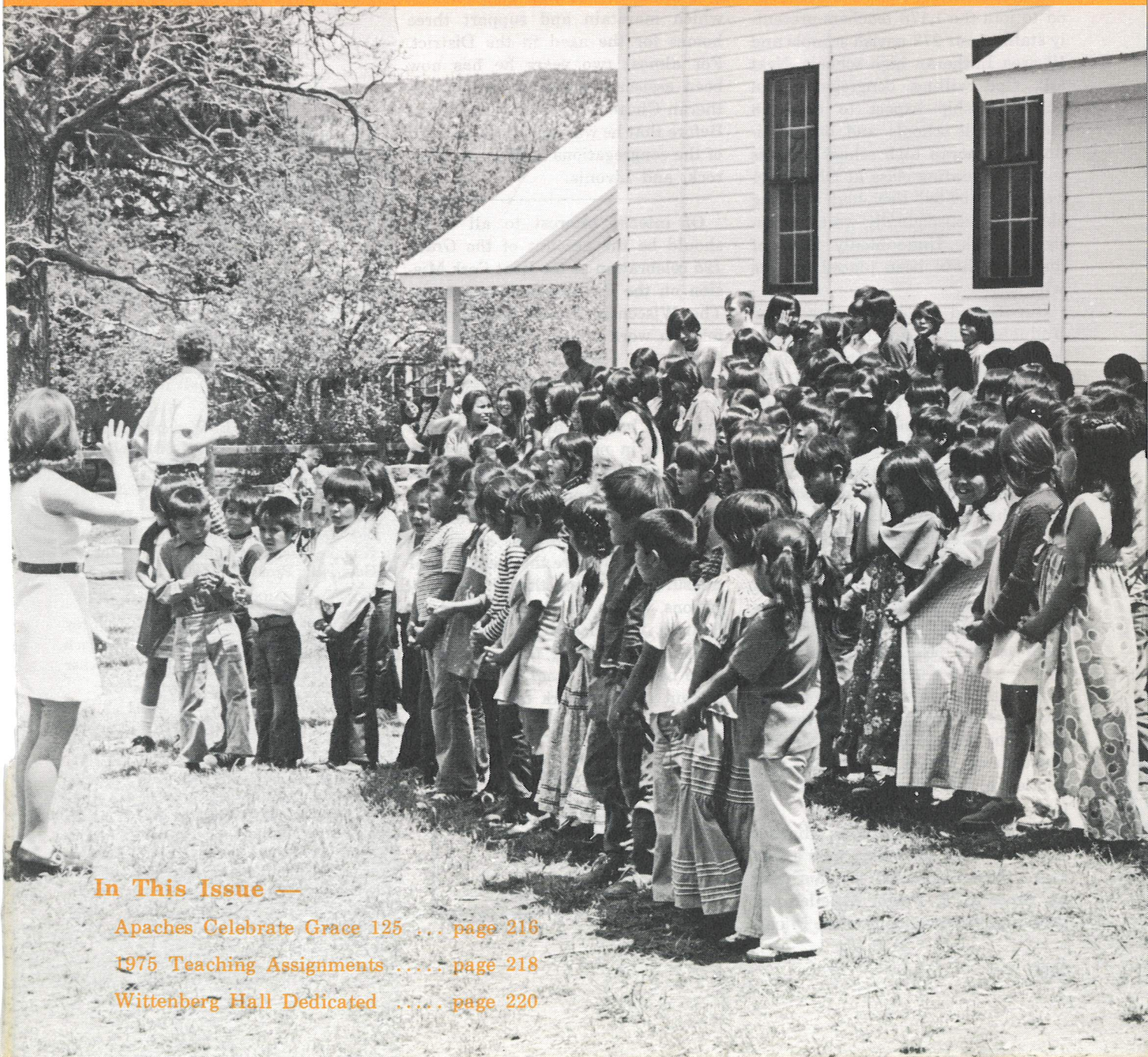


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Briefs by the Editor

This issue lists the names of the 44 men and 73 women who were assigned their first positions in the teaching ministry of our Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. The majority of them were assigned to the parish elementary schools of our Synod to join the 1,178 teachers presently staffing our 272 parish schools and 10 area Lutheran high schools. Next fall, God willing, congregations in our fellowship expect to open 18 more parish schools and one additional Lutheran high school. Of this year's graduating class at DMLC, 14 women indicated they had wedding plans and consequently were not assigned calls. Undoubtedly most of them will have been placed by this fall.

Our Synod welcomes these new graduates and a few from previous years who are now entering upon their first teacher assignments. We place in their care the most precious possession God has given us next to His Word, namely, our children. Our Lord, who purchased them with His precious blood, is vitally interested in their Christian upbringing. His word to our new teachers and to our experienced teachers is: "Feed My lambs." What a privilege our Lord is offering these young men and women! May the Spirit of God strengthen them as they face their tasks!

With this issue we bring to a close the series on the Law. In his last installment, Pastor Robert P. Mueller illustrates in which way the Law still applies to us Christians, what use God expects us to make of it.

We thank Pastor Mueller, who is a very busy man, for taking time out to share these Scriptural insights with us. Since 1973, Pastor Mueller has been first vice-president of the Michi-

gan District, having served two terms previously as second vice-president. For the past 15 years he has also been chairman of the Board of Directors for the Martin Luther Memorial Homes, Inc., an association of 73 congregations in the Michigan District which maintain and support three homes for the aged in the District. For almost two years he has now been associate pastor at Salem Lutheran Church in Owosso, Michigan. Before that he was spiritual shepherd of the congregations in Monroe, Flatrock, and Livonia.

Of intense interest to all of us should be the account of the *Grace 125* celebration at the East Fork Mission on the Ft. Apache Reservation. The Wisconsin Synod began doing mission work among the Apaches in Arizona in 1893. At first the work was very slow, not only because the Apaches rightly mistrusted the white man, but because the personnel was both few in number and subject to rapid turnover. It was only when this was remedied, and our brothers and sisters in Apacheland realized that we were not there to take advantage of them but to share the great Gospel treasure with them, that the congregations began to multiply and to flourish. God has richly blessed the Gospel work among them. It would have been a real treat to have been present at East Fork on May 18.

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

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The Cover

The pupils of the East Fork Mission School were delighted to join in the celebration on May 18, 1975, when the Apaches held a joint service at East Fork to observe the 125th Anniversary of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod. For more information also see the July issue of *The Junior Northwestern*. It will give you an account of the festivities from a child's point of view.

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Editorials

"Like Unto . . ." Small children love parables, and theologians, too, delight in the beauty by which profound truths can be stated so simply. Everybody likes to compare things, and that is what the word "parable" means, to lay things side by side for comparison.

Our thoughts may be a tumult of confusion trying to define our relationship to God. But once we hear the Parable of the Prodigal Son, we say, "That's it, that's me, my Father is waiting, and I can come Home again."

It baffles us to describe what the church in the world is like, this odd mixture of swindlers and saints, rogues and righteous folk. Then we hear the Parable of the Tares among Wheat, and we say, "How true and how comforting!"

The parables of Jesus are a rebuke to the "superspiritual" who view the physical world as sinful and the so-called Charismatic Movement which tends to see the work-a-day world as inferior and unspiritual.

Jesus saw His Father's hand everywhere at work, in the fowl of the air and in the flowers of the field, in the routine sunshine and rainfall, in the unpredictable wind and the receptive heart of a little child.

He did not view the human body as a worthless rind to be shucked off, nor did He despise human frailties. He took upon Himself our flesh, walked the earth, mingled among men, "bore our griefs and carried our sorrows."

He pointed to fishermen mending their nets, to a farmer toiling in the field, the woman at work in her kitchen, a merchant stocking his shelves, the thief prowling by night, and children at play in the marketplace. Right there He bids us look for marvelous spiritual principles at work.

John Parcher

Truth Rises Again There is a parish priest named Douglas McNeill in an obscure town in the state of New Mexico who for certain reasons does not seem destined to rise very high in the Roman Catholic hierarchy. It does appear, however, that he may be instrumental in leading souls to eternal life.

At a recent meeting he expressed himself as being in disagreement with a sentence in the second draft of the National Catechetical Directory being prepared for publication among American Catholics. The sentence reads, "In working out his salvation, man finds that the greatest problem is sin." In taking exception to this sentence, the Reverend McNeill stated: "In my own understanding . . . man cannot work out his own salvation. Christ died for our salvation and gives salvation to us as a free gift. No amount of works we can do will save us; only Christ does it."

He sounds like a Roman Catholic priest named Martin Luther, who lived 450 years ago; and apparently, like Martin Luther, he has been studying the Bible. Only the Bible could lead a person to such a conclusion. All directives emanating from the minds of men set before the sinner the impossible task of working out his own salvation.

The way of salvation as set forth in the Holy Scriptures is not difficult to ascertain. The problem is that it is foolishness to natural man; so he begins to tinker with it in an attempt to make the wisdom of God conform to the wisdom of man. The inevitable result is to throw the burden of working out salvation back upon the sinner so that man is right back where he started in the Garden of Eden, protesting his innocence or hiding from God.

"The gates of hell shall not prevail against it," said Christ of His Church. Douglas McNeil's statement attests to the truth of these words. In this connection the famous verse from the pen of the poet Bryant comes to mind:

Truth crushed to earth shall rise again,
Th' eternal years of God are hers;
But Error, wounded, writhes in pain
And dies among his worshipers.

On this score the poet was dead right: The truth will not die.

Immanuel Frey

"Man: A Course Of Study" A feature writer in *The New York Times* calls Jerome Bruner, the Harvard psychologist, a "giant" among educators. This "giant" recently told other educators that "any subject can be taught effectively in some intellectually honest way to any child at any stage of development."

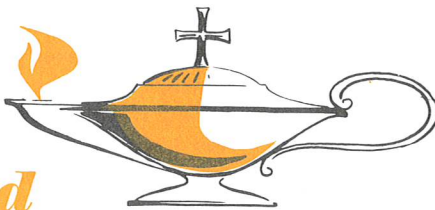
When Jerome Bruner made this assertion, he may well have had in mind his own work MACOS (Man: A Course of Study), the controversial fifth-grade social studies program subsidized and promoted by the National Science Foundation. In MACOS Bruner introduces children to fundamental issues and views concerning human growth and development. Using the primitive Netsiliks, an almost extinct Eskimo tribe, as examples, the course conditions the children to accept wife-swapping, cannibalism, killing girl infants at birth, and leaving old people to die. The filmed violence of the course teaches the children that the physically strong survive at the expense of the weak. MACOS inoculates unprepared children with the idea that almost any kind of moral conduct, even that of animals, should be tolerated. MACOS has been called, by one of its teachers, a "brainwash — clever, well executed and lethal."

Why don't thinking parents object to the introduction of this course into their public schools? One important reason is that they are not permitted to see the teachers' manuals and the students' booklets, which cannot leave the classroom.

Some teachers of the course have found this type of moral indoctrination objectionable, but they are forbid-

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Studies in God's Word



A Record of Faith

Now it came to pass in the days when the judges ruled, that there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of Bethlehem-judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he, and his wife, and his two sons (Ruth 1:1).

And Salmon begat Boaz, and Boaz begat Obed, and Obed begat Jesse, and Jesse begat David (Ruth 4:21,22).

Perhaps most of us think of the Book of Ruth only as the source of a marvelous sermon text for a Christian wedding or for a solo popular at church weddings. "Whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge; . . . where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the Lord do so to me, and more also, if ought but death part thee and me" are indeed appropriate words for a Christian bride to pledge to her bridegroom and, for all of that, for a Christian bridegroom to say to his bride. I know they meant a great deal to me.

Only, the words weren't originally spoken by a bride to her bridegroom. They were spoken by a widowed, childless daughter-in-law to a widowed mother-in-law bereft of her two sons. And thereby hangs a lesson — a lesson of faith, as we turn to this short book of 85 verses to learn the great value and precious nature of Christian faith.

Christ the Heart of This Old Testament Book

It was Christian faith that filled the hearts of Ruth the Moabitess and Naomi the Israelite. And Christian faith that filled the heart of Boaz. Sure, it was a faith that was lived during the time of the Old Testament, in fact, during the time when

the judges governed Israel before it was ruled by kings. But though the events, the famine, the flight from Israel, the sojourn in Moab, the return to Bethlehem took place so long ago, they are intimately connected with Him who was born in Bethlehem when Caesar Augustus was emperor in Rome and Cyrenius was governor in Syria. In fact, the book was inspired by the Holy Ghost because of Him who would be great David's greater Son. And for us who need to be able to say, "This is He who was promised; there is no doubt about it." Without the Book of Ruth, we would not be acquainted with David's ancestors, and there would be an enormous gap in the genealogies of our Lord Jesus Christ as given in Matthew 1 and in Luke 3.

Who Wrote Ruth?

As we turn to the Book of Ruth, we must admit that we do not know who the human author was. Some say it may have been Samuel. Some suggest that David himself may have written it. Since the book mentions David, we know it could not have been written before David's time. Since it mentions no one who lived after David, it is logical to assume that it was written while David was still living.

Whoever the human author may have been, the divine author was God the Holy Ghost. Here He was already doing that which Christ said the Holy Spirit would be doing in the New Testament: "But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, He shall testify of Me" (John 15:26). Is it just a coincidence that this book was appointed to be read on the Festival of the Weeks which later became the New Testament

Pentecost honoring the Holy Spirit? Among believers there has never been any doubt about its canonicity.

Modern historical-critical interpretation, of course, classifies the book as a myth, or as a novel. If this were true, then the Evangelists made use of material that was neither reliable nor factual. What that would do to our Lord Jesus Christ as Son of David, Son of Abraham, Son of Adam, Son of God, you can imagine for yourself. The Holy Spirit, by using these facts stated in the Book of Ruth, joined Himself to the human writer of this book and acknowledged it as God's truth. Now we have every right to join the Palm Sunday crowd and cry out, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

Faith Lives in the World

Christian faith is not something spiritual in the sense that it is so mystical as to be unreal. It is no leap in the dark. It has solid historical footings. Christian faith lives its ups and downs, its strengths and weaknesses, in the world in which we are living, in the community with which we are acquainted, in the families that bear our name. That's why the first words of this book are more than just a way of introducing the narrative. They tell us that Christian faith is something for our present situation.

The time of the judges was anything but peaceful. The periods of peace alternated regularly with periods of war. Even nature, if we may speak that way, didn't cooperate. Perhaps it rebelled against the misuse by man at that time as it rebels today. We read that there was a famine in the land.

Nor were men much different. This Bethlehem family did what seemed to be the only right course for them to take. They got out while the going was good, just as Jacob and his family once went down to Egypt. Though we perhaps cannot agree with their action spiritually, we can understand it. And we notice that when faith prevailed, God's hand of blessing and providence was with the decimated family.

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The Law - Its Three Uses

Part IV — Its Application

The Apostle Paul wrote in his letter to the Romans (6:14): "Ye are not under the Law, but under grace." This does not mean that Christians may ignore the Law. In the previous discussion of "The Law — Its Three Uses," the conclusion was reached that the Christian is saved alone by God's grace. Motivated by that grace the Christian does God's will out of love, using the Law as a guide so that the new man may do what is pleasing to God. The parallel was drawn to the case of an athlete. He needs to know and follow the rules of a game in order to play it properly.

In more than 20 years of working basketball games as a referee, I have observed a marked change in the application of the rules of body and hand contact. What was once understood to be an infraction is now interpreted to be a matter of the referee's judgment. Urged by many coaches, referees are closing their eyes to the "nonconsequential" foul, as long as it does not interfere directly with a player's efforts to put the basketball through the hoop.

Situation Ethics

This seems to parallel the world's philosophy of moral living. What was once understood to be "streng verboten" (strictly forbidden) by God's Law, is now interpreted by many to fall into the area of personal judgment or preference. What once was looked upon with shame, and even as being worthy of punishment by civil authorities, is now vehemently defended as a person's right of choice, particularly if the sinful act is of no direct consequence to anyone other than those who consent to commit it.

The advocates of such a way of life rebel against the absolutes of God's

Law and seek to replace it with their own benighted reason. For such people, God's Law is not a rule for life. They neither want to look into it as a mirror, lest they see their sins, nor will they permit the Law to curb their coarse cravings for sinful activities. This rebellion against God's will, unchecked by the Law, has given rise to modernism's "situation ethics."

Under such a code, Robin Hood and his merry men would be national heroes. Stealing is looked upon as excusable provided the situation of the one involved in taking is desperate and that he whose property is being "borrowed" is so wealthy that he wouldn't miss it anyway. Besides, the man probably made his millions by preying on the predicaments and problems of the poor.

The same kind of thinking fosters illegal feuding and striking by laboring people who feel they are not getting a fair return from the products they help to produce.

It is resopnsible for a good deal of the rebellion on the part of high-school and college students against "the establishment" because of academic demands that are too stringent, in their opinion; because of the suppression of alleged student rights to use tobacco, alcohol, or drugs wherever and whenever they please; or because of a disproportionate enrollment of minority students. It corrupts the conscience of the criminal so that he believes it to be his divine right, by reason of his residency in an underprivileged neighborhood, to flaunt and harass police authority. And it even allows and lauds fornication, homosexual activities, and other forms of immorality, provided they are performed with the mutual permission of the participating parties.

Abortion — Euthanasia

The practice of situation ethics has also provided the impetus for the proponents of our current abortion laws and has encouraged the advocates of euthanasia. As God's absolutes are more and more being abandoned in favor of man's contrary opinions, society is heading for serious problems and the heedless annihilation of individuals, even as our business world would only crumble without certain constants in measurement or in the system of monetary exchange. Public accountants would be baffled, to say the least, if 3 times 5 did not always equal 15, but could at times equal 12 or 18, depending on the circumstances. Or think of the chaos that would result in the world of medicine if prescriptions were left to the whims of a nurse or even the patient, instead of being administered exactly as ordered by the doctor.

A striking point was made by a writer in a recent issue of *The Lutheran Educator* when he wrote that "the surgeon who came only fairly close to cutting out a brain tumor is not going to be permitted to operate very long. Pinpoint accuracy is the only acceptable standard for surgeons and other professionals who deal with the issues in which life and health hang in the balance." Likewise the bending of God's Law to fit our fancies is forbidden by Scripture. Included in one of our Lord's last discourses before His ascension is the directive to "teach all nations . . . to observe (to carefully attend to or to keep) *all* things whatsoever I have commanded you." Mankind is not permitted a free choice in these matters.

The same Greek word was used by our Savior when, speaking to His disciples, He said, "If a man love Me, he will *keep* My words." The true believer is not allowed the luxury of living his life according to the dictates of his fallible conscience. Jesus wants us to remain within the confines of His commands. He told the believing Jews: "If ye continue (remain) in My Word, then are ye My disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth." Not only will such truth assure us believers of freedom from the punish-

ment of sin in hell, but our whole life will take on a new dimension of joy, for Jesus stated: "Blessed (happy) are they that hear the Word of God and keep it." Because of the natural tendency to disobedience, a child needs to have parental limitations. In depending upon his parents' previous experience and good judgments, he finds security in knowing the boundaries beyond which he should not go if he wants to remain safe. The identical principle applies to those who are children of God's spiritual family.

Christian Liberty

On the other hand, as a child approaches adulthood, his parents will permit him certain privileges. So God also gives the emerging new man in Christ a freedom of choice in certain matters not covered directly by the Law. St. Paul wrote to the Corinthians: "All things are lawful unto me, but not all things are expedient." Accordingly, Paul did not circumcise Titus when some false teachers insisted that it must be done as being necessary to inherit life eternal. Under another set of circumstances, however, he did circumcise Timothy lest he cause offense to some who were weak in faith.

This freedom of choice is referred to as "Christian liberty" and is always to be exercised against the backdrop of the Gospel of God's grace and with the principles of His Law as a guide. Another term used in theological circles in speaking of this liberty is the word *adiaphora*, a word taken from Greek and denoting matters neither demanded nor forbidden by the Law. Our confessional writings, for example, speak of "church rites which are neither commanded nor forbidden in God's Word."

In the matter of our love and service to Him Jesus has clearly stated: "He that is not with Me is against Me" and "Ye cannot serve God and mammon." Yet there are areas of activity which are not specifically covered either by God's command or by His prohibition. Such things as orders of service, church architecture, the time and place of worship, kneeling or standing for prayer, the manner of applying water in Baptism or the use of the individual or com-

mon cup in the Lord's Supper, the rites of confirmation and ordination, and a host of other matters are *adiaphora*. In deciding such matters every assembly of Christians will take care to choose only those things that in its best judgment will glorify God who teaches that "all things be done decently and in order."

The individual Christian, too, has many freedoms. He can choose what color or style of clothes he will wear, whether to spend money for entertainment or not, how to style his hair or whether he should grow a beard, if he should drink alcoholic beverages or not. But while making such choices, the Christian will always keep in mind that everything that he says or does will reflect upon his Savior, whose name he bears, and will therefore conduct himself only in a manner that will bring honor to God's name. St. Paul reminded the Corinthian Christians: "Whether therefore ye eat or drink or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." To the believers at Colosse he wrote: "Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus."

Thus every child of God will take care, in the exercise of his Christian liberty, not to cause others to be offended by his conduct or by a misuse of his freedom. There is a danger, because of the weakness of the flesh, that a believer may overindulge when using some of his freedoms, with the result that he may find himself doing that which God forbids in His Word. Though God, for example, does not forbid eating and drinking, He does condemn gluttony, drunkenness, or anything else that would prove harmful to the body, which is the temple of the Holy Ghost. Likewise, if a Christian attends Holy Communion only once or twice a year because God after all does not demand 8, 12, or 24 communions each year, or if he is not particularly concerned about regularity in church attendance because the Third Commandment does not specify being present at 52, 73, or 104 church services each year, then that person had better examine the Gospel principles of God's love and the necessary responses of faith to that love of God, for St. James writes: "Even so faith, if it hath not

works, is dead, being alone."

To summarize, excesses and over-indulgence of almost any kind, be that in food, drink, occupation, entertainment, care of the body, or what-have-you, may tend toward spiritual anemia and eventual spiritual death. On the other hand, no one dare hold the Law over another's head and insist on certain matters which either are not contained in it or which already have been fulfilled by Jesus. The matter of *adiaphora* was spelled out quite explicitly by St. Paul when he wrote: "Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days, which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ."

About the Christian's observance of a certain time for worship, Paul declared, "One man esteemeth one day above another: another esteemeth every day alike. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind."

Liberty and God's Law

Knowing then that the Old Testament political laws were meant to serve God's chosen nation under a theocracy, that the ceremonial laws were like signposts directing the attention of the people to the coming Christ and that they were all completely satisfied in Jesus, and having learned the purpose of the Moral Law for our time in history, we ought to "stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage." But that is not a setting aside of the Law. That is simply applying the Law as God would have it applied.

Robert P. Mueller



Unusual Gifts to the CEF

In recent weeks the Church Extension Fund of our Synod benefited from two rather unusual and significant gifts. The one marks the end of 75 years of service to churches of our Synod in Minnesota. The other is a pledge to the future as part of the 30th anniversary of a former mission congregation which benefited from the CEF.

The Fire Insurance Association for Lutherans, St. Paul, Minnesota, was established 75 years ago to afford low-cost fire insurance for Lutherans in Minnesota. It also invested surplus funds in loans to Minnesota Lutheran congregations as well as in loans to our CEF.

With changes in regulations governing such small companies and changing forms of comprehensive insurance coverage the company found itself unable to meet the needs of its clients. Therefore the company has closed its books.

In keeping with its original objectives the company has given a portion of its remaining assets to our CEF in the amount of \$23,929.63. An unusual source for a welcome gift to the CEF!

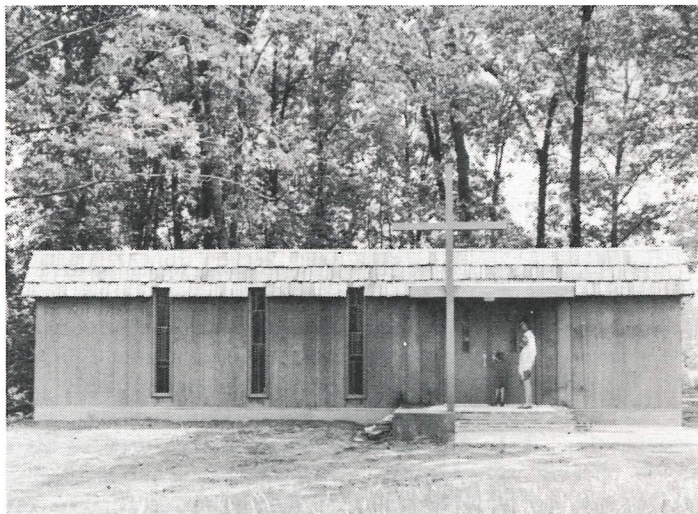
The other unusual gift is the second of its kind from the same WELS congregation. In grateful response for 30 years of Grace since its founding, Lola Park Evangelical Lutheran Church, Detroit, Michigan, has pledged the gift of another relocatable chapel for the CEF. At its 25th anniversary the congregation made a gift of the first relocatable chapel owned by the Synod's CEF.

The first relocatable chapel given by Lola Park Church was used at St. Luke Ev. Lutheran Church, Jackson, Michigan, for almost five years until the dedication of its chapel this year. This chapel will be relocated for use at Holland, Michigan.

The new "gift" chapel will be used first at Amazing Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Taylor, Michigan. What an appropriate gift and appropriate place for it to be used in our



Mr. Emil Pagel (right), treasurer of the Fire Insurance Association for Lutherans, presenting Pastor C. Mischke with a check for the Church Extension Fund.



Relocatable chapel will serve Holland, Mich., next.

GRACE 125th Anniversary Year!

Present relocatable chapels, in addition to the one at Holland, Michigan, are in use at Plover, Wisconsin, Rockford, Illinois, and Temple, Texas. New ones are planned for initial use at St. Cloud, Minnesota, Columbia, South Carolina, and Gainesville, Florida.

The relocatable chapels owned by the Synod are rented to new, small mission congregations who have a church site but no permanent worship facilities. After two to four years,

during which time the congregation has fine facilities to aid outreach and growth in its permanent community, the relocatable unit is moved for use by another beginning congregation. This has usually proved to be a sufficient length of time for the former congregation to erect its first permanent worship facility.

May the Lord bless both of the "unusual" gifts as human tools to enable the divine life-giving tool of God, His Good News in Christ, to reach many souls!

Apaches Observe 125th Anniversary of God's Grace



Pastor Quincy Wiley addressing the gathering in Apache and English.

From start to finish God's Grace was evident as the Lutheran Missions on the Ft. Apache Reservation joined in celebrating their Synod's 125th anniversary. The weather was wonderful for the outdoor service, attendance great, the fellowship friendly and warm. The work was done with cheerful cooperation, both the sermon and the offering were Gospel-based and inspired, lay participation in confession and service was thrilling, the food was fine, and the Lord's protection over all who attended was a visible fact.

People came from Cibecue, Cedar Creek, Canyon Day, Ft. Apache, Whiteriver, East Fork, McNary, and Springerville to gather for the joint service at East Fork Mission at 10:00 A.M. on May 18, 1975. Over 100 drove the 50 miles from Cibecue on the west end of the Reservation, and from the east most of the Springerville Congregation made the 75-mile trip over the White Mountains to be present. There were just over 600

people seated on chairs and another 300 standing or sitting on the ground. The offering, which totaled \$1049.77, was designated for the Grace Offering. A young Apache service man in South Korea sent a fine gift as his part in the happy day.

Pastor Quincy Wiley chose Psalm 116:1-14 as the text for his sermon. In both Apache and English he pointed first to man's perilous condition, his neck in a noose and his feet about ready to slip into death and hell. In this predicament, he said, man is in no position to repay God for all His benefits. The Lord, however, is gracious, inviting man to call upon His name, dealing bountifully with him, preserving, helping, delivering him; and when man finds no way to pay God for His grace, God holds out the cup of salvation for man to take as a free gift. How different that cup of life, health, and salvation from the cup of sorrow, pain, death, and separation from God which Jesus drank for all of us!

For the Offertory the grade-school children of East Fork Mission sang an antiphonal arrangement of "Loving Shepherd of The Sheep."

Pastor Arthur Guenther of Whiteriver, speaking of the 125th anniversary of our Synod, noted how God has always blessed His Church. We see this at Pentecost and in the Early Church, also in our Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod, and at the present time in our own Apache Missions. We today are enjoying the very same grace of God which prospered and protected the Early Church following Pentecost.

Mr. Arthur J. Meier, principal of East Fork Mission School, recalled yet another evidence of God's Grace. It was exactly 25 years ago, to the day, that the new, enlarged school building had been dedicated at East Fork. On that day, which coincided with the 100th anniversary of our Synod, Pastors E. E. Guenther, H. C. Nitz, M. J. Wehausen, E. H. Sprengeler, F. Uplegger, and Chief Baha had been present. On that day Chief Baha had urged his people to receive the finest Christian education possible for themselves and their children in our Mission schools and churches.

Pastor H. E. Hartzell of East Fork took note of the long and faithful service of Mr. A. J. Meier, the principal at the East Fork Mission School, who, after 32 years at East Fork and 10 years at Sleepy Eye, Minnesota, is



Willie Aday, Sr., and sister, Mrs. Bertha Nash, are regular worshippers at the East Fork Mission.



retiring from the teaching ministry at the end of this school year.

The following laymen then addressed the people in behalf of their congregation: Rufus Johnson of Cibecue, Raymond Endfield, Jr., of Whiteriver, Ted Declay of Canyon Day, Bill Major of Cedar Creek, and Larry Massey of East Fork. The brief but powerful words of Raymond Endfield, Jr., may well serve as a summary of the entire service. He said: "Fellow Christians, what has brought us together today is a miracle, a modern-day miracle. In spite of all the evil, in spite of all the false prophets who go up and down the land, as the Lord warned they would, we have among us the miracle of His Church that still has as its only purpose the saving of souls.

"Our Lutheran Church does not look at the color of our skin, or our education, or our bank account. Our church looks only at our hearts and souls. We should be thankful that for these past 125 years God has been gracious to us and blessed us with faithful pastors, and teachers, and members. We still preach the Word, baptize, and take advantage of the Lord's Supper.

"Today I feel as Joshua did so long ago when there was so much confusion in the land. He said, 'As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.' Friends, let us be thankful for the grace of God in the past, and serve as witnesses of His grace in the future."

The Grace Service closed with the Whiteriver Choir singing "Amazing Grace," and a prayer by Pastor Richard Pagels of Cibecue.

Mr. Raymond Endfield, Jr., of Whiteriver, addressing the gathering.



Uncovering the Barbecue.



Three lines fed 1,100 guests with barbecue, pinto beans, Indian bread, potato salad, cake, coffee, and Kool Aid.

After the two-hour service ended over 1,100 people enjoyed a wonderful dinner. Every congregation supplied food, and individual members also contributed. Two beef cows were given, one by Daniel Lavender, Sr., and one by Mary Ann Baha Sedillo (Chief Baha's granddaughter). Many ladies cooked bread over coals of oak wood, and several men helped to barbecue the beef (in a big underground pit). It was an unending thrill to see the grateful and cheerful worship and work which marked the day. Yes, our Father is GRACIOUS!

H. E. Hartzell

— 1975 Teaching Assignments —

This listing includes the assignments of the June 1975 DMLC Graduates as well as some reassignments from previous years.

MEN:

Achey, Howard
Emanuel First—Lansing, MI (MI)
Adickes, Mark W.
Japan—(WW)
Baumgart, Richard
Martin Luther—Neenah, WI (NW)
Beatrice, Joseph S.
Apache Mission—Peridot, AZ (AC)
Buege, James L.
Northwestern Preparatory School
Watertown, WI (WW)
Busse, Dennis G.
Trinity—Saline, MI (MI)
Dobberpuhl, Darrell
St. John's—St. John, Antigua, W. Indies
Dumke, Roy
St. Paul's—Hales Corners, WI (SEW)
Ebeling, Richard
David Star—Jackson, WI (SEW)
Gallert, Timothy
Apostles—San Jose, CA (AC)
Geuder, Franck
To be assigned
Grandt, Gary
Jerusalem—Milwaukee, WI (SEW)
Grebe, Karl
St. Mark's—Citrus Heights, CA (AC)
Greening, Terrance
Trinity—St. Paul, MN (MN)
Haase, Michael
Bethlehem—Menomonee Falls, WI (SEW)
Hanneman, Daryl
Trinity—Johnson, MN (MN)
Hochmuth, Carl
Gethsemane—Omaha, NB (NB)
Hoffmann, Geoffrey
St. Paul—Tomah, WI (WW)
Hunter, Thomas
Michigan Lutheran Seminary—
Saginaw, MI (MI)
Kiecker, Michael
St. John—Fremont, WI (NW)
Koopsell, Jeffrey
St. Peter and St. Paul's—
Dorr and Hopkins, MI (MI)
Leitz, Daniel
To be assigned
Meier, Bruce
To be assigned
Moldenhauer, Martin
St. Paul's—Columbus, Ohio (MI)
Nass, Douglas
St. John—Baraboo, WI (WW)
Neumann, Vincent
St. Peter—Fond du Lac, WI (NW)
Plamann, Michael
St. John—Mishicot, WI (NW)
Potratz, Philip
St. Matthew's—Benton Harbor, MI (MI)
Potratz, Robert
St. Stephen—Beaver Dam, WI (WW)
Rubbart, Mark
Bethany—Hustisford, WI (SEW)
Schleef, Ronald
Trinity—Marshfield, WI
(Klondike Corners)
Schram, Max
Grace—St. Joseph, MI (MI)
Schwall, Jay
Woodlawn—West Allis, WI (SEW)
Sieggreen, Ronald
Bethany—Manitowoc, WI (NW)
Sosinski, Ronald
St. Paul's—Saginaw, MI (MI)
Troge, Eric
St. Paul—Mt. Calvary, WI (NW)
Troge, Kurt
Our Savior—Jacksonville, Florida (SA)
Wesenberg, John
Garden Homes—Milwaukee, WI (SEW)
Winkel, Jonathan
Grace—Portland, Oregon (PN)

Wolff, Roger
Mt. Calvary—La Crosse, WI (WW)
Wooster, James
Northwestern Lutheran Academy—
Moberidge, SD (DM)
Yindra, Dale
Zion—Rhineland, WI (NW)
Zahn, Kenneth
San Pablo Spanish Mission—
Tucson, AZ (AC)
Zellmer, Steven
Calvary—Thiensville, WI (SEW)

WOMEN:

Aaberg, Sarah
Saude (Saude-Jericho School)—
Lawler, Iowa (ELS)
Apitz, Connie
Resurrection—Rochester, MN (MN)
Baer, Marilyn
St. Paul—Brownsville, WI (SEW)
Barenz, Susan
St. John's—Two Rivers, WI (NW)
Beckmann, Kathleen
St. John's—Neillsville, WI (WW)
Berg, Mary
Mount Calvary—Flagstaff, AZ (AC)
Bergquist, Linda
Grace—Yakima, WA (PN)
Brassow, Barbara
St. Paul—Plymouth, NB (NB)
Callahan, Deborah
St. John—Goodhue, MN (MN)
Christianson, Jan
Trinity—Bangor, MI (MI)
Cosen, Jacqueline
Grace—Oshkosh, WI (NW)
Cox, Margie
St. Paul's—South Haven, MI (MI)
Dast, Joann
Christ Our Redeemer—Bend, Oregon (PN)
Doersch, Janelle
Trinity—Kaukauna, WI (NW)
Ehlert, Nancy
St. John—Minneapolis, MN (MN)
Ferch, Sue
Bethany—Saginaw, MI (MI)
Frank, June
Northwestern Lutheran Academy—
Moberidge, SD (DM)
Friebus, Lila
St. John's—Jefferson, WI (WW)
Guenther, Diana
Zion—Mission, SD (NB)
Habib, Mary Ann
Immanuel—Medford, WI (WW)
Hahn, Deborah
St. Paul—Van Dyne, WI (NW)
Hartwig, Carol
St. John's—Lannon, WI (SEW)
Hatton, Marion
St. Matthew's—Winona, MN (WW)
Hayes, Mary
Lola Park—Detroit, MI (MI)
Heidenrich, Charlotte
Peace—Hartford, WI (SEW)
Heilshorn, Victoria
St. Paul's—Sodus, MI (MI)
Horvath, Janis
Epiphany—Racine, WI (SEW)
Ihlenfeldt, Ann
St. John—Fox Lake, WI (WW)
Julien, Lynnee
St. Paul's—New Ulm, MN (MN)
Kelley, Karyl
Bay Pines—Seminole, FL (SA)
Krause, Eugenia
St. Peter—Helenville, WI (WW)
Laabs, Connie
St. John—Juneau, WI (WW)
Ledermann, Terry
Immanuel—Fort Worth, TX (AC)
Lincoln, Alice
Grace—Eau Claire, MI (MI)
Lindloff, Lyles
Salem—Ann Arbor, MI (MI)
Loeffler, Karen
Mt. Olive—Bay City, MI (MI)
Loewecke, Jari
Trinity—Waukesha, WI (SEW)
Marquart, Mary
Goodview Trinity and First,
Minnesota City—Winona, MN (WW)
Meyer, Nancy
St. Paul—Green Bay, WI (NW)
Morton, Anne
St. John-St. James—Reedsville, WI (NW)
Musser, Janis
Grace—Glendale, AZ (AC)
Olsen, Corinne
St. John's—Dakota, MN (MN)
Paulmann, Anne
St. Paul—Appleton, WI (NW)
Persons, Shirley
Salem—Loretto, MN (MN)
Phillips, Bonnie
St. Paul—Lake Mills, WI (WW)
Priebe, Susan
Winnebago Lutheran Academy—
Fond du Lac, WI (NW)
Ramstack, Joanna
St. John—Waterloo, WI (WW)
Rosenthal, Lois
Zion—Egg Harbor, WI (NW)
Sauer, Barbara
St. Paul—New Ulm, MN (MN)
Schieber, Karen
Christ—Eagle River, WI (NW)
Schmidt, Dawn
Zion—Monroe, MI (MI)
Schuetze, Katherine
Emanuel—Flint, MI (MI)
Schwartz, Virginia
St. Peter—Balaton, MN (MN)
Schwartz, Joann
Michigan Lutheran Seminary—
Saginaw, MI (MI)
Serwe, Elizabeth
Gethsemane-Bethesda—
Cibecue, AZ (AC)
Sill, Ruth
Trinity—Brillion, WI (NW)
Steinbrenner, Clare
St. Paul—Ft. Atkinson (WW)
Stogbauer, Sandra
St. John's—Hemlock, MI (MI)
Taggart, Mary
Trinity—Caledonia, WI (SEW)
Thumme, Lynn
Christ Lutheran—Beatrice, NB (NB)
Unke, Ruth
Ocean Drive—Pompano Beach, Florida (SA)
Varnum, Joyce
Salem—Stillwater, MN (MN)
Wastrack, Judith
St. Matthew—Appleton, WI (NW)
Weitz, Patricia
Siloah—Milwaukee, WI (SEW)
Welke, Naomi
St. John's—Wauwatosa, WI (SEW)
Werblow, Sherry
St. Matthew's—Winona, MN (WW)
Wilkes, Sandra
St. Paul—Wonewoc, WI (WW)
Wolter, Sharon
Dr. Martin Luther College
New Ulm, MN (MN)
Wulf, Jana
St. Matthew—Oconomowoc, WI (WW)
Zastrow, Bonnie
St. Mark—Eau Claire, WI (WW)
Zelenak, Julianne
Redeemer—Fond du Lac (NW)
Zimmerman, Janice
St. John-St. James—Reedsville, WI (NW)
Zimmerman, Judith
Immanuel—Waukegan, IL (SEW)

GRACE 125



Seminary Graduation

by Prof. D. Kuske

On the evening of May 27, 1975, the Seminary "family" and its guests gathered in the chapel to hear the Commencement Concert presented by the 45-voice Seminary Male Chorus. The theme for this worship in song was "Alleluia, Praise Ye the Lord!" Two of the songs were compositions especially written for the "Grace 125th" anniversary.

The graduation service was held outdoors in the Seminary circle on the morning of May 28. The cover of the worship folder again reminded us that this is the 125th year of God's grace to our Synod. The graduating class of 48 was vivid evidence of that grace. It was by the grace of God that these 48 young men had been brought to the saving faith, had been led to enter the pastoral training program, had completed the years of necessary study, and were now being presented to the Synod as candidates for the holy ministry. Forty-six were assigned to parishes; two will enter the parish ministry after serving at Northwestern College as tutors. It should also be noted that 52 vicars were assigned for a year of service in various congregations of the Synod, and five men from the first-year class were given one-year tutor and instructor assignments.

President Carl Lawrenz addressed the assembly and the "Grace 125" class on the basis of our Savior's words in Matthew 11:25-30. He reminded us that on that very morning we had the evidence of God's 125

years of grace to our Synod all about us: the large graduating class, being sent to 17 different states; the beautiful Seminary campus and buildings; and the assembly of almost 1,500 people from all corners of the Synod.

However, the real gift of God's grace, that which underlies all these evident blessings, as President Lawrenz pointed out, is the continuation of the blessed Gospel ministry among us. In the words of the Savior, Professor Lawrenz pointed us to the free gift of salvation which is hidden from the wise and prudent, but which has been made ours through God's Son. In Him alone can we know all the mysteries of God's love for sinful man, as revealed in His Word, even though we cannot always grasp the fullness of God's wisdom with our human minds.

The assembly and the graduates were reminded that the continuation of the Gospel ministry among us is a vital gift of God's grace. It is alone through the preaching of His Word that God makes us spiritual babes who by faith accept His free gift of salvation as our own, cling to that Word as the source of God's revelation to us, and in faith-born love seek to reach all men with the Savior's invitation.

After the service, a luncheon was served to all guests with the help of the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Ladies Auxiliary.

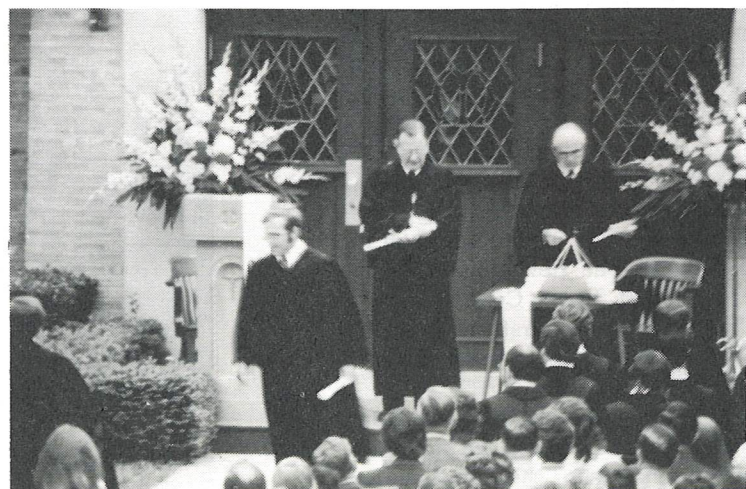
Shortly before commencement, the good news reached the Seminary that Prof. Armin Panning of Northwestern College had accepted the call to teach New Testament and Church History at the Seminary. Professor Panning and his family moved to the Seminary campus in June. He will begin teaching in September.

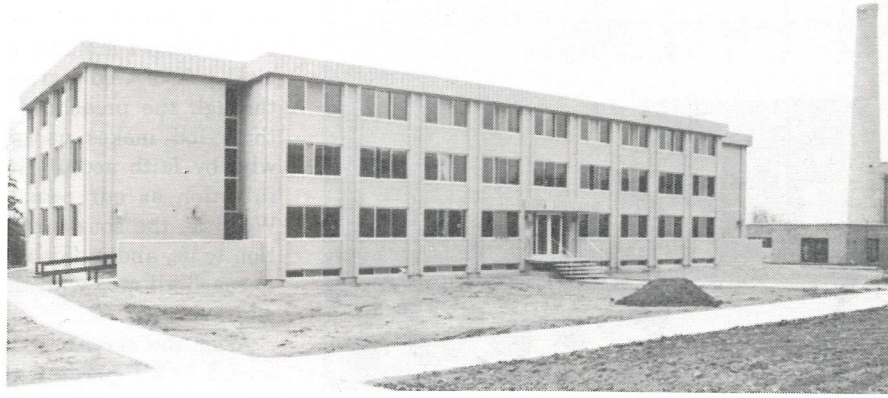
After a year of graduate study in Semitics at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Prof. Paul Nitz will also begin his teaching duties. Thus, the Seminary will be fully staffed for the beginning of the 1975-76 school year.

The prayer of all who serve in the Gospel ministry is well expressed by two stanzas of the class hymn written by one of the "Grace 125" graduates:

The kingdom of our Lord
Must be our harvest field;
To Him we yield all that we have
Until His realm is filled.

The power of our Lord
Will give the strength we need;
He is indeed the mighty One;
No other help we need.





GRACE
125

NWC Dedicates Wittenberg Hall

A happy combination of events made Sunday, May 11, 1975, memorable for congregations of the Western Wisconsin District's Central Conference and for Northwestern College. On that day, nearly 2,000 worshipers from the Conference area and beyond assembled to observe "Grace 125" in conjunction with the dedication of Northwestern's new dormitory, Wittenberg Hall. The simultaneous celebration of these events reflected the fact that Northwestern has been the pretheological school of our Synod for the past 110 years. The new dorm is a fruit of the special thankoffering that members of the Synod are gathering during this year of the 125th anniversary of the Synod's founding.

The service took place in the college gymnasium, where Pastor Robert Voss, executive secretary of the Commission on Higher Education, delivered the sermon. Taking his text from the divine promise given to Abraham, "I will bless thee . . . and thou shalt be a blessing" (Gen. 12:2), he applied his theme, "Blessed to Be a Blessing," to the grace of God evident in the erection of the new facility and to its use for helping train new generations of pastors and missionaries as heralds of the Gospel in all the world. The Rev. Donald Bitter, pastor of St. Paul's Congregation in Fort Atkinson and first vice-president of the Western Wisconsin District, served as liturgist.

After the service in the gymnasium, the assembly moved to the site of the new dormitory for the rite of dedica-

tion. Officiants for the rite were the Rev. Prof. Carleton Toppe, president of Northwestern College, the Rev. Reginald Siegler, chairman of the college board, and the Rev. Prof. William Zell, president of Northwestern Preparatory School and chairman of the building committee.

To highlight the festive mood of the day, six musical groups assisted the assembly in voicing gratitude to God by performing songs of praise appropriate to the occasion. The musical groups were the Lakeside Lutheran High School Choir, directed by John Nolte; an area children's choir, directed by John R. Schultz; an area adult choir, the Northwestern College Male Chorus, and the Northwestern College Wind Ensemble, all directed by Dr. Arnold O. Lehmann;

and the Northwestern Preparatory School Mixed Chorus, directed by Prof. Franklin Zabell. A noteworthy feature of the festival music was an original anniversary composition by Dr. Lehmann, entitled "This We Believe."

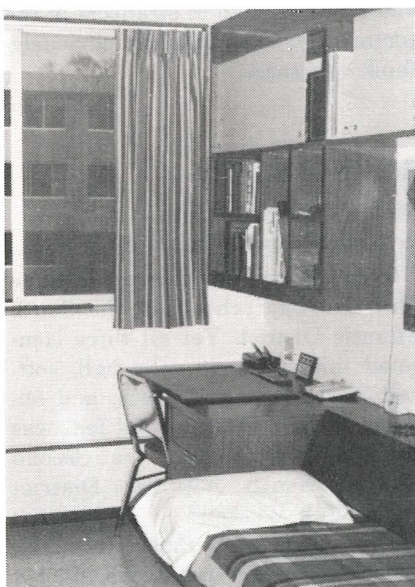
Wittenberg Hall was built and furnished at a cost of \$942,300. It took about 11 months to complete. Having a capacity of 146 students, it will function as a residence for college men. The building marks the latest phase in a construction program that began with the centennial building project inaugurated by the Synod in 1950.

Since then, the Northwestern campus has undergone a virtually total transformation. Even the only structure still standing from before 1950,



Officiants (left to right): Prof. Wm. Zell, Pastor D. Bitter, Executive Secretary R. Voss, President C. Toppe, Board Chairman R. Siegler.

the old 1912-gymnasium, has been remodeled a number of times and has been converted to serve almost exclusively in the fields of drama and music. Besides the stage, added in 1950, the renovated downstairs (1973) now contains music classrooms, listening rooms, and keyboard instrument practice rooms. The other buildings are the library-classroom building (1951); the refectory (1955), which also contains administration offices and, starting next fall, dormitory space for Preparatory School girls; the former East Hall (1956), recently renamed Augsburg Hall; the chapel-arts building (1956); Wartburg Hall (1967), and the new gymnasium (1971).



Dormitory Room

This rapid proliferation of young buildings on the old campus made it eminently fitting that Northwestern should be the site for an observance of "Grace 125." Looking back on these tangible evidences of God's grace to the Synod as a whole and to Northwestern in particular during the first quarter of our Synod's second century, we cannot but believe that the Lord of the Church has determined a decisive destiny for our Synod in His future plans for the kingdom.

May our gratitude for these past favors and our recognition of this future destiny incite us to continued faithfulness to His Word and renewed zeal for His work!

James A. Fricke

Direct from the Districts

Michigan

Michigan and Ohio LWMS Super Rally

A new phase of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society came into being on May 7, 1975, at Frankenmuth, Michigan, in the parish hall of St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church — a Super Rally.

More than 360 women of five circuits from Michigan and Ohio joined in hearing Mrs. Ernest Wendland, former nurse at the Lusaka dispensary, present the "woman's viewpoint" of what life is like in Africa for a family in the mission fields. She provided many new insights and showed color slides depicting the homes, the geographic areas of the missionaries' work, the diseases encountered in the Medical Missions, and the people of Zambia and Malawi. She also noted some of the inconveniences and how they are dealt with. She concluded that, in spite of the problems to be faced, she and her husband are eager to return to Africa to continue their work. Mrs. Wendland's presentation was warmly received.

Other special guests at the Rally were Mrs. Clarence Millett, president of national LWMS, and Mrs. Leland Nicol, national LWMS treasurer. Pastor Joel Ehlert of St. John's,

Frankenmuth, and Pastor John Huebner of Faith, Dexter, opened the meeting with devotions and introduced the guest speaker.

A freewill offering was gathered to cover the necessary expenses of the Rally. The \$302 surplus was given to Mrs. Wendland to cover her expenses and to be used at her discretion in the mission work in Africa.

The enthusiasm aroused by the Rally stimulated the women of Michigan and Ohio to fill a second bus to take them to the national LWMS convention at DMLC, New Ulm, Minnesota, during the last weekend in June. The bus trip was extended an extra day so that the women were also able to see the new facilities at Northwestern College and tour Bethesda Lutheran Home in Watertown, Wisconsin.

The Super Rally was the result of a resolution passed by the 1974 Convention, in which it was suggested that circuits close to each other meet for gatherings which would require smaller facilities and which would give more members of the LWMS the inspiration offered by the national gatherings.

During a brief business meeting chaired by Mrs. Vona Renz, a past president of the Alpha Circuit, the applause definitely indicated that the



Left to right: Pastor Joel Ehlert, Mrs. Ernest Wendland, Mrs. Louise Schnierla, Mrs. Vona Renz, Mrs. Clarence Millett, Mrs. Leland Nicol.

women of Michigan and Ohio sincerely wish to have the Super Rallies continue. Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Saginaw, offered the use of its gym as the site of the 1976 Super Rally. Mrs. Renz, together with another woman from the Saginaw area, will again serve as cochairwoman in organizing next year's rally.

Pacific Northwest

Washington Lutheran Grade Schools First Annual Forensics Contest

When the idea of a Forensics Contest was initially introduced to the pupils in five Puget Sound area Lutheran grade schools, all asked, "What do you mean Forensics?" By the end of Friday, February 28, all the pupils knew exactly what "Forensics" meant. In the words of a sixth-grade pupil, "If you had to read a poem or a short story, all you had to do was to stand up in front of other sixth-graders and the judges and read! We did it because we could become better acquainted with children from other Christian day schools and to have fun. That is called wholesome Christian fellowship. We had a lot of fun doing it."

Parkland Lutheran School had the privilege of hosting the first annual Washington Lutheran Forensics Contest; 250 pupils participated. They were from Lakewood Lutheran School (ELS), Faith Lutheran School (WELS), Parkland Lutheran School (ELS), all of Tacoma; Calvary Lutheran School (WELS), Bellevue, and Salem Lutheran School (WELS), Edmonds. This scholastic version of mental olympics took over every available space in the school, church, and even the parsonage and teacherage!

The schedule for the Forensics Contest was varied and busy. First of all, everyone assembled in the church at 10:00 A.M. for a devotion based on James 1:22-27. The host principal, Larry O. Joecks, encouraged the listeners to be not only hearers of God's Word but above all doers of it, lest our witness for Christ Jesus be "worse than worthless."

Then the pupils gathered in their respective grade-level areas to com-

pete. For grades 1-4, the events were: Penmanship, Math, Reading, and Prose and Poetry Writing. The upper grades (5-8) competed in Interpretative Reading, Memorized Declamation, and Public Address. Serving as judges were 12 Forensics students from neighboring Pacific Lutheran University. After a morning of keen competition, all participants welcomed a lunch break, provided by the mothers of the host school.

In the afternoon a group of scholastic athletes engaged in a Spelling Bee, while others enjoyed the delightful and educational movie, "Alphabet Conspiracy".

At the Awards presentations, each pupil received a certificate of participation. There were also First, Second, Third and Fourth Place winners in each event. As it turned out, the standing for each school was: Salem Lutheran, fifth place; Calvary Lutheran, fourth; Faith Lutheran, third; Parkland Lutheran, second; and Lakewood Lutheran, first.

As the first Washington Lutheran Grade Schools Forensics Contest drew to a close, all pupils, teachers, and parents shared a similar conviction: "Let us make the Forensics Contest an annual event so that more Christian fellowship and wholesome scholastic competition can be enjoyed by one and all."

Minnesota

One Couple's Efforts Blessed

Since 1970, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, has conducted a formal program of evangelism. This program has proven to be a rather successful medium for training members of the congregation to witness for Christ. This program also has proven to be a rather successful medium for reaching out into the community with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Shortly after Dave and Phyllis McLaud were baptized and confirmed as adults at Good Shepherd in the fall of 1971, they enrolled in the congregation's evangelism program. The initial training sessions, though, did not dispel the seemingly innate fear of witnessing. They subsequently decided to withdraw from the program.

Dave and Phyllis, however, did not withdraw from the work of the Lord. In their own way and at their own time, they began to witness to their relatives. The Holy Spirit richly blessed their humble efforts. Three and one-half years ago, the name "McLaud" did not appear on the roster of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Today, there are eight families spanning four generations of the McLaud relationship on the membership list. Most of these people were baptized and confirmed as adults after completing the prescribed course of instruction.

Some of the trained lay evangelists at Good Shepherd contend that it is more difficult to witness to friends and relatives than to strangers in the community. The McLauds, obviously, think otherwise.

South Atlantic

District Schools Join in Sports Fun Weekend

Over 250 miles separate the three Christian day schools of the South Atlantic District. Yet all three competed this spring in volleyball, softball, basketball, golf, track, and obstacle racing. This unusual feat was accomplished through the Second Annual South Atlantic District Sports Fun Weekend.

This year Bay Pines Lutheran School of Seminole, Florida, played host to visiting athletes from the two other Florida schools, Peace Lutheran of Bradenton and Ocean Drive Lutheran of Pompano Beach. Each school came out a winner in the competition because the ground rules for the Sports Weekend required that each team in competition be made up of representatives from all three of the participating schools. Members of the Bay Pines Congregation took the young visitors into their homes as overnight guests.

A third annual event is scheduled for next spring when a fourth District school, Our Savior Lutheran of Jacksonville, will be invited to join in the fun. Next year's much-anticipated event will bring together for a weekend of Christian fellowship young Lutherans who live as much as 350 miles from one another.

Western Wisconsin

Mrs. Erna Sprengeler Honored

On Sunday, April 27, 1975, Mount Calvary Lutheran Church and School, La Crosse, Wisconsin, had a "Day of Appreciation" for Mrs. Erna Sprengeler. A 12:30 potluck dinner was followed by a program and open house until 4:00 in the afternoon.

Mrs. Sprengeler taught first grade at Mt. Calvary School from 1965 to 1975.

The former Erna Albrecht, Mrs. Sprengeler was a 1927 graduate of Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota. Her first assignment was the East Fork Apache Mission School, where she taught from 1927 to 1930 and again from 1952 to 1957. In 1930 she married Pastor Ernst H. Sprengeler and served with him at the missions in Bylas and East Fork. Upon her husband's death in 1957, she returned to Minnesota and worked as a practical nurse in New Ulm until returning to the classroom at Mount Calvary in 1965. All who were her pupils are most grateful to her for the Christian guidance she gave them.

ESSAY AVAILABLE

A printed copy of "Eschatological Prophecies and Current Misinterpretations" is now available. This is a series of essays delivered by Prof. Wilbert Gawrisch of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, Wisconsin, to several pastoral conferences and institutes. There are five sections: 1. A Brief History of Millennialism; 2. A Brief Survey of the Bible's Eschatological Prophecies; 3. Millennialism Examined in the Light of Holy Scripture; 4. Antichrists and the Anti-Christ; and 5. A Devil's Brew of Eschatological Heresies. The essays are bound in book form. A single copy may be procured for \$1.65 postpaid. Two copies are available at \$3.00 postpaid. Please send check or money order with your order to: Rev. Lyle W. Lange, 1100 N. Midway Drive, Escondido, California 92027.

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Editorial (continued)

den to ask the children unprogramed questions that reflect the teachers' moral values or Christian principles. The only questions that dare be asked must come from the manuals.

Is Jerome Bruner calling MACOS "intellectually honest"? MACOS is not honest? Men of intellectual integrity should blush to use such methods.

Christian parents whose children attend public schools where MACOS is used should be grateful that it now appears that enough concerned Christian people have protested to their U.S. Representatives about the course so that steps are now being taken to restrict its further development and use. Christian citizens can still have an influence for civic righteousness.

Carleton Toppe

Studies (continued)

Except for the cultural customs, the story is right up to date. We have just been witnessing the spectacle of citizens of a war-torn, ravished country flee and seek refuge among us, even though they will have to begin all over again. In the Book of Ruth it happened twice: when this family of four went down to Moab on the east side of the Dead Sea, and when it returned to Bethlehem a family of one plus one. As we read the Book of Ruth and try to put ourselves in the shoes of Naomi and Ruth, we can understand in part what the Vietnamese refugees must be feeling today.

But there was one thing that made even the sorrows of life bearable for these two women, and it is the supreme gift we have to share with today's refugees if the Lord opens the door. That is faith in the true God — the God of Israel at that time, and the God of spiritual Israel today.

Faith makes the difference. God tells us so in this book. May our faith be strengthened as we next time observe faith make a choice.

H. W.

STUDENTS — AMES, IOWA

Names of students who are attending or who plan to attend Iowa State University are requested. A campus ministry under the direction of Bethany Lutheran Church (ELS) is planned for the fall of 1975. Please send all names and addresses of students (both home and campus, if known) to: Bethany Lutheran Church, 3219 Diamond, Ames, IA 50010.

FALL PASTORS' INSTITUTE

The 1975 Pastors' Institute at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary will be held, God willing, on five Monday afternoons beginning October 6. Two lectures will be presented on each of the Mondays, from 1:30 to 4:30, in the multipurpose room in the lower level of the Seminary library. The following are the topics and the lectures:

"The Wisconsin Synod's Relations with Other Church Bodies" — Prof. Edward Fredrich.

"Hermeneutical Problems" — Prof. David Kuske.

The registration fee is \$5.00. Registrations are to be sent to President Carl J. Lawrenz, 11831 N. Seminary Dr. 65W, Mequon, Wis. 53092. Pastor Emil G. Toepel, Secretary Seminary Board of Control.

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

FLOOR COMMITTEES

Forty-Third Convention of the
Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod
August 6 to 13, 1975

Northwestern College
Watertown, Wisconsin

(Note: The Constitution requires the publication of the names of all voting delegates to the convention. It also requires the publication of all floor committees appointed by the Praesidium. In the interest of conserving space in our NORTHWESTERN LUTHERAN, the list of floor committees is being published here in addition to a few advisory delegates. No list of voting delegates arranged according to Districts will be published. — O.J.N.)

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For Offices to be Filled by Election at the 1975 Convention

(The order is determined by the Districts
and at times expresses preference)

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1 Layman:
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WESTERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT

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1 Teacher:
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1 Layman:
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Harvey Tews, Oconomowoc, Wisconsin

DR. MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE

MINNESOTA DISTRICT

1 Layman:
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Herbert Berg, New Ulm, Minnesota
Dr. Howard Schroeder, Mankato, Minnesota

WESTERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT

1 Teacher:
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MINNESOTA DISTRICT

1 Pastor:
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1 Pastor:
Gerhard W. Birkholz, Litchfield, Minnesota
Melvin A. Schwark, Lake City, Minnesota
Lloyd A. Hohenstein, Gibbon, Minnesota

- 1 Teacher:
Paul Fritze, Plymouth, Minnesota
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Merlyn Kruse, New Ulm, Minnesota

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MICHIGAN DISTRICT

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NOMINATIONS MADE BY THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod for the
Forty-Third Convention, August 6-13, 1975

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EXPLORATORY SERVICES

BURLINGTON, IOWA

Exploratory services of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod are now being held on a regular basis in Burlington, Iowa. The location of these services is the Banquet Room of the Burlington Memorial Auditorium. Any further information, as well as the exact time of the services, may be obtained by contacting Mr. Gilbert McKenzie (319/753-1491), Mr. Richard Phillips (319/752-0048), or Pastor David Rutschow. Names of and pertinent information about WELS and other interested people in Burlington and the entire southeast sector of Iowa should be sent to: Pastor David N. Rutschow, 111 Grant Rd. — Marquette Hts., Pekin, Illinois 61554, Ph: 309/382-2670.

LAKEVILLE, MINNESOTA

Exploratory services are being conducted in Lakeville, Minnesota, at the Lakeville Elementary School District Office Building, 8670 210th St. West. Services are held at 9:15 p.m. For more information, to submit names of WELS members or prospects in the Lakeville-Farmington, Minnesota area, please contact: Pastor Richard L. Weeks, 1301 E. County Road 42, Burnsville, Minnesota 55337; Phone: (612) 432-5527.

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.

BEMIDJI, 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).

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.

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).

Our brethren in Sweden, attacked sharply by many who remained in the state church and by others, have recently written a book in defence of their Bible-based decision to establish an independent Lutheran church. The book traces the history of their movement and reveals how they grew in their understanding of what God's Word requires when a church body to which one belongs abdicates to false doctrine. The book was translated from the Swedish by Dr. Siegbert W. Becker and is available at \$1.50 per copy postpaid.

Biblicum's Battle for Biblical Faith

Order from Dr. Siegbert W. Becker, 11808 N. Luther Lane 65W, Mequon, Wisconsin 53092

TULSA, OKLAHOMA

Mount Olive Ev. Lutheran Church, the WELS mission in Tulsa, Oklahoma, is now worshipping at 9:00 a.m. at the Ninde Chapel, 3841 S. Peoria. It is served by Pastor G. Schapekahm, 12435 E. 31st St., Tulsa, OK 74145; phone (918) 663-2356.

VISITING

ISLE ROYALE NATIONAL PARK

Vacationers embarking for Isle Royale National Park and summer visitors to Michigan's Keweenaw Peninsula are invited to attend WELS services at University Lutheran Chapel in Houghton, Michigan. Services are held every Sunday at 7:00 p.m. at the Christian Science Church, 209 W. Montezuma in Houghton. Pastor Thomas H. Trapp is in charge. His address is 421 4th St., Stambough, Michigan 49964.

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.

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.

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).

VISITORS TO THE NASHVILLE AREA

Rock of Ages Ev. Lutheran Congregation (Nashville) is meeting in the 7th Day Adventist Building, 162 Old Hickory Blvd., Madison, Tennessee. Sunday School meets at 9:00 a.m., with Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. For directions and additional details, visitors in the area are asked to contact Pastor Richard Stadler, 124 Elнора Drive, Hendersonville, Tennessee 37075; phone: 1-615-824-3894.

TRAVELING THROUGH MISSOURI

Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church of St. Joseph, Missouri, invites you to worship with us. Services are held at the 7th Day Adventist Church, 15th and Jule Streets. The time of the service is 10:45. Sunday school and Bible class are held at 9:30. Pastor of the congregation is Rev. G. W. Sommer, 1905 South 22nd Street, St. Joseph, MO 64507 (Ph. 816-233-2988).

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN

DODGE-WASHINGTON DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: July 27, 1975; 7:30 p.m.
Place: Emmanuel Ev. Lutheran Church, 10N—Hwy. 33, Hartford, Wisconsin.
Agenda: Study of the BoRaM.
J. N. Kieselhorst, Secretary

VACATION

If any pastor (retired or active) would like to vacation in Albuquerque in late summer or early fall he and his family may stay in our parsonage if he is willing to assume the responsibility of preaching for two or three Sundays. We are within a day's drive from such sights as the Grand Canyon, Mexico, Carlsbad Caverns, and White Sands. Or just enjoy the mountains around Albuquerque. If interested, contact Pastor Wayne Vogt, 3905 General Bradley NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111.

APPOINTMENT

Pastor Daniel M. Deutschlander has been appointed Second Vice-President and Pastor Edward J. Werner, a member of the Mission Board of the Dakota-Montana District, both to take the place of Pastor Richard W. Strobel, who has accepted a call into another District.

Arthur P. C. Kell, President
Dakota-Montana District

COOK NEEDED

Needed, at the East Fork Mission School, a cook for the school lunch program. Minimum wage plus overtime. Interested parties please contact: Principal James Opitz, East Fork Mission, Whiteriver, Arizona 85941.

INSTALLATIONS

(Authorized by District Presidents)

Pastors:

Bradtko, Martin T., as pastor of St. Paul's, Town Lomira, Wisconsin, on June 8, 1975, by E. Kitzerow (SEW).
Huth, Paul H., as associate pastor of St. Peter's, Weyauwega, Wisconsin, on June 8, 1975, by L. Pankow (N.Wis.).
Mau, Kurtis L., as pastor of Jehovah, Altura, Minnesota, and of Trinity, Rollingstone, Minnesota, on June 8, 1975, by D. Fischer (W.Wis.).
Trapp, John A., as Associate Editor at the Northwestern Publishing House, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on June 1, 1975, by D. Kuehl (SEW).
Westendorf, James J., as pastor of Christ the Lord, Brookfield, WI., on June 1, 1975, by A. Schuetze (SEW).

Treasurer's Report

PREBUDGET SUBSCRIPTION PERFORMANCE

Five months ended May 31, 1975

	Subscription Amount for 1975	5/12 of Annual Subscription	Subscription and Pension Offerings	Per Cent of Subscription
Arizona-California	\$ 316,513	\$ 131,880	\$ 131,466	99.7
Dakota-Montana	209,992	87,497	77,581	88.7
Michigan	1,059,169	441,320	395,100	89.5
Minnesota	1,104,369	460,154	510,201	110.9
Nebraska	214,329	89,304	90,410	101.2
Northern Wisconsin	1,183,160	492,983	461,929	93.7
Pacific Northwest	86,485	36,035	40,195	111.5
Southeastern Wisconsin	1,434,614	597,756	553,784	92.6
Western Wisconsin	1,373,571	572,321	550,558	96.2
South Atlantic	59,461	24,776	24,847	100.3
Total — 1975	\$7,041,663	\$2,934,026	\$2,836,071	96.7
Total — 1974	\$6,714,887	\$2,797,870	\$2,751,965	98.4

CURRENT BUDGETARY FUND

Statement of Income and Expenditures

Twelve months ended May 31, 1975 with comparative figures for 1974

	Twelve months ended May 31		Increase or Decrease*	
	1975	1974	Amount	Per Cent
Income				
Prebudget Subscription Offerings	\$6,784,134	\$6,778,794	\$ 5,340	0.1
Pension Plan Contributions	83,416	94,878	11,462*	12.1*
Gifts, Memorials and Bequests	228,182	77,400	150,782	—
Earnings from Fox Estate	100,218	42,876	57,342	—
Other Income	14,812	8,070	6,742	83.5
Transfers from Other Funds	51,358	76,620	25,262*	33.0*
Total Income	\$7,262,120	\$7,078,638	\$183,482	2.6
Expenditures				
Worker Training — Expenses	\$4,193,811	\$3,800,980	\$392,831	10.3
Worker Training — Income	1,671,421	1,601,050	70,371	4.4
Worker Training — Net	\$2,522,390	\$2,199,930	\$322,460	14.7
Home Missions	1,348,245	1,212,119	136,126	11.2
World Missions	1,209,964	1,152,077	57,887	5.0
Benevolences	850,795	813,520	37,275	4.6
Administration and Services	549,216	537,115	12,101	2.3
Total Operations	\$6,480,610	\$5,914,761	\$565,849	9.6
Appropriations — Building Funds	189,916	224,649	34,733*	15.5*
Appropriations — CEF Program	819,362	799,261	20,101	2.5
Total Expenditures	\$7,489,888	\$6,938,671	\$551,217	7.9
Operating Gain**	\$ 227,768**	\$139,967		

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

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

For the month of:	Cut off Date:
July	August 7
August	September 5
September	October 7
October	November 7

CHURCH PEWS

Thirteen church pews are being offered by Our Savior Ev. Luth. Church to any congregation willing to pick them up. They will be available about the middle of August. Please address inquiries to Pastor Paul Sullivan, 1350 Arrowhead Rd., Grafton, WI 53024 (414-377-5025).

NOTICE

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

August 4-5, 1975,

at Watertown, Wisconsin.

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

MIMEOGRAPH

An A B DICK 90 mimeograph machine is being offered by Our Savior Ev. Luth. Church to any congregation willing to pick it up. Please address inquiries to Pastor Paul Sullivan, 1350 Arrowhead Rd., Grafton, WI 53024 (414-377-5025).

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Northwestern College,
Watertown, Wisconsin

The members of the Synod are invited to place in nomination the names of men qualified to fill the Greek professorship vacated by Prof. A. Panning's acceptance of the call to the Seminary. Nominations, including pertinent information, should be in the hands of the secretary no later than August 6, 1975.

W. A. Schumann, Secretary
612 S. 5th Street
Watertown, Wisconsin 53094

MLS NOMINATIONS

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

Mr. Eugene Baer	Appleton, Wisconsin
Pastor Gary Baumler	East Brunswick, NJ
Pastor Errol Carlson	Ellensburg, WA
Pastor Frederick Fallen	St. Paul, MN
Mr. Clarence Jenkins	Brownsville, WI
Mr. Arlen Koestler	Greenfield, WI
Pastor Theodore Hornerber	Slinger, WI
Mr. Raymond Manthe	Garden Grove, CA
Pastor William Meier	Phoenix, AZ
Pastor Edward Pinchoff	Ann Arbor, MI
Mr. Howard Rauch	Manitowoc, WI
Mr. Werner Roekle	Saginaw, MI
Mr. Richard Scharf	Milwaukee, WI
Mr. Edmund Schaefer	Racine, WI
Mr. Robert Scherzer	Frenkenmuth, MI
Mr. Neal Schroeder	Watertown, WI
Mr. Terrance Vasold	Sleepy Eye, MN
Mr. Robert Willhite	Algoma, WI
Mr. William Zeiger	Kenosha, WI
Mr. Donald Zimmerman	Stevensville, MI

The Board of Control of Michigan Lutheran Seminary will meet at 1:00 p.m. on July 21, 1975, to call a man from this list. Correspondence concerning the nominees should be in the hands of the secretary no later than July 19, 1975.

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

CALL FOR CANDIDATES MICHIGAN LUTHERAN SEMINARY

Prof. Joel Sauer, dean of students at Michigan Lutheran Seminary, has accepted a call into the parish ministry. The board of control requests the members of the Synod to submit names of theologically trained men in nomination for this office. The man called will be in charge of all students and will be asked to teach a course in religion. Nominations should be in the hands of the secretary no later than July 18, 1975.

Mr. Milton Bugbee, Secretary
206 South Alp Street
Bay City, Michigan 48706