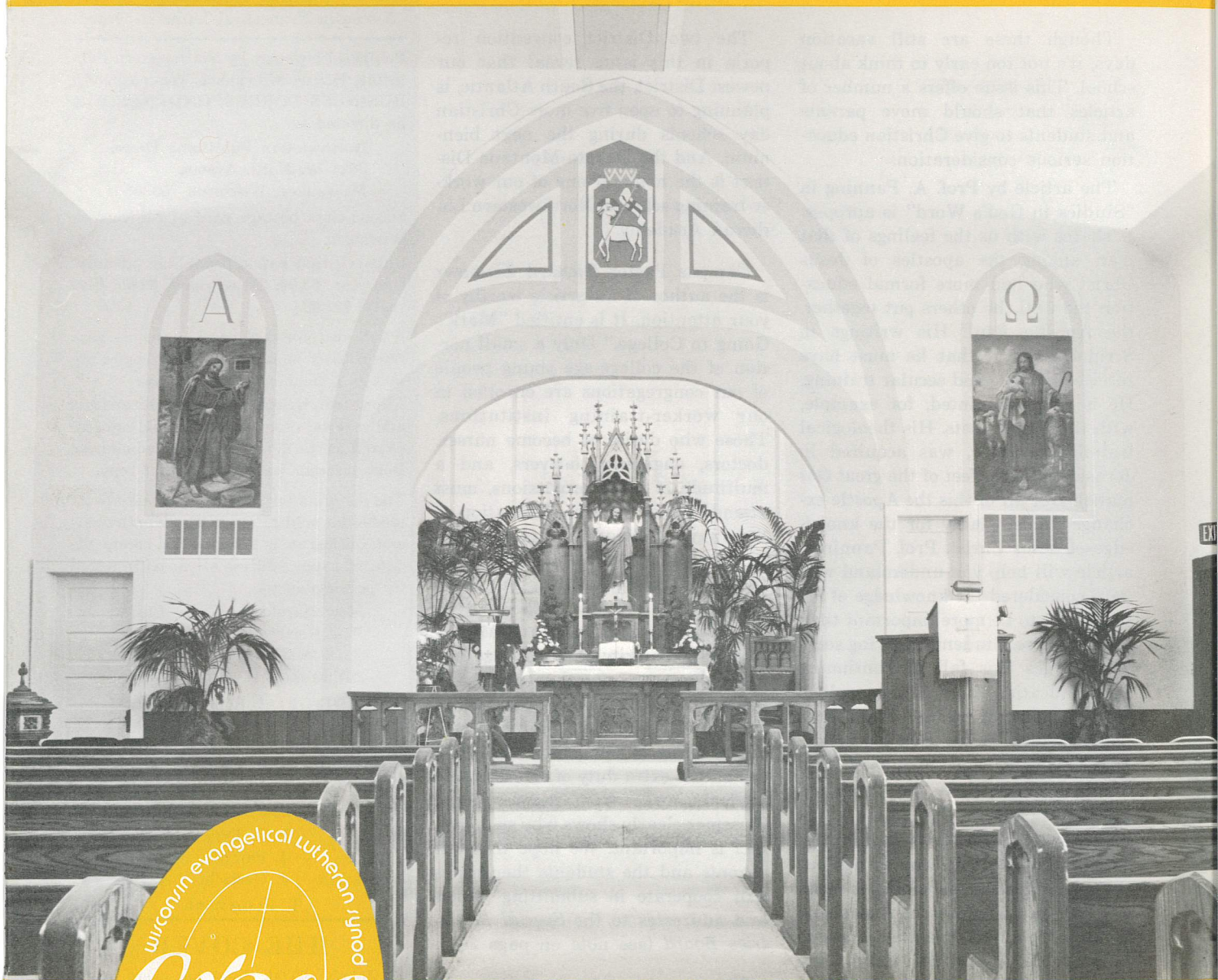


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## Briefs by the Editor

Though these are still vacation days, it's not too early to think about school. This issue offers a number of articles that should move parents and students to give Christian education serious consideration.

The article by Prof. A. Panning in "Studies in God's Word" is apropos. It shares with us the feelings of that man among the apostles of Jesus Christ who had more formal education than all the others put together, the Apostle Paul. His writings in Scripture reveal that he must have received a very good secular training. He is well acquainted, for example, with the Greek poets. His theological training, however, was acquired in Jerusalem at the feet of the great Gamaliel. But all of this the Apostle exchanged most gladly for the knowledge of Jesus Christ. Prof. Panning's article will help you understand why Paul considered the knowledge of Jesus Christ to be more important than anything else. Students entering secular colleges this fall or continuing their education there will do well to read "The Joy of Losing." It will also help students at our Synod's academies, colleges, and Seminary keep their priorities where they belong.

Pastor Thomas Franzmann's article, entitled "He Gave Some to Be Teachers," in a fine way brings out the many-sided responsibilities faced by our Christian day-school teachers. It reminds us that they are a treasure in our midst. Aware that quite a few new Christian day schools are slated to open this fall, we would like to urge more of our young people to prepare themselves for the teaching and preaching ministry. The need for pastors and teachers is just as great as ever. Urge your son or daughter to give it some thought.

The two District convention reports in this issue reveal that our newest District, the South Atlantic, is planning to open five more Christian day schools during the next biennium. And the Dakota-Montana District is the home of one of our worker-training schools, Northwestern Lutheran Academy.

Campus Pastor Richard Ziesemer is the author of an article worthy of your attention. It is entitled "Mark's Going to College." Only a small portion of the college-age young people of our congregations are enrolled in our worker-training institutions. Those who desire to become nurses, doctors, engineers, lawyers, and a multitude of other professions, must attend secular colleges. Education at the Junior College level is provided by the recently established Wisconsin Lutheran College, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Bethany Lutheran College of the ELS at Mankato, Minnesota. The majority of our college students, however, attend secular institutions. Since we as a church wish to keep in close contact with these students, many of our pastors have accepted the extra duty of serving these students away from home. Pastor Ziesemer clearly shows why such contact is important. We hope that our parents and the students themselves will cooperate in submitting names and addresses to the *Special Ministries Board* (see note on page 251).

There ought to be no question in the hearts of our parents and students that a Christian day school, a Christian high school, and a Christian college are great blessings from God. But whether you are privileged to attend a Christian school or not, be sure to keep Jesus in your heart.

*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

St. John's of Oak Creek has every reason to rejoice in the Grace of God in Christ as proclaimed in our Wisconsin Synod these past 125 years. It is the oldest of the original congregations that organized the Synod back in 1850. The picture shows the redecorated chancel, a project the congregation undertook to mark its 130th anniversary as an organized congregation. St. John's was organized on October 2, 1843. (See page 249.)

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# Editorials

**The Happiness Business** Our local newspaper ran an "inspiring religious series" recently in which famous people told how they found happiness after they found "faith" — not necessarily faith in God, but faith in themselves, in mankind, even faith in faith. Stock car drivers went on to win the big race, bit players suddenly got the lead role, bad investments later on made millions, etc.

This frothy "happiness" business, and it is often just that, a lucrative business, piously implies: "Just believe and all your troubles will disappear." Imagine saying that to the Christian in a cobalt treatment center, to the woman trapped in an unhappy marriage, to the man whose daily job is a lonely, frustrating struggle.

Where in all of Scripture is the believer whose life was lived trial and trouble free, blithely above the dark valleys of discouragement and death? The only One in whom God was ever "well pleased" Himself suffered and died, and His followers should expect a rose garden?

Joseph said "No!" to Potiphar's wife and spent years in prison for his faith's sake. Job was God's favorite "in all the earth," and yet was utterly beaten down in body and spirit. Mary was "highly favored," but was warned: "A sword shall pierce through thine own soul." First off Paul was told, not how happy, but "how great things he must suffer for My name's sake."

A good doctor does not aim primarily at making his patients happy, but making them well. And the Great Physician does not bid us be happy, successful, prosperous, but "Be thou faithful unto death." Being faithful even though it kill us, may well not make us happy, but it will make us a blessed people.

John Parcher

**The Gospel Beats Out Rock** WWDJ was just another AM rock station a few years ago, competing with scores of other rock stations for the New York City audience. Now it is the first full-time AM Gospel station that metropolitan New York has ever had. It offers its listeners 18 hours a day of Gospel songs, "Back to the Bible" type preaching, bits of conservative philosophy, and helpings of "Jesus rock." When it played only rock and country music, it faltered financially; now it is a commercial success.

Larry Wasserstein, the manager of WWDJ, didn't choose to promote Gospel songs because he had turned Christian. He doesn't believe the message his Gospel

music is transmitting to his radio audience. His professed object is to make money.

Other station operators are thinking of the same kind of change of format. According to the National Religious Broadcasters Association, Gospel-sound radio stations are going to the air at the rate of one every week. There are now over 300 such stations in the United States.

It is hard to resist the remark that this is welcome news for many long-suffering citizens over 20 who have almost given up on AM and much of FM radio because the only music it seems to know is the immature wailing, shrilling, blaring, and thumping that assails the ears hour after wearying hour.

The increase in the number of Gospel-sound radio stations is hardly evidence of spiritual revival in America. There may well be other stations like WWDJ that play Gospel music because they welcome the jingle of the cash register ringing up \$300 for an hour of radio time.

But even if much of the Gospel music is of low quality; even if it is long on emotion and short on doctrine; even if commercialism rather than faith has put it on the air, we can find satisfaction in the knowledge that the fundamentals of the Gospel will bless the hearts of many who hear Gospel music, unlike the godless sensuality of The Grateful Dead, The Who, and Three Dog Night.

Carleton Toppe

**The Search For Truth** The learned men of Athens in the first century after Christ were engaged in a search for the truth. For this reason, according to Acts 17, they "spent their time in nothing else but either to tell or to hear some new thing." Their knowledge of the truth was by their own admission incomplete, inasmuch as they had erected an altar TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Their continuing search for the truth moved them to invite the Apostle Paul, a stranger in the city with "a new doctrine," to address them.

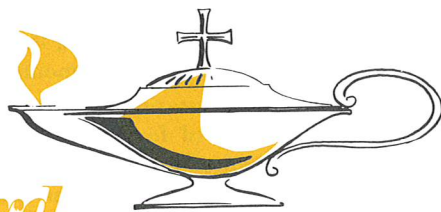
The account of Paul's visit to Athens ends on a rather depressing note. As these philosophers listened to Paul, their interest turned into polite indifference on the part of some, and into open contempt on the part of others. "Some mocked, and others said, 'We will hear thee again of this matter.'"

Paul was well-educated, as these men obviously were too. There was one critical difference between them, however. The Greek philosophers were searching for the truth. Paul presented the truth as having been revealed by God.

After excusing Paul from their assembly, these learned philosophers continued their search for the truth. But having rejected the truth when they were confronted with it, they fell into the category of those whom Paul once described as "ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth."

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## Studies in God's Word



### The Joy of Losing

But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ and be found in Him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the Law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith (Philippians 3:7-9).

Prominently displayed on many a locker-room wall is the sign: It's not whether you win or lose, but how you play the game. While one may be in agreement with the thought of the slogan, yet one cannot help feeling that the message is accepted most easily on days when the team has lost. No one likes to lose. And yet, here is Paul, the man of constant joy in his own life and who repeatedly urges joy on others, telling us: "I have suffered the loss of all things." What does Paul know about losing that we don't know? And what can he teach us about its relationship to true joy?

#### Paul's Losses Real

Was Paul's joy perhaps undaunted because he hadn't lost anything of real significance? Hardly! Paul had given up home, religious convictions, prestige, his career. Paul makes very clear that he had come from an illustrious family. He was "of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews." By circumci-

sion on the eighth day he was made a member of the "covenant people" and by his own choice he later joined an illustrious religious group in Israel, the Pharisees with their emphasis on God's Law. So enthusiastic was Paul in living by the principles of this group that he could say: "Touching the righteousness which is of the Law, (I was) blameless" (3:6). In fact, his zeal was such that he became a defender of the Law to the point of persecuting the Church. Paul was a young man who was "going places."

#### Paul's Gain Greater

"But what things were gain to me," Paul declares, "those I counted loss for Christ." What changed Paul's sense of values? His answer is: Christ. When Christ met him on the road to Damascus and asked: "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou Me?" then Paul realized to what his false sense of values had led him. Pride in his family heritage and trust in his own righteousness had led him to reject the Savior. Led by the Spirit, he now learned to see himself as "not having mine own righteousness . . . but the righteousness which is of God by faith." Things that formerly had seemed to be advantage and "gain" now appeared in their true light. They were actually disadvantages, "loss," because they had kept him from Christ.

Paul's willingness to lose, yes, even to rejoice at being rid of such "gain," may fairly be compared to the feelings of a ship captain transporting precious cargo. If in a storm the weight of that cargo threatens to

swamp the ship, then that which originally seemed "gain" becomes not just a *worthless* but even a *dangerous* burden, a burden which the captain will quickly throw overboard to save the ship and the lives of those aboard.

So too, there are "gains" in the life of every Christian, things good in themselves, that can turn into "loss" if improperly used. Who would question that being born into a Christian home is an advantage, a precious gift of God designed to lead us to Christ? But if having God-fearing parents becomes our "ticket to heaven," while we neglect the means of grace, then it has become for us a disadvantage. It has aptly been observed that all of God's gifts, intended as stepping stones to His grace, become stumbling blocks if misused.

#### The Value of Knowing Christ

But what enables us to hold on to things valuable and joyfully to discard the rest? Paul gives us his guide: "I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord." St. Paul had come to know not only that there is a Savior from sin, but he had been led to call Him "**my** Savior." Whatever tended to draw him away from that Savior could have no real value. It became a liability, a "loss" to be discarded as quickly as possible.

So too with us. There may be among our acquaintances brilliant and witty friends, but if they lead us away from Christ, then theirs is company that we will want to forego. Or there may come the offer of a promotion with a transfer to an area that offers no church home. That too may well be a "gain" that we will be willing to lose. And so it is with everything in this life: money, ability, education. These have value only in their relation to Christ. St. Paul saw that clearly and was glad to be rid of everything that kept him from Christ. May it be our joy also by faith to say:

*This one thing is needful,  
All others are vain:  
I count all but loss  
That I Christ may obtain.*

Armin J. Panning

## A Parish Pastor's Perspective

### "He Gave Some to Be Teachers"

When he came home that night it had been a long day for him. He had worked a nine-hour day, stopped at home for a very brief dinner, and rushed off to church for a long meeting. When he walked in the door he welcomed Agnes' warm greeting. While she set out cheese and crackers, she asked, "How did the meeting go, John?"

John sighed and said, "Oh, I don't know. Those budget meetings bother me more each year. We got hung up on salaries for the day-school teachers, again. I'm almost embarrassed by what we pay them, but it looks like their raise next year will barely keep up with the cost of living.

"I lose patience with some of the men at our budget meetings. They talk as though our teachers are getting exactly what they are worth. Why, our teachers get from 30 per cent to 50 per cent less than other teachers around town. Yet, in most cases they work harder and longer. Don't people notice that, or don't they care?"

Agnes had been thinking about the same thing while John was gone. "You know," she said, "We've gotten to know our teachers, you and I. You served on the Board of Education. We've had our children in the school. I sing in the choir with them. We attend Bible classes with them. We've had them in our own home for meals. At young people's outings we have been with them. We know for ourselves that our teachers are of a high caliber, at work or at play. Others don't get to know them that well. Yet, I know why you get upset. It irritates me, too, when people assume our teachers are less proficient and expert at their jobs than public-school teachers, simply because they work for a humble wage."

John chuckled, "We sound like the Society for the Preservation of Day

School Teachers. Maybe it's because we want our kids to be teachers or pastors. But seriously, I know that our teachers aren't without fault. There was the time Miss Richie disciplined Susie when she wasn't guilty. Susie felt bad about that for months. And the time when Mr. Raymond lost his cool at the Voters' Meeting. People buzzed about that for weeks! Too often, people seem to remember only the faults of our teachers, and fail to realize how blessed we are to have such fine Christian people working among us. Our teachers are every bit as professional as other teachers, yet in Christian humility they do not put on professional airs. They work long hours teaching our children, as they are called to do, then in their spare time they work in the congregation and live an exemplary Christian life in general. I suppose we take that too much for granted."

"Don't you think we are guilty of thinking of our day-school teachers as mere teachers rather than called ministers of the Word?" asked Agnes. "I remember the passage from Ephesians that Vicar Thompson preached on a few weeks ago: 'Christ gave some . . . to be pastors and teachers, to prepare for works of service.' He emphasized that we do not hire pastors and teachers, Christ gives them to us, remember? I was thinking about that while you were gone tonight. In the case of our teachers I don't think that their ministry to us is limited to the classroom. For example, these teachers show their dedication by working for a low salary. I think it is wrong for us to pass that off and say, 'They knew that's what they were getting into when they went to New Ulm rather than State U.' I think my Savior, who called these teachers here, wants me to look at their example of dedication and say, 'We lay people should be dedicated, too.'

"John, if we don't succeed in getting our children to study to be pastors or teachers, maybe we can train them to follow our teacher's example of dedication in some other capacity. I doubt if we would have many day-school teachers today if their parents, pastors, and teachers had not gotten them used to the idea of low salaries while they were still young. In a similar vein, we should be starting now to teach our children to look for ways to serve the Lord best, even if it means lower pay. There must be places in our Synod for dedicated laymen who are willing to work for less than others in the same profession in the business world. That's what our teachers do. Maybe that example is one of the reasons why the Lord has placed those teachers among us."

John looked lovingly at Agnes. He admired the way she could see the Lord's hand at work where he often did not recognize it. Before his eyelids closed in sleep late that night, he said a prayer of thanks for having Agnes as his wife. And he said a prayer of thanks for the teachers the Lord had placed in their midst.

Thomas B. Franzmann

#### CONFERENCE PAPERS

**Papers previously offered and still available:** The Message of the Minor Prophets for Today (Schroeder), 60 cents; Race Relations (Kretzman), 60 cents; The Principle of Sola Scriptura with Special Emphasis on the Church and Ministry (Kosanke), 75 cents; The Responsibilities of Christian Parenthood (Capek), 50 cents; The Future of Confessional Lutheranism in the USA (Bartling), 60 cents; Exegesis of Philemon (Wackerfuss), 50 cents; What Is the Scriptural Practice for Selecting Soloists and Musicians for Our Special Services, such as Weddings, Funerals, Anniversaries, etc.? (Lindemann), 50 cents; Sterilization, Abortion, and Birth Control (Muenkel), 50 cents; The New American Standard Bible, Is This the Answer? (Panning), 34 cents; Religion and Science (Eggert), 26 cents; The Gideons (Clarey), 23 cents; Who Can Be Accorded a Christian Burial According to Scripture? (Koepsell), 21 cents; The Biblical Substantiation for Infant Baptism (Vogt), 23 cents; Free Will and Conversion (Lange), 20 cents; A Look at the New Movement — The Right to Die (L. Meyer, Jr.), 22 cents.

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Papers are available individually or you may have your name added to a permanent mailing list to receive each paper as it is printed. Orders and correspondence should be addressed to: Martin Luther Women's Society, Martin Luther Ev. Lutheran Church, 10151 Sappington Rd., St. Louis, Missouri 63128.

*"The Old Gospel for a New World"*

## FIRST BIENNIAL CONVENTION

South Atlantic District

"The Old Gospel for a New Age" was a theme that fit the occasion as the nine-month-old South Atlantic District of the Wisconsin Synod assembled June 11 and 12 for its first biennial convention. The site was the Gold Key Inn in Orlando, Florida, a spot less than 50 miles from the launching pads of Cape Kennedy. What could be more modern than a trip to the moon? Yet less than five years after the first man stepped on the dusty lunar surface, activity at Florida's moonport is on the downturn. Not so the activity of God's servants bearing the everlasting Gospel! Pastor Raymond Wiechmann, who was elected the District's first president at a special organizing conven-

tion last September, welcomed 43 voting delegates (19 pastors, 4 male teachers, and 20 laymen). Each delegate displayed an observable eagerness to get on with the Lord's work and to launch the infant District into Synodical orbit as a full partner in the task of sharing the ageless truths of God's Word with sinners everywhere.

"What are these among so many?" were Peter's words when confronted with the humanly impossible task of feeding the 5,000. President Wiechmann could have made a similar observation. What are 22 congregations with less than 2,000 members among the 25 million souls in the six and a half southeastern states served by the



President Raymond Wiechmann calling the convention to order.

District? Instead, the convention heard President Wiechmann encourage his small flock with the words of the spiritually mature Peter: "Each one should use whatever spiritual gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms . . . as one speaking the very words of God . . . with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ" (I Peter 4:10,11).

Prof. F. E. Blume of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary delivered a timely essay on the relevancy and sufficiency of the Holy Scriptures in our present age. Delegates were led to a renewed appreciation for the blessing of a "sure Word" by being told how the churchmen and philosophers of our age have led nearly all of mankind into a spiritual and moral wasteland by abandoning their faith in the absolute truth of sacred Scripture. By way of advice Professor Blume encouraged those present to safeguard their Bible-centered heritage by exercising vigilant and loving discipline over against those who wander from the Word or from their calling as diligent servants of the Word.

### Two Conferences

After considerable discussion the delegates resolved to divide the District into two conferences. The missions located in the states of the Old South — Tennessee, Alabama, Louisiana, Georgia, and South Carolina — were designated as the South-Central Conference. Pastor Joh. P. Meyer



Delegate F. Nemmrich (Nashville) and Pastor R. Wendland examining Evangelism display.



Installation of District Officers at King of Kings, Maitland

was elected visiting elder. The Florida congregations were named the Florida Conference and divided into the Sun Coast, Gold Coast, and North Florida Circuits. Pastors Julian Anderson, Ronald Litke, and Gerhardt Kionka were elected visiting elders.

In balloting for District offices, Pastors Raymond Wiechmann, James Vogt, Wayne Bartelt, and Mark Goeglein were elected to the posts of president, 1st vice-president, 2nd vice-president, and secretary. Pastor Julian Anderson was thanked by the convention for serving the past nine months both as a member of the Praesidium and as visiting elder for the entire District. The elected officers were inducted into their offices at a Communion service held at King of Kings Lutheran Church, Maitland, Florida, the host congregation. At this service, 1st vice-president, Pastor James Vogt, encouraged the District to "work together . . . with God . . . and with one another."

### Recommendations

At the request of the Synod, the District expressed itself on liturgical reform and on the care of exceptional children. On the first issue it was resolved to urge the Synod not to adopt the pan-Lutheran lectionary, but to urge the Commission on Worship to create its own three-year cycle of readings which could be offered on a trial basis to the congregations of the Synod. On the question of a new liturgical calendar, the convention endorsed renaming the Trinity Sea-

son as the "Pentecost Season", and the substitution of a longer Epiphany Season for the present pre-Lenten triad of Septuagesima, Sexagesima, and Quinquagesima.

In regard to the care of exceptional children the District felt that its needs could only be met by informed pastors working in conjunction with public institutions. As a consequence the District authorized the appointment and local funding of a person from its midst whose responsibility it would be to attend Synodical workshops dealing with exceptional children and to keep the pastors and congregations of the District informed. In a separate resolution the delegates resolved to bring the problem of learning-disabled children before the 1975 Synod Convention.

In other Synod-related questions the District endorsed the calling of a full-time Evangelism Counselor and a full-time Secretary of Publications, the increasing of fees for audio-visual materials, the search for an acceptable new Bible translation, a greater support on the part of individual Christians for the work of the Committee on Relief, an increase in the mileage allowance rate, and the use of regionally supported institutional missionaries.

### District Matters

In action affecting the District itself, the delegates voted to have its Legislation Committee study state laws affecting the relationship between pastor and counselee. Separate resolutions called for a District public relation's post and a District historian. The convention endorsed a memorial encouraging District pastors to make use of the summer quarter of study at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary.

Reports from the District's boards and commissions showed an eagerness on the part of those who serve to "administer God's grace in its various forms." The Mission Board reported one new mission in Beverly Hills, plus two new preaching stations in Mobile, Alabama, and Englewood, Florida. Construction is proceeding or completed on chapels in Jacksonville, Florida, and Decatur, Georgia, and on parsonages in Birmingham, Alabama, and Jackson-

ville, N. Ft. Meyers, and West Palm Beach, Florida. The Commission on Evangelism is proposing an Evangelism Newsletter and the production of a catalog of Evangelism materials. The Board for Parish Education is laying the groundwork for a continuing District-wide youth program by sending a delegation of 44 youths to the Ottawa rally in August. In the same month the teachers of the District will be organizing themselves as a formal teachers' conference. Five congregations are presently working to open Christian day schools within the next two years. The District's first Sunday-school-teacher institutes are planned for autumn.



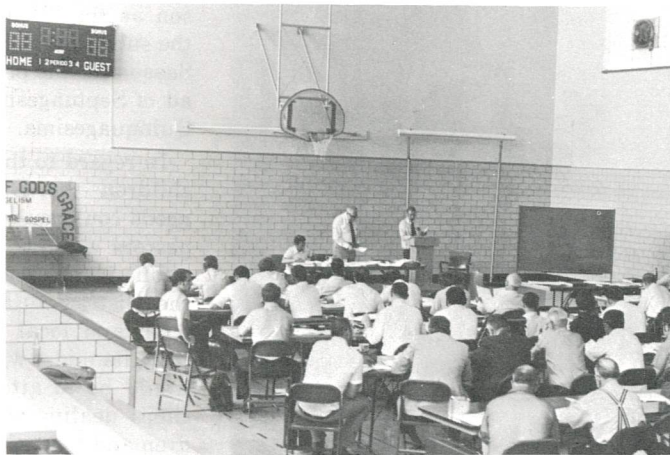
Convention site in Orlando, Florida.

Seeing a new District come alive with activity is great joy. President Wiechmann commended the delegates on conducting a convention whose business was business. The delegates returned the compliment. One layman's words are worth quoting: "In connection with my profession, I've been to other conventions, but this one was different. No one was trying to build himself up. Everyone was interested in building the Lord's kingdom. The secret must be everyone's commitment to the Old Gospel in this new age."

John C. Lawrenz  
District Reporter



Zion Lutheran, Mobridge.



Working Together With God

## Workers Together With God

# Dakota-Montana District Convention

Sitting Bull, the mighty medicine man of the Sioux, who played a big part in the annihilation of General George Armstrong Custer and his troops at the Battle of the Little Big Horn almost 100 years ago, was born in what is now the Standing Rock Reservation. A dozen miles upstream from this historic site lies the town of Mobridge, South Dakota.

Mobridge, which means Missouri River Bridge, is the home of Northwestern Lutheran Academy, overlooking the cool, blue waters of Lake Oahe. From June 18 to 20, 1974, this was also the home of 101 delegates who convened to thank God for 125 years of Grace and to be WORKERS TOGETHER WITH GOD.

Second Corinthians 6:1 was the text of host pastor David Krenke's opening sermon for this, the 27th biennial convention of the Dakota-Montana District. All those assembled at Zion Church were reminded that the Lord had graciously chosen each one to be His messenger to a sin-cursed world. We were admonished not to use God's grace in vain nor neglect to share it, and were pointed to the Grace Offering as an opportunity to express our love for Christ.

President Arthur P. C. Kell, quoting the words of Ephesians 5:20, "Giving thanks always for all things," pleaded with the delegates to be grateful WORKERS TOGETHER

WITH GOD. Each one of us, he said, has ample reason to thank God daily, even hourly, for both spiritual and material blessings, yes, even for the reverses and crosses which our loving Father lays on us.

The assembly responded to his message in both word and deed. Resolution upon resolution "resolved that we give thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." As everyone worked diligently each day from nine to nine, often with meetings before and after sessions, one could only recall the words of Nehemiah, "The people had a mind to work."

Even as Christ was the center of Paul's life — his Sun around which his thinking, speaking, doing, his whole life revolved — so the chaplains for each day exhorted us to be like-minded. Moved by sincere thankfulness for God's bountiful grace in Christ, we are to be WORKERS TOGETHER WITH GOD in sound doctrine, in worldwide missions, in education, in stewardship, and in evangelism.

### Northwestern Lutheran Academy

In his report on the Northwestern Lutheran Academy, President D. Malchow stated with joy that God's grace has been in abundant evidence in every aspect of its activities. Each year, he reported, sees a larger en-

rollment with a larger percentage of the students committing themselves to full-time work in the Church. Since the school was encouraged by the 1973 Synodical convention to solicit and to receive direct support for its general education program from individuals and congregations associated with the school, the delegates passed an enabling resolution asking the congregations to act favorably on this request.

### District Missions

Prefacing his remarks with the words of Psalm 89, "Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound. . . In Thy name shall they rejoice all the day," Mission Board chairman, Pastor Wayne Schulz, announced that the joyful sound of the Gospel is reaching into every corner of the District. New churches have been established in such population centers as Bozeman, Montana, and Pierre, Yankton, and Huron, South Dakota. The District missionary, Pastor John Engel, who has spearheaded the work in most of these cities, is now being sent to Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, to begin work in that city of 500,000.

The chairman of the District Commission on Evangelism, Pastor Edward Werner, reported that there is more and more personal witnessing for Christ in our District. Most of the new congregations have very active evangelism programs, and the rural



parishes are making steady progress in this the greatest work in the world. Thus it was certainly not from a lack of love for the task of sharing Christ with others that the delegates opposed the calling of a full-time Coordinator of Evangelism at this time.

#### Concern

In two resolutions the delegates showed that, like the Synod, they too want to be WORKERS TOGETHER WITH GOD in His way, in pure doctrine, without any compromise. In regard to residential care facilities for mentally retarded who require institutional care, the assembly noted that our association with the Bethesda Lutheran Home is inconsistent with our fellowship principles and therefore voted to encourage the Special Ministries Board to plan for one central residential care facility, provided, owned, and budgeted by the Synod. With regard to the Inde-

pendent Evangelical Lutheran Church of Germany, the convention recommended that our Synod practice no further fellowship with that church body until it clearly states its position on several doctrines and discontinues its fellowship with The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

Prof. F. Blume of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, presented an edifying essay entitled "The Gospel for a New Age: The Relevancy and Sufficiency of the Scriptures for the Space Age." He pictured Satan in his old makeup using men like Ingersol, Darwin, Dewey, and Marx to attack the Bible. Then he showed him in his more recent dress using liberal theologians and so-called psychologists to teach that the Bible is a fable, a myth, and that its teachings are even harmful. His essay spoke out loudly for Church schools when it stated that the Satan-inspired jibing and jeering at the Bible and its doc-

trines by unbelieving teachers in secular grade schools, high schools, colleges, and universities is unconsciously absorbed, caught not taught.

#### Election

To continue to lead the District in WORKING TOGETHER WITH GOD during the next biennium, all incumbent officers were re-elected: Pastor A. P. C. Kell as president, Pastor Richard Strobel as first vice-president, Pastor David Krenke as second vice-president, and Pastor John Engel as secretary. The convention noted the 35th anniversary of Pastor G. Geiger, Roscoe, South Dakota, and the 40th of Pastor R. H. Roth, Clear Lake.

Pastor W. E. Schulz closed the convention with a devotion exhorting all delegates to return home as diligent, faithful WORKERS TOGETHER WITH GOD, trusting God's forgiving grace for promised strength.

Pastor Harold A. Wood

## *St. John's of Oak Creek Oldest of Original WELS Congregations*

### **Celebrates 130 Years of Grace**

On May 5, 1974, the members of St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Highway 41 and Oakwood Road, Oak Creek, Wisconsin, gathered to praise God and to rededicate their newly redecorated church to His service. The redecoration was begun on the occasion of its 130th birthday in October, 1973.

The Rev. Prof. Richard Balge of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary at Mequon addressed the members of St. John's at the service of rededication. Using Hebrews 13:8, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever," as his theme, he admonished the worshipers to remember those who had taught them to know Him, and to remember what they had taught about Him. The children of grades 3 to 5 of the Christian day school helped sing the Lord's praises in the service.

After the close of the service, all present joined in Christian fellowship. In this connection the members of St. John's also took note of the 30th anniversary of their pastor, the Rev. Karl Mol Kentin, who has been spiritual shepherd of the congregation since 1955.

St. John's Congregation is the oldest of the congregations which joined the Wisconsin Synod at its founding in 1850. Pastor of the congregation at that time was John Weinmann, a native of Wuerttemberg, Germany, who had been trained theologically by the Langenberg Mission Society.

The history of St. John's actually goes back to 1836. By 1840, services were being conducted with more or less regularity in the log-cabin home of Daniel Goelzer. Under the direction of a Pastor Schmidt, the congregation was formally organized on

October 2, 1843. St. John's not only has the distinction of being the oldest of the original WELS congregations, but also of being one of the oldest Lutheran congregations in the State of Wisconsin. Listed among its pastors, succeeding Weinmann, we find the names of G. Rausch, C. Koester, Ph. Brenner, G. Denninger, C. Gausewitz, H. Ebert, J. Bernthal, M. Plass, and K. Mol Kentin.

St. John's has had a Christian day school intermittently since the 1860's. After the latest lapse of a number of years, it was reestablished in 1963. The school is taught by four teachers. Principal is Mr. Robert Snell.

May God continue to encompass St. John's with His grace in Christ Jesus!

Pastor Karl Mol Kentin

An informative article for parents,  
pastors, and college students -----

# Mark's Going to College

Richard D. Ziesemer  
Campus Pastor U.W.-M  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Mark's interest in math helped him decide on engineering as a career. He looked at many college catalogs, searching for a school that could offer training at a price he could afford. In September he enrolled at U.W.-Milwaukee.

Mark and his parents toured the sprawling campus that first day. The tall buildings and thousands of students were very different from Mark's small home town and the schools Mark had attended there. Though he knew all his classmates in high school, he would meet very few students among the big, impersonal, mobile student body during the next four years. He had felt very close to his former teachers, but he would never speak to some of his new instructors personally, since some classes would number up to 200 students. As Mark walked across blocks of campus, he felt as though he was in a foreign country. In the days to come he would stand in line for hours, buying books, changing registrations, reciting an identity number. That evening, after Mark's parents left for home, he began to feel the homesickness that would grow in the days ahead.

Until now Mark had been supported by the loving guidance of Christian parents, church, and school. Most of his friends were of his own faith. He had been exposed to only the culture and sanctions of a small town.

Suddenly everything was different. People of all races and creeds. A dormitory where drugs and alcohol were easily available, where students ignored religion or experimented with "different" religions. Classes where he was exposed to thoughts and theories in conflict with those he had known. Mark was overwhelmed. Among thousands of students, wasn't there someone else who shared his way of life?

But Mark's parents had read the message in *The Northwestern Lutheran* requesting that the names of all WELS students and their addresses be given to the home pastor. This information was routed through the Special Ministries Board and reached the desk of Campus Pastor Richard Ziesemer, who went out to locate Mark — one young man alone in a sea of students.

## Campus Pastor and Student Center

Pastor Ziesemer found Mark and offered him the comfort of God's Word and his own friendship. Now Mark realized he had a person on campus who understood his problem. He was invited to come to the WELS Student Center, directly across the street from the student union, in the center of the block. (Two other Lutheran bodies maintain student centers on the corners of that block.) On Sunday evening Mark arrived at the center in time to enjoy a potluck supper, and found he was eating with many WELS friends. Now he knew there were others like himself in this big city — students who attended U.W.-M, Marquette, Milwaukee School of Engineering, Milwaukee Area Technical College, nursing schools, technical schools. He discovered that more than a thousand WELS students attend secular schools in Milwaukee alone.

After the meal the students left the upstairs dining area and went to the first-floor chapel, where a worship service is held on Sunday evenings at 7:00 P.M. during the school session. It was a warm and comforting feeling for Mark to sing the familiar hymns again, and to pray with others in the faith.

When the service had ended, the students gathered for a discussion about problems or topics that concerned them, with Pastor Ziesemer

helping them to resolve their questions in the light of Scripture. Our students are buffeted each week with sights and writings that are in conflict with their beliefs: abortion, living together without marriage, false religions, drunkenness, free love, pregnancies, love affairs with those of other religions, etc. They want to know the answers. Though students in dormitories were telling Mark that anything was O.K., Mark knew better, but he needed support for his belief. It is very easy to fall. Questions are discussed here that might shock parents, but they are very serious to the student, and he urgently needs answers.

During the week Mark can spend his free time studying or visiting with friends at the Student Center. He can receive counseling from the pastor. There are many scheduled social events: canoe trips, picnics, weekend retreats, roller skating, camping. And serious programs supported by our

⎓ Lutheran Collegians have ⎓  
⎓ over 25 chapters on college ⎓  
⎓ campuses in Midwest. ⎓

WELS Lutheran Collegians: financing one of the personnel in the ELS mission in Lima, Peru (the Milwaukee chapter president Ken Johnson, a senior dental student, was part of the mission group in Peru this summer, providing dental care at the mission), providing group canvassing for WELS churches, teaching at inner-city vacation Bible schools.

## Importance of Contact

Not all students find the way to the Student Center as easily as Mark did. Many names and addresses never reach the pastor. Some students drop out. Others purposely disappear into the anonymity of the large city. Some can never be found at their apart-

ment or residence. Others find the way to the pastor only when it's almost too late: Sue is deeply involved with a man of another religion; Ann is heartbroken because of a romantic disappointment; Karen is pregnant — the boyfriend is not interested in marriage and her friends tell her to get an abortion, but her faith is restraining her; Carl is breaking down emotionally under the competitive scholastic strain of the university; Jim is failing because he is majoring in socialization rather than academics. The problems are unending, but comfort, answers, and solutions can be found with the help of the student pastor.

Students come and go. Some manage to stay for four years. Each year many WELS students graduate

in engineering, nursing, dentistry, business, accounting, and other fields. They also take with them their strong religious convictions, witnessing and serving in WELS parishes across the nation. They spread out not only from the Milwaukee Student Center, but also from our Madison Center, served by Pastor Schmidt, and from WELS Lutheran Student Centers located on many other secular campuses. The pastors who staff the centers can only serve the students whom they can find. They need the full cooperation of the parents and the home pastors. Students, too, are urged to look for the Student Center on their campus, provided and supported by WELS members. It will light the way through four difficult years.

## INFORMATION

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

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

## *Fruits of the Spirit . . .*

### PATIENCE

The Christian is an ambassador for Christ in this world of sin (II Cor. 5:20). He is an "epistle of Christ" (II Cor. 3:3). As such his existence on earth is to be a testimony to the faith which the Holy Ghost has created in his heart. Christian faith is something which should not be kept hidden under a bushel; rather, it is to give evidence of its existence in the life and activity of the believer. This is what the Apostle Paul is speaking of in Galatians 5:22,23. Thus far we have briefly reviewed the fact that love, joy, and peace are three identifying features of a Christian's life. He will experience and display these virtues because of God's gracious love for him — a love which is reflected in the believer's relationship with his fellow men.

There follows now, still in verse 22, a word which relates still more directly to our personal contact with other people. Paul says that "long-suffering," which means "patience," is another "fruit of the spirit" which is to be in evidence in the life of a child of God. Peter uses this same

word when he describes God's dealings with us sinners. He writes: "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is *long-suffering* to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (II Pet. 3:9).

Jesus has given us a perfect example of patience in His dealings with sinners during the years of His public ministry. As Christians we are to "follow His steps" (I Pet. 2:21). Remember how patiently Jesus dealt with the Jewish religious leaders as well as with the social outcasts of His day. Never did He compromise the truth, for that must ever be faithfully upheld; but in proclaiming the truth of man's sin and God's grace He never displayed a lack of concern or patience for anyone. Repeatedly He explained even to His fiercest enemies the reason for the coming of the Messiah into a world of sin and unbelief. Jesus illustrated vividly the meaning of His promise: "Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37).

Should not our efforts to deal patiently with all men also be most clearly in evidence as we seek to gain or regain souls for Christ? It's easy to erase the names of delinquent members from the membership lists of our congregations without really having patiently consulted with them about the welfare of their immortal souls. But we should not look for the "easy" way out in these matters. The Lord has not been impatient with us, despite our many weaknesses and our many relapses into sin. And in Matthew, chapter 18, as well as in other Scripture passages, He gives us clear guidelines regarding our patient dealings with falling or fallen fellow Christians.

When it comes to other areas of life in which we are in contact with people, patience should also be a continuing characteristic. Again, it's not always easy to be patient with some of those "unbearable" business associates or neighbors or coworkers. But what a beautiful testimony of your faith it is when you patiently endure abuse and unjust criticism and malicious gossip in the spirit of Christ. When people ask, "How can he or she be so patient?" let them also hear the clear answer: "That person is a Christian who is living the faith he professes."

Philip R. Janke

## Direct from the Districts

### Minnesota

#### 40 Years in Preaching Ministry

On Sunday, June 9, 1974, at 2:00 o'clock, the members of Trinity Lutheran Church, Millville, Minnesota, gathered to observe their pastor's 40th anniversary in the preaching ministry. Pastor E. C. Leyrer began his preaching ministry on June 3, 1934, and has served Trinity Congregation since 1966.

Pastor Leyrer's brother, the Rev. C. S. Leyrer of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, conducted the liturgy at the service and Pastor R. Beckmann of Wabasha, Minnesota, preached on Philipians 1:17. "Paul's Estimate of the Gospel Ministry" was the theme of the anniversary sermon. A luncheon followed in the church parlors.

Pastor Leyrer is a graduate of Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Saginaw, and of Concordia Seminary, Springfield. In addition to serving Trinity Congregation he has served congregations in Grass Lake, Clare, Hamilton, and Elkton, Michigan, and Hurley and Mercer, Wisconsin.

#### Groundbreaking at Prescott, Wis.

One hundred years after its founding in the spring of 1874, St. Paul's Lutheran Congregation, Prescott, Wisconsin, broke ground for a new

church. Pastor David Seager conducted the ceremony on April 21, 1974, assisted by the members of the building committee: Harvey Brown, Don Johnson, Howard Johnson, Don Stark, and Ron Stark.

Containing 9,200 square feet of space, the new structure will be three times larger than the present church. The nave will seat 250 people comfortably. The attached fellowship area will accommodate any overflow. A wing extending from the fellowship area will serve as an educational unit for the Sunday school.

The groundbreaking climaxes five years of prayer and patient planning. The new structure is the congregation's response to the centennial theme: "Growing in Grace." The members of St. Paul's praise God for His past grace and pray Him to be with them in the future as they proclaim God's love in Christ.

#### Day of Joy at St. Matthew's, Butterfield, Minnesota

Two special services marked April 28, 1974, as a day of rejoicing and praise for St. Matthew's Congregation. It was the day on which the congregation celebrated its 70th anniversary, the 15th anniversary of its present church, the payment of its in-

debtedness, and the dedication of a new carillon.

Preaching were Prof. D. Brick of DMLC and Pastor A. Kienetz of Neenah, Wisconsin, a former pastor at Butterfield. On the basis of John 10:11-16, Prof. Brick reminded the audience of their blessings and privileges as members of the flock of the Good Shepherd. Using Proverbs 10:22, Pastor Kienetz called on the worshipers to "Praise the Lord for His Blessings." A catered dinner for the congregation and anthems by the DMLC Chapel Choir were other highlights of the occasion.

The carillon, purchase of which was made possible by memorials and special gifts, is a Verdin 680-3. On Sundays it sounds the call to worship, and during the week it plays hymns at noon and at six o'clock. St. Matthew's hopes that those who hear it may be attracted to the Gospel message. The Rev. J. D. Miller is pastor of the congregation.

#### 25 Years at St. Paul's, St. James, Minnesota

In a surprise service on February 17, 1974, the members of St. Paul's celebrated the 25th anniversary of Pastor Emil F. Peterson's ministry in their midst. He was installed at St. Paul's on February 20, 1949, coming to St. James from Mankato where he had served at Immanuel Lutheran for nine years.

Pastor Karl Peterson of Birmingham, Alabama, used I Corinthians 2:1-5 as the text for the anniversary sermon. It was the same text his father had used for his first sermon at St. Paul's on February 27, 1949.

The senior Petersons also have two other children: Karen, Mrs. David Lindemann of New Ulm, and Kenric who with his wife teaches at the Chinese Ev. Lutheran School in Hong Kong.

The worship service was followed by a congregational potluck dinner.

#### Emmanuel Centennial

Driving horse and buggy over mud roads, walking miles through the snow, worshipping in bitter cold, huddled close to a pot-belly, wood-burning stove in an old school building! You wouldn't expect that, but that's the way things were in St. Paul, Min-



Groundbreaking at St. Paul's, Prescott, Wisconsin

nesota, when Emanuel Congregation was organized in 1873.

The members of Emanuel, however, were not looking back as much as ahead on the final Centennial Sunday last November 4, 1973. In his sermon on that day the senior associate pastor asked them a very pointed question: "Is Emanuel Congregation to be only a monument to the past or should it be an instrument for serving God's people in the future?"

Emanuel Congregation believes that "God is with them." In every way it seeks to express sincere and humble love and appreciation to its Lord and Savior. One way is by means of teaching the coming generation in its Christian day school, the history of which goes back to 1875, two years after the congregation was founded.

Pastors of the congregation are Donald W. Meier and Frederick A. Kogler. On its roster of previous pastors are historical and familiar names like the following: A. Sieker, W. Streissguth, I. Achilles, O. Hoyer, W. Dreher, Z. Stiemke, K. Abbetmeyer, E. Luebbert, A. A. Emmel, G. Ernst, G. Thiele, L. Voss, G. Baer, W. Zell, and H. Johne.

## Northern Wisconsin

### Centennial of Church Building

On December 21, 1873, First German Ev. Lutheran Congregation of Manitowoc, Wisconsin, dedicated its present church building. At that time it had cost \$13,000 to erect this large building.

In December, 1973, the congregation celebrated 100 years of worshiping in the same church building. The anniversary festivities began on December 2 with a song service. Choirs of the congregation and children of the parish school participated.

Theme of the anniversary Sunday, December 9, was "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad." Pastor Gerald Free of Omaha, Nebraska, a son of the congregation, preached in the morning service. Another son of the congregation, Pastor Gerhard Struck of Elkton, Michigan, spoke in the afternoon. In the evening the congregation heard a message delivered by Pastor Oscar J. Naumann, president of the Wisconsin Synod.

The anniversary offering was designated for the Church Extension Fund of the Wisconsin Synod. It amounted to almost \$7,000.

A pictorial display on the congregation's history was a major attraction throughout the day for members, friends, and visitors.

First German Congregation was founded in February, 1855. Its membership today numbers 1769 baptized souls, of whom 1413 are communicants. Pastor of the congregation is Norval W. Kock.

May the gracious Lord continue to hold His hand in blessing and protection over this century-old church!

### Organ Dedication

The members of Bethany Ev. Lutheran Church, Appleton, dedicated a new Allen organ to the glory of God at a special service on June 9. Guest organist was Mr. James Engel, music instructor at Fox Valley Lutheran High School. Trumpet accompanist was Mr. William Craig.

The Allen 301 Digital Computer Organ, installed by the Schulz Music Company of Appleton, incorporates an entirely new technology called "Large Scale Integrated Circuitry," developed by the space program. At the heart of it is a device which shrinks thousands of individual components into a single unit smaller than a dime.

Bethany's pastor, the Rev. Lyle Koenig, also reports that the congregation has purchased several homes around the church for future expansion.

## Southeastern Wisconsin

### Pastor Froelich's Fortieth

On June 9, 1974, the members of Bethany Church at Hustisford, Wisconsin, observed the 40th anniversary of Pastor Erwin B. Froehlich.

Pastor Melvin Croll, a close friend of the jubilarian, preached in the two morning services. Basing his words on II Corinthians 2:14-17, he spoke on "Forty Years in the Service of the Lord." Serving as liturgists were two sons of the congregation, Mr. Jeff Suhr, a second-year student at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, and Mr. James Castillo, pastor-elect of Hope Lutheran at Louisville, Kentucky.

A special anniversary program followed the noon potluck. Among the gifts presented to Pastor and Mrs. Froehlich was a check to cover a two-week vacation of their choice.



Pastor E. Froehlich, Hustisford, Wisconsin

At the special anniversary service at 3:00 P.M., Pastor Richard Froehlich, son of the jubilarian, spoke to the worshipers on "We Have a Star Among Us" (Dan. 12:3). Guest liturgist was Pastor Erwin Schewe, visiting elder.

Before coming to Hustisford in 1957, Pastor Froehlich served as tutor at Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Saginaw, Michigan, and as pastor at Zion Lutheran, Morrison, Grace Lutheran, Pickett, and Bethlehem Lutheran, Hortonville, all in Wisconsin.

## Western Wisconsin

### Service of Appreciation

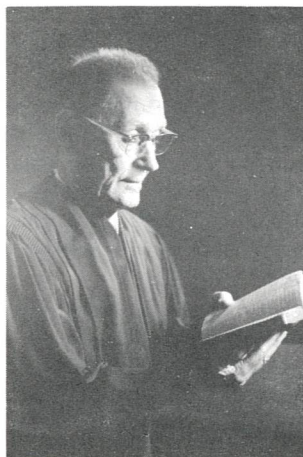
Good Shepherd Lutheran at Beloit, Wisconsin, on June 30, 1974, held a service of appreciation to mark the retirement of Pastor Roland C. Hillemann. Liturgist for the service was Pastor V. Dobberstein of Brodhead, Wisconsin. Pastor O. Cullen of Belvidere, Illinois, preached the sermon on "A Ministry Fulfilled."

The service was followed by a short program and a picnic supper.

In his ministry of 46 years, Pastor Hillemann served as tutor at Northwestern College and in pastorates at Plum City, Eau Galle, Waverly, Ixonia, Norwalk, Wilton, (all in Wisconsin), Savannah and Mesquito Hill in Illinois, and since 1956 in the Brodhead and Beloit area. For the past 18 years he has devoted his full time to the Beloit congregation. He and Mrs. Hillemann, the former Grace Holzhueter, will spend their retirement years in Lancaster, Wisconsin.

**Pastor-Em. C. E. Berg**  
1877 - 1974

Funeral services were conducted for Pastor C. E. Berg at St. John's, Ridgeville Township, rural Tomah, Wisconsin, on Saturday, July 6, 1974. Pastor Norman Berg, a nephew, preached the sermon on II Timothy 4:6-8, a text his uncle had chosen. Pastor H. Winkel spoke in behalf of the Southwestern Conference. Pastor Martin Lemke of St. John's conducted the altar and cemetery services.



Pastor C. Berg

Here follows the "Brief Story of My Life" as Pastor Berg himself wrote it.

"Carl Ernest Berg, son of Edward Berg and his wife Catherine, nee Seebach, was born February 11, 1877, in the Town of Caledonia, Racine County, Wisconsin. On March 18 he was received into God's kingdom through Holy Baptism, administered by Pastor John Meyer. He attended the parochial school of Trinity Lutheran Church, Caledonia, and was confirmed on March 22, 1891, by Pastor H. Monhardt. Encouraged by his parents and his pastor to study for the ministry, he entered Northwestern College, Watertown, in 1893. In 1899 he entered the Theological Seminary of the Wisconsin Synod at Wauwatosa and graduated in 1902.

"Pastor Berg was ordained and installed into the holy ministry on July 7, 1902, at Sprague, near Lincoln, Nebraska, as an itinerant missionary of the Wisconsin Synod for that area

of Nebraska. As such he labored until he was called to serve as pastor of a congregation near Grafton, Nebraska. During his pastorate there, from May 1903 to July 1907, the congregation built its first house of worship and a parsonage. During his tenure there he also conducted services at Geneva.

"In July, 1907, Pastor Berg accepted a call from St. Paul's Lutheran Church near Gresham, Nebraska, and served that congregation until November, 1919, when he was called to Bristol, Wisconsin. In 1924 he accepted the call to Ridgeville and there served St. John's Congregation for 25 years, until September, 1949, when he retired. In his retirement he was called upon to preach on various occasions and to serve a number of vacancies.

"Pastor Berg was united in marriage with Helen Gross in October, 1904. They were blessed with four sons and four daughters, of whom a daughter and two sons preceded their father in death. Mrs. Berg died in October, 1945."

Pastor Berg died on July 3, 1974. Our gracious God permitted him to reach the age of 97 years, 4 months, and 22 days. He is survived by sons Carl and Harold, and daughters Esther Roscovius, Irma Bernhardt, and Alice Eagan; also by 12 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren.

**OFFER OF PARAMENTS**

St. John's Lutheran of 68th and Forest Home, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, is offering a usable set of altar cloths and book markers free of charge to any mission congregation. The altar cloths are 31 x 84. Available in four colors (not black). Please contact Mrs. H. Small by calling (414) 421-0895 or writing 5412 Moorhead Lane, Greendale, Wis. 53129.

**Editorials continued:**

The ultimate source of truth is God. He makes the truth known through the inspired Scriptures. The problem is, however, that "the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."

Brilliant minds will continue the search for the truth. Academic freedom will be demanded, and in most cases granted. Scholarship will be im-pressive, and the accumulation of knowledge monumental. But until men bow before the Spirit's wisdom the outcome of all this effort is predictable: "Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth."

Immanuel Frey

**OSHKOSH STUDENTS**

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

**NOMINATIONS — MLS**

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

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

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

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## 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).

### 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.

## 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.

## 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. Lawrenz, pastor.

### BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA

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

### FORT SILL, LAWTON, OKLAHOMA

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

### 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.

### 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.

## ORDINATIONS AND INSTALLATIONS

(Authorized by the District Presidents)

### ORDAINED AND INSTALLED

#### Pastors:

**Backus, Andrew R.**, ordained and installed at St. John (Baytown) and St. Matthew (T. Grant), rural Stillwater, Minnesota, on June 30, 1974, by A. Zenker (Minn.).

**Berg, Peter M.**, ordained and installed in New Mission, N. St. Louis County, Missouri, on June 30, 1974, by N. Berg (Minn.).

**Conradt, Elroy V. O.**, ordained and installed at St. Paul's, Henry, South Dakota, on June 30, 1974, by G. Lemke, and installed at Emmanuel, Grover, South Dakota, on June 30, 1974, by D. Shook (Dak.-Mont.).

**Haakenson, Reed A.**, ordained and installed at Good Shepherd, Niles (Youngstown), Ohio, on June 23, 1974, by G. Schaumberg (Mich.).

**Knickelbein, Thomas B.**, ordained and installed in St. Peter, Kekoskee, Wisconsin, on July 7, 1974, by C. Henning (SEW).

**Kutil, Jeffrey L.**, ordained and installed at Faith Lutheran, Lancaster, Wisconsin, on June 30, 1974, by L. Martin (WW).

## SYNODICAL SCHOOL OPENINGS

### Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Mequon, Wisconsin

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

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

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

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

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

### Michigan Lutheran Seminary Saginaw, Michigan

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

### Northwestern Lutheran Academy Mobridge, South Dakota

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

### Martin Luther Academy New Ulm, Minnesota

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

**Linn, David C.**, ordained and installed at St. James, Tolstoy, South Dakota, on June 23, 1974, by L. Schroeder, and installed at Zion, Akaska, South Dakota, on June 23, 1974, by D. Krenke (Dak.-Mont.).

**Meier, Wayne A.**, ordained and installed at Trinity (Dexter Township), Austin, Minnesota, on June 30, 1974, by G. Horn (Minn.).

**Vaccarella, L. Lee**, ordained and installed in St. Mark, Bemidji, Minnesota, on July 7, 1974, by D. Waeger (Minn.).

### INSTALLED

#### Pastors:

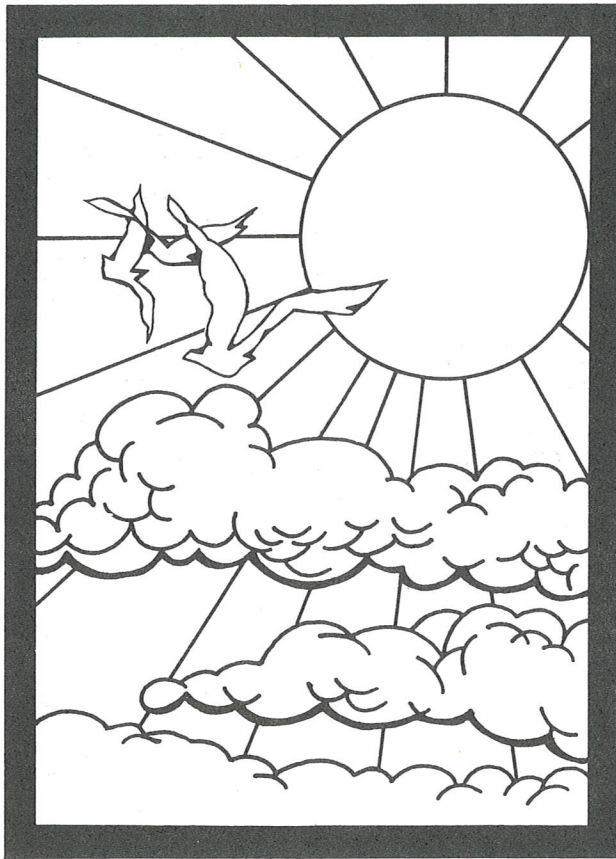
**Ditter, Gerald D.**, installed at Bethesda Lutheran, Portland, Oregon, on June 23, 1974, by W. Widmann (PNW).

**Liesener, Mark L.**, installed at Bloomington Lutheran, Bloomington, Minnesota, on June 30, 1974, by A. Stuebs (Minn.).

#### Teachers:

**Haldin, David C.**, as Director and Minister of Education at St. John Lutheran, Redwood Falls, Minnesota, on June 30, 1974, by E. O. Schulz (Minn.).

**Lau, Theodore F.**, as teacher at St. Paul Lutheran, Route 1, Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin, on June 30, 1974, by H. Juroff (NW).



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### REQUEST

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

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