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Briefs by the Editor

Beginning with this issue, *The Northwestern Lutheran* will bring accounts of our District conventions. Since the Districts of our Synod are not financially autonomous, the question is sometimes asked whether they actually serve a purpose. They do.

First of all, they serve our Synod in an advisory capacity, reacting to what the Synod places before them in its *Report to the Districts*. Since all congregations are represented at a District convention, the resolutions passed there in a direct way reflect the thinking of the grass roots. This is good. You will note that very feature in the two reports presented in this issue.

Districts also have their own work to do. Among other things, doctrinal discipline is a major responsibility of each District. Thus Districts will at times appoint Review Commissions and receive reports from them. Through the District Mission Boards the individual District also controls the direction of mission work done in its own midst. The District Boards for Parish Education not only generate enthusiasm for Christian day schools, but also supervise the part-time educational endeavors of the congregations. Stewardship and evangelism are two more areas of major importance if each District and each congregation is to do the Lord's work.

District conventions are also important because they foster a sense of spiritual fellowship among the representatives of the congregations. They learn to know that they are not standing alone in their love for the Lord and in their battle against forces that compromise the faith and endanger the souls of men.

Yes, District conventions play an important role in the life of our church. Reading about them should be of interest to all our members.

We welcome St. Paul's Lutheran of Saginaw, Michigan, to the number of congregations that have blanket subscriptions to "The Northwestern Lutheran." St. Paul's 548 families not only boost the total number of subscriptions, but will themselves be able to read about the Gospel work done in their name by our Synod. This will be beneficial in both directions. God willing, more congregations will follow St. Paul's example. Pastors of the congregation are Richard Gensmer and Duane Tomhave.

One of the exiting events scheduled for next month is the International Youth Rally (WELS) at Ottawa, Canada, Tuesday through Friday, August 13-16. It is sponsored by the Walther League of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Ottawa. Inviting WELS youth from all over the Synod is their way of observing the 100th anniversary of the founding of St. Paul's Congregation. Participants will be housed in the homes of members of St. Paul Lutheran.

The theme of the rally is "Learn, Love, Live Christ." The daily program will include devotions, Bible study, group discussions on life topics. There will be an open air festival, tours of Canada's capital, a giant barbecue, several sing-songs, and a mass youth service.

Among those attending will be a group of 44 young people and their two counselors from the South Atlantic District. Coming and going, they will be on the road seven days. So will many others. We pray God to protect and watch over all of them.

Another event you may want to attend is the Creation Convention being held at the Red Carpet Inn, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Aug. 18-21. Some 40 speakers are scheduled, plus workshops, all emphasizing the doctrine of Creation vs. Evolution. It will be worth your while.

*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

Anyone present at Dr. Martin Luther College on June Night would have been thrilled to hear the musical organizations give a spirited rendition of Richard Maltby's "We, the People," a musical setting of the Preamble of the Constitution of the United States. Read more about the DMLC graduation ceremonies on pages 232 and 233.

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Editorials

Our Battle Station If you cannot keep abreast of the "religious scene" in America today, you are probably not missing much. But if you are attempting to keep up, you may have noticed an unusual amount of strife within the various church bodies.

A word of caution is in place about getting our "facts" from the public news media. With a sigh of exasperation the family doctor once told me: "I promise not to get my religion out of *Time* magazine, if you will stop getting your medical opinions out of it." Good point, Doc!

How many religious issues are distorted or blown out of proportion simply because they make interesting headlines! And are they the real issues? Do second- and third-hand reports allow us to make pronouncements on other people's problems? Is it even possible for the world accurately to report the essence and spirit of the faith for which we contend?

Everywhere and always God's people are fighting the same battle that God's people have ever fought. The attack upon God's Word can come in the name of advanced scholarship or in the form of lip service to doctrines no longer believed to be "relevant." But it is always the same satanic temptation to doubt the Word: "Yea, hath God said?"

We are not spectators to that battle, casual observers to others waging their campaign. Who humbly knows how far short he falls himself, how hard it is even to stay in the battle, often "knocked down but not knocked out," has little heart or strength left to comment overmuch on other battlefronts.

When our soldiering is over, it will not be remarks on the battle in general that count, but personal accounting like Paul's: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

John Parcher

Not Too Many Students If there weren't so many students at our Synodical schools, most of them preparing for work in the church, we wouldn't have to spend nearly \$3,000,000 to build new dormitories at Northwestern College in Watertown and at Michigan Lutheran Seminary in Saginaw, and we wouldn't be thinking of expanding Northwestern Lutheran Academy in Mobridge.

If there weren't so many students, we wouldn't need as many faculty members either; we could also reduce our food and fuel and maintenance costs. Not only could our thankoffering pledges be reduced; our Synodical budget could also be cut.

But if there weren't so many students, there would soon be fewer pastors for our pulpits and teachers for our

classrooms. In a few years we would again be worried about shortages of workers in our Synod as we were 10 short years ago, in 1964, when we had to make do with 15 graduates from the Seminary and with less than 50 from Dr. Martin Luther College.

The worker-training programs of our Synod is progressing well. That means that we can continue to establish missions (23 of the 44 Seminary graduates were assigned to mission parishes this spring) and to open new schools. We can also fill the vacancies in our pulpits and in our classrooms. We can supply our growing area Lutheran high schools with many of their instructors.

Our outlay for worker-training is sizable. Nearly 30 per cent of our Synod budget goes for salaries and services at our Synodical schools and for other worker-training activities. Capital expenditures, which have been averaging between \$750,000 and \$1,000,000 per year in the last 10 years, must also be added to this total.

But what is a Bible-sound, Christian pastor worth in these days when the Gospel is being adulterated in the name of the Gospel and the Word is being discounted in the name of scholarship and integrity? What is a dedicated Christian teacher worth in these days of miseducation that inoculates children with falsehoods about themselves, about the world about them, and about the God who created and redeemed them?

These schools of ours are precious gifts of God. If we do not recognize their worth, we shall not be able to retain them as they are — productive workshops for the preparation of pastors and teachers, gifts of the Spirit.

Carleton Toppe

Updating According to an Associated Press religious news article in June, a major church body in the United States was taking under consideration a "new creed of belief." The article made mention of the fact that this was the church body's "first updated declaration of faith in more than three centuries."

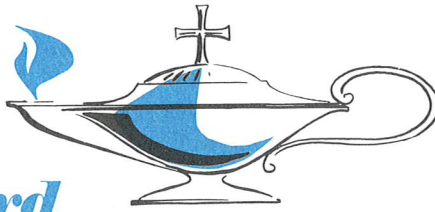
The usual connotation of updating is improvement. To evolutionists, as man evolves and discovers more of the truth, faith must be revised to conform to these new discoveries on the part of man. This accounts in most cases for the so-called "updating" of declarations of faith by religious bodies. The wisdom of man is being substituted for the wisdom of God.

To us who are convinced that Holy Scripture is the Word of God, Christian faith need not be updated. In Scripture the truth has been revealed by God. Thus, insofar as faith is based on the Word of God, it requires no updating. It is already true, and revision can only result in regression from the truth. We therefore usually look askance at the "updating" of declarations of faith. Too often "updating" is a verbal smokescreen for departure from the timeless truth revealed by God.

This is not to say, however, that our efforts to *communicate* the truth cannot be updated. For instance, there

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Studies in God's Word



The Joy of Christian Service

Do all things without murmurings and disputings, that ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world holding forth the Word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither labored in vain" (Philippians 2:14-16).

Last time we heard the Apostle urge: "Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others." Having a genuine concern for others and seeking their best interests is not an easy task. Our own weakness and the perversity of others lead to many a lapse. Hence Paul follows his directive of Christian concern with the encouragement: "Do all things without murmurings and disputings."

Children of Light

Note that Paul is here going beyond simple *concern*. Concern is an attitude of the heart, a frame of mind. Here Paul is speaking of *doing*, i.e., Christian *service*. Whatever the Christian does, he is to do it without complaining or arguing, "that ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation." It should be noted at the outset that in addressing the Philippians, St. Paul is speaking to believers. As such they are children of God, but their blessed status becomes apparent to others only in the way they talk and act.

They are to conduct themselves, Paul says, without murmurings and disputings. In this way they will prove themselves to be "blameless and harmless . . . without rebuke" in the midst of a people who are totally different.

The adjectives that describe the children of God are interesting and instructive. *Blameless* and *harmless* are obviously a pair. The latter word means literally "unmixed" and might better have been translated as "pure" or "innocent." Together the adjectives bespeak both aspects of the Christian life: outward blamelessness coupled with inner purity to render the child of God "without rebuke" in the world. Here again the original has an adjective meaning "without blemish." It is the word regularly used to describe the sheep and lambs offered for sacrifice. Hence it is a vivid reminder that the child of God is blameless and innocent only through the robe of righteousness earned for him by the *spotless* Lamb of God.

Children of Darkness

Clothed in that righteousness, however, the child of God stands in total contrast to the children of this world. They are a "crooked and perverse" lot, or as the original says, "twisted and tangled." Like a ball of yarn that has been started from the wrong end, or like a "birdnest" formed in a fishing reel that has backlashed, so the children of this world are spiritually all mixed up. They need help. Giving this spiritual help is the greatest service that the child of God can render to the world. And it is such service to

unbelievers of which St. Paul is speaking when he says, "among whom ye shine as lights in the world." The very imagery of *light* indicates that the unbelievers are lost, wandering aimlessly, groping about in darkness. They need guidance and direction, help that the child of God can bring by "holding forth the Word of life."

In studying the Gospels we marvel at the greatness of a Savior of whom the centurion could say, "Lord, speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed." We may think: If only I had such life-giving power! But we fail to realize that our Lord has laid that power into our hands. He says: "Speak the Word, and men will live." We can rescue candidates for death by "holding forth the *Word of life*."

A Joyous Service

Sharing the Gospel message is a blessed service indeed, and one that cannot help but bring joy to all who do it. If there is joy among the angels of heaven over each sinner who repents (Luke 15:7), ought not we also take joy in being allowed to share in the work of calling men to repentance? It is a joy that the Apostle felt keenly. But his was not only a joy for the moment. It extends on into eternity. Paul urges the Philippians to be zealous in holding forth the Word "that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither labored in vain." Paul is looking ahead to Judgment Day. Only then will it become fully apparent how many twisted and tangled lives were straightened out by "holding forth the Word of life" as that was done by Paul himself, by his Philippian converts, by our fathers and forefathers, by us, by our children and children's children. All that great host arrayed in white will be eternally grateful for the service rendered by humble men and women who let their light shine and who held forth the Word of life to them. But the joy caused by their gratitude will be as nothing when compared with that supreme accolade, the words of our Master: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, . . . enter thou into the Joy of thy Lord."

Armin J. Panning



Left:
Missionaries,
Japanese pastors,
and lay delegates to
The 1973 Church Council

GOSPEL OUTREACH in JAPAN

Excerpts from the letters of
several Japanese missionaries.

Results of a recent poll of Bible class members in our Japanese Lutheran church showed that most people first hear about the Good News of Christ Jesus over radio and do something about it usually when they provisionally move near a Christian church after high school, college, their marriage, or a job opening.

The number of Christian churches in Japan is very small — about one for every 20,000 people! — and the proportion of people nominally calling themselves Christian is less than one in a hundred! Most of the churches are in the population centers. Until the Japanese Christians themselves go out with the Gospel of Christ the growth will be in the centers of population and the great mass of people, millions of them, living out in the country and the smaller towns and villages will be outside the reach of the Gospel and the hope in Christ!

Obviously, other means must be found to reach them. Our Lutheran Evangelical Christian Church (Japan Mission of WELS) is intensely concerned about finding a way to do this.

First of all, we place great emphasis on training Japanese pastors and church workers. Our people are trained in evangelism! Then, as the funds become available to us through the generosity of our Christians at home, we buy and use printing equipment of every kind to publish and distribute good Lutheran literature as widely as possible. We know that our Japanese friends are 99.5% liter-

ate and that they are avid readers and learners.

Bibles and Bible tracts are distributed freely, imprinted with our church names and locations to make it easy to find us.

But this is not enough in our modern day and age, an age of instantaneous mass communication!

Radio Is the Answer!

Another avenue open to us for reaching the people in Japan is the radio. Almost every Japanese family owns at least one radio. Realizing this, our LECC has used this medium since November, 1963. Today the Gospel is being broadcast every Sunday morning on prime time, "A" time, over stations at Mito and Tsuchiura in the Ibaraki Prefecture and at Utsonomiya in the Tochigi Prefecture, reaching out to about four (4) million people! The 15-minute broadcast is called *IESU TO TOMO NO AYUMU JIKAN* (A Moment Walking with Jesus). It begins with a hymn — our Japanese friends are very fond of hymns! — a brief Gospel message with a meditation of six or seven minutes by the missionaries, Japanese pastors and, occasionally, church members; it closes with information about the local churches, an offer of free Bibles, literature, correspondence courses — also for the blind.

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First reached by radio, Mrs. Akagami was baptized in Shimodate. She led her husband-to-be to Christ, and they are now a happy Christian family.

Recent summer Bible camp.



Radio Is Effective!

A sample "pull-in" recently showed that 22 people called the radio station about our broadcast on a given Sunday and the average for four months was 11 each week. Above all, it is heartwarming to witness the direct result in the number of people who show up at our churches because of the broadcast.

One of our missionaries had the following experience. A family living in a remote mountain area north of Ashikaga had serious problems in the home. The father, meek and gentle when at work at the local railroad station, often became violent at home, even beating his wife and two small children. This went on until the wife thought she could stand it no longer. Not knowing where to turn for help she contemplated suicide and the murder of her children! It was at this time that she happened to listen to our radio broadcast. She wrote to the missionary. He came to counsel, and the family has now begun to attend church.

The Word For Each Day

The radio broadcast has been expanded to include a *daily* two-minute message entitled *KYO NO KOTOBA* (The Word for Today). This presents a short Scripture with hymn music in the background. It is broadcast at 7:10 every morning when the greatest number of people are listening to the radio. Only the Lord Himself knows how many will thus be brought face to face with the Word of Life and hope in Christ.

One of our listeners who lives in Tateyama City in the Gumma Prefecture wrote as follows:

"Thank you very much for sending us the sermons on the radio! If I don't listen to your program the day seems very drear to me. Please, use the enclosed gift for evangelism. And, please, continue the broadcast *A Moment with Jesus*, and also send us the *Lutheran News*. Our Savior Jesus brings me much happiness. I can now work cheerfully every day. Be sure to take care of yourself on these cold days!"

Fruits of the Spirit . . .

PEACE

The word "peace" is probably one of the most frequently used words in the English language. People are looking for "peace" of mind. Nations all over the world claim to be striving for "peace." Millions of tourists travel long distances to find a little "peace" and quiet. Often one hears also non-Jewish people using the Hebrew greeting "shalom" (which means "peace") when they are bidding friends farewell. All this is simply to illustrate that the word "peace" has a variety of shades of meaning.

In Galatians 5:22 the Apostle Paul reminds us that one of the fruits of the spirit is "peace," and it is good for us to study this particular use of the word. What does the inspired writer have in mind when he states that "peace" is one of the Christian virtues — one indication of the faith which the Lord has planted in the hearts of His people?

The Greek lexicon lying open before me devotes almost an entire page to a discussion of the Greek word for "peace." It is a word which was used frequently also by the writers of the New Testament — again with a variety of shades of meaning. But the definition of "peace" when it is used to describe one of the fruits of the spirit can well be stated in this way: "the tranquil state of a soul assured of its salvation through Christ, and so fearing nothing from God and content with its earthly lot, of whatsoever sort that is." In short, "peace" is the condition of well-being when God is our Friend and thus all is well with us.

This condition of peace, of course, is the result of the grace of God in Christ towards us undeserving sinners. We are reminded of this in Paul's salutation to the Christians in Galatia (chap. 1:3): "Grace be to you and peace from God the Father and from our Lord Jesus Christ." There would be no real peace for us if it

were not for the grace of God. He has established this peace for us through Christ.

Now how does this reveal itself in a Christian's life? How will others be able to identify the peace which fills our hearts? True peace of this kind just can't be hidden! It must show itself in our everyday relationships with our fellow men. Our reaction to the grace of God toward sinful man — grace which makes it possible for us to look forward with confidence to heaven — will surely be one of "peaceful co-existence" with all of our associates. A peaceful, cheerful disposition, whatever his situation in life, ought to come naturally to a child of God. He will not be quarrelsome and consistently argumentative and always disagreeable. He will not try to "pick a fight" but rather to avoid one. In spite of the fact that there are people who are very abrasive and difficult to live with, Christians filled with true peace will have the God-given skill to deal with such personalities. When a conversation gets "hot," the peace-filled Christian will seek to "cool it." When tempers flare, he will make every effort to soothe troubled waters. Nothing is worth an emotional "blowup." Remember, "the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, *peace*." It is simply not becoming to a Christian to reflect virtues opposite to these. If he does, do God's love and grace mean what they should to him? If he is in the habit of grumbling and complaining when things are not going the way he thinks they should — if he is "at war" with his situation in life rather than contentedly being "at peace" — is he then truly giving evidence of real Christian faith?

With God's help let's work at it, fellow redeemed! Let's strive to let "peace" fill us to overflowing! God give us His peace in ever richer measure so that our lives will radiate that peace in all of our activities!

Philip R. Janke

GRADUATIONS at Watertown

After the 44 graduates of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary were assigned to their parishes this spring, there were still quite a number of congregations without pastors. There just weren't enough graduates to man the new mission stations and to fill all the vacancies in our established congregations. Under these circumstances it's good to know that larger graduating classes are in prospect. Sixty-four vicars were assigned in May. Two years hence, then, we may expect that a much larger number of graduates will be available to meet our parish needs.

Another large class will be entering the Seminary in September, when this year's graduates of Northwestern College begin their studies there. Approximately 60 of the 65 members of the class of 1974 are expected to enroll at Mequon this fall.

To this number may be added a Dr. Martin Luther College graduate who completed a special nondegree program at Northwestern, taking largely language courses to prepare himself for admission to Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary next fall.

NORTHWESTERN COLLEGE



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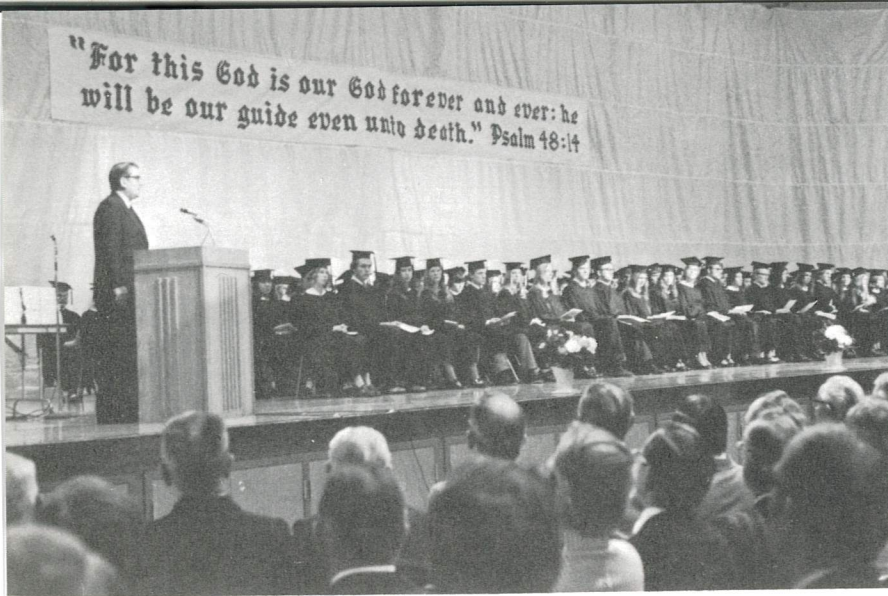
Graduation exercises at Northwestern College were held the morning of May 22, 1974, in the college gymnasium. The address, delivered by the president, was based on the class motto: "Lead me in Thy truth, and teach me: for Thou art the God of my salvation" (Ps. 25:5). Student speakers were Mark Porinsky and James Witt.

In the afternoon of the same day Northwestern Preparatory School graduated a class of 41. The student speaker was Paul Zell. Professor Armin Schuetze of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary delivered the sermon. Up to 30 of the graduates are expected to enroll at either Northwestern College or at Dr. Martin Luther College.

The following are members of the college graduating class:

David Babinec, Cudahy, WI
Paul Baldauf, St. Charles, MI
James Becker, Mequon, WI

Mark Bitter, Howards Grove, WI
Gerald Blobaum, Beatrice, NB
David Bock, St. Francis, WI
Mark Braun, Mequon, WI
John Covach, Plymouth, MI
Roger Crawford, Vanderbilt, TX
Rick Curia, Redwood City, CA
Walter Davidson, Milwaukee, WI
Charles Degner, Ixonia, WI
John Dolan, Zion, IL
Mark Fischer, Brookfield, WI
Michael Frick, Hokah, MN
John Gawrisch, Mequon, WI
Mark Grubbs, Evansville, IN
David Hanke, St. Peter, MN
William Herrmann, Milwaukee, WI
Wayne Hilgendorf, Mequon, WI
Michael Hintz, New London, WI
Lynn Hukee, Santa Ana, CA
Robert Jensen, Brainerd, MN
Mark Jeske, Mequon, WI
Mark Johnston, Milwaukee, WI
Richard Kanzenbach, Appleton, WI
Peter Kassulke, Milwaukee, WI
Dennis Kleist, Watertown, WI
David Laabs, New London, WI
Allen Lindke, New Ulm, MN
James Lindloff, Neillsville, WI
Joel Luetke, New Ulm, MN
Marcus Manthey, New Ulm, MN
John Mattek, Kaukauna, WI
Paul Naumann, Milwaukee, WI
Charles Papenfuss, Dakota, MN
Jon Peterson, Weyauwega, WI
Mark Porinsky, Wauwatosa, WI
Dale Raether, Lake Mills, WI
Jonathan Rimmert, Madison, WI
Paul Scharrer, Hemlock, MI
Paul Schmeling, Alexandria, LA
Gregg Schoeneck, Rhineland, WI
David Schultz, Juneau, WI
Thomas Schulz, Redwood Falls, MN
Robert Schumann, Kenosha, WI
Mark Schwertfeger, Hartford, WI
Curtiss Seefeldt, Hartford, WI
Stephen Smith, Oakfield, WI
Gregory Stahlecker, Naper, NB
Richard Starr, Saginaw, MI
Jonathan Stern, Two Rivers, WI
Elton Stroh, Steele, ND
Donald Sutton, Randolph, WI
Mark Toepel, Saginaw, MI
Michael Turriff, Oak Forest, IL
Duane Vanselow, Franklin, WI
Neil Varnum, Davenport, IA
John Warmuth, Marshall, WI
Karl Wege, New London, WI
Gary Wegner, Montello, WI
Paul Wendland,
Lusaka, Zambia, Africa
Glenn Wenzel, Menasha, WI
David Wilken, St. Joseph, MI
James Witt, Oshkosh, WI



College Graduation

Be Thou Faithful

There was a remarkable agreement in spirit between the graduates of 50 years ago (1924), of whom nine attended the graduation festivities at Dr. Martin Luther College, and the 119 seniors who graduated on Friday morning, June 7, 1974. It can be capsulized in the words of the Fritz Reuter anthem, "Be Thou Faithful Unto Death." The College Choir appropriately dedicated this anthem to the Class of 1924 at the commencement concert and sang it again at the commencement service on the following day.

Giving evidence of this spirit is the statement explaining the illustration

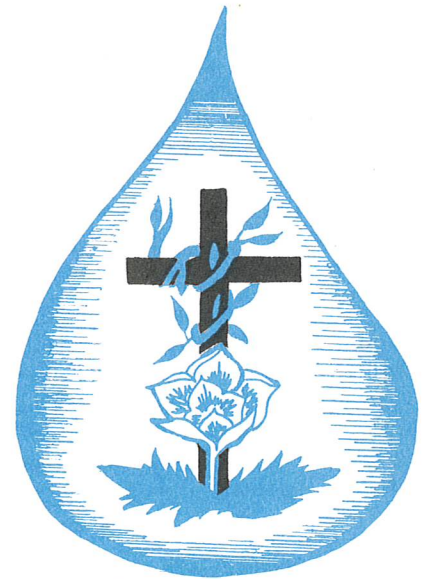
on the commencement folder: "God's grace and love, symbolized by the white Messianic Rose, has given rise to Christ's work of salvation for all men, culminating in His death on the Cross. Entwined by a green vine, the Cross is symbolized as a tree of life. Being enveloped by a drop of Christ's redeeming blood is a reminder of His great suffering for us. It is our prayer that we may pass on these great truths to His lambs." To this we out in the congregations say "Amen."

Busy Days

Closing days were busy days. First there were the examinations. Then,

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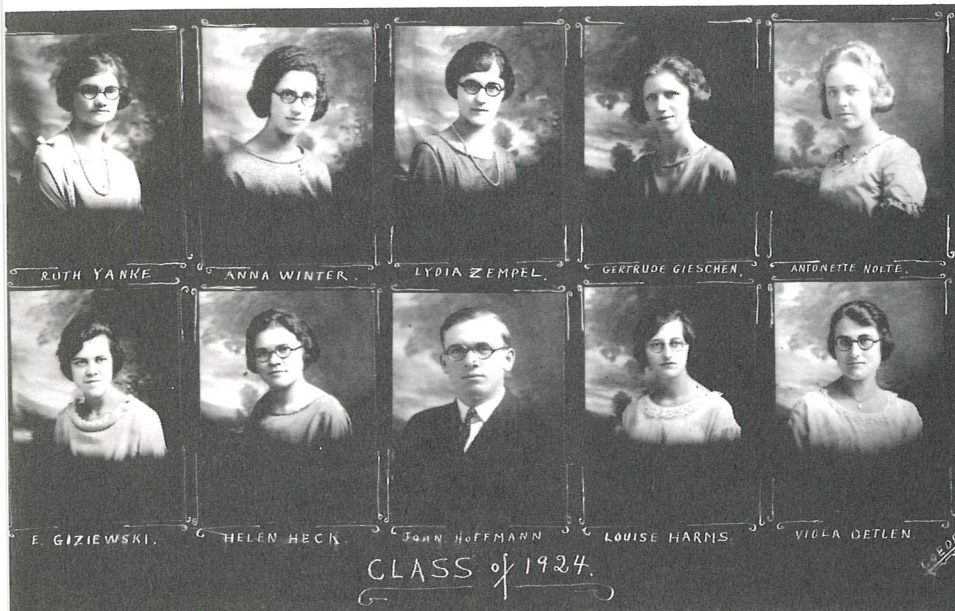
on Monday, June 3, the faculty-graduate banquet, with the faculty providing the entertainment. Tuesday, June 4, brought Call Night. At the 7:30 service Dean of Students Lloyd Huebner based his sermon on I Corinthians 1:20-23, stressing the importance of proclaiming always Christ and Him crucified. After the service President Conrad Frey read the assignments made to the graduates. These then met with their respective District presidents. A reception followed in the Luther Memorial Union.



Martin Luther Academy

On Wednesday evening, June 5, a concert was presented by the Academy students. Musical groups included the Academy Chorus and Choir, the Academy Band, and the Academy Freshmen. The Rambassadors also provided a number.

The next morning heavy rains dampened all who participated in the Martin Luther Academy Commencement at 10:00 A.M. Speaker for the occasion was Pastor Philip Janke, instructor at the Manitowoc Lutheran High School. The diplomas were distributed by President Oscar Siegler.



The Class Hymn

As servants we have all been called
To serve our blessed Lord;
All for the teaching ministry
We've through the years prepared,
And now we stand before the Lord
Asking His blessing in humility.

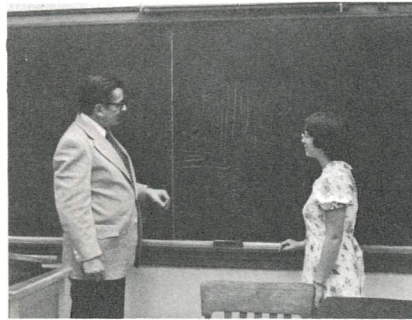
For soon we must begin our work
To shepherd little lambs;
But since the devil round us lurks,
We need God's guiding hand
To keep us from the wicked foe,
That God the Lord
 may be our guide alone.

So help us in the future, Lord,
Along in every class —
Directing every thought and deed
That not a child be lost.
Please build in every heart, O Lord,
Strong faith to follow
 in Your ways alone.

Music for the class hymn was written by John Stark, and the words by Barbara Sauer.

Alumni

The DMLC Alumni and Friends Society held its annual meeting on Thursday afternoon. Honored guests



Pastor R. Wiechmann, president of the new South Atlantic District, and Miss Janet Breiling, Viroqua, Wisconsin, the first teacher candidate assigned to the South Atlantic District, founded in 1973.

were the members of the Class of 1924. Oldest graduate present was Mr. F. W. Schulz, Sr., of the Class of 1909.

College Festivities

The annual DMLC Commencement Concert opened on Thursday evening with a half-hour presentation of band numbers. At 8:00 P.M. the College Choir presented a portion of its sacred song service which had been well received on its western tour. This was followed by a secular section. It concluded with a stirring

rendition of "We, the People," Richard Maltby's musical setting of the Preamble of the Constitution of the United States. Some 2,000 persons were in attendance.

DMLC Commencement

Friday morning at 10:00 A.M. Prof. W. Nolte played an "Improvisation on Class Hymn of 1974," as the procession entered the Luther Memorial Union Hall. Prof. L. Huebner served as liturgist. The degrees were distributed by President C. Frey, assisted by Prof. A. C. Schulz. Commencement speaker was the Rev. R. Wiechmann, president of the newly formed South Atlantic District. He addressed the students on the basis of the class motto: "For this God is our God for ever and ever; He will be our guide even unto death" (Ps. 48:14).

Pleasantly cool weather blessed the closing days at DMLC. As students and faculty went their ways, it was good to know that a God of grace had looked down favorably on another school year and had granted our Synod another group of dedicated teachers. — "Be thou faithful unto death!"

80 YEARS IN TEACHING MINISTRY

Prof. A. Wilbrecht Miss Victoria Schuetze

In a late-afternoon service, held on May 19, 1974, in the chapel of Dr. Martin Luther College, praise was given to the Lord God for permitting two of His servants to serve in the teaching ministry for 40 years. The two are Prof. Adolph Wilbrecht and Miss Victoria Schuetze. Both are members of the education department at DMLC. Miss Schuetze is a supervising teacher at St. Paul's Lutheran School in New Ulm, and Prof. Wilbrecht teaches art and children's literature at the college.

The address at the jubilee service was given by Prof. Armin Schuetze.

He is a brother of Miss Schuetze and a member of the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary faculty. Liturgists were President Conrad Frey and Pastor Otto Engel, chairman of the DMLC Board of Control. The College Choir sang Reuter's "Be Thou Faithful" and Backer's "Apostolic Benediction."

Following the service, a reception was held in Luther Memorial Union. Gifts and communications from well-wishers were presented to the jubilarians.

Both Professor Wilbrecht and Miss Schuetze graduated from Dr. Martin Luther College in 1933. Professor Wilbrecht received a BS in Education in 1954, the first year it was of-

ferred by DMLC, and also a MS degree from Arizona University in 1960.

Since her graduation Miss Schuetze taught at the following congregations: St. John's, Glencoe, Minnesota; St. Paul's, Cudahy, St. Paul's, Tomah, First Lutheran, La Crosse, and St. John's, Burlington, all in Wisconsin; and at Pilgrim, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Since 1962 she has been student teacher supervisor for DMLC at St. Paul's, New Ulm.

During his years in the teaching ministry Professor Wilbrecht served at Frieden's, Kenosha, St. Paul's, Fort Atkinson, and Our Savior's, Wausau, all in Wisconsin; also in Redeemer, Tucson, Arizona. Since 1966 he has taught at the college.

It is the prayer of their coworkers and friends that the Lord, who has so graciously enabled these two servants to work in His Church in the past 40 years, will continue to bless them as they continue to labor in His vineyard.



St. John's rural Peshtigo 1874-1974

How difficult life must have been in the early days, before St. John's was organized as a congregation. The settlers built their log cabins among the trees of the forest. Then they cleared their land and began to work the soil. It took hardy men and women for this strenuous work. They were brave people to do this in spite of the dangers that lurked in the forest wilderness.

Their spiritual needs also caused them some concern. They had their Bibles, their hymnals, and their Catechism; and they made diligent use of them. But much was lacking. There were no regularly scheduled church services for the preaching of God's Word. Consequently the Sacraments were not administered regularly. Who would comfort them in need? Who would instruct them in doctrine? To remedy this situation, they took the first steps in organizing a congregation and even proceeded to build a parsonage preparatory to calling a pastor.

Then came that fateful day, October 8, 1871. The Peshtigo fire devoured all of Peshtigo and the surrounding territory. The little parsonage was gone, and the homes and barns of the members of the founding congregation were reduced to charred, smoking ruins. Gone were all belongings and livestock. Some entire families were wiped out. Many had lost husband, or wife, or children. But those who remained took

courage. A new start was made, and on January 1, 1874, a new congregation was organized.

None of the charter members are living. Many others also have passed on. But the work which they began under God endures. Even the brick church which they erected in 1891 still serves as a place for divine services.

Changes and improvements were made as the years went by. In 1963 St. John's voted to join the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod, which had faithfully supplied the congregation with pastors from the beginning. Neighboring pastors served St. John Congregation until 1881. From then on resident pastors were called: Anton Pieper, Christ Gevers, Martin Kionka, C. G. Kleinlein, Carl Henning, Gervasius Fischer, Norman Schlavensky, Adelbert Hellmann, Joel Sauer, Robert Oswald, and Arnold Meyer.

In 1967 an educational building was erected and dedicated to the glory of God. A group of families asked about starting their own Christian day school, and permission was granted. Three teachers have served this one-room school. They are Miss Sally Schuelke, Miss Myrna Schauble, and Mr. Mark Hinds.

In preparation for its centennial, the congregation redecored its serviceable 82-year-old church building. New pews and carpeting were installed. A stainless steel cross was

placed on the steeple. A rededication service was held on October 28, 1973, at which Prof. J. Sauer called upon us to "Bless the Lord — bless Him for the past, and bless Him for the future" (Ps. 103:1,2).

With praise and thanksgiving St. John's of rural Peshtigo celebrated its centennial on June 30, 1974. Pastor A. Zahn, a son of the congregation, used John 6:68 to show how St. John's has been and continues to be a blessing. Pastor R. Hellmann, son of a former pastor, chose I Kings 8:57, "The Lord God be with us as He was with our fathers," as his text. Pastor W. Fischer, also a son of a former pastor, reminded the people of the century of God's grace they had experienced, basing his sermons on II Thessalonians 2:13-16. Rev. J. Sauer and Rev. R. Oswald served as liturgists, and Pastors A. Hellmann and N. Schlavensky also addressed the congregation briefly.

As we step into our second century of church life, we give thanks to the Lord and sing praises to His name. "I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever. With my mouth will I make known Thy faithfulness to all generations" (Ps. 89).

Arnold C. Meyer

REQUEST FOR NOMINATIONS

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

DMLC Music

The following have been nominated for the music position on the Dr. Martin Luther College faculty:

Prof. Marcus Buch, Saginaw, MI
Mr. James Engel, Appleton, WI
Mr. Willard Engel, Bay City, MI
Prof. Eldon Hirsch, New Ulm, MN
Mr. Harold Hosbach, Milwaukee, WI
Prof. Charles Luedtke, New Ulm, MN
Mr. Lawrence Marowsky, Jefferson, WI
Dr. Wayne Schmidt, Madison, WI
Mr. Wayne Wagner, St. Paul, MN
Prof. Franklin Zabel, Watertown, WI
Mr. Daniel Zager, Madison, WI

Any correspondence regarding these candidates should be in the hands of the undersigned by August 5, 1974.

Mr. Darrell Knippel, Sec.
DMLC Board of Control
4818 Garfield Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55409



District officers Brenner, Westendorf, Zarling, Mueller.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT CONVENTION



The 87th Convention of the Michigan District of our Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod met at Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Saginaw, Michigan, June 11-13, 1974. Delegates were present from the far-flung reaches of the District, from the north regions of Ottawa, Canada, all the way down the eastern seaboard to Raleigh, North Carolina.

"Serving the Exalted King"

The theme of the convention was ably set forth in the opening address of President W. J. Zarling of Benton Harbor, Michigan, as he reminded the delegates of our "exclusive, unique, and honorable assignment" as *Proclaimers of His Resurrection in a Hostile World*.

The theme was further carried out in two essays: *The Preeminence of*

Our Returning King, an exegetical essay on Colossians 1:15-19 by Pastor R. O. Frey, and *Anticipating the Return of the Exalted King*, an essay by Pastor G. Tiefel, Jr.

"Serving" — in the District

As the various reports were given concerning the many phases of the Lord's work within the District, our need to be thankful to our Exalted King for the ways in which He has led us to serve Him became most evident.

Seven new congregations accepted into membership in the District! The District Mission Board Report revealing present activity in 44 fields located in 13 states and one province of Canada, with the recent addition of mission status for two new fields and exploratory status for six new fields!

Further evidence of our King's blessing was shown in a District Memorial to be presented to the 1975 Convention of the Synod requesting that the Colonial Conference covering the eastern regions of our country be designated as a Mission District.

Among phases of work being carried on conjointly by congregations within the District, Michigan Lutheran High School of St. Joseph, Michigan, reported its first graduating class of 15 and an anticipated fall enrollment of 160 students. The Huron Valley High School Association announced plans for the opening of a high school in the Plymouth-Westland-Ann Arbor area in the fall of 1975. The 72 congregations of the Martin Luther Home Association reported an upcoming 10th anniversary in 1975 and the many blessings showered on their three Martin Luther Homes in South Lyon, Holt, and Saginaw, Michigan, which have a capacity of 230 beds for our aged and infirm Christians.

"Serving" — in the Synod

The delegates also evinced enthusiastic, general, and thankful support for the service to our Exalted King reported by the various boards, commissions, and agencies in the several departments of our Synodical work.

A particular note of thanksgiving stirred the assembly as it was noted that the long-awaited dormitories at Michigan Lutheran Seminary are in the process of becoming a reality through the GRACE 125th ANNIVERSARY THANKOFFERING of our Synod.

An advisory note or two of caution to the Synod also prevailed, particularly in the area of Evangelism, where the delegates after lengthy discussion defeated a recommendation to endorse the memorial of the Commission on Evangelism to establish the full-time position of Coordinator of Evangelism. In full recognition of the preeminence of our Lord's Great

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Commission as our primary service to Him, a solid majority of the delegates demonstrated by their votes that they were convinced that the need for such a full-time coordinator has not been satisfactorily demonstrated and by their words that they felt this to be an area in which we must make haste slowly lest we lose our precious freedom in the Gospel under the weight of unnecessary bureaucracy and programming.

"Serving" — as Individuals

A special memorial service of thanksgiving was held Wednesday afternoon, June 12, in commemoration of the 275 combined years of ministry of six sainted veterans of service to our Exalted King: Alvin H. Baer, William G. Fuhlbrigge, Henry C. Haase, John O. Lang, Carl G. Leyrer, and Arthur G. Wacker.

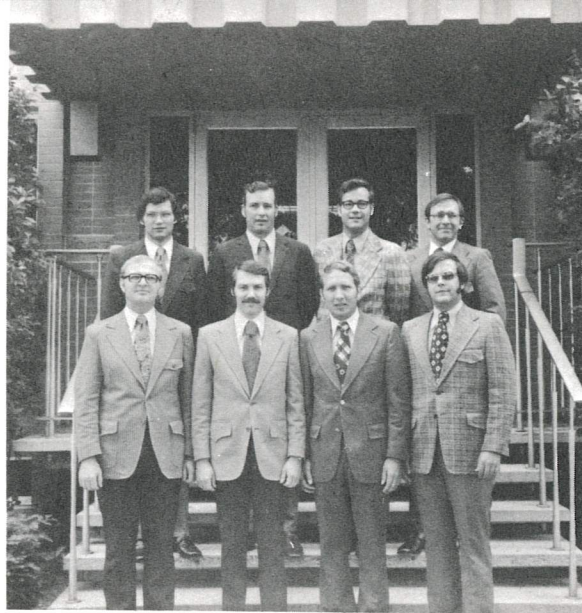
Another special note of thanksgiving prevailed for the 39 years of service dedicated to our King by Professor Armin Schultz at Michigan Lutheran Seminary and for the many years of personal work devoted to the Soul Conservation Program by Pastor Wilmer Vallesky.

The three incumbents were reelected to the presidium of the District: Pastor W. J. Zarling as president, Pastor R. P. Mueller as first vice-president, and Pastor J. F. Brenner as second vice-president. Pastor J. A. Westendorf was reelected as secretary.

"Serving" — in Retrospect

A fitting retrospect of the 87th Convention of the Michigan District is found in the words which Pastor Frey used at the conclusion of his essay: "Do you want to know what God looks like? Look at Jesus Christ. Do you want to tell the world about the hope we have? Proclaim with a loud voice that you, a living, breathing creature, will spend the bliss of eternity under the rule of a living, breathing King. Christianity is not just a philosophy. Christ is not just a controlling spirit, and heaven is not just pleasantries. These are real, concrete things. . . . When Christ returns visibly in all His glory on the last day, we should all immediately recognize Him as the King we've known all our lives."

Daniel Buske



Graduates of our Seminary placed in the WWD the past two years:

Front:

Gerald Hinz
Richard Raabe
Loren Fritz
Thomas Hilliard

Rear:

Jeffrey Kutil
Larry Schlomer
Daniel Luetke
Herbert Prah

WESTERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT CONVENTION

When reporting on church conventions, emphasis is often given to resolutions which were adopted. But the 29th biennial convention of the Western Wisconsin District held June 10-12, 1974, was different. For the most important thing that happened at the convention was not the passing of resolutions, but the celebration of GRACE.

Grace was the theme sounded in the opening report of District President Carl Mischke. Grace was the subject of the two historical essays presented by Seminary Professors Edward Fredrich and Armin Schuetze. Grace was proclaimed in the two convention sermons by Pastors Norbert Paustian and Karl Bast. Grace was recalled again and again in the reports concerning the work program of the District and the Synod.

And when the 300 delegates stepped out of the convention hall, the gymnasium on the campus of Northwestern College, Watertown, Wisconsin, their attention was immediately drawn to one of the fruits of the Grace Thankoffering — a new \$1,000,000 dormitory. This dormitory is being constructed to replace West Hall which has been demolished.

This was a convention which looked at history, the history of our Synod, the history of God's grace. The delegates listened attentively to the two stimulating essays and re-

solved to "ask the Commission on Christian Literature to authorize publication of these essays, *By Grace — Confessional in Doctrine and By Grace — Confessional in Practice*, and to make them available to the people of the Synod."

Recommendations

The one report which did elicit some extensive discussion was the memorial of the Commission on Evangelism requesting a full-time Coordinator of Evangelism. This memorial will be presented to the 1975 convention of the Synod. The District did agree that "a coordinated program of evangelism is desirable," but questioned whether "all alternatives to a full-time Coordinator of Evangelism have been tried." Several alternatives were suggested including placing "greater responsibility for implementation of the Evangelism program . . . on the District Commissions."

Elections

The District officers were re-elected: Pastor Carl Mischke as president, Pastor Donald Bitter as 1st vice-president, Pastor Henry Paustian, 2nd vice president, and Pastor Herman Winkel, secretary. Mr. John W. Jung, who served for many years on the District Mission Board, was made an honorary lifetime member of that board.

Victor H. Prange

Grace Notes

125 years of GRACE is a long time and a short time. It is longer than the lifetime of any single individual who has ever been a member of our Wisconsin Synod. It is vastly shorter than the overall history of God's GRACE in this world of sin. God's GRACE did not begin 125 years ago, and it isn't confined to the Wisconsin Synod. It is the story of the Good News of Jesus Christ entering into the lives of men, women, and children to save them from sin and death and hell to a life of joyful service and an eternity of fellowship with our Lord.

The GRACE of God which we celebrate is therefore above all God's GRACE in and through Jesus Christ. It was born in the heart of God in eternity. It was first communicated to man in the Garden of Eden. It was accomplished in a manger, on a cross, and by an open tomb.

If that had been the last chapter, we wouldn't be celebrating today. The basis for our present joy is that God is seeing to it that His GRACE in Christ is constantly being proclaimed among men. Thus, when our fathers 125 years ago banded together to form a Synod, the Spirit of God placed in their hearts the determination to preach and proclaim the GRACE of God in Christ crucified and risen again. That God has preserved this message of forgiveness and life in our midst is undeserved GRACE.

As we look back 125 years, we always look back farther — back to Calvary, back to Eden, back to eternity. Only thus can we truly appreciate the GRACE of God in Christ.



Looking at the Religious World

information and insight

Churches and the Bicentennial

A number of church bodies have already announced their plans to observe the country's bicentennial in 1976. Baptists will have an assembly in Washington early in the year. There will be a Roman International Eucharist Congress in Philadelphia which, it is hoped, Pope Paul or a successor will attend. Pentecostals will rally in Los Angeles under their built-in theme, "Spirit of '76."

There are, of course, a variety of ways in which our Synod's congregations and larger groupings can with appropriateness and edification celebrate this notable national holiday. One feature that should not be omitted by any of our celebrations is a fervent prayer of thanksgiving to the Lord of Nations for the gift of 200 years of religious freedom and of separation of church and state in as full a form as achieved anywhere on this earth.

Influence of Religion

Two spring surveys seem to bear out what many of us have been fearing for some time. Their results show that people in our country in general and young people in particular do not regard religion as being very important or influential.

U.S. News and World Report asked hundreds of leaders in their fields to rank the groups and organizations they considered most influential in the way America is run. In a list of 18 such groups, organized religion ended up in the last spot, outranked even by the Republican Party.

The latest youth survey along this line is also far from encouraging. Asked whether they regarded religion as "an important value," 42 per cent of the noncollege group replied positively, compared with 64 per cent in 1969. For college students the figure was only 28 per cent, a drop from the 38 per cent of 1969.

More important than such negative statistics would be an answer to the question: Why is religion so lightly regarded today? We think organized religion has bartered away its importance and influence by substituting vague existential meaning for inspired Biblical truth and shifting situation ethics for God's immutable Law.

Absent from Lausanne

As this issue of *The Northwestern Lutheran* reaches our readers, the focus of religious reporting will be on Lausanne. In that Swiss city the International Congress of World Evangelism will be meeting from July 16 to July 25. Some 2,700 participants from 150 countries and almost all denominations will endeavor to go on from where the 1966 Berlin Congress left off. The Lausanne theme is, "Let the Earth Hear His Voice." The ultimate objective is evangelizing all the people of the world by the end of this century.

Lausanne will also be the scene of a rival gathering at the very same time. A "Seminar on Biblical Evangelism" is being sponsored there by the International Council of Christian Churches, an association of 202 Protestant denominations over the world. The stated purpose of this Lausanne assembly is to provide an alternative and challenge to what is called "ecumenical evangelism with all its variance and frustration."

The Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod will have no delegates or observers at either Lausanne evangelism gathering. The Bible's fellowship teachings prevent that. However, the Bible holds before us the great goal of evangelizing the world. Since we won't be at Lausanne, July 16-25, we could use those very days as a special time to evaluate our own personal, congregational, District, and Synod evangelism endeavors and strive to make them agencies whereby many hear of Christ and their salvation.

Direct from the Districts

Favorite Hymns

The recent *Christian Herald* favorite hymn poll indicates that "How Great Thou Art," popularized by Graham crusades, is far and away the religious song that publication's readers find "most meaningful." It received almost twice as many votes as its nearest competitor, "The Old Rugged Cross." Another song not in our hymnal, "Amazing Grace," took third place in voting that named a total of 492 religious songs.

Four hymns in our hymnal gained places in the top ten. They are: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" (4), "Rock of Ages" (6), "Abide with Me" (9), and "A Mighty Fortress" (10).

Campus Ministries

Last May the Commission on Theology and Church Relations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod issued a commendable ruling on campus ministry activities with the American Lutheran Church and the Lutheran Church in America. The ruling stated that joint campus ministries involving "Word and Sacrament" with church groups which are not in fellowship with the LC-MS are improper. The LCA is not in fellowship with the LC-MS.

About the same time the LCA president, Dr. Marshall, in his report to its biennial convention was referring to joint campus ministries in quite another way. Asserting that inter-Lutheran cooperation is continuing "in the same forms as previously, with little advance or retreat," he supplied this example: "And there is the faithful cooperative ministry for those in military service, in institutions, and on campuses, and for overseas relief and development."

Marshall and Missouri, partners in the Lutheran Council in the USA, obviously do not see eye to eye in the matter of joint campus ministries. Missouri sees correctly.

Lutheran Higher Education

A recently issued directory of Lutheran higher education indicates that the number of such schools is considerably higher than most of us realize. It stands currently at 74. That total breaks down to 34 senior colleges, 14 junior colleges, 19 seminaries, 4 Bible schools, and 3 deaconess schools.

The Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod and its members sponsor 4 of the schools. They are the Mequon Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary; the two senior colleges, Northwestern at Watertown and Dr. Martin Luther at New Ulm; and the junior college at Milwaukee, Wisconsin Lutheran College.

Edward C. Fredrich

Michigan

Youth Rally — Dexter, Michigan

A WELS Youth Rally was held at Faith Lutheran Church, Dexter, Michigan, on May 5, 1974, with 160 teens and adults participating. Youth groups from all over southeastern Michigan were represented, some coming from as far as 90 miles away.

Preparations for the 4-1/2 hour rally were made by the Faith Lutheran youth group. Their plans included discussion periods, the teen vesper service, the meal, and entertainment.

Discussion sessions led by several area pastors dealt with questions such as: "What Does God Think About Sex?" "Why Are My Parents So Hard to Talk to?" "How Can I Handle Doubts About My Faith?" "Why Doesn't God Answer My Prayers?" While the teens were in their discussion groups, the rest of the pastors and adult leaders attended a workshop on youth work, led by Pastor John Huebner of Faith.

Five young men from the host congregation led the group in a specially written vesper service, during which Pastor Huebner addressed the assembly on the subject of faithfulness to Christ as a teen. His meditation was entitled: "Are Your Roses Beginning to Fade?"

At the business meeting a South-eastern Michigan Youth Coordinating Council was set up. The Council is to coordinate area rallies, keep lines of communication open among youth groups, and do all they can to plan activities which will develop a sense of fellowship and faithfulness among the teen-agers of the area. The Faith Lutheran teens volunteered to publish a newsletter periodically to help area groups share their ideas and experiences and to stir up greater interest. Another rally is scheduled for the fall at St. Paul's Lutheran in Livonia.

The rally came to a close with entertainment led by a youth group combo and with some folk-singing led

by Pastor Greg Lenz of Darlington Lutheran Church, Ann Arbor. All joined hands and prayed The Lord's Prayer to complete an edifying afternoon.

Western Wisconsin

55 Years at the Organ

In the annual voters' meeting held in January, 1974, Mr. Gerhardt Schoenike resigned as organist of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Ixonia, Wisconsin. On February 13, the members of the congregation surprised him with a potluck supper. During the course of the evening the chairman of the congregation presented him with the gift of a wrist watch for his 55 years of faithful service. He is shown here with his pastor, the Rev. G. B. Frank.



Mr. G. Schoenike + Pastor Frank

INSTALLATIONS

(Authorized by the District Presidents)

Pastors:

Johnson, Gail B., installed as pastor of Grace, Hutchinson, Minnesota, on June 9, 1974, by R. Reimers (Minn.).

Kitzerow, Eugene C., installed as pastor of St. John's, Woodland, Wisconsin, on June 9, 1974, by D. Kuehl (SEW).

Schaewe, Edward A. installed as pastor of Mt. Calvary, La Crosse, Wisconsin, on June 16, 1974, by M. Doelger (W. Wis.).

REQUEST

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

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*
	Providence
Rhode Island	Huron
South Dakota	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

NAMES REQUESTED

LEHIGH VALLEY, PENNSYLVANIA

The Michigan District is considering exploratory services in the Lehigh Valley area of eastern Pennsylvania. Please send names of any WELS members or prospects in the Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton, Pennsylvania area to Pastor Richard MacKain, 352 Sweetbriar Road, King of Prussia, Pa. 19406.

CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

Please send names of any WELS members or prospects in the Charlotte, N.C., area to Pastor John Guse, 6723 Formosa Drive, Columbia, S.C. 29206.

ROANOKE-LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA

Please send the names of any WELS members or prospects in the Roanoke-Lynchburg area to Pastor Ronald Hahm, 3229 Sandra Lane, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23462. Phone: (804) 424-3547.

EXPLORATORY SERVICES

WASHINGTON-ROMEO, MICHIGAN

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

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.

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.

Editorials continued:

was a time, well within the memory of some of us, when almost all courses at our Seminary were taught in the German language. This persisted to the point where a majority of the students, English-speaking from childhood, were struggling to master difficult subjects through the medium of a language which was almost completely foreign to them. This called for updating. Again, as our pastors stand at the altar today and call upon the Lord to "succor" us, the use of this archaic word could easily lead to some rather weird con-

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).

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.

TIME AND PLACE

MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

Gloria Dei Ev. Lutheran Church has moved its place of worship to Raleigh Kiwanis Club, 4089 Kiwanis Road (off Raleigh Millington Rd.). The time of service has also been changed to 10:45 a.m. for the worship service and 9:30 a.m. for Bible study and Sunday school. If more information is desired, please contact: Pastor R. Busch, 3438 Sophia, Memphis, Tn. 38118 (Ph. 901-365-8668)

BLYTHEVILLE (ARK.) AFB

Beginning in August, Communion services are being conducted at the Blytheville Air Force Base, in the base chapel, on the third Sunday of every month at 8:30 in the evening. For more information please contact: Mike Meeker, P.O. Box 1042, Blytheville, Ark. 72315 (Ph 501-763-9385)

GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA

Beginning with the first Sunday in August, Zion Ev. Lutheran Church of Gainesville, FL will be conducting its Sunday morning worship at the Holiday Inn located just west of the interchange of I-75 and state road 26 (Newberry Rd.). The time remains 10:30 a.m. John C. Lawrence, pastor.

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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.

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