

# *The Northwestern Lutheran*

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## Preparing for the 43rd Synod Convention

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## Briefs by the Editor

If you have paid any attention to the announcements of conferences, you will have noted that during the past two months each of our 10 Districts has met to discuss what we affectionately have nicknamed BoRaM.

BoRaM is the *Book of Reports and Memorials*. It contains reports by each of the divisions of the Synodical work and presents what they hope the Synod in convention will authorize in order that the work of the Lord may be done.

The Synod in convention may support these divisions in their plans, may reject their suggestions, or may alter both their objectives and their timetable. The Synod in convention takes an overall view of the church's work, so that all areas of the work of the Lord may make progress — not one area at the expense of the others.

Such reappraisals are at times heartrending. Though such decisions of the Synod may not be unanimous, yet the spirit of the Gospel moves us to bow to these decisions, unless it is a matter of doctrine or conscience.

In these last years God has been very gracious to our Synod, preserving to us unity of doctrine and granting us a zealous spirit. This makes our **Grace 125** convention a great time to praise the Lord and to place ourselves at His disposal.

To see members of a District at work (and at play) we ask you to study the cover picture closely. The

photo collage was developed by three pastors of the South Atlantic District, which met June 9-11 at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee, for its pre-Synod convention.

The idea for the collage was suggested by Pastor Richard Stadler of Hendersonville, Tennessee. The photos were taken by Pastor David Krueger of Lake Park, Florida. The paste-up was done by Pastor John Lawrenz of Gainesville, Florida.

The collage includes pictures of all pastors and teachers of the District except two: Pastor James Vogt of Bradenton, Florida, who was visiting Chaplain and Mrs. E. Renz in Germany at the time, and teacher-elect Kurt Troge, who had to leave early. Also included are the five pastor candidates and the one male teacher candidate assigned to the South Atlantic District, as well as the two present vicars and the two summer vicars.

The shape of the collage, as might be expected, represents the area served by the South Atlantic District. Since the formation of this District was authorized at the 1973 convention, this is the first time the South Atlantic District will be sending delegates to a Synod convention.

Our thanks to Pastors Stadler, Krueger, and Lawrenz for supplying *The Northwestern Lutheran* with a most meaningful cover design for the issue previous to the **Grace 125** convention.

*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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*You Are Invited to Attend*

## LAITY DAY

Saturday, August 9, 1975

**Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod Convention**

Northwestern College

Watertown, Wisconsin

### Schedule

Registration at Music Hall  
8:30 — 9:30 A.M.

Sessions in Gymnasium  
10:00 — 11:45 A.M.

Displays and Tours  
11:00 — 1:00

Box Lunch at Cost

Program in Gymnasium  
2:15 — 4:00 P.M.

## Editorials

**Launch Out!** This summer delegates will be meeting all over the Synod and in the big Convention at Watertown to carry on our church's business. There are some wonderful stories to be told about the work, of course.

But for the most part there seems to be a plodding sameness about the goals and objectives from year to year. A certain weariness may come over a person as he hears the many reports, programs, and proposals.

No wonder! Among us there is no question whether "the harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few." The classroom chore of "teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you" is not up for debate. Nobody will vote whether we must "preach the Gospel to every creature."

Our duty is as plain as it was to the tired fishermen of Galilee: "Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught." We may voice our weariness and doubts as Simon did: "Master, we have toiled all the night and have taken nothing," wondering whether it is the right time, and right place, and if the crowds will laugh, and criticize, from the safety of the shore.

What happens when we do the Lord's bidding is the Lord's business. Ours is to obey, to launch out, to let down the nets. The hard part isn't knowing what to do. The hard part is whether we are willing to pay the price.

The story is told about a young Coast Guardsman on his first rescue mission, a ship in distress in a terrible storm. As his ship moved into the heavy sea, he cried to the Chief: "We will never get back." The answer came: "We don't have to come back, but we do have to go out." And so it is.

John Parcher

**The Fallacy In Self-Fulfillment** In today's world "self-fulfillment" is being held up as offering a worthy purpose in life. It has built-in appeal. The very term has a noble ring, and adopting it as a personal philosophy appears to separate one from the mindless herd which is milling about in confusion. On the other hand it carries with it a built-in defect. Since "self-fulfillment" is difficult to define in practical terms, it can be used to justify almost any kind of conduct.

For example, parents adopting self-fulfillment as their purpose in life may very well find that children prove to be a serious obstacle in carrying out that purpose. The practical solution, then, is not to have any children or, having them, to put their own selfish interests first and to slight their offspring. Another example: A husband and

father wants to "fulfill" himself. His wife and family get in the way. The solution can be simple: Desert them. A wife and mother may regard herself as "unfulfilled" in her role as wife and mother. Again the solution is natural and obvious: Abandon the attendant responsibilities and engage in pursuits which are more "fulfilling." A young person, seeking "fulfillment" apart from the burdens of work and study, drifts around and degenerates into a parasite upon society and a menace to his fellowmen.

Such abortive attempts at self-fulfillment proceed from the fallacy that man is an independent being, capable of working out his own destiny; whereas the truth is that man is a creature, dependent upon his Creator. Without God man is cut off from the source of happiness and fulfillment, trapped in a life of aimless wandering, destined to disaster. The ancient church father laid his finger on the problem when he wrote, "The soul is created for God, and it will not rest until it rests in God."

For all those who are searching for fulfillment there is an answer. It was given by inspiration. It is summarized in the words, "Be ye reconciled to God."

Immanuel Frey

### The Ordination Of Women

The set-to between rector Wm. A. Wendt and the officials of the Episcopal Church concerning the

ordination of women seems far removed from our church body. But when we consider that it has become an issue in other traditional church bodies as well — voices in the Catholic Church are questioning their denomination's tradition, and The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod is edging closer to the practice of ordaining women — we may not take the escapist position and say that we live in a different world. An emotional issue like the ordination of women will demand our attention and restudy.

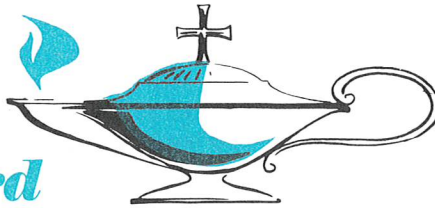
In our review of the matter we shall need to ask ourselves whether it is a time-honored custom or a confession. Customs may be changed by common consent; they are not ordained by Scripture. The voting age in many of our congregations is no longer 21; men and women no longer go to the Lord's Table separately; there are baptisms that are being performed without sponsors. A custom may go back to the time of the Reformation or even to the time of the Apostles, but it may be altered or discarded even in these latter days if Christian judgment recommends a change.

If our position on the ordination of women has the status of a confession, it still merits restudy. The changing climate of opinion on women's rights, the new arguments advanced, the pressures that the example of other church bodies is placing on us call for, at the very least, a restatement of a confession, if not an updating or an elaboration of it. The Lutheran Confessions do not enter into this matter, because the ordination of women was not an issue in the sixteenth century.

Furthermore, every confessional position needs to be restudied continually, lest it harden into a mindless tradition. Its Scriptural basis must be searched out and kept before us if our confession is to have authority and vigor.

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## Studies in God's Word



### Three Choices

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).

Behold, thy sister-in-law is gone back unto her people, and unto her gods; return thou after thy sister-in-law (Ruth 1:15).

When (Naomi) saw that (Ruth) was steadfastly minded to go with her, then she left speaking unto her (Ruth 1:18).

Most choices we make are relatively unimportant. What's the difference whether my clothes are coordinated or not, or whether I drive the latest model car! But it does make a great difference whom I marry, what church I join, what school I choose for my children.

The men and women in the Book of Ruth also faced choices. Some were unimportant, others had a profound effect not only on their own lives but also on ours.

#### A Practical Choice, But . . .

When famine stalked the fields of Bethlehem, Elimelech was faced with a choice. Should he remain and take a chance that he and his wife and his two sons might starve to death, or should he emigrate to a country where food was available? Elimelech did what we ourselves undoubtedly would do; he chose food over famine.

In Elimelech's case, the choice turned out to be anything but good, even as is the case today when church members follow a job without considering whether the new location offers a church where they may safely worship, or whether there is one within driving distance. Being cut off from fellowship and the Word can be

disastrous for faith.

There is no evidence that Elimelech's faith was undermined. But in the land of Moab, a heathen land, Elimelech did not find what he was looking for. He died and was buried.

We would expect that Naomi would now return to Judah. But she did not. She remained in Moab because her sons soon married heathen wives. Mahlon married Ruth, and Chilion married Orpah.

After 10 years, both Mahlon and Chilion also died. Three widows were left to shift for themselves. It hadn't turned out the way Elimelech, Naomi, Mahlon, and Chilion had expected. The only good that came of it — and that was God's grace — was that two Moabite women became acquainted with the true God of heaven and earth. Temporal blessings, however, were conspicuous by their absence.

#### Another Practical Choice

Naomi was the first to decide on what to do. Hearing that the Lord had blessed Israel with good crops, Naomi decided to return. Since there was nothing she could do for her daughters-in-law, she suggested that they return to their parents. One did; the other did not.

We can understand Orpah's decision. Humanly speaking, there was no future for her in accompanying Naomi to Bethlehem, not even the certainty of finding another husband. She decided to return to her own people.

What did her choice really involve? It meant returning to people who knew her and loved her, but it also meant leaving the one and only true God, for her people were idolaters. Orpah forfeited a place in God's kingdom for a mess of pottage. That's the worst possible kind of choice to make.

It meant being cut off from the only One who can save.

#### And Then There Was Ruth

Ruth faced the same difficult choice Orpah had faced. Ruth, however, chose not to go back to her parental home — not because she was led to expect material benefits in going with Naomi, but because she had learned to know God and to love God's people.

This is how she expressed it: "Whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge; thy people shall be my people, and thy God, my God; 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."

The key to her choice lies in the words: "Thy God, my God." Only faith in the true God can lead one to make such a choice.

As we read on in the Book of Ruth, we find that Ruth's faith would be severely tested in the months ahead. God had a purpose even in that. It was that all reading this book might learn to know that Ruth's choice, unlike the choice of Orpah, was not dictated by worldly considerations, but by faith.

Unfortunately, not all who bear the name of Christ do as Ruth did. Some use faith in bargaining for advantage. Others do not hesitate to compromise in order to enter upon a desired marriage. Nor do they object to having their children — their own flesh and blood — brought up in a faith they recognize as not being Scripturally sound. Such have need to ask themselves why the account of Ruth's choice was recorded in the Scripture.

Jesus says: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things (temporal blessings) shall be added unto you." True, He did not say in what measure or how soon. When Naomi and Ruth returned to Bethlehem, Naomi had to confess: "The Almighty hath dealt very bitterly with me. I went out full, and the Lord hath brought me home again empty." It would almost seem as though God was ignoring the choice Ruth had made. Not so! He was testing her steadfastness.

Her choice was the right choice!

H. W.

# A Visit to Medellin, Colombia

The primary reason for the visit to our mission work at Medellin, Colombia, was the fact of its rapid development to the point of providing for a Bible school and seminary only a little over a year after its beginning in January, 1974. Two theological students are already in training by the three missionaries and another is being considered for training. The present facilities, the private dwellings of the missionaries, are no longer adequate to take care of either the Sunday attendances at church, Bible class, and Sunday school, or to provide for a place for the training of the students.

## A Beautiful Land

Colombia is a beautiful land, especially as seen from the air, flying down from Mexico City. Verdant hills and tall mountains appeared through towering fleecy white clouds long before the plane landed at Bogota, the capital, over 8,000 feet above sea level. The description of Colombia by an early visitor is still in place, "The best corner in all the Indies."

Planes do not hazard night flying in this mountainous land. Our flight was hours late, and the Medellin flight had already left a little after four. So, we were required to bed down in Bogata. The sight of the clean city against the backdrop of high peaks to the west is unforgettable. It also gave us an opportunity the next morning to see the lush, green valleys, as we continued on to Medellin, another city set in the embrace of beautiful forested mountains.

Our three missionaries live in the middle-class section of the city. Two of the homes are perched on hillsides, giving one a breathtaking view of the city with its high business blocks and sprawling residential districts. At an

altitude of about 6,000 feet, the air is clear and pleasantly cool, even though one is not far from the Equator.

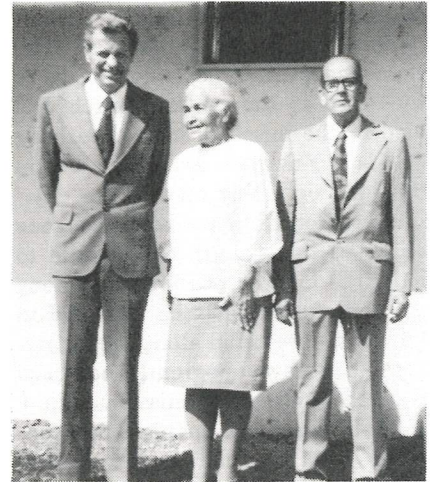
The people are a very active people. By far the most important product grown in Colombia is its excellent coffee. In fact, it represents 70% of the nation's exports. At the same time, in the lower areas, a great variety of fruits, such as pineapples, bananas, papaya, citrus, and other temperate-zone fruits, are produced.

## The Congregation

Our congregation at Medellin is a cross section of the population in miniature. The president of the church is an attorney, the secretary is vice-president of a city bank. The other members come from all levels of income, yet seem to blend together into a very harmonious team. At the meeting of the church council on Sunday evening it was decided to borrow the money to purchase a house for \$20,000 to accommodate the growing congregation and the Bible school, and to provide living quarters for one of the students who will also serve as watchman. In Colombian cities this is very important, since the crime rate, especially burglary, is very high. The car of one of the missionaries was stolen out of a locked and barred garage, even though the car itself was locked and was equipped with a device to lock the front wheels, and the family and guests were sleeping on the floor just above!

There were 71 at church on Sunday — a new high — about 40 in Bible class, taught by Pastor Ernest Zimdars, about 15 in the confirmation instruction class, under the care of Pastor Roger Sprain, and two classes of Sunday-school children, taught by

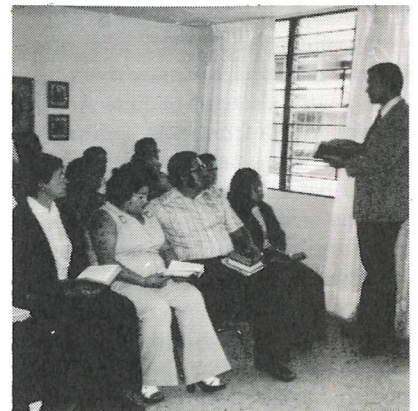
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Senor Jesus Cuartas (right) and his wife, Donna Lola, work diligently to gain souls for the Lord. They are shown here with Missioner Sprain.



Missioner Ernst Zimdars with student Omer in Bible Institute class.



Sunday morning Bible class in the Sprain living room in Medellin.

Missioner Francis Warner and two women teachers. These classes were conducted in the kitchen, an upstairs bedroom, and the garage.

This mission is under way. The Lord has granted not only success to the work at the central church, but also to the missions in two outlying districts, Envigado and Versalles, in the hills on either side of the city.

Missioner Zimdars has also gone about 75 miles south of Medellin to look into mission possibilities among the Indians and Blacks who live in the dense forest and along the big rivers. They have apparently not been reached by Christian missions. Many of them speak no Spanish, but converse only in their native tongue which is difficult to learn because there are no teachers available.

The Colombia mission has taught us that it is money and manpower well spent when we send a team of



Mission work among hill people east of Medellin.

three men into a new field. How wonderful that in this year of its 125th anniversary our Synod is able to bring this tribute of gratitude to the Lord, sharing His precious Word of

Life with the people of this verdant land, ready to burst forth into lovely bloom and fruit as trophies of His grace in Christ!

Edgar Hoenecke

## *A Parish Pastor's Perspective*

### "The Prelude"

The pastor stepped from the sacristy into the chancel to start the service. As he took his seat the organist started the prelude, a well-chosen piece which set the tone for the first hymn. Half listening to the music, the pastor looked over the congregation.

Funny how many thoughts can flash through one's mind during the few moments it takes for the organist to play the prelude. Sad how often the first thoughts are negative ones.

The pastor thought of Pete Adams up there in the front row, smiling at everybody. He would be nodding off to sleep before the sermon introduction was over. The pew where the Jones family usually sat was empty. No matter, they would be there about five minutes after the service started — as usual. Mrs. Krueger was all alone and sad. Her husband had probably been drinking again all day and night Saturday. There was young Johnson slouched with his arms crossed. He wasn't looking in his hymnal and probably wouldn't all through the service. There were many

empty pews. The pastor thought of all the people who were not there at all, some who hardly ever set foot in church. "We'd have to build a bigger church if all our people came regularly," he mused.

The pastor caught himself. Satan was tempting him to think negative thoughts, critical thoughts. Why, of course, every worshiper has his peculiarities. Who doesn't? Of course, many different sins plague the worshipers, even while they are at church. Christ's own disciples were that way. Of course, many people are not in church each week. A few have good reasons not to be. And the rest — well, there are so many distractions in this world that one should not be surprised that many find other things to do on Sunday mornings. The dykes of their faith are so battered and weakened that they just cannot hold back the high tides and wave after wave of today's temptations. Who should ever be surprised that the churches are not full?

What is surprising — yes, even

miraculous — is the number of people who *are* in church on Sundays. The pastor looked again over the assembled congregation.

Look, there's Mr. Harrelson. He's busy with his business. Surely he has a hundred things he could be doing, yet he's always in church and always attentive to the Word.

And Mrs. Kringle, bless her soul. Her husband travels all week long. She has one day a week on which she could get a break from those five children of hers. Yet she uses a large part of that one day to bring them to Sunday school and church each week.

John Teigs over there loves to fish. I heard they're really biting. No doubt some of his closest friends are pulling 'em in right now! But he doesn't look a bit sad to be here.

Young Mary Smith could be watching cartoons or sleeping or playing. In fact, she could be doing just about anything she wants. Her parents don't care! She comes to Sunday school and church every Sunday with the people next door, the Brooks.

Speaking of the Brooks family, Grandma Brooks is having a real bout with arthritis. It hurts her to get in and out of the car. It hurts her to

# Lutheran Collegians 11th Annual Convention

The 11th Annual National Lutheran Collegians Convention was held at the Holiday Inn in Brookings, South Dakota, on April 4-6, 1975. The theme of this year's convention was "Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense." Approximately 150 attended. Delegates represented 17 local chapters, DMLC, Northwestern College, and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary.

Friday afternoon was spent in preparatory meetings by the delegates, who later introduced 21 resolutions to the floor of the convention. For those who were not delegates, Pastor Thomas Zarling of Brookings conducted a canvass workshop.

climb the steps of the church. It even hurts her to sit in our pews. Yet she's here every week, and really belts out the hymns.

Jim Morris has a new motorcycle. His friends usually invite him to go with them on Sundays into the hills. But Jim usually works it around church.

Come to think of it, everybody here could easily be doing something else. But they are here to confess their sins and to hear the Gospel. It certainly isn't my preaching that draws them. The Lord knows this is the last place people would come to be entertained by a gifted speaker. But it is a distinct privilege to be able to bring the Word of God to this assembled congregation. They are evidence of the power of the Holy Spirit. Luther was right in his Small Catechism: "But the Holy Ghost has called me by the Gospel . . . in like manner as He calls, gathers . . . the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith."

The prelude was over. The organist was introducing the first hymn. The pastor opened his hymnal, glad to lift his voice in praise together with Christ's people.

Thomas B. Franzmann

## National Officers

Daniel Heins, Winona  
Vicki Proechel, Mankato  
Curtis Zeske, Brookings  
Linda Remmele, Brookings



At the opening service on Friday evening, Mr. James Witt III of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary served as liturgist and Pastor Dennis Schmidt of Elkton, South Dakota, delivered the sermon. He spoke on the theme: "If Jesus Christ be for us, who can be against us?" based on Romans 8:31-39.

Following the service, the business meeting was called to order by President Daniel Heins of Winona, Minnesota. This session was devoted to committee reports and to nominations for next year's officers. The highlight of the business meeting on Saturday morning was the granting of a charter to the new chapter at Green Bay, Wisconsin. This brings the number of chartered LC chapters to 26.

On Saturday afternoon, Professor LeRoy Boerneke of Dr. Martin Luther College led a Bible study on the topic, "Jesus Christ, Defender of Our Christian Liberties," using portions of Romans, Ephesians, and I Corinthians. Smaller discussion groups then considered a list of questions prepared by Professor Boerneke and discussed others prompted by them. Following the Bible study, the delegates divided into groups and put to use the information gained in the Friday afternoon canvass workshop by canvassing the entire city of Brookings for Our Savior Ev. Lutheran Church.

Guest speaker at the traditional Saturday evening banquet was Pastor Edward Werner of South Shore,

South Dakota. The traveling trophy for the best display depicting the year's convention theme was awarded to the Moorhead Chapter. The names of the newly elected national officers were also announced at the banquet. They are: president, Daniel M. Heins, Winona, Minnesota; vice-president, Curt Zeske, Brookings, South Dakota; secretary, Linda Remmele, Brookings; and treasurer, Vicki Proechel, Mankato, Minnesota. Following the banquet each chapter presented some light entertainment. After this, many used the spacious Holiday Inn pool for the rest of the evening.

The closing Communion service was held Sunday morning at 8:00 at Our Savior Ev. Lutheran Church. The Rev. Thomas Zarling, pastor of the congregation, preached on "Our Resurrection Defense" (Col. 3). The society's new officers were also installed in this service.

After the service, the ladies of the congregation served rolls, coffee, and juice in the church's social room. Then everyone headed back to the Holiday Inn to complete packing and to begin their journey home with the assurance, I am sure, that Jesus Christ truly is our Sure Defense.

We ask that you pray for our organization that God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, will continue to bless us in the future as He has in the past.

Marlin Braun  
Dan Heins



Pastor Roger Zehms and  
Project Chairman Paula Schaefer



Project volunteers (left to right): Myrtle Boyd, Paula Schaefer, Elizabeth Zehms, Mildred Meyr, Sharon Walz, Brenda Trautman, Anne Avoczkiy, Lee Dippold, Jane Oswald, Tina Boyd, Vi Broemmelsick, Jo-Ann Beck, Ruth Stauder, Judy Fischer, Rosella Schmeding, and Sandra Bossman.

## Challenge with a Purpose

Four or five conference papers have mushroomed into 26 essays which have been reproduced for distribution.

It was in July, 1972, that the Reverend Roger R. Zehms, pastor of Martin Luther Evangelical Lutheran Church of South St. Louis County, Missouri, suggested a plan to distribute the conference papers to pastors and laymen of the Synod, and yet keep the cost at a minimum. After attending various pastoral conferences, he felt the excellent material should be shared with others who don't get the chance to attend conferences.

After obtaining permission from the Synod's Conference of Presidents, the Women's Circle of the church started to type, duplicate, and distribute the conference papers at cost.

Since that beginning, 26 papers have been reproduced, of which 21 are still available. Originally only 200 copies were printed, but demand has increased that quantity to 1,000. The Women's Circle receives orders for the papers weekly from pastors, teachers, students, and lay people.

Requests for these papers come from two sources: the announcement that a particular paper has been delivered at a Conference or a request

made by the Conference itself. Before printing the papers, the Women's Circle must then obtain permission from the author as well as the District president.

Titles include essays on a wide variety of interests. The current list includes College Campus Organizations: Rev. Herbert J. Wackerfuss; Religion and Science: Dr. Arthur A. Eggert; Amazing Grace — 125 years of It: The Reverend John C. Jeske; The Fifth Commandment: Pastor Martin P. Janke; and The Changing Church in a Changing World: Pastor David G. Schmeling.

The project is supervised by Mrs. Paula Schaefer. Because of the tremendous response, it became necessary to appoint three subcommittees: typing; duplicating, collating, stapling; and mailing. All work is volunteer. The papers are duplicated and mailed at cost.

In December of 1974 an offset printer was purchased and paid for by contributions from members of the congregation, thus making it possible to print more copies in a shorter time.

At a recent workday for gathering and stapling 2,200 copies of a 36-page essay, which was given to all pastors

and teachers of the Synod, 16 volunteers were in attendance.

The volunteers consider their project as a "challenge with a purpose." They are happy. They are doing work for the Lord!

According to Committee Chairwoman Paula Schaefer, four new papers will be typed and printed shortly. When they are available, they will automatically be sent to over 200 who are on the permanent mailing list and a notice will be placed in *The Northwestern Lutheran*.

At a recent Women's Circle meeting, Mrs. Schaefer reported on the many favorable comments she had received.

A Shawano, Wisconsin, pastor writes, "The service your organization is providing is wonderful. It certainly makes available a lot of material to which we would not normally have access."

"Thank you for your wonderful service! I certainly appreciate your acts of love," writes an Austin, Minnesota, pastor.

A senior at Northwestern College wrote; "May our Lord bless your rather unique type of ministry for the edifying of the Church."

Sandra L. Bossman

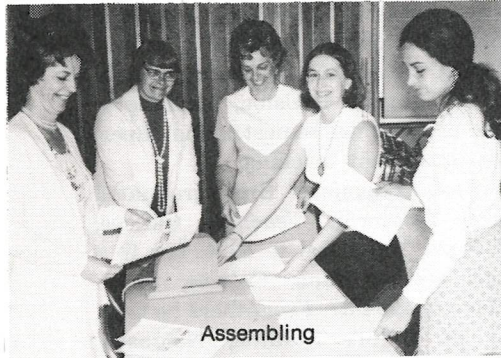




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## CONFERENCE PAPERS

Five new conference papers are available from the Women's Circle, c/o Martin Luther Ev. Lutheran Church, 10151 Sappington Road, St. Louis County, Missouri 63128. They are: No. 26: Our Own Arts and Practices As An Outgrowth of the Law: J. Koehler — \$0.48; No. 27: Glosolalia and Faith Healing: W. T. Niemier — \$0.23; No. 28: The Lord's Word Concerning the Last Things: W. Gawrisch — \$0.42; No. 29: Pitfalls of the Modern Evangelistic Movements: D. Raddatz — \$0.29; No. 30: Revelation 20 — An Exegesis: K. Plocher — \$0.22.

The following papers previously offered are still available: No. 5: Principle of Sola Scriptura With Special Emphasis on Church and Ministry: F. Kosanke — \$0.75; No. 6: The Responsibilities of Christian Parenthood: A. D. Capek — \$0.50; No. 8: Exegesis of Philemon: H. Wackerfuss — \$0.50; No. 9: What Is the Scriptural Practice For Selecting Soloists and Musicians For Our Special Services, Such As Weddings, Funerals, Anniversaries, Etc.?: E. Lindemann — \$0.50; No. 10: Sterilization, Abortion, and Birth Control: H. Muenkel — \$0.50; No. 11: The New American Standard Bible, Is This the Answer?: A. Panning — \$0.34; No. 12: Religion and Science: A. Eggert — \$0.26; No. 13: The Gideons: C. Clarey

— \$0.23; No. 14: Who Can Be Accorded a Christian Burial According to Scripture: M. Koepsell — \$0.21; No. 15: The Biblical Substantiation For Infant Baptism: W. Vogt — \$0.23; No. 16: Free Will and Conversion: L. Lange — \$0.26; No. 17: A Look At The New Movement — The Right To Die: L. Meyer, Jr. — \$0.22; No. 18: The Treatment of Elders and Prospective Elders In the Church: R. Rose — \$0.22; No. 19: The Descent of Christ Into Hell: M. Zehms — \$0.27; No. 20: Sheep-Stealing: What It Is and When Does It Occur?: E. Lindemann — \$0.20; No. 21: College Campus Organizations: H. Wackerfuss — \$0.35; No. 22: The Fifth Commandment: M. Janke — \$0.30; No. 23: Amazing Grace — 125 Years of It: J. C. Jeske — \$0.22; No. 24: A Review of What Scripture Says About "Repentance" Both in the Old and the New Testaments: J. Raabe — \$0.24; No. 25: The Changing Church in a Changing World: D. Schmeling — \$0.12.

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The time of the judges in the Old Testament was both a time of trial for Israel and a time of GRACE. In Israel's hour of need, God raised up judges among them who both led the armies of Israel against the enemy and also brought rest and quiet to God's people.

God's GRACE has not changed. We have experienced that same GRACE throughout our 125 years as a Synod. Yes, there were times of trial. There were times when we did not know whether to go to the right or to the left. But God always raised up able men among us, men given to the Word of God and prayer, men whom He used to lead us and guide us aright. We think of these men of God with thanksgiving as we approach our **Grace 125** convention.

We would recall with special gratitude the presidents who have led our church body over the years, and who added their voices to those of others whom God called to places of responsibility among us. These men, under God, called us to take a stand against the forces that threatened to erode our faith and our confession.

The number of those who have been presidents among us is small, nowhere near the number of judges who served in Israel. But each of these men — whether Muehlhaeuser at the very beginning, or Bading who stressed confessionalism, or Ph. von Rohr, or Prof. A. F. Ernst, or Pastors C. Gausewitz, G. E. Bergemann, and John Brenner, or, for the past 22 years, Pastor O. J. Naumann — all of them were endowed with the special gifts which were needed. God blessed us through them all.

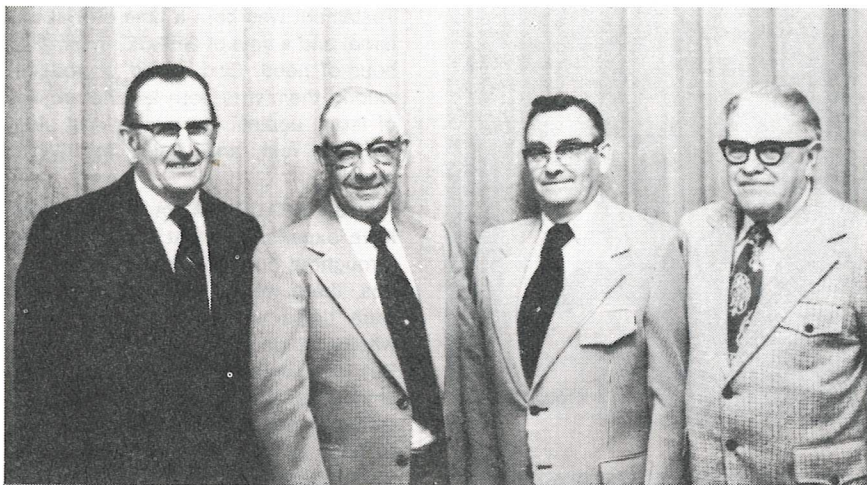
For these gifts of His GRACE, we thank God sincerely.

WISCONSIN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD

# Grace

# 125

## Anniversaries at DMLC



Prof. Arthur S. Glende, Prof. Raymond Brei, Prof. William Arras, Prof. Cornelius Trapp.

In a special service at 4:30 P.M. on Sunday, April 20, 1975, held in the chapel of Dr. Martin Luther College, thanks and praise were given to the Lord God for permitting members of the DMLC faculty to serve 40 years each in the Lord's kingdom. The celebrants were William Arras, Raymond Brei, Arthur Glende, and Cornelius Trapp.

The liturgical portion of the service

was conducted by President Conrad Frey and Pastor Otto Engel, chairman of the DMLC Board. Pastor Donald Grummert of Minneapolis, chairman of the Minnesota District Board of Education, delivered the sermon, based on Paul's words in II Corinthians 3:2,3. Prof. Ronald Shilling was at the organ, and Prof. Bruce Backer directed the Treble Choir.

The reception for the jubilarians and their families, friends, and guests followed in the Luther Memorial Union cafeteria, emceed by Prof. H. Wesser. Gifts were presented from the faculty, board of control, and the student body. President Frey also presented each jubilarian with a "book of memories."

Prof. William Arras graduated from DMLC in 1934. Since that time he served at the following schools: New Salem, Sebawaing, Michigan, 1934-40; Bethel, Bay City, Michigan, 1940-46; Zion, Monroe, Michigan, 1946-59; Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Saginaw, 1953-69; and at DMLC since 1969. He is a member of the Education Division, teaching in the professional semester and supervising student teaching.

Prof. Raymond Brei graduated from Concordia Teachers' College, Seward, Nebraska, in 1934. His first call was to Zion, Colome, South Dakota, 1934-37. From there he went to St. John's Stanton, Nebraska, 1937-46; St. Peter's, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, 1946-51; St. Paul's, Norfolk, Nebraska, 1951-60. In 1960 he joined the DMLC faculty. He also is a member of the Education Division, heading the supervising teachers and supervising student teaching in grade

## NWC Professor Retires

"O God, Thou hast taught me from my youth, and hitherto have I declared Thy wondrous works. Now also when I am old and grayheaded, O God, forsake me not, until I have showed Thy strength unto this generation, and Thy power to every one that is to come" (Ps. 71:17,18).

When a man has lived for more than threescore years and ten and has spent 50 of those years in a fruitful Gospel ministry, the prayer of the Psalmist quoted above are the perfect expression of his own heart and mind.

Such a man is the Reverend Prof. Dudley Rohda. The words, in turn, were applied to him by his colleague and friend, Dr. John Sullivan, in his sermon marking the observance of Professor Rohda's retirement from a

ministry that embraced 12 years as a parish pastor and 38 as a teacher in Synodical schools.

The observance of Professor Rohda's retirement occurred after the annual meeting of the Northwestern College Alumni Society on Tuesday, May 20, 1975, in the college chapel. Several hundred well-wishers attended the service, including District and Synodical officials, relatives, and alumni, most of whom were former students of the jubilarian.

Professor Rohda's entrance into the ministry followed a typical route for pastors of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod: Northwestern Preparatory School and College and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, then located in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin. Upon his graduation from the Semi-

nary in 1925, he was assigned as tutor at Michigan Lutheran Seminary in Saginaw, Michigan. After teaching there for two years, he ac-



Prof. Dudley Rohda.

cepted the call to Grace Lutheran Church in Flint, Michigan. In the same year, he married Anita Klug.

Started from scratch without a

seven at St. Paul's Lutheran School in New Ulm.

Prof. Arthur Glende graduated from DMLC in 1934. Since then he has served at Cedar Mills, Minnesota, 1934-37; Immanuel, La Crosse, Wisconsin, 1937-43; St. Paul's, Arlington, Minnesota, 1943-55; St. Paul's, New Ulm, 1955-65; and since 1965 at the college. Another member of the Education Division, he teaches Introduction to Education and teaching methods. For many years he was secretary of the DMLC Board of Control.

Prof. Cornelius Trapp graduated from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, in 1934. Because of the scarcity of calls in those years, his first call was to Milwaukee Lutheran High School where he taught from 1937-47. Since 1947 he has been on the DMLC faculty. He has taught in both the college and high-school departments of the school in the areas of Latin and English. For many years he was chairman of DMLC's English Division, as well as adviser for the school's annual. Presently he is adviser for the DMLC "Messenger." As chairman of the DMLC Building-Planning Committee he has been very active in the new construction and remodeling carried out on the campus from 1961-71.

building or property of its own, Grace Church flourished during Rohda's pastorate and grew into a thriving congregation. After 12 years as pastor in Flint, he accepted the call to Northwestern, where he has taught German and English on both the preparatory-school and college levels for the past 36 years.

In addition to meeting his classroom duties at Northwestern, Professor Rohda took graduate courses in German and History at the University of Wisconsin, functioned as faculty secretary for 15 years, and helped supervise the overall planning and care of the campus grounds. He also served as pulpit assistant in many congregations.

As hundreds of students over the years will attest, Professor Rohda was an excellent teacher. They will also remember him for his friendli-

## Ten Weeks in Athens

### To Translate NIV

WAYNE, N.J. — Ten weeks in Greece to translate Hebrew: that is the mission of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Professor John C. Jeske.

He and 27 other leading Bible scholars from America and Canada are in Athens this summer translating the Old Testament for the *New International Version* (NIV), the translation's Executive Secretary Edwin H. Palmer announced here.

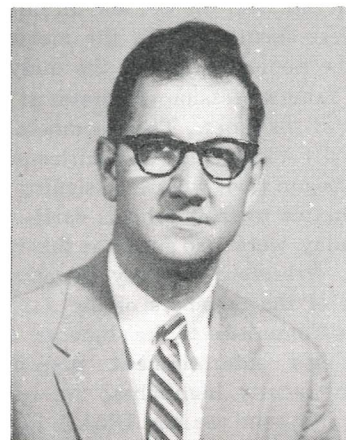
A total of 79 translators, spouses, and children — including Mrs. Jeske — will live in university dormitories in Athens, according to Dr. Palmer.

The NIV is a monumental effort of over 100 scholars from nations throughout the English-speaking world to translate the Bible accurately and at the same time in the language of twentieth-century man. The New Testament appeared on the market in 1973 and the Old Testament is expected to be completed by 1978.

The NIV is sponsored solely by the New York International Bible Society (NYIBS), founded in 1809. Work on the translation, since it began in 1968, has generally been limited to a few weeks during summer, spring,

and winter vacations of colleges and seminaries.

In a major move to speed up the project, said Dr. Palmer, four committees of men are meeting for 10



Prof. John Jeske.

weeks, from June 17 to August 23, to edit NIV translations of nine Old Testament books.

In producing the NIV the translators are using a process similar to the method used by the translators of the King James Version in the early seventeenth century.

At first, three to five scholars translate from the Hebrew or Greek, the original languages of the Bible. Their product is thoroughly edited, verse by verse, by two successive committees of five or six men each. — This is what Prof. Jeske will be doing this summer. — A third committee, a permanent executive body of 15 men, makes the final changes in the manuscript.

In addition to working with his committee eight and a half hours each day, Prof. Jeske is spending time each evening preparing for the next day's committee work, stated Dr. Palmer.

Prof. Jeske has taught Old Testament and Homiletics at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary since 1969. For 17 years prior to that he served as pastor of St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, 68th and Forest Home, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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ness and for the warm and ready smile that put many a timorous "Sextaner" or Freshman at ease. They will remember him for his unflinching cheerfulness and kindness, for his quickness to give positive counsel and encouragement. Most of all, they will remember him as the model Christian gentleman, wholly dedicated to serving the Savior by his life and by his work.

As a Synod we thank the Lord of the Church for the gift He gave us in Professor Rohda for the past 50 years, during which he has faithfully declared God's wondrous works. We ask His continued blessing on His retired servant through the end of his earthly days and throughout a glad eternity. Professor and Mrs. Rhoda will spend their retirement years in Oconomowoc, his boyhood home.

James A. Fricke



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Monday, June 2, to Friday, June 6

## FINAL WEEK OF DMLC's 90th

On Monday, the Dr. Martin Luther College faculty hosted the members of the Senior class and the midyear and summer-session graduates at the annual banquet. The members of Synod's Assignment Committee, who had begun their work of assigning the graduates to their schools earlier on Monday, were also guests at this banquet. President C. Frey introduced each of the members of the Assignment Committee to the students. The evening's entertainment, presented by the faculty, highlighted the way it was in bygone years at DMLC. In the closing skit a quartet took off on an original composition written by members of the Senior class, "It's a D." Class President John Wesenberg responded for the Seniors.

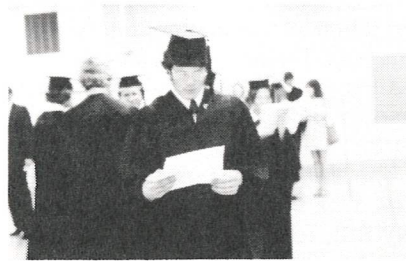
Tuesday was the day for which the Seniors had waited four years — Call Day. Following a special chapel service at 7:30 P.M., conducted by Dean Lloyd Huebner, the list of assignments was read by President C. Frey. Members of the class were assigned to such overseas places as Japan and St. John on Antigua in the West Indies. Others will head new schools in Hopkins, Michigan, Portland, Oregon, Jacksonville, Florida, Marshfield, Wisconsin, Flagstaff, Arizona, Bangor, Michigan, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Egg Harbor, Wisconsin, and Beatrice, Nebraska. After the various District presidents met with the students assigned to their Districts, the day closed with a faculty-sponsored reception in the LMU cafeteria.

On Wednesday evening, the Martin Luther Academy Commencement Concert featured the Academy Choir and Chorus, the Academy Band, the Ninth Grade Chorus, and the Rambassadors, all directed by Prof. Eldon Hirsch. Miss Debra Owens of Mankato also played a piano solo.

The Academy graduation took place on Thursday at 10:00 A.M. The speaker was President William Zell

of Northwestern Preparatory School, Watertown, Wisconsin.

Final activities for the college began on Thursday with the annual Alumni and Friends Luncheon, attended by 150 people. Classes which graduated 50, 40, and 25 years ago received special mention. The alumni decided to sponsor three special projects: video tapes for the media center, biological models for science, and a contribution toward a Bach music publication series.



Graduates



Discussing Their Calls.



The June Night concert opened with musical selections by the college band. The cool evening made for greater enjoyment by the audience of the varied and well-presented program of choral music which followed. The College Choir, under Prof. M. Zahn, began the evening with four

selections from its Ninetieth Anniversary Tour Repertoire. Secular numbers presented were taken from June Night programs of the past. The combined choirs dedicated some of its selections to the 50-year class, six of whose seven members still living were in attendance. The audience of 2,000 joined the choir in singing the DMLC Alma Mater. The Treble Choir, under the baton of Prof. Bruce Backer, received special applause for its rendition of the Carpenter's "Top of the World."

A beautiful, cool day greeted visitors and guests on Friday morning. Those on campus enjoyed hearing the college band play hymns from the roof of Old Main at 7:00 that morning. At 10:00 A.M. the gymnasium was filled as the 116 graduates began their processional. The speaker for the occasion was Pastor George Boldt, president of the Southeastern Wisconsin District. He based his remarks on the class's motto: "For Thou art my Rock and my Fortress; therefore for Thy name's sake lead me and guide me" (Ps. 31:3). The music for the class hymn, "Help Us, Lord, to Teach Thy Children," was written by Mark Rubbert and Robert Potratz. The words were by Mary Rodenbeck whom the Lord called to her eternal home during the 1974 summer recess. The text follows:

*Help us, Lord, to teach Thy Children;  
Thou alone wilt be our guide.  
Help us always safely shepherd  
Little lambs unto Thy side.*

*Grant us strength to serve Thee only,  
Trusting Thee with all our might,  
And to work for Thee in earnest,  
Bringing lambs into Thy light.*

*Send Thy Holy Spirit with us,  
Let our labors please Thee, Lord;  
Help us not to be discouraged,  
Keep us true unto Thy Word.*

President Frey, assisted by Prof. A. Schulz, presented the diplomas to the class. Following the recessional, the graduates received their divine calls and then gathered outside to receive well wishes from family and friends.

Thus another exciting and inspiring graduation week came to a close, this one marking the close of the 90th anniversary year of Dr. Martin Luther College, "A City Set on a Hill — by the grace of God."

## Graduation

# N W P S



In this our Synod's Grace 125 anniversary year, 46 members of the Tertia class (12th grade) of Northwestern Preparatory School completed their course of studies and were granted their high-school diplomas. The graduation service was held in the Northwestern gymnasium on Wednesday, May 21, at 1:30 P.M. Present at the service was easily the largest number of people ever to attend a graduation of the Northwestern Preparatory School.

Pastor Kurt Eggert of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, chairman of the Synod's Commission on Higher Education, preached the sermon, using as his theme: "Be ready to give an answer." Prof. William Zell, president of the school, served as liturgist, and

awarded the diplomas. Mr. David Kolander, Montello, Wisconsin, spoke for the class. The Northwestern Band and the Mixed Chorus of the preparatory school took part in the service.

According to present indications, 32 members of the graduating class will continue their education in preparation for work in the church as pastors or teachers — 22 of the boys at Northwestern College, four boys and six girls at Dr. Martin Luther College. The remaining 14 members of the class have decided in favor of other vocations. May the Lord Jesus Christ be with them all and keep them in His grace!

William Zell

## Translating (continued)

Those who read the NIV New Testament soon sense "that the translators share a high view of Scripture as the errorless Word of God," stated Prof. Jeske when reached for comment.

"On the one hand, the translation is accurate. But it is also readable, simple without being flat, beautiful without being ornate.

"The new translation will be appreciated by those who want to commit passages to memory, as well as by those who want to read the Bible with understanding and profit."

Dr. Palmer observed that the NIV is truly international in scope.

He said that because English is an international language, scholars

from around the world are involved in the project, including men from Australia, New Zealand, England, and Canada. The translators, however, try to exclude words that are peculiar to the British or to Americans.

Dr. Palmer also contended that no other translation, version, or paraphrase of the Bible is simultaneously as accurate, clear, dignified, and mature as the NIV.

He states that some paraphrases, while clear, are grossly inaccurate, whereas many older versions, usually accurate, are unclear and ambiguous. Still other translations are not dignified enough to be read from the church pulpit, and few others have had the maturing effect of a gigantic body of scholars constantly translating and revising for many years.

## Editorials (continued)

It is only such going back to the Scriptures that has given strength and conviction to our confessional statements concerning such recent issues as the revelation and inspiration of Scripture, church fellowship, creation, and church and state relations. Only by going back to Paul and reaffirming our faith in his inspired writings will any statement we make concerning the ordination of women have the ring of authority.

Given a U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare determined to impose its concept of equal rights and equal opportunity on the citizenry of this country, a confrontation between the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod and this government bureau regarding the ordination of women seems almost inevitable. If it comes, we shall want not only to have done our homework but also to have renewed our convictions that we stand on Scripture.

Carleton Toppe

## ORDINATIONS AND INSTALLATIONS

(Authorized by the District Presidents)

### ORDAINED AND INSTALLED

#### Pastors:

**Enser, Dennis G.**, as pastor of St. Paul's, Route 3, Stratford, Wisconsin, and of Grace, Route 4, Mosinee, Wisconsin, on June 15, 1975, by G. Lambrecht (W.Wis.).

**Iles, Charles L., Sr.**, as pastor of Zion, Colome, South Dakota; of St. Paul's, Colome, South Dakota; and of Faith, Platte, South Dakota, on June 20, 1975, by W. Leerssen (Nebr.).

**Lopahs, Martin J.**, as pastor of St. John's, Hancock, Minnesota, on June 22, 1975, by M. Birkholz (Minn.).

**Ruppel, James A.**, as pastor of Immanuel, rural La Crescent, Minnesota, on June 22, 1975, by M. Smith; and as pastor of Zion, Hokah, Minnesota, on June 22, 1975, by H. Essmann (Minn.).

### INSTALLED

#### Pastors:

**Gieschen, Edgar T.**, as pastor of First Lutheran, Gary, South Dakota, on June 8, 1975, by R. H. Roth, and of Trinity, Hendricks, Minnesota, on June 8, 1975, by T. Zarlung (Dak.-Mont.).

**Kante, Paul E.**, as pastor of St. Peter's, Theresa, Wisconsin, on June 15, 1975, by A. Schewe (SEW).

**Mahnke, Kurt L.**, as pastor of St. Philip's, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on June 15, 1975, by J. Mahnke (SEW).

**Meyer, Gerald L.**, as pastor of St. John's, Oakwood Rd., Oak Creek, Wisconsin, on June 22, 1975, by H. Wicke (SEW).

### CALL ACCEPTED

Mr. Kermit Moldenhauer, Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, has accepted the call to serve as Professor of Music at Martin Luther Academy, New Ulm, Minnesota. Mr. Moldenhauer will enter upon his teaching duties at the beginning of the 1975-76 school term.

Board of Control  
Martin Luther Academy

## CHANGES OF ADDRESS

(Submitted through the District Presidents)

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### 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.

### STUDENTS AT FENNIMORE, WISCONSIN

Students attending the Southwestern Wisconsin Area Technical College in Fennimore, Wisconsin, are invited to attend worship services at Faith Lutheran Church, 132 South Tyler, Lancaster, Wisconsin. Services are held each Sunday morning at 9 o'clock. For further information please contact: Pastor Jeffrey Kutil, 522 South Adams, Lancaster, W. 53813 (Tel.: 608-723-2704).

## CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES NEBRASKA

### SPECIAL DISTRICT CONVENTION

A special one-day convention of the Nebraska District will be held at Christ Lutheran Church, Grand Island, Nebraska, on Monday, August 18, 1975. The convention will begin at 9:00 a.m.

This special convention has been called to hear the recommendations of the Nebraska Lutheran High School Committee concerning the establishment of an area Lutheran high school in the Nebraska District.  
W. C. Goehring, Secretary

### SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN

#### DODGE-WASHINGTON DELEGATE CONFERENCE

**Date:** July 27, 1975; 9:00 p.m.  
**Place:** Emmanuel Ev. Lutheran Church, 10N—Hwy. 33, Hartford, Wisconsin.  
**Agenda:** Study of the BoRaM.  
J. N. Kieselhorst, Secretary

### WESTERN WISCONSIN

#### CENTRAL PASTOR-DELEGATE CONFERENCE

**Date:** July 29, 1975; 9:00 a.m.  
**Place:** St. Mark's, Watertown, Wisconsin.  
**Agenda:** Study of the Book of Reports and Memorials, in preparation for the Synod convention.  
G. Pieper, Secretary

### 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.

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### NOMINATIONS BY THE DISTRICTS

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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#### SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT

- 1 Pastor:  
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Paul A. Manthey, Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
Herbert F. Lichtenberg, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- 1 Layman:  
Charles Kuphall, Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin  
Kurt Kneiske, Sussex, Wisconsin  
Kenneth Kuenn, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

### NORTHWESTERN COLLEGE

#### NORTHERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT

- 1 Pastor:  
Karl A. Gurgel, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin  
Paul H. Kolander, Montello, Wisconsin  
Arden R. Stuebs, Brillion, Wisconsin

#### WESTERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT

- 1 Pastor:  
Walter A. Schumann, Jr., Watertown, Wisconsin  
Roy Reede, Madison, Wisconsin  
James M. Mumm, Onalaska, Wisconsin

#### 1 Teacher:

Frederick Panning, Beaver Dam, Wisconsin  
Eldon Lemke, Watertown, Wisconsin  
Arden Wentzel, Janesville, Wisconsin

#### 1 Layman:

Arnold W. Schweppe, Madison, Wisconsin  
Robert Dott, Beaver Dam, Wisconsin  
Harvey Tews, Oconomowoc, Wisconsin

### DR. MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE

#### MINNESOTA DISTRICT

- 1 Layman:  
Henry J. Baumann, New Ulm, Minnesota  
Herbert Berg, New Ulm, Minnesota  
Dr. Howard Schroeder, Mankato, Minnesota

#### WESTERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT

#### 1 Teacher:

Howard Dorn, Winona, Minnesota  
Orville Degner, Jefferson, Wisconsin  
Roland Helmreich, West Salem, Wisconsin

### MARTIN LUTHER ACADEMY

#### MINNESOTA DISTRICT

- 1 Pastor:  
Edmund O. Schulz, Redwood Falls, Minnesota  
Louis W. Meyer, Jr., Lake Benton, Minnesota  
Martin C. Birkholz, Mankato, Minnesota

#### 1 Pastor:

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

## 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

1 Teacher:  
Paul Fritze, Plymouth, Minnesota  
Roger Klockziem, Delano, Minnesota  
Merlyn Kruse, New Ulm, Minnesota

#### MICHIGAN LUTHERAN SEMINARY

##### MICHIGAN DISTRICT

1 Pastor:  
Daniel D. Westendorf, Hopkins, Michigan  
Edward Pinchoff, Ann Arbor, Michigan  
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of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod for the  
Forty-Third Convention, August 6-13, 1975

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Synod Nominating Committee  
Delmar C. Brick, 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              |
|                | Petaluma             |
|                | Sacramento           |
|                | Sierra Madre         |
|                | Yorba Linda*         |
| Colorado       | Arvada/Westminster   |
|                | Greeley              |
| Florida        | Bayonet Point        |
|                | Beverly Hills        |
|                | Daytona Beach*       |
|                | Engelwood            |
|                | Sarasota*            |
| Illinois       | Bloomington/Normal   |
|                | Crystal Lake         |
|                | Dundee               |
|                | Springfield*         |
|                | West Chicago         |
| Indiana        | Northwestern Corner* |
| Iowa           | Burlington           |
|                | Dubuque              |
|                | Shenandoah*          |
| Michigan       | Gaylord*             |
|                | Grand Ledge          |
|                | North Pontiac        |
|                | Romeo                |
|                | Taylor Twp.          |
| Minnesota      | Eagan                |
|                | Lakeville*           |
|                | Northfield*          |
|                | Owatonna             |
| Missouri       | Columbia             |
|                | North Kansas City    |
|                | N. St. Louis County  |
|                | St. Charles County*  |
|                | Norfolk*             |
| Nebraska       | Scottsbluff*         |
|                | Reno                 |
| Nevada         | Manchester/Nashua*   |
| New Hampshire  | Santa Fe*            |
| New Mexico     | Long Island          |
| New York       | Syracuse*            |
| North Carolina | Charlotte*           |
| Ohio           | Mansfield*           |
|                | S.E. Columbus*       |
| Pennsylvania   | Altoona*             |
|                | Glenshaw             |
|                | (N. Pittsburgh)      |
|                | Lehigh Valley*       |
| South Dakota   | Mitchell             |
| Texas          | Beaumont*            |
|                | Lubbock*             |
|                | Temple               |
| Washington     | E. Wenatchee         |
|                | Pullman*             |
|                | Vancouver            |
| Wisconsin      | Ashwabenon*          |
|                | Middleton            |
| 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

### 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.

### 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).

### 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. Schapekahn, 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.

### 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 Elnora 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).

### 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.

### 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

### 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