona-California | \$ 284,176 | \$ 94,724 | \$ 104,957 | 110.8 |
| Dakota-Montana | 198,690 | 66,229 | 57,313 | 86.5 |
| Michigan | 1,013,283 | 337,758 | 317,893 | 94.1 |
| Minnesota | 1,050,611 | 350,200 | 357,319 | 102.0 |
| Nebraska | 204,415 | 68,138 | 68,571 | 100.6 |
| Northern Wisconsin | 1,140,109 | 380,033 | 392,259 | 103.2 |
| Pacific Northwest | 75,950 | 25,316 | 28,125 | 111.1 |
| Southeastern Wisconsin | 1,374,223 | 458,070 | 461,828 | 100.8 |
| Western Wisconsin | 1,320,560 | 440,182 | 414,379 | 94.1 |
| South Atlantic | 52,870 | 17,623 | 16,499 | 93.6 |
| Total — 1974 | \$6,714,887(A) | \$2,238,273 | \$2,219,143 | 99.1 |
| Total — 1973 | \$6,415,373 | \$2,138,436 | \$2,033,594 | 95.1 |

Note (A) — The subscription amount for 1974 has been increased \$8,000.00 to include all revisions received by the Stewardship Department as of March 31, 1974.

CURRENT BUDGETARY FUND

Statement of Income and Expenditures

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

| | Twelve months ended April 30 | | | |
|--|------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|----------|
| | 1974 | 1973 | Increase or Decrease* Amount | Per Cent |
| Income | | | | |
| Prebudget Subscription Offerings | \$6,921,596 | \$6,022,210 | \$899,386 | 14.9 |
| Pension Plan Contributions | 95,561 | 102,079 | 6,518* | 6.4* |
| Gifts, Memorials and Bequests | 77,926 | 51,225 | 26,701 | 52.1 |
| Earnings from Fox Estate | 91,332 | — | 91,332 | — |
| Income from NWPB | — | 6,562 | 6,562* | — |
| Other Income | 6,452 | 2,030 | 4,422 | — |
| Transfers from Other Funds | 69,853 | — | 69,853 | — |
| Total Income | \$7,262,720 | \$6,184,106 | \$1,078,614 | 17.4 |
| Expenditures | | | | |
| Worker Training — Expenses | \$3,776,147 | \$3,423,278 | \$352,869 | 10.3 |
| Worker Training — Income | 1,582,859 | 1,513,074 | 69,785 | 4.6 |
| Worker Training — Net | \$2,193,288 | \$1,910,204 | \$283,084 | 14.8 |
| Home Missions | 1,194,013 | 1,010,574 | 183,439 | 18.2 |
| World Missions | 1,132,705 | 909,448 | 223,257 | 24.5 |
| Benevolences | 812,454 | 810,782 | 1,672 | .2 |
| Administration and Services | 523,049 | 411,194 | 111,855 | 27.2 |
| Total Operations | \$5,855,509 | \$5,052,202 | \$803,307 | 15.9 |
| Appropriations — Building Funds | 227,298 | 255,219 | 27,921* | 10.9* |
| Appropriations — CEF Program | 794,849 | 790,324 | 4,525 | 0.6 |
| Total Expenditures | \$6,877,656 | \$6,097,745 | \$779,911 | 12.8 |
| Operating Gain | \$ 385,064 | \$ 86,361 | — | — |

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

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

| For the month of: | Cutoff Date |
|-------------------|-------------|
| June | July 5 |
| July | August 7 |
| August | September 6 |
| September | October 7 |

APPOINTMENT

Pastor Daniel Westendorf has been appointed as the visiting elder of the Northern Circuit, Southwestern Conference, Michigan District, to succeed Pastor D. Tetzlaff, who has moved to another District.

W. J. Zarling, President
Michigan District

HELP NEEDED

The East Fork Lutheran Mission School is in need of a girls' matron for the 1974-75 school year. Also needed is a cook for the school cafeteria. Board and living quarters provided. Interested applicants please contact Mr. Arthur J. Meier, Principal, East Fork Mission, Box 128, East Fork, Arizona 85941.

GOING TO EXPO 74?

If you are attending Expo 74 you are cordially invited to visit one of your missions and worship with us at St. Matthew Ev. Lutheran Church, N. 6905 Country Homes Blvd., Spokane, Washington. Our worship service during the summer is at 9 a.m. Pastor John E. Henning, telephone (509) 326-3766.

TRAVELERS TO GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

For information regarding WELS worship services, please contact Pastor Marvin Putz, 808 Sacajawea Dr., Great Falls, Montana 59404, Phone (406) 452-1286.

ISLE ROYALE NATIONAL PARK

Vacationers embarking for Isle Royale National Park and summer residents of Michigan's Keweenaw peninsula are invited to attend WELS student services at University Lutheran Chapel in Houghton, Michigan. From June 13 through September 1, WELS services are also held every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. EDT at the Christian Science Church, 209 W. Montezuma in Houghton. Paul Kante, pastor.