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Briefs by the Editor

The Northwestern Lutheran is the official organ of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod. As such, it regularly brings you official announcements, notices concerning the meetings of the Synod's boards and committees, and the time and place of pastoral, teacher, and delegate conferences. Every other year it devotes a great deal of space to listing the official delegates to the Synod convention. Since this is required by the Constitution, this issue and the next ones will devote considerable space to such listings.

These lists need not be boring. No more so than the genealogies in the Holy Scripture. Those lists in Scripture are important in that they identify Jesus of Nazareth as the Savior promised ever since man's fall into sin. It's one of the Scripture's answers to the question John the Baptist directed to Christ: "Art Thou He that should come, or do we look for another?"

The lists of delegates in *The Northwestern Lutheran* do not identify the Savior, but they do identify those whom that group of God's people which we call the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod has chosen to do God's work in their name. Since all people whose names appear on this list are sinners at the same time that they are regenerate children of God, they need our prayers. Since they are fallible, they need our constant scrutiny, for God through John tells us to "try the spirits." Our understanding, because criticism that is not constructive would rob them of their joy in carrying out the Lord's work for the Lord's people. In that case, all would be losers.

This issue submits the list of advisory delegates. At the convention in August, these men will have a voice,

but no vote — unless their names also appear on the list of voting delegates. These are the men who carry on the official work of the Synod between sessions. Humanly speaking, without them there would be no one able to counsel and support missionaries on the home and world fields, no one to conduct the legal business of the Synod, no one to provide services of many kinds to congregations and schools, to pastors, teachers, and laymen. These men will attend the sessions this summer to offer advice and to receive advice.

A breakdown of the list is interesting. Eliminating the duplicates, this list contains 137 names. Of these, only 36 are not connected directly with congregational work. Staff personnel accounts for 15, and 21 are teachers at Synodical schools or area high schools. Directly connected with the work in the parish are 137. Of these, four are day-school teachers, 30 are lay members, and 67 pastors.

Turning our attention to another matter, you will notice that this issue features a report by Civilian Chaplain E. Renz on the *Second European Retreat*. His letter makes the additional suggestion that many of our congregations in the States might make use of facilities available to them to gather members together on a Friday evening and a Saturday for a spiritual get-together. "With a planned program and a study period on Saturday morning," writes Chaplain Renz, "it could give our people an opportunity to be spiritually refreshed as they study and discuss some doctrine of Scripture. Our people (at the Retreat) displayed a genuine eagerness to learn and a desire to absorb the truths of Scripture on the subject of Justification." Worth looking into!

*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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OUR COVER

Participants in the Second WELS Spiritual Retreat in Europe, sponsored by the WELS Military Services Committee and hosted by Civilian Chaplain Edward C. Renz over the 1975 Easter weekend. Fifty-nine attended the Easter service at the *Jugendhaus am Weinberg* in St. Martin, West Germany. Theme of the get-together was "Justification." (See pages 184 to 185.)

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Editorials

"Rest A While" The Twelve returned from their first mission journey and were so caught up in the crowds coming and going that they had no time to eat. "Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place," Jesus invited them, "and rest a while."

People who work hard in the field or factory, in classroom or office, understand the need to "rest a while." The daily grind gets to us, our strength plays out, nerves become frazzled, weariness of body and spirit sets in.

"Rest a while," Jesus said and bade them board ship for a quiet place. But people followed along the shoreline, gathered others as they went, till a large crowd was waiting when they landed. Hours of teaching followed, and the disciples were on their feet while they served the 5,000 loaves and fishes.

Setting sail at evening, the Twelve were caught in a storm and strained wearily at the oars till Jesus rescued them. When they docked at Bethsaida, St. Mark tells us, multitudes from the whole region round about came carrying their sick and crowding in upon them once more.

What happened, one wonders, about the "rest a while" Jesus had promised? Seemingly the Twelve had anything but rest and relaxation. Or did Jesus deliver on His promise? In all the physical strain and emotional stress they learned to look to Jesus for their rest.

It is well for us to remember that "getting away from it all" is not the full answer. Jesus does not point us to a place or a program, but to Himself as our real Refuge and Rest: "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

John Parcher

What A Christian Father Could Have Told Them A \$700-a-day consultant from California told Milwaukee Public School administrators that they should not boss their students around; they should stop telling them how to behave.

According to *The Milwaukee Journal* the consultant stated that it was bad to tell a student, "You sit down," or "You do your work," because such commands "chip away a child's self-esteem." If an adult imposes his will on a child, the child does not win and is, therefore, usually resentful. Ultimately that means withdrawal or rebellion with vandalism, truancy, or drug abuse.

Rather, the consultant urged, teachers should "negotiate" with students. The teacher should listen to the child and the child listens to the teacher, and they arrive at a solution.

Milwaukee Public School administrators need not have invited a \$700-a-day consultant to tell them how to effect their school discipline. The administrators would have done better to secure as a speaker one of any number of Christian fathers who are being remembered on Father's Day. Such a father could have told them that good behavior is not something to "negotiate," as if it were open

to compromise. But neither need it be secured only by the rod. A Christian father prefers to use persuasion rather than the rod to secure obedience, as Paul, the father of the Corinthian congregation, preferred to use loving persuasion rather than the rod to correct his spiritual sons and daughters. And even when a Christian father must use the rod, he will not use it without love.

A Christian father is clear-sighted enough to see that foolishness and rebellion are found in the heart of a child, and that such foolishness and rebellion do not sit as equals across the bargaining table from experience and wisdom and responsibility to "negotiate" conduct. Authority cannot surrender to children who have yet to learn self-discipline and responsibility.

Such fathers also know, from experience, that firm but kind authority and discipline do not produce vandalism, truancy, or drug abuse, as the consultant asserted. Such discipline is the best means of preventing them.

A Christian father may not be a school administrator, but he could have supplied the Milwaukee Public School administrators with a great deal more pedagogical wisdom than the \$700-a-day consultant did. He might even have supplied it free of charge.

Carleton Toppe

Man Without Religion Karl Holzschuh, a juvenile court judge for 35 years in West Germany, finds in his country a definite correlation between a decline in religion and an increase in crime and immorality. In a recent interview he stated, "Crimes of violence — murder and sex offenses, such as forcible rape — have increased terribly in West Germany." He pointed out that in the past religion was a major factor in keeping Germans from turning to crime; but now, he said, "Religion has become less and less important. Many people in our country feel they don't need religion anymore. Making money, having sex, drinking — these have become the important things in our country."

His conclusion: "When man is without religion, he becomes an animal."

Judge Holzschuh is not the first in history to have noted this. St. Paul pointed out the same thing in different words 2,000 years ago in his letter to the Christians in Ephesus. Referring to their way of life when they were still without God, he said that they lived "in the lusts of the flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind."

What Paul wrote to the Ephesians is true of mankind in general. Without God, man lives according to his natural instincts — like an animal. Self-gratification is his motive in life, and immorality and crime are the natural byproducts of the pursuit of it.

Faith in God makes a difference. While God's Word was not given for the primary purpose of improving society, it is nevertheless true that faith in God and His Word goes a long way toward accomplishing just that. "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord," declared the Psalmist, and history attests to the truth of those inspired words. When the people of a nation become their own gods, the results are predictable and observable.

Immanuel Frey

Studies in God's Word



The Christian and the Tongue — II

For every kind of beasts and of birds and of serpents and of things in the sea is tamed and hath been tamed of mankind, but the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil full of deadly poison. Therewith bless we God, even the Father, and therewith curse we men which are made after the similitude of God. Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be. Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter? Can a fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, bear olive berries? So can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh (James 3:7-12).

The gift of speech brings much joy. What if we had no tongue to say, "I love you," or "I care"? What if there'd be no familiar voice on the long-distance phone, no first word from a grandchild for our ears to hear? Much sunshine would be lost if the gift of speech were gone.

Unfortunately speech isn't always used to spread sunshine. At times it falls like sleet and freezes the heart or beats like the desert sun and burns the spirit. At times what God intended as a gift of joy becomes through sinful use a dreadful curse. How the tongue is to be used and controlled James describes in his *Course on Concrete Christianity* as he discusses further "The Christian and the Tongue."

Tamed by Christ

There are many things man can tame. In creation God gave him dominion over beasts and birds, serpents and sea creatures. Sin blighted this mastery, yet man exerts it some-

what with force and cunning. He can tame creatures of all kinds to serve him as beasts of burden or to entertain him as pets of pleasure. The animals around him man can master, but not the tongue within him. The fall into sin only partly changed man's mastery over animals, but completely canceled his control over his own tongue. Since the fall, man's tongue is a wild beast which he cannot break or bring under control.

A brief glance into the shadows of sin in Eden shows this fact. After the fall, Adam uses his tongue to make excuse to his Maker and accusation against his wife. A brief glance into the sin shadows in our own lives verifies what we have seen in Eden. The loving, glorifying tongue has become a buck-passing, blaming tongue. It has become "an unruly evil, full of deadly poison." Like some restless snake, it slithers around, darting and striking without warning, puncturing and paralyzing with its venom. Man can dominate animals, defy gravity, defeat distance, dive into the depths, but he can't tame his tongue!

And that's just the point. When it comes to tongue taming, man is not only weak, he is helpless. This feat can be performed only by the Savior, for it requires digging deeper and doing heart transplanting. Only Jesus can create a clean heart and renew a right spirit within us. Only when He has done this through Word and Sacrament, can the words of our mouth and the meditation of our heart even begin to be acceptable in His sight.

Trained for Christ

James presents matters just as they are in the world, and even at times among us, when he says, "Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be."

When we see what marvelous creatures God has made us, how He has put the whole world into our small hands for use, how He has loved us in Christ even when we hated Him, how He knows us by name among the three billion plus in the world, we must indeed praise Him. To use the tongue in loving praise toward God is the lofty goal for which that tongue was made. Yet with the same tongue we curse man who is made in the likeness of our God.

With the tongue we bless God who has brought us to faith and thus restored His holy image in us. Yet with the same tongue we curse man whom God also wants to bring to faith and in whom He wants to restore that same sinless image.

Nature wouldn't stand for such inconsistency. The same spring in nature cannot bubble forth sweet and brackish water at the same time. It will be either sweet or bitter. Nature also knows the rule that like produces like. Figs come only from fig trees and olives only from olive trees. If cutting and cursing speech comes regularly from the tongue, it's a sign the heart is likewise. If the heart is clean, the speech will be clear.

What a Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde our tongue can be at times. On Sunday it can raise holy hymns and on Monday repeat smutty stories. In the evening it can speak pious prayers and in the morning spread ripe rumors. Such sinful practice can lead to spiritual bankruptcy. If we have been guilty, we need to plead in penitence, "God, be merciful to me a sinner." God will hear and answer. His own living Word of Love He placed into a stable and pierced on a cross to cleanse us also from the sins of the tongue. Through the Means of Grace He will train our tongues, turning them from running after to running away from sin, from cursing man to communicating to him the love of our God.

What joy the tongue can bring when it is tamed by Christ and then trained to speak for Christ! "Lord, take our lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee."

Richard E. Lauersdorf



The Law - Its Three Uses

Part III — A Rule and Guide

Once a person, whether regenerate or unregenerate, takes a close look at his soul in the mirror of God's holy Law and is honest enough to accept what he sees, there can be no question in his mind about the need for salvation. The regenerate Christian has learned from the Word of God that forgiveness of sins is granted him by a merciful and loving God only through His only-begotten Son, Jesus. Therefore, in gratitude for the gift of Christ's righteousness, the believer wishes to do what pleases God. He wants to respond positively to God's love. But alas, because of his sinful flesh, that response just doesn't "come off" right.

The Christian finds himself in the same circumstances as a six-year-old lad, whom I knew. His mother had banished him to his bedroom as punishment for having broken a precious family heirloom while wrestling with his older brother. To him the punishment seemed particularly grievous because that day was his birthday, and his mother had promised to have a party for him. In spite of his wrong, the mother kept her promise and, with much hurrying and scurrying, provided a very happy birthday party for her six-year-old and several of his friends.

Needless to say, the boy was overwhelmed by the love and forgiving spirit of his mother. In addition to telling her that he was sorry for his wrongdoing and promising to be a good boy, he felt he wanted to do something special for her. Knowing how much his mother loved flowers, he waited until she had gone to the grocery store the next morning and then proceeded to pick all of her lilacs, as well as every last rose from a special hybrid plant, and to stick them into the ground in neat rows,

thinking they would grow and multiply. But instead of being pleased, his mother was horrified to see all of her beautiful flowers wilting in the sun.

The Old Adam

This real-life happening illustrates the predicament in which every believer finds himself. As a believing child of God he knows and appreciates God's great love and forgiveness and wants to demonstrate his gratitude. But because of his sinful flesh, he does not always do what is right according to the will of his heavenly Father, even when he wants to. St. Paul put it this way: "For the good that I would, I do not; but the evil which I would not, that I do. . . . O wretched man that I am!"

Even though the Christian has become a new spiritual creation in Christ through the Gospel, yet because the Old Adam still lives in him, he needs the Law to guide him in his actions. Dr. Martin Luther stated very clearly: "According to the spirit, the believer is righteous, without any sin, has need of no law whatever; according to his flesh he still has sin." He is, as it were, a person torn in two directions. That's why he needs a word from God to direct him into the paths which God would have him follow. The Law of God acts as such "a lamp unto (our) feet and a light unto (our) path."

Thus the Ten Commandments, which for the unregenerate and for our Old Adam are a curb and a mirror, also serve as guideposts for the regenerate along the highway of life to show them what pleases their Lord and to warn them about the ruts, chuckholes, and washouts of temptation, which the devil has constructed to keep them from reaching their

destination, the pearly white and welcoming pillars of "Heaven's Mansion," located at No. 1 Gold Street. The believer says with the Psalmist: "I delight to do Thy will, O my God; yea, Thy Law is within my heart."

The Law in Paradise

In this connection it is important to note that before Adam and Eve had fallen into sin there was no Gospel. In fact, there was no need for the Gospel; man was not a sinner. But even while they were still perfect, holy children of God, Adam and Eve had the Law written in their hearts to guide them in their obedient response to God's love. In paradise God even added special commandments to test man's loyalty. Only after their disobedience and the pronouncement of His anger upon their sin, did God offer them His Gospel promise, telling Satan: "I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her Seed. It shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise His heel."

In fulfilling that promise, Jesus, the "Seed" of the woman, was indeed bruised as He battled Satan on Gethsemane's blood-stained hill. But by His triumphant rising from the grave, Jesus crushed the power of our old evil foe. Now through baptism every believer has not only been buried with Christ into His death, but through faith in Him has been made alive unto a new holier life. The spiritually reborn Christian is willing to do whatever is pleasing to God, is willing to walk the way of God's Commandments, not because he is coerced or compelled by them, but purely out of love for God. Now he needs only to be shown what God wants him to do, and he will gladly do it.

Our Guide

Micah, an Old Testament prophet, reminds us: "He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" So, for the true child of God, the Law serves as a guide and directs him in his life by pointing out what is truly good and

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Another Celebration of Grace



President O. J. Naumann

Somehow it seems more than a coincidence that in the same year in which the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod is celebrating 125 Years of Grace, it has also had the joy of marking the 40th anniversary of one whose ministry has been uniquely associated with the history of our Synod. This additional Celebration of Grace took place at Mt. Lebanon Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, on Sunday evening, April 27, as friends and colleagues from near and far gathered to commemorate the 40th anniversary in the ministry of President Oscar J. Naumann. The service had been arranged on the eve of Synodical Council week so that many of the jubilarian's coworkers from all areas and divisions of the Synod could also be present.

The service was conducted by Pastor George W. Boldt, second vice-president of the Synod. First Vice-President Carl H. Mischke preached the sermon, based on Ephesians 3:8. He used the Synod's Anniversary theme, GRACE, as the theme for this service also, pointing out that Grace had made President Naumann, first of all, a child of God; on top of that,

God had given President Naumann an additional measure of grace that has permitted him to serve with visible blessing in a very special ministry. A reception for Pastor and Mrs. Naumann, hosted by the ladies of Mt. Lebanon Congregation where the Naumanns hold membership, followed the service.

Pastor Naumann has been president of the Wisconsin Synod for 22 of his 40 years in the ministry. Having guided our Synod through a long and painful confessional struggle, God has given him grace to lead our Synod in a program of mission expansion that has been blessed beyond our fondest expectations.

But the service did not glorify a man. It was truly a Celebration of Grace. The hymns, the prayers, the sermon, the more informal addresses by colleagues after the service — all emphasized the amazing grace of God to an individual and through an individual to an entire church body. President Naumann would have insisted on that kind of emphasis. Had the accent been on anything but God's grace, Pastor Naumann himself would have made the necessary

corrections in his closing remarks.

President Naumann was born at Wood Lake, Minnesota, on June 24, 1909, the son of the late Pastor Justus Naumann and his wife, Marie, nee Scherf, who is still living. He was baptized three days later and was confirmed by Pastor John Plocher in St. John's Lutheran Church, St. Paul, Minnesota, in March of 1923.

He was graduated from the high-school department of Dr. Martin Luther College — now Martin Luther Academy — in 1927, from Northwestern College in 1931, and from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in 1934.

On September 5, 1936, he was married to Dorothy Schwarz. It goes without saying that without this faithful and dedicated helpmeet Pastor Naumann could not have served the Lord and His Church in this unique ministry for so many years with such evident blessing.

After serving two years as a tutor at Northwestern College, he was ordained and installed as pastor of Arlington Avenue Lutheran Church, Toledo, Ohio, on September 13, 1936. After four years he accepted the call to a professorship at Dr. Martin Luther College. He served here until July of 1946, when he was installed as pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, St. Paul, Minnesota, thus becoming associated with the man who had confirmed him 23 years earlier.

He was elected president of the Minnesota District in 1948 and served in this capacity until 1953. From 1951 to 1953 he also served as second vice-president of our Synod. He was elected as president of the Synod in 1953 and occupied the office on a part-time basis until 1959. In 1959 he moved to Milwaukee to become the Synod's first full-time president.

Rejoicing with President and Mrs. Naumann in God's abundant grace are their children: Rev. and Mrs. Wayne (Myrna) Borgwardt, Mr. and Mrs. Philip (Judy) Naumann, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas (Cheryl) Naumann, Mr. Martin Naumann, Rev. and Mrs. Peter (Barbara) Naumann, Rev. and Mrs. James (Jalaine) Naumann, and Mr. Paul Naumann.

Permissiveness

The Christian in a Humanistic Society

Dr. Spock is worried. So are many others who either intentionally or unintentionally lent support to what has been called the "permissive" idea in child-rearing. Whether he has been misread and misrepresented or not, Dr. Spock has expressed concern that the present chaotic situation may indeed be the end result of permitting children to express themselves freely in all areas. There's not much doubt that some of them seem to have learned their lessons pretty well. The worst part is the contagious aspect of it.

... indirectly related to the evolution hypothesis. . .

Believe it or not, situation ethics, "ego-tripping," and the search for happiness-at-any-price are all quite directly related to the evolution hypothesis. If man is nothing more than the most highly evolved form of life presently existing, then he must retain in essence the basic instincts and drives of the lower animals from which he supposedly "ascended." The concentration on man as the highest form of life yet to evolve leads inevitably to an ego-consciousness which makes man the "measure of all things." Ultimately, he must be said to determine for himself not only what he considers to be in his own best interests, but also the manner in which these interests are to be achieved and satisfied.

You know what that means. In effect, each one becomes a law to himself, deciding according to his own intellect and philosophy not only the direction his life will take but the attitude and action he will initiate toward others in his society. For many, "doing one's own thing" frequently leads to rebellion against anyone and anything which seem to restrict their

concept of "freedom." For those who have gone the full route, responsibility for their actions is ultimately passed off on society, on environment, on anything which offers a plausible excuse for not placing the responsibility where it belongs.

And, of course, there is the continuing demand for "rights." Solomon said something about there apparently being no end to the making of books. I often wonder if mankind is in the same situation with its demands for "rights." Some appear to have the perverted notion that mankind, by reason of superior intellectual capacity, is entitled to a host of "inalienable rights" besides those which the Declaration of Independence maintains we have been endowed with by our Creator.

But — you know the situation, you and I are living it, it's part of the world we're "in," but hopefully not "of." The problem is, how to deal with the "libbers," women's and otherwise, the "rightists," civil and otherwise, the "free lovers" and "free-thinkers" and "fun seekers." How separate the good from the bad, the activities to support, the ones to reject, the ones to oppose? Hide our heads in the sand, pretend these things aren't there and don't happen, get "out of the world"?

"You are the salt of the earth."

Christ said of His believers: "You are the salt of the earth, you are the light of the world." Now, that implies some kind of activity, even if only by example. But to "season" effectively, as good "salt," we've got to know what and where to apply the salt; we've got to distinguish between what is "profitable for the edification of the saints" and what is unprof-

itable. That means recourse to the only source which helps us to distinguish rightly between the good and the evil, the just and the unjust, the proper and the improper — God's revelation of Himself and His will, the Bible.

The problem with the permissive society is that it hasn't learned how to say "No." Frequently, the problem Christians have is that they haven't learned how to use the freedom they have in Christ to say "Yes." As a result, Christianity is unfortunately regarded by many today as a negative religion, with a host of "thou shalt nots . . ." The fact is that you and I as redeemed and restored children of God have been granted in Christ the privilege of the only positive response to life there is. God's negatives regarding this life are directed to the unconverted and unregenerate man; it is the Christian and the Christian only who has the freedom, under God, to say "Yes" to life.

... say "Yes" to the positive Christian virtues. . .

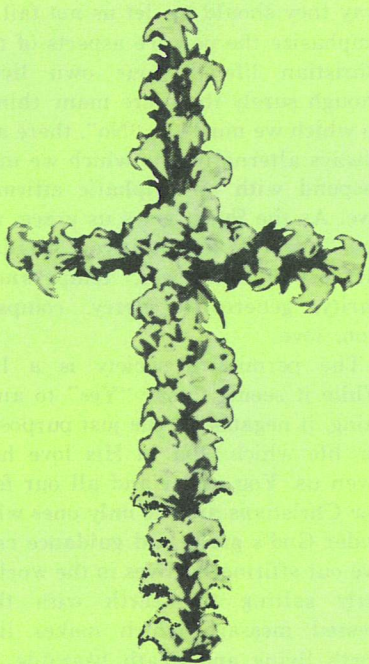
In training up our children in the way they should go, let us not fail to emphasize the positive aspects of the Christian life. In our own lives, though surely there are many things to which we must say "No", there are always alternatives to which we may respond with an emphatic affirmative. As the Spirit gives us grace, we say "Yes" to the positive Christian virtues of meekness, temperance, purity, generosity, mercy, compassion, love.

The permissive society is a lie. While it seems to say "Yes" to anything, it negates all the just purposes for life which God in His love has given us. You and I and all our fellow Christians are the only ones who under God's grace and guidance can live out affirmative lives in the world, truly salting the earth with the blessed message which makes life worth living and death bearable in dying: Jesus Christ, crucified and glorified for the justification and life of the world.

William E. Staab

WELS

Second European Retreat



Jugendhaus am Weinberg

To appreciate fully the joy which our WELS people in Europe experience when they gather for a Spiritual Retreat, you would have to go through the same change of location, change in schedule, and change in life style that our civilians and service people experience.

Community life is completely different. The schedule is governed by the needs of the base or installation. You are faced by new temptations, so that your faith is sorely tried. You often stand alone as you maintain that Scripture is the only norm in matters of faith and Christian life. Your conservative position on the teachings of the Bible are even questioned by people from other church bodies. You hear God's name misused in daily conversation. You sorely miss the fellow Christians with whom you associated in the States.

Then comes the invitation from the Chaplain to attend a Retreat with your fellow Christians overseas. You check your finances. You check your schedule. To make sure you don't pull duty the weekend of the Retreat you ask for a three-day pass.

When you arrive at the Retreat center, you possibly meet people from your home state. You find that you know some of the same people back home. You may even be from the same congregation and may have attended the same Christian day school or high school. Friendships are renewed, new friendships built.

With these fellow Christians you then gather for worship services and study sessions. You partake of the Lord's Supper together. You study God's Word together. You pray to-



Chaplain E. Renz on
Easter morning

gether. Together you sing the praises of Him who died for you and rose again.

The Retreat comes to a close. You have enjoyed each other's fellowship. You bid one another farewell. You look forward to the next Retreat, for you are grateful that you had this opportunity so far away from home to spend a weekend with your fellow Christians.

An Enjoyable Location

Our second WELS Retreat was held at St. Martin, West Germany, on Easter weekend, March 28-30, 1975. St. Martin is located in Rheinland/Pfalz. We met at the *Jugendhaus am Weinberg*. This guest house is very modern by European standards, with carpeted meeting rooms,

Kegelbahns (similar to bowling), and a swimming pool. Since the *Jugendhaus* is on a higher elevation, we could see several small German villages below us in the valley amid miles upon miles of vineyards.

The Program

As guests arrived they were assigned to their rooms. Following the evening meal, a Good Friday service was conducted by the Chaplain. The sermon was based on the centurion's confession of faith: "Certainly this was a righteous Man" (Luke 23:47). "You Know the Grace of Our Lord," the Synod's anniversary filmstrip, was shown after the service.

After breakfast and devotions on Saturday followed the study period, one of the highlights of every Retreat. Lt. Arthur Luedeke presented a paper on "Justification" and Lt. William Mattfeld one on "The Fruits of Justification." The presentations and the discussions that followed developed a new appreciation of this cardinal doctrine of Scripture that a man is justified before God by grace through faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The afternoon hours were spent in various activities in and around the *Jugendhaus*. The evening was reserved for a viewing of the Martin Luther film.

Easter

Then came Easter morning! The Lord provided us with a beautiful sunrise. A total of 59 persons

gathered for the Easter service. The sermon was based on Job's confessions of faith: "I know that my Redeemer liveth." A group of children, directed by Mrs. David Sauer, sang the first three stanzas of the Easter hymn, "I Know that my Redeemer lives." Mrs. Arthur Luedeke served as pianist. Mrs. Renz had prepared an Easter cross covered with lilies.

Following the service, an Easter egg hunt, engineered by Nancy (Mrs. William) Mattfeld, was enjoyed by both the older and younger children. During the noon meal our people were given an opportunity to tell us something about their location and their activities. We had families present from as far away as Naples, Italy, and Berlin, West Germany. A visitor, the mother of a young man stationed at the Rhein-Main A.F. Base, was present all the way from New Ulm, Minnesota. Four people who had registered were unable to attend because of last minute duty. A serviceman in Turkey wrote that he had asked for a leave but was denied his request because of the shortage of men in his duty section.

Offerings

The joy of the participants can be somewhat gauged by the offerings gathered at the services. That weekend the Synod's Grace Offering was enriched by \$220. Stewardship Counselor James Schaefer in a letter to the Chaplain stated: "Be sure to convey to all the donors the thanks of a grateful Synod." Another sum of

\$225 was contributed to the civilian chaplaincy fund.

Reactions

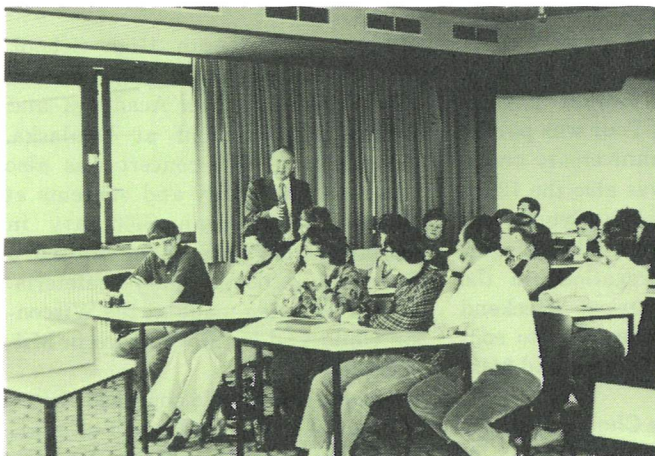
"The true spirit of Christian fellowship abounded throughout the WELS Retreat in St. Martin/Pfalz. Refreshing conversations, enlightened talks and discussion, evidence of spiritual uplifting, prevailed everywhere," wrote one of the couples following the Retreat.

Another family wrote: "We personally feel that through the Retreat the resurrection of our Lord took on a deeper and more personal meaning for all those who attended . . . We pray that everyone will remember the joy and happiness that the Holy Spirit worked in our hearts during the weekend of our Easter Retreat. We also pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to work faith in our hearts, allowing us to be active in God-pleasing activities when we return to our home congregations."

We are sure that God will grant that prayer.

Chaplain E. C. Renz

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Part of the assembly discussing the doctrine of Justification



Boys from Naples, Berlin, and Kaiserslautern rehearsing for the Easter service

WLCFS Dedicates Chapel



A warm, sunny day greeted the more than 600 worshipers who gathered at Wisconsin Lutheran Child & Family Service, 6800 N. 76th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on May 4, 1975, to participate in the dedication of the new chapel and the installation of the Rev. Robert H. Michel as the Public Relations Manager of the agency.

Ever since its inception in 1965 as a multiservice agency to care for the spiritual needs of children, unwed and adoptive parents, troubled fami-

lies, the aged, the convalescent, and the handicapped, it has been the prayer of all concerned that a chapel might be erected as a House of Prayer, Worship, and Strength for those served by the agency. The new building thus meets a long-felt need.

The chapel building is bilevel, with the chapel proper, seating 225, on the upper level. Through a unique curtain arrangement in front of the chancel, the nave may also be used as an all-purpose meeting room. The lower level houses rooms for physical

therapy, guild activities, and in-service training for the staff.

The chapel building is connected to the present Convalescent Center by ramps to facilitate easy access by the 160 patients and residents. It is these people who particularly use this facility, as they gather there for Sunday morning services, midweek vespers, Bible classes, and staff devotions.

The Rev. George Boldt, president of the Southeastern Wisconsin District, delivered the dedication sermon based on the Word recorded in I Peter 1:18-25. The Senior Choir of Zion Lutheran Church, South Milwaukee, and the Lutheran Men's Mission Choir of Milwaukee led the congregation with their anthems of praise.

Installed as public relations manager in the same service was the Rev. Robert H. Michel. The rite of installation was read by the Rev. E. F. Lehninger, executive director of WLCFS. Four pastors presently serving on the Board of Directors, as well as the Rev. J. C. Berger and the Rev. R. C. Stiemke of the agency staff, assisted in the installation.

To all who by their gifts and their support made the chapel hope a present reality, we voice our appreciation. But especially unto our God of grace, who has so richly blessed us on our way, do we offer continuing prayer and thanks. May our efforts serve the purpose of bringing spiritual and physical rest and strength to His people whom we are privileged to serve!

DMLC Choir Tour



1884--1974

The Dr. Martin Luther College Choir's 1975 Spring Tour was part of that school's 90th anniversary observance. Since 1975 was also the 125th year of the Wisconsin Synod, the major portion of the Choir's tour took them to congregations in the three Wisconsin Districts. Weekend tours also brought the choir to congregations in South Dakota and Minnesota.

While on tour, the Choir visited the Northwestern College campus in Watertown and sang at assemblies at Wisconsin Lutheran High School,

Manitowoc Lutheran High School, Fox Valley Lutheran High School, Winnebago Lutheran Academy, and Luther High School at Onalaska, Wisconsin. A full concert was also sung for the faculty and students at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, where the choir enjoyed a fine meal in the Seminary's cafeteria. A stop was also made at the Wisconsin Child and Family Service in Milwaukee.

Among the historic churches visited by the Choir were Grace Lutheran, Milwaukee, where plans for the organization of the Wisconsin Synod were formulated in 1849, and Salem

Direct from the Districts

Michigan

75th Anniversary

St. Peter's, Dorr, Michigan

"Hitherto Hath the Lord Helped Us" (I Sam. 7:12). The banner displaying these words still hangs in the sanctuary of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Dorr, Michigan, as a continuing reminder of the truth for which the members gave thanks on May 4, 1975, as they observed the 75th anniversary of the congregation.



St. Peter's at 75

Lutheran, Milwaukee, where the Wisconsin Synod was organized in 1850.

In keeping with the 90th and 125th anniversary theme, the Choir's program, selected and directed by Prof. Meilahn Zahn, included several original compositions and arrangements written for the occasion by musicians of the Wisconsin Synod.

The song service of the Choir was well received by the nearly 10,000 persons who heard them in concert and the 3,000 students at the various schools. It is our prayer that the Gospel message in song will continue to be a blessing to all who heard it.

At the special Service of Praise, Pastor Roland Welch of Bay City, who served the congregation from December of 1967 until August of 1972, was the guest liturgist. Pastor Harold Hempel of Yale, who had served as the vacancy pastor just prior to that time, delivered the anniversary sermon. The service was further enhanced by the Festival Singers, a talented group of young people from the Michigan Lutheran High School, St. Joseph, under the direction of Mr. Ronald Pape.

In preparation for the anniversary celebration, St. Peter's last year dedicated a memorial organ. This year new altar ware was obtained, a new lectern was designed and built, and the sanctuary was repainted — made possible through the gifts and efforts of the members.

Perhaps the most significant undertaking, however, one which will cause the congregation to recall its 75th anniversary for many years to come, was the January decision to join with the St. Paul's Congregation of Hopkins in establishing a Christian day school. In this way the members of St. Peter's are seeking to pro-

vide for the spiritual growth and well-being of future generations. The present state of the economy may not favor such an undertaking, but the members of St. Peter's have stepped forward in faith, trusting in the Lord who "hath helped them hitherto."

Church and Parsonage Dedicated at Hope, Indian River, Michigan

"O Lord, our God, all this abundance that we have provided to build Thee a house for Thy holy name, it is from Thy hand, and all is Thine" (I Chron. 29:16).

In the spirit of thankful praise Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church of Indian River, Michigan, recently built a house of worship and a parsonage. The members are grateful for the encouragement, direction, and monies provided by our Synod; but, without question, it is all the Lord's, and it all comes from His hand.

After dedicating the new parsonage on May 26, 1974, and the church on January 26, 1975, the congregation held a special Service of Praise on April 13, 1975, to thank God for His grace and providence. Pastor Kieth Kuschel of Suamico, Wisconsin, who served as summer vicar in Indian River in 1972, delivered the message from God's Word. On the basis of Ephesians 2:19-22 he spoke of "Building God's House," pointing to



Service of Praise at Hope Lutheran, Indian River

the foundation and cornerstone, the materials, and the finished product.

The new church is located three miles south of Indian River on Old 27. Those vacationing or traveling through northern lower Michigan are invited to join the members of Hope in worshipping their gracious Lord.

Minnesota

Bible Class Revamped

Since 1971, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, has scheduled a "Christian Growth Hour" prior to its Sunday morning worship service. This hour provides members and friends of the congregation with an opportunity to grow in faith through the study of God's Word. During this time, a staffed nursery is available for infants, Sunday-school classes are held for children, and Bible classes are conducted for youth and adults.

Recently, it became necessary to revamp the format of the adult Bible class. Since its inception, this class — which had been conducted by the pastor — featured a considerable amount of discussion among the members. However, last year, when the average weekly attendance exceeded 40, problems arose. With such a large group, in-depth discussion became more difficult. The amount of material that could be studied in each session also diminished.

In the spring of 1974, the congregation took steps to resolve this prob-



One of five Good Shepherd's Bible Classes

lem. It was decided to conduct several smaller Bible classes concurrently during the Christian Growth Hour. These classes would be conducted by lay people. The pastor developed a 12-week course designed to train leaders for these classes. Eight individuals participated in this course. For three months, these people reviewed the basic doctrines of Christianity and learned several methods for effectively leading discussion in small groups of 12 to 15 people.

During the summer of 1974, a survey was conducted to determine which Biblical books or topics the members of the congregation preferred to study. The most popular choices became the ten elective courses offered from September, 1974, to June, 1975 — five courses offered in the months before Christmas, five other courses in the months after Christmas.

The congregation's response to this program of several smaller Bible classes led by lay people exceeded all expectations. Over 80 people, more than one-half of the church's communicant membership, enrolled.

More important, however, than the number of people who attend these classes is the personal spiritual growth which the Holy Spirit affords through the study of His inspired and inspiring Word.

Southeastern Wisconsin

A Journey Home

It was a long journey home. It was not a lonely journey. There were many along the way who gave encouragement, guidance and assistance. They were the neighboring congregations and the District boards. Finally, also, the entire Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod supported them through the General Board for Home Missions and the Board of Trustees. So, together, this family and their Father in heaven came together to do the Father's business.

It was a long journey home. It was not a frightening journey. Should they never have reached their church home in Palatine, Illinois, they would still be in their heavenly Father's house, secure for time and eternity. Should they never have been able to reach out through a congrega-

tional effort to the lost souls and unchurched, they still would have had the assurance of God's infinite and all inclusive providence over their own souls. Had they not been granted the blessing to serve in this way, God would have let them do it another way.

It was a long journey home. It was not a sad journey. It was showered with blessings and joys every step of the way. The membership grew. The love of God grew. The zeal for souls grew. Friendships grew. Privileges and opportunities to work in the



Christ the King, Palatine

Lord's vineyard grew. And gratitude both for the harvest of souls and for the tools to reap even bigger harvests has grown as they neared the journey's end.

It was a long journey home: over five years without a church home. But during the whole time, they lacked nothing. And now that they are home, they have gained "exceeding abundantly above all that they could ask or think, according to the power of Jesus Christ that worketh in them" (Eph. 3:20).

It was a long journey, from November 30, 1969, until February 2, 1975, when Christ the King Ev. Lutheran Church of Palatine, Illinois, dedicated its first church home. Sharing the joy were 165 members and guests in the morning service and 240 in the afternoon. Missionary-at-large, Pastor John Raabe, preaching on Moses' words, Psalm 90:7-10, reminded the congregation to "Let The Beauty Of The Lord Be Upon Us." District President George Boldt, preaching on the words of I Peter 2:4-6, used as his theme: "Our Dedication Assurance — Christ is The Cornerstone."

It was a long journey home. Now after a brief pause to reflect on the

grace of God, it is the prayer of Christ the King Ev. Lutheran Church that she may start afresh with the same zeal that started her out on that journey almost six years ago. (Submitted by Pastor Norman Paul of Christ the King.)

Pacific Northwest

Retired, But Active

For Pastor Elmer H. Zimmermann of Omak, Washington, April 20, 1975, was another one of those special days. Friends and members of Trinity Congregation gathered to thank and



Pastor Elmer H. Zimmermann

praise God for giving His servant 46 years in the parish ministry. (Trinity Lutheran was the last congregation Pastor Zimmermann served before his retirement in December of 1974.) Pastor George Frey, president of the District, was the guest speaker at this special Communion service.

During the afternoon program, the Rev. William Lueckel of Twisp, Washington, addressed the group. Pastor Lueckel, himself now retired, is a longtime associate of Pastor Zimmermann in the Pacific Northwest District. In his address he recalled the Lord's gracious and guiding hand in the ministry of Pastor Zimmermann, as well as on the Pacific Northwest District. The address also stressed that all should continue to thank our God humbly with our lives of service. Along with the well wishes and special gifts which Pastor

and Mrs. Zimmermann received, they were privileged to hear their four children sing hymns of praise to God for the years of service granted to their father in the Lord's Church on earth.

Pastor Zimmermann graduated from the Seminary in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, in 1929. His first charge was at Palouse, Washington, where he remained until accepting a call to Leavenworth, Washington, in 1932. His next call, in 1937, led him to Snoqualmie. Here, the Zimmermanns remained until 1950. At that time Pastor Zimmermann accepted the call to serve the congregation he continued to shepherd until his retirement in December, 1974 — Trinity Ev. Lutheran of Omak.

In 1932 Pastor Zimmermann and Leona nee Acuff were united in marriage. The Lord blessed them with four children, Marilyn, Roy, Dennis, and Laurel.

From 1957 to 1968 Pastor Zimmermann served as president of the Pacific Northwest District.

Even in his retirement, Pastor Zimmermann has found that his Lord has need of him. He has consented to serve as vacancy pastor at Trinity un-

til a full-time pastor accepts the call there.

Fellow workers and friends join the members of Trinity in wishing Pastor and Mrs. Zimmermann God's continued blessing and grace.

The Law (Continued)

pleasing in God's sight in such matters as his choice and schedule of activities, his use of language, his worship habits and prayer life, his relationship to his fellow men, and his use of material blessings. The Law is like a rule book which directs the Christian athlete in properly playing the game of life. However, the desire to do so and the ability to perform it come only through the working of the Holy Spirit as He motivates us with the Gospel.

Next: *The Law and Its Application*
Robert P. Mueller

NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL

Bethany Ev. Lutheran Church, Brodhead, Wisconsin, affiliated with the American Lutheran Church until 1966, has withdrawn from membership in the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod because it is no longer in agreement with the doctrine and practice of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod.

Carl H. Mischke, President
Western Wisconsin District

Bible Information

"At least one book of the Bible has now been published in 1,549 languages and dialects," according to the latest news release by the American Bible Society. This is an increase of 23 languages over those available in 1973.

The American Bible Society is one of 57 national Bible societies that provide more than 150 countries and territories with complete Bibles, Testaments, Portions and Selections at below printing costs. The work is heavily subsidized by contributions.

Total distribution in 1974 reached 254,138,606 copies. Complete Bibles accounted for 6,141,156 of this number. Testaments numbered

12,234,925. Portions which included one or more complete books of the Bible numbered 33,093,701. Selections — leaflets containing less than a complete book of the Bible — numbered 202,668,824. The total for 1974 was 4,986,515 more than in 1973.

Easy-to-understand translations of the New Testament were published in Danish, Mishkito (Nicaragua), Yapese (Yap Island), Warao (Venezuela) and Kisanga (Zaire) during 1974.

The American Bible Society has been in existence since 1816. Its stated purpose is to translate, publish, and distribute the Holy Scriptures, without doctrinal note or comment and without profit, to all people everywhere in languages they can understand and at prices they can afford to pay.

The year 1975 also marks the 140th anniversary of the first production of Scriptures for the blind. Braille Scriptures are available in many languages.

CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES

DAKOTA-MONTANA

WESTERN DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: June 17, 1975; 10:00 a.m. (CDT) Communion service.
Place: Zion Lutheran Church, Mobridge, South Dakota.
Preacher: F. Brand (L. Schroeder, alternate).
Agenda: Discussion of Reports and Memorials for the 1975 Synod Convention.

R. Pless, Secretary

EASTERN DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: June 17, 1975; 9:00 a.m. Communion service.
Place: St. John's Lutheran Church, Mazepa Twp., South Dakota.
Agenda: Book of Reports and Memorials.

G. C. Bunde, Secretary

MINNESOTA

RED WING PASTOR-TEACHER-DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: June 17, 1975.
Place: St. John's Lutheran Church, Goodhue, Minnesota.
Preacher: G. Horn (S. Kugler, alternate).
Agenda: Discussion of the Book of Reports and Memorials.

Frederick Mueller, Secretary

ST. CROIX PASTOR-TEACHER-DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: June 24, 1975; 9:00 a.m. Communion service.
Place: Cross of Christ Lutheran, Coon Rapids, Minnesota; J. Zeidler, host pastor.
Preacher: M. Liesener (W. Kirchner, alternate).
Agenda: Concerning God's Grace In These 125 Years: D. Meier; dues and subscriptions for "The Lutheran Educator."

D. Buch, Secretary

REDWOOD FALLS DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: Tuesday, June 24, 1975, 1:30 p.m.
Place: St. Paul Ev. Lutheran, Seaforth, Minnesota (J. Stellick, host pastor).
Agenda: The Book of Reports and Memorials; a report on the Redwood Falls Conference Mission Booster Association; Conference business.
Note: Please send all excuses to the host pastor.

L. Hohenstein, Secretary

SOUTHERN DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: June 24, 1975; 9 a.m. Communion service.
Place: Lincoln Heights Lutheran, Des Moines, Iowa (M. Stuebs, host pastor).
Preacher: G. Kirschke (L. Lother, alternate).
Agenda: Discussion of the "Reports and Memorials for the Forty-Third Biennial Convention." The visiting elder will be assigning each pastor a portion of the report to present. "Keeping Our Worship Truly Christian," M. Stuebs.

L. H. Lother, Secretary

NORTHERN WISCONSIN

RHINELANDER DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: Sunday, June 22, 1975; 3:00 p.m.
Place: Trinity Ev. Luth. Church, Minocqua, Wisconsin (E. A. Kock, host pastor).
Agenda: Reports and Memorials for the 43rd Biennial Convention.

C. J. Siegler, Secretary

WINNEBAGO DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: June 30, 1975; 7:30 p.m.
Place: Martin Luther Church, Oshkosh, Wisconsin.
Agenda: Reports and Memorials for the 43rd Biennial Convention.

K. H. Garwisch, Secretary

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

DISTRICT DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: June 24-26, 1975.
Place: Holy Trinity, Kent, Washington (Wm. Warnke, host pastor).
Time: Sessions begin at 1:30 p.m. on the 24th; the Communion service is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. the same day.
Agenda: A study of Prof. J. P. Koehler's essay, "Gesetzlich Wesen Unter Uns"; G. Frey; the Book of Reports and Memorials; election of circuit visitors.
Note: Please send excuses and the need for lodging to the host pastor.

Wm. Bernhardt, Secretary

NEW WELS 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	Northwest Tucson*
	Paradise Valley*
California	Fremont
	Modesto*
	Sacramento
	Sierra Madre
	Stockton*
Colorado	Arvada/Westminster
	Greeley*
Florida	Beverly Hills
	Engelwood*
Illinois	Bloomington/Normal
	Crystal Lake
	Dundee
	Springfield*
	West Chicago
Iowa	Dubuque
	Shenandoah*
Michigan	Gaylord*
	Grand Ledge*
	North Pontiac
	Romeo
	Taylor Twp.
Minnesota	Eagan Twp.*
	Owatonna
Missouri	Columbia
	North Kansas City*
	N. St. Louis County
	St. Charles County*
	Scottsbluff*
Nebraska	Reno*
Nevada	Santa Fe*
New Mexico	Long Island
New York	Syracuse*
	Mansfield*
Ohio	Altoona*
Pennsylvania	Glenshaw
	(N. Pittsburgh)
	Lehigh Valley*
	Mitchell
South Dakota	Beaumont*
Texas	Lubbock*
	Temple
Washington	Spokane Valley*
	Vancouver
Wisconsin	Ashwabenon*
	Middleton*
	Prairie du Chien*
Alberta	Edmonton*
Ontario	Pembroke*

*Denotes exploratory services.

(New Missions in cities already having a WELS church are not listed.)

Note: All names and addresses of members who move unless they can be transferred directly to a sister congregation, should be mailed to our

WELS MEMBERSHIP CONSERVATION
 3512 W. North Ave., Milwaukee, Wis. 53208

EXPLORATORY SERVICES

BAYONET POINT, FLORIDA

Exploratory services are being conducted at Bayonet Point, Florida at the Gateway Executive Center, 200 Highway 52 (Room 202A). Time of services is 7:30 p.m. If you know of someone interested living in Port Richey, Hudson, Brooksville or Spring Hill, Florida, contact: Rev. Mark A. Goeglein, 4900 Arcadia Rd., Holiday, FL 33589 (Tel.: 813-937-5893).

RENO, NEVADA

Exploratory services at Reno, Nevada, are being conducted at Holiday Inn South, 5851 S. Virginia, in Tahoe Room No. 5. Sunday school meets at 10:00 a.m., followed by worship services at 11:00 a.m. The group is served by District Mission Developer, the Rev. Hugo M. Warnke, 1220 Berrum, Apt. F, Reno, Nevada 89502. Those interested may contact him by calling (702) 825-3292.

BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR-ORANGE, TEXAS

Exploratory services are held each Sunday at St. James Episcopal Church, Calder at Major, in Beaumont for that city, Port Arthur, and Orange. Services are at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday school and Bible study at 6:00 p.m. For information please contact Mr. John Muller at 160 Briggs, Beaumont, Texas 77707; Pastor Vilas Glaeske, 11303 Stroud Dr., Houston, Texas 77072 (phone: 713-498-4063); or Pastor William Gabb, 17125 Red Oak Dr., Houston, Texas 77090 (phone 713-444-8965).

TIME AND PLACE

COLUMBIA, MISSOURI

Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, Columbia, Missouri, is now holding services at the community room of the Citizens Savings Building, one mile south of I-70 on Stadium Blvd. at W. Broadway. Summer schedule: worship at 8 a.m., Sunday school at 9 a.m. Tentative winter schedule: Sunday school at 6 p.m., worship at 7 p.m. Check beforehand with the pastor, the Rev. LeRoy H. Lother, 3500 Spring Hill Road, Columbia, MO 65201. Phone: (314) 474-2168.

NORTH ST. LOUIS COUNTY

Redeemer Lutheran Church of North St. Louis County, Missouri, is now holding its worship services at Black Jack School, 11230 Old Halls Ferry Rd., North St. Louis County (1/4 mile north of I-270). Time of service remains at 9:00 a.m. Rev. Peter Berg, 1830 St. Catherine St., Florissant, Mo. 63033; phone: (313) 837-7489.

BE MIDJ I, MINNESOTA

Vacationing in Northern Minnesota? Come visit us. St. Mark's Ev. Lutheran Church, a WELS mission, worships at 824 America Ave. (3 blocks West of Highway 2 on 9th Street) in Bemidji, Minnesota. The time of service is 9:00 a.m. from June to August. From September to May, the time of service is 10:15 a.m., with Sunday school at 9:00 a.m. For information contact: Pastor Lee Vaccarella, 1209 Bemidji Ave., Bemidji, Minnesota 56601 (Ph. 218-751-6334).

LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

Hope Ev. Lutheran Church, 730 Locust Lane (Ins. Building), Louisville, Kentucky, has recently adopted the following time changes: Sunday school and Bible class at 9:30 a.m. (EST), Sunday worship service at 10:15 a.m. (EST). Serving the congregation is Pastor James A. Castillo, 4003 Fern Valley Rd., Louisville, Kentucky 40219 (phone: 502-968-9735).

MIDDLETON, WAUNAKEE, CROSS PLAINS, WEST MADISON, WISCONSIN

The WELS mission congregation, Saint Andrew Lutheran Church, is presently meeting at the Affiliated Bank of Middleton, 6300 University Ave., Middleton. Worship service is at 8:30 a.m. Please send names to Mr. Frantz Heise, 7214 Hubbard, Middleton, Wisconsin 53562 (Phone: 608-836-6193) or to Pastor Loren Fritz, R. 1, Prairie du Sac, Wisconsin 53578 (Phone: 608-643-4050).

APPOINTMENT

The Reverend Reinhart Kom, Big Bend, Wisconsin, has been appointed to the Commission of Evangelism of the Southeastern Wisconsin District.

George W. Boldt, President
 Southeastern Wisconsin District

**THE FORTY-THIRD BIENNIAL
CONVENTION OF THE WISCONSIN
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD**

The Forty-third Biennial Convention of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod will meet, God willing, August 6 to 13, 1975, at Northwestern College, Watertown, Wisconsin.

The opening service with Holy Communion will be held Wednesday, August 6, at 10 a.m. in St. Mark's Ev. Lutheran Church, N. Sixth and Jones Streets. Professor Irwin J. Habeck, former first vice-president, will preach the sermon. The closing service will be held Tuesday, August 12, at 7:30 p.m. in Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, 601 S. Fourth St. Pastor Karl F. Krauss, former second vice-president, will deliver the sermon.

The opening session will be held Wednesday, August 6, at 2 p.m. in the gymnasium on the NWC campus. Delegates are asked to arrive early enough so that they will have time to register before the beginning of the opening session. Registrations will be made in the lobby of the gymnasium.

The theme for the Forty-third Convention in this 125th anniversary year of the Synod is GRACE. Pastor Victor Prange will read an essay entitled: "By grace: God's people." Prof. Edward Fredrich will read an essay entitled: "By grace: Confessional in Doctrine." Prof. Armin Schuetze will read an essay entitled: "By grace: Confessional in Practice."

Housing for the delegates will be provided in the dormitories of the college. Detailed instructions pertaining to housing will be mailed to each delegate together with reservation cards. All voting and advisory delegates must make reservations for housing. Reservations should be made no later than July 15, 1975. Kindly address all communications to The Convention Housing Committee, 1300 Western Avenue, Watertown, Wisconsin 53094.

Meals will be served to all bona fide delegates in the college cafeteria. Meal tickets will also be available to visitors.

Mail sent to delegates during the convention should be addressed in care of Northwestern College, 1300 Western Avenue, Watertown, Wisconsin 53094. Delegates may be reached by telephone by calling 1 (414) 261-4352.

Heinrich J. Vogel, Secretary

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Treasurer's Report

PREBUDGET SUBSCRIPTION PERFORMANCE

Four months ended April 30, 1975

	Subscription Amount for 1975	4/12 of Annual Subscription	Subscription and Pension Offerings	Per Cent of Subscription
Arizona-California	\$ 316,513	\$ 105,504	\$ 110,276	104.5
Dakota-Montana	209,992	69,998	61,994	88.6
Michigan	1,059,169	353,056	333,282	94.4
Minnesota	1,104,369	368,123	440,774	119.7
Nebraska	214,329	71,443	75,937	106.3
Northern Wisconsin	1,183,160	394,387	393,429	99.8
Pacific Northwest	86,485	28,828	33,620	116.6
Southeastern Wisconsin	1,434,614	478,205	457,567	95.7
Western Wisconsin	1,373,571	457,857	477,731	104.3
South Atlantic	59,461	19,820	20,246	102.1
Total — 1975	\$7,041,663	\$2,347,221	\$2,404,856	102.5
Total — 1974	\$6,714,887	\$2,238,273	\$2,219,143	99.1

CURRENT BUDGETARY FUND

Statement of Income and Expenditures

Twelve months ended April 30, 1975 with comparative figures for 1974

	Twelve months ended April 30		Increase or Decrease*	
	1975	1974	Amount	Per Cent
Income				
Prebudget Subscription Offerings	\$6,884,281	\$6,921,596	\$ 37,315	0.5*
Pension Plan Contributions	84,877	95,561	10,684*	11.2*
Gifts, Memorials and Bequests	231,582	77,926	153,656	—
Earnings from Fox Estate	100,623	91,332	9,291	10.2
Other Income	15,625	6,452	9,173	—
Transfers from Other Funds	59,055	69,853	10,798*	15.5*
Total Income	\$7,376,043	\$7,262,720	\$113,323	1.6
Expenditures				
Worker Training — Expenses	\$4,134,768	\$3,776,147	\$358,621	9.5
Worker Training — Income	1,666,005	1,582,859	83,146	5.3
Worker Training — Net	\$2,468,763	\$2,193,288	\$275,475	12.6
Home Missions	1,340,577	1,194,013	146,564	12.3
World Missions	1,231,761	1,132,705	99,056	8.7
Benevolences	849,242	812,454	36,788	4.5
Administration and Services	564,707	523,049	41,658	8.0
Total Operations	\$6,455,050	\$5,855,509	\$599,541	10.2
Appropriations — Building Funds	192,832	227,298	34,466*	15.2*
Appropriations — CEF Program	819,968	794,849	25,119	3.2
Total Expenditures	\$7,467,850	\$6,877,656	\$590,194	8.6
Operating Gain/Loss*	\$ 91,807*	\$ 385,064		

Norris Koopmann, Treasurer & Controller
3512 West North Avenue
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Note: Future cutoff dates of PBS receipts in the Synod's Post Office Lock Box are as follows:

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

NOTICE

The next regular plenary session of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for
June 16-17, 1975.

Business to be acted on is to be submitted to the Executive Secretary of the Board with copies to be furnished the Chairman of the Board no later than ten days prior to the meeting date.

Carl S. Leyrer, Secretary
Board of Trustees

VISITING CANADA?

Summer visitors to Canada's capital, Ottawa, are invited to worship with the following WELS congregations: St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, celebrating 101 years of God's grace, corner of King Edward and Wilbrod (Pastor Thomas C. Pfothner — 234-0321) or Abiding Word Ev. Lutheran Church, celebrating one year of God's grace, at Ecole Secondaire Garneau off Belcourt Blvd. in Orleans (Pastor David E. Priebe — 824-2298). Time of service at both churches is 10:00 a.m.

VISITORS TO GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

June 29, July 20, August 17.

The services will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will be held in the employees' cafeteria at Rising Sun Campground. For further information please contact Pastor Marvin Putz, 808 Sacajawea Dr., Great Falls, Montana 59404 (phone: 406-452-1286).

COMING TO THE DULUTH AREA?

Vacationers in northeastern Minnesota are invited to worship at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, 802 Maple Grove Road, in Duluth (service every Sunday at 9:30 a.m.), or 85 miles west of Duluth, at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Palisade, Minnesota (service every Sunday at 7:30 p.m.). Pastor Robert Schumann may be contacted in Duluth by calling: (218) 722-4364.

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(Submitted through the District Presidents)

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INSTALLATIONS

(Authorized by the District Presidents)

Pastors:

Kuske, Theodore H., as pastor of St. Peter's, Goodhue, Minnesota, by A. Frenz, and as pastor of St. John's, rural Goodhue, Minnesota, by H. Muenkel, both on April 27, 1975 (Minn.).