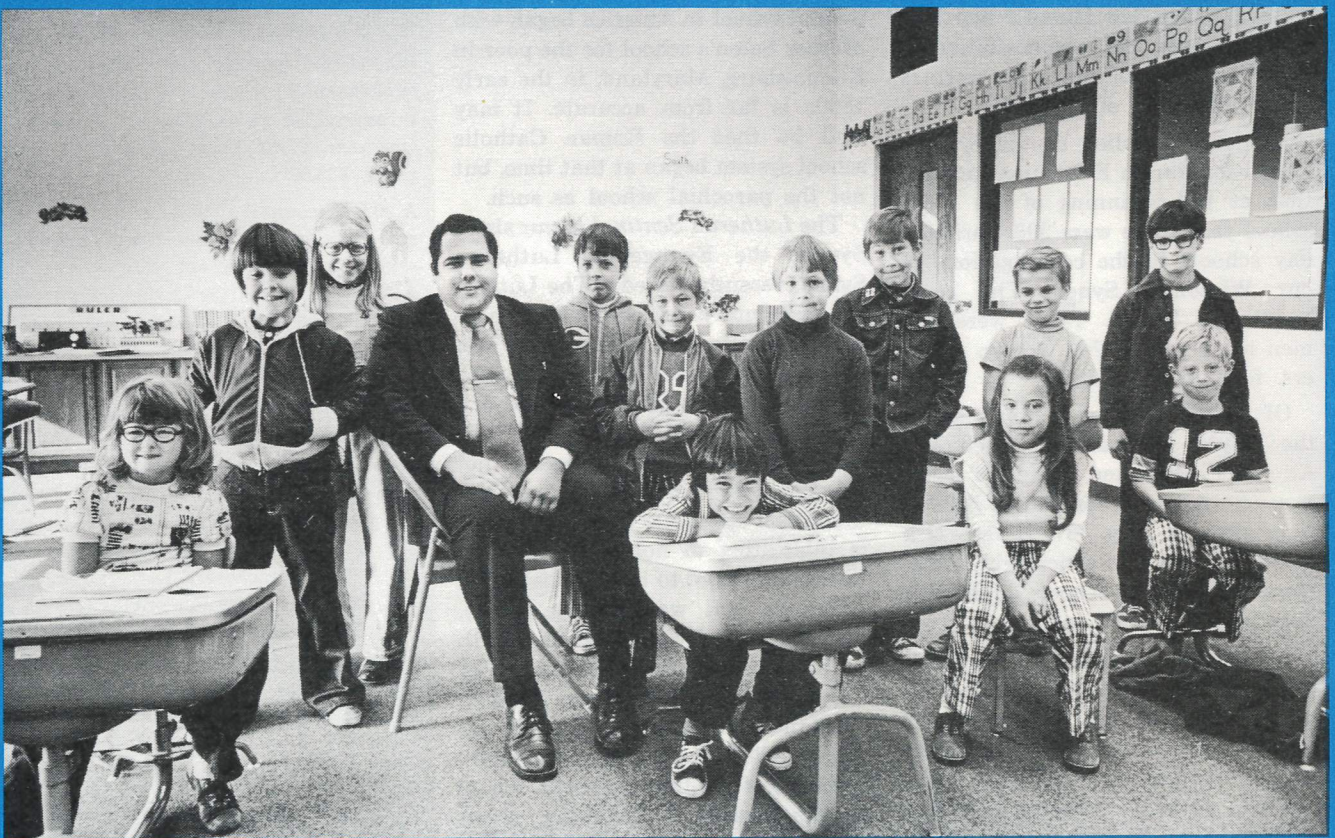


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## Briefs by the Editor

This issue and the next will be devoted to Christian education, with special emphasis on the Christian day school. The Christian day school is recognized by most WELS members and clergy as the best possible means for the Christian education of the children whom the Lord has entrusted to us. He Himself has laid upon parents the responsibility to bring up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Statistics supplied by the Synod's Board for Parish Education indicate that at the beginning of the 75/76 school year there were 293 Christian day schools in the congregations of our Wisconsin Synod. The pupil count was 27,506. There were 481 men teachers and 763 women teachers, for a total of 1,244.

Of special interest to you may be the 15-year comparison which Mr. Adolph F. Fehlauer, executive secretary of the Board for Parish Education, gives on page 367. It reveals a steady growth. Particularly noteworthy are the 16 schools added this year (see page 367 and on).

A similar comparison is much more difficult when one goes back 50 or 75 years in the history of our church body. Statistics in those years simply combined Christian day schools, Sunday schools, Saturday schools, and "Christenlehre." However, the Christian day school, as we know it, has been with us from the very start. The other forms of Christian instruction mentioned above are also still viable among us, and during the past 50 years the number of Lutheran high schools has grown by leaps and bounds. This issue, for example, records the opening of Huron Valley Lutheran High School in the Detroit/Ann Arbor area (page 366).

Since we are celebrating the bicentennial of our nation's existence, it

might be well to correct an impression left by the newspaper accounts of the canonization of Mother Elizabeth Ann Seton. A statement in *The Milwaukee Sentinel* of September 12, 1975, for example, reads: "She is recognized as the founder of America's parochial schools." That the parochial school in America began with Mother Seton's school for the poor in Emmetsburg, Maryland, in the early 1800s is far from accurate. It may well be that the Roman Catholic school system began at that time, but not the parochial school as such.

The *Lutheran Sentinel* of our sister Synod, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, recently stated: "The Lutheran elementary or parochial school dates back to the Reformation and has existed in Europe and America to this day. Though German in origin, the institution was from the beginning primarily Lutheran, not German, and therefore followed Lutheranism into other countries . . . It is interesting to note that the first Lutheran school to be established on American soil was French (1564), and the second was Swedish (1638).

"Since the discovery of America by Columbus 483 years have passed; since the first permanent English settlement, 386 years; since the establishment of the first Lutheran school by the Swedes in Delaware, about 336 years; since the establishment of our public schools, about 135 years. For the first 340 years of our American history there were no public schools. The Lutheran and other parochial and private schools antedate the public schools by more than 200 years. Before the Revolutionary War and before our Constitution was adopted, the Eastern States were everywhere dotted with Lutheran schools."

Just thought we would set the record straight.

*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 photo by Mr. Edwin Stein shows a group of twelve happy children and a friendly teacher. The place is Our Redeemer Ev. Lutheran School, Madison, Wisconsin. The teacher is Mr. David Ewerdt. Our Redeemer School is one of 16 new WELS Christian day schools which opened their doors to classes this year. Read more about this blessing of God's grace on page 367 and following.

THE NORTHWESTERN LUTHERAN

## Editorials

**Religion By Default** It has been said that there are only two kinds of religion in the world: man's religion and God's religion. This statement may appear to be simplistic, but it is nevertheless accurate. A religion can have only one of two origins. It originates in God, or it originates in man.

There is bound to be a conflict between the two for the simple reason that the wisdom of God is infinitely superior to the wisdom of man. "My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts."

A person's religion, or philosophy as the case may be, does not exist in a vacuum. It has a direct influence upon his thinking, his attitudes, his actions, his goals. Its importance in the individual is therefore difficult to overstate.

In the minds of those who believe in God there is no question as to which kind of religion, man's or God's, is superior. There is at the same time no question as to which has the greater appeal to unregenerate man. If his conclusions do not coincide with what God has revealed, he will automatically tend to rely on his own and to reject God's.

Man's religion is natural. God's is not. It must be inculcated. If God's religion is not inculcated in the individual, man's religion will take over by default.

Immanuel Frey

**"For All Things"** A famous monk of the Middle Ages gave away all his property, he said, because Jesus told the Rich Young Ruler, "Go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor . . . and come and follow Me."

That monk missed the whole point of the lesson. It was not the wealth of the Rich Young Ruler that was evil. It was his attitude toward it that was wrong. There is a big difference on our Thanksgiving Day.

Some try to make us feel guilty if we gather with family and friends about our festive tables, if we stretch out in front of the football game with a second piece of pie, if we sink down in contentment this day amid prosperity on every side.

Certainly we need the warning not to worship our wealth, to make more of the gifts than the Giver. But it is

an old error, still spooking around, to say that material things are evil.

Seven times, like the pealing of a bell, the word rang out over God's creation, "and it was *Good!*" The Ten Commandments, too, guarantee the safekeeping of personal property and material possessions.

Jesus did not tell the sick that their physical problems were sinful or unimportant. He noticed that the bridal couple at Cana had run out of refreshments, that the fishermen's nets were empty, that they who had followed Him into the wilderness were hungry.

Why should we feel guilty over the plain gifts of God, His blessings upon the labor of our hands? Let us rather learn to say, "Thank you, Lord."

John Parcher

**A Fundamental Difference** It was a major research project into sex attitudes of married people. Sex, after all, sells magazines. But in their study the researchers for *Redbook* discovered a truth far more important than another tiresome sensational sex revelation.

With some amazement the researchers observed: "The fundamental difference that distinguishes the nonreligious woman from the strongly religious woman is that the nonreligious woman is far more likely to be dissatisfied with every aspect of life."

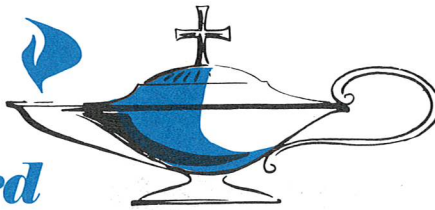
That dissatisfaction also underlies the antimarriage, antifamily, antichild drivel that is standard newspaper fare today. Nonreligious women promote it and nonreligious women embrace it. The more that American women are influenced by the harangues of irreligious feminists, the more discontented and unhappy they will become.

The strongly religious woman who ignores and rejects the mouthings of irreligious women on freedom and fulfillment experiences the truth of the observation made by the *Redbook* researchers. Her home is happier, her family is happier, her life is happier.

She didn't have to wait for the researchers to tell her as much. God told her that long ago. "Thou shalt keep therefore His statutes, and His commandments, which I command thee this day, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee." Or, in the words of the Phillips translation: "There is a real profit [out of the Christian religion]. It is peace of heart for those who live as God would have them live."

Carleton Toppe

## Studies in God's Word



### The Child of God in the Home

**Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus. . . . Children, obey your parents in all things; for this is well pleasing unto the Lord. Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged (Colossians 3:17,20,21).**

A striking feature of Paul's reminder that everything we do is to be done in the name of the Lord Jesus is the reciprocal nature of the admonitions attached to these words. In describing the role of the child of God in the home, St. Paul in the previous verses (18,19) addressed himself to husbands and wives. As a counterpart to his directive, "Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands," he immediately added, "Husbands, love your wives." To children he says, "Obey your parents," but in the same breath adds, "Fathers, provoke not your children to anger" (20,21). "Servants, obey your masters" (22) has as its parallel, "Masters, give unto your servants that which is just and fair" (4:1). In the reciprocal nature of these things, done in the name of the Lord Jesus, lies the secret of the peace that they invariably promote in the home.

#### God Gives Authority

We live in an age that is keenly aware of a generation gap. Much has been said and written, often with the hope of transferring blame to the other side. But is this approach perhaps overlooking the reciprocal na-

ture of the parent-child relationship that Paul envisions? Let us note that there is, in fact, what may be called a "gap" between children and parents. Their roles are not the same. It is not the parents' duty to let children do just as they please. Nor is their highest calling to be pals or buddies to their children. When God gives children into a family, He also gives to parents responsibility and authority. Hence in speaking of a child's role in the home, Paul stresses the authority of parents. He says, "Children, obey your parents in all things." He makes it clear that children owe obedience to their parents not just when parents ask what is easy and pleasant, but also when they ask what is difficult, or perhaps unpleasant or tedious. Paul is assuming that Christian parents will not ask anything contrary to God's Word.

#### God Gives Blessings

Children are to obey their parents, Paul says, "for this is well pleasing unto the Lord." In the final analysis it is not to parents but to God Himself that obedience is being rendered. Obedience pleases God, as is evident from the fact that to the Fourth Commandment He has attached the special promise "that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth."

So eager is our God to bestow the blessings which attend a quiet and orderly home that He not only holds out a special promise whereby He would encourage children to obey

their parents, but He adds also a solemn warning for parents. He tells them not to do anything that would make it harder for children to render God-pleasing obedience. He says, "Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged." Obedience does not come naturally. It has to be taught. Hence there must be correction and reproof. But the duty of parents to train their children is not to be confused with playing the part of a dictator. Inconsistency on the part of parents, or harsh and unreasonable demands, can lead only to frustration and discouragement in the child. It is a sad and tragic development when children become convinced that nothing they do will ever please their parents. St. Paul repeats that thought when he writes also to the Ephesians, "Fathers, provoke not your children to wrath, but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Eph. 6:4).

#### God's Word Gives Guidance

To provide "nurture" or *nourishment* not only for the body but especially for the soul is to be the goal of all parental guidance. Hence, parents will provide Christian education and will seek to use this agency to best advantage by helping their children with the homework for Sunday school, for the Christian day school, or the confirmation class. But above all, parents will want to make the truths taught in the classroom live in the home! If God's Word is really important, then it will be used in family devotion and it will serve as the basis for decisions on matters such as what type of entertainment is proper, what sort of friends are to be preferred, or what kind of language is to be used in the home.

Parents bear a heavy responsibility for the training of their children, and children have a solemn obligation to accept guidance from their parents. The roles that the Lord has assigned to each are different, but to both He says, "Do all in the name of the Lord Jesus." When that is observed, then there will follow the blessing promised at the close of the Catechism's Table of Duties:

"Let each his lesson learn with care  
And all the household well shall fare."

Armin J. Panning

# Progress Report From Barrancas

If you were to page back in your *Northwestern Lutheran* file to September 9, 1973, you would find on page 282 the fascinating story of the dedication of *La Iglesia Luterana Cristiana de Barrancas*. In this report Missioner Ralph Martens wrote about the happy day of dedication, but he also told a part of the story of the building of the modest church, largely by a small group of teenagers who had been brought to faith by our earlier missionaries and who determined to 'build a church where they could worship. Pastor Martens wrote:

"Borrowed or donated tools, hand-mixed cement and homemade blocks, along with individual gifts by friends both local and stateside, helped to make this church a reality."

## Christian Missioner Corps

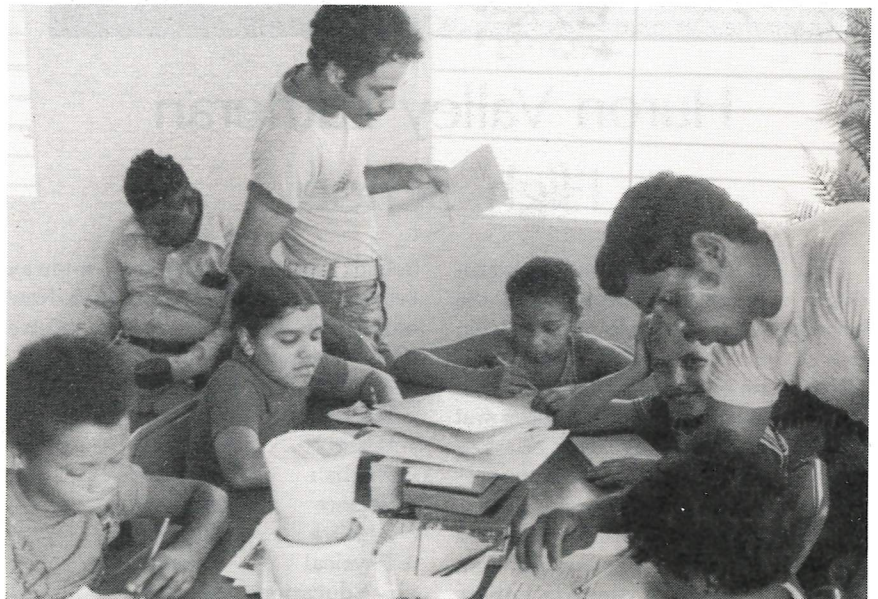
This is the *Christian Missioner Corps* in action. Puerto Rico was chosen as the first mission in which the policy of supplying the expatriate pastors to open a mission, and very little otherwise, had been put into effect. Puerto Rico was to test the policy for its practicability and soundness. Puerto Rico has demonstrated that the policy works. The people, in this case, were very young people whom the Lord led to faith in the Savior and who as Lutheran Christians knew no other basis and source of teaching than the Word of God. Motivated by their faith, they moved forward to provide themselves with a place of worship without depending on the mother church to furnish the funds or the initiative. The young church is prospering under this policy.

## First VBS at Barrancas

Again, it is Missioner Ralph Martens who reports this progress with unfeigned joy. His letter tells the story of the continuing activity and involvement of the young people

of the church in the spiritual building of a congregation at Barrancas.

"This was the first such vacation Bible school at Barrancas! Everyone helped. Pastor and Mrs. Charles Flunker of Guayama, assisted by Vicar Lynn Wiedmann, prepared a five-day course entitled *Jesus, My Friend*. The church council approved



Vacation Bible School — Barrancas, Puerto Rico

The Third and fourth grade class is being taught by Miguel Martinez Diaz, assisted by Hector Maldonado Torres.

and supported it. The cost of supplies was \$35.00. The secretary of the church council, being out of work at the time, took a personal interest in the classes and was present every day. He presented the opening devotion, Pastor Flunker having worked with him in preparing it. My wife and I helped with the teaching. So did young Miguel Martinez Diaz (one of Pastor Roger Sprain's teenagers, now grown up and about to be inducted into the army) and Vilma Velasquez Suren, a high-school senior, also one of the founding teenagers.

"Several other young catechumens, still receiving instruction, also helped, as did our bilingual Dr.

Martin Luther Academy sophomore, Miss Patricia Bass, whose parents live at San Juan, Puerto Rico.

"The opening day enrollment was 22, but we closed with 35 enrolled. This was very gratifying, since we had made no great effort to canvass the barrio, hoping rather to test our wings in this first vacation Bible school venture this year.

"We have a problem also if the attendance should increase very much. Our facilities can accommodate only 50 or 60."

## The Lord Will Provide

We are happy about this problem, because it is the problem of fruitful-

ness and fulfillment. And the Lord points us to the only happy, God-pleasing solution of this problem, when He says through the Prophet Isaiah:

"Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thy habitations! *Spare not*, lengthen thy cords and strengthen thy stakes. For thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left; and thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles!" Isaiah 54.

May the Lord in His faithfulness give us similar problems of growth in every field of our mission endeavor, both at home and abroad!

Edgar Hoenecke



Student Body Officers (l-r):  
 Bobbi Jo Ramp, vice-president  
 Brian Campbell, president  
 Darlene DeWulf, treasurer  
 Sue Behmer, Secretary

## Huron Valley Lutheran High School

"Oh, Pastor Peterson, tell your students two snakes escaped from the science room. They're probably in one of your classrooms!" Books back-ordered, no erasers, sack lunches, the first basketball practice — 5 boys and 3 girls. Truly, the beginning of a Lutheran high school is an adventure — an adventure of faith.

A first lesson of faith was learned as a frantic search went on all summer for a facility in which to initiate classes. As one possibility after another failed, hopes flickered. Then in answer to fervent prayer the Lord provided an excellent facility — three classrooms (one a completely furnished biology lab), office space, and use of a library and gymnasium.

On September 2, 1975, HVLHS' first 16 students registered, 9 freshmen and 7 sophomores. In the opening service held at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Livonia, Michigan, Pastor Harold Warnke of Fox Valley Lutheran High School exhorted all to trust the Lord, to rely upon His guidance and grace. In the same service Neal Schroeder was ordained and installed as the third faculty member, joining Mr. Herbert Kluth and Pastor Karl Peterson.

HVLHS' classes are presently being held in St. Mary's Catholic

School, Wayne, Michigan, midway between Detroit and Ann Arbor. Now numbering 17, the students receive the following instruction.

<b>Freshman</b>	<b>Sophomore</b>
Religion	Religion
History	History
English	English
Science	Biology
Algebra	Physical Education
Physical Education	Health
Latin*	Geometry*
Art*	Art*
Typing*	Typing*
Chorus*	Chorus*

\*Electives

Junior and Senior courses will be added in the next two school years. An enrollment of 50 is expected for the 76/77 term. In order to meet this growth, a site committee is actively seeking a 25 to 30-acre piece of land on which to locate the new high

**Students pledged  
 50,000 pennies  
 to fund drive!**

school. Currently a fund drive with a goal of \$300,000 is being completed. In this also, God is teaching us that by trusting in Him our needs will be

met. The funds will be used to purchase property, to develop a site plan and architectural specifications, to subsidize some operating expenses, and to provide the first capital building funds. If God wills, this year's freshmen will graduate in the high school's own facility in June of 1979.

Huron Valley Lutheran High School is sponsored by a high school association made up of pastors, teachers, and laity throughout southeastern Michigan and northern Ohio. Mr. Sam Cova of Livonia heads the association. Gifts for the high school have come from as far away as California. Much of the equipment — mimeograph, spirit duplicator, slide projector — has been donated by area congregations. A family in Ohio gave \$500 for typewriters because they believe in Christian education. For these and many other gifts we give thanks to God.

It is the goal of our high school to provide a Lutheran, Christ-centered secondary education which will provide our communities and congregations with Christian young men and women. It is our hope to prepare our students for leadership in their congregations and the Synod.

A five-man Board of Control administers the high school. Pastor Lyle Hallauer is chairman. He is assisted by Teacher David Jacobs and Messrs. Ray Behmer, Elton Braun, and Robert Zeinstra. Together with the cooperation of area pastors, teachers, and laity, the youth of southeastern Michigan and northern Ohio have another opportunity to grow "in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man."

Yesterday a few sporting goods were purchased. A softball bat and ball were passed by, due to budget considerations. This evening the telephone rang. "Our city league softball team has several bats and balls that are left over from summer play. Could the high school use them?"

Truly, the beginning of a Lutheran high school is an adventure — an adventure of faith!

Pastor Karl Peterson

# *Our New Christian Day Schools*

Baltimore MINNEAPOLIS Portland Mukwonago MADISON

FLAGSTAFF South Windsor HOPKINS Oakfield Jacksonville

Durand Anchorage Bangor Beatrice EGG HARBOR MARSHFIELD

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Introducing the story of our new Christian day schools, it is our privilege

to bring you the following words by Mr. Adolph Fehlauer,

executive secretary of the Board for Parish Education:



Mr. Adolph Fehlauer

"In this 125th anniversary year of the Wisconsin Synod our thoughts are directed to the many blessings our gracious God has granted our Synod. Among those blessings are our Christian day schools and Lutheran high schools. The Christian school is a heritage that has come down to us from our forefathers who wanted their children brought up 'in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.' May we always recognize this

heritage as a special blessing that God has given us to preserve and promote in our Synod!

"We thank our gracious God that there is a continuing and growing interest in Christian-day-school and Lutheran-high-school education in our Synod. Statistics make this very evident. Sixteen congregations opened their own Christian day schools this fall. According to records available, this is the largest number of new schools ever to open in our Synod in any one year. These 16 schools have a total enrollment of 339.

"The following 15-year comparisons will be of more than passing interest. In 1975 we have 75 more schools than in 1960, a 34 per cent increase. There is a 14 per cent increase in enrollment and a 56 per cent increase in the number of teachers. Since 1960 the enrollment in our Lu-

theran high schools has increased from 1,866 to 3,677, an increase of 97 per cent. In 1955 there were only three Lutheran high schools. Today congregations in 11 areas of our Synod are conducting Lutheran high schools, and congregations in the Pacific Northwest, Arizona, California, and Nebraska are working toward the establishment of Lutheran high schools.

"Only in Christian schools can children receive an education that is in complete agreement with God's Word. In these times of chaos and confusion, especially in the educational world, Christian parents are grateful that they can provide a haven where their children can be brought up in the 'nurture and admonition of the Lord.' May we always cherish our Christian schools as a special blessing of our gracious God!"

## **MINNEAPOLIS MINNESOTA**

### *Answering the plea of Christian parents*

Although no one has really said so, there is evidence that St. John's Congregation, Minneapolis, Minnesota, once had a Christian day school, then called a "German School," very early in its 108-year history. The recently opened school, however, had its tangible beginnings several years ago when a number of parents approached the pastor individually

about opening a Christian day school.

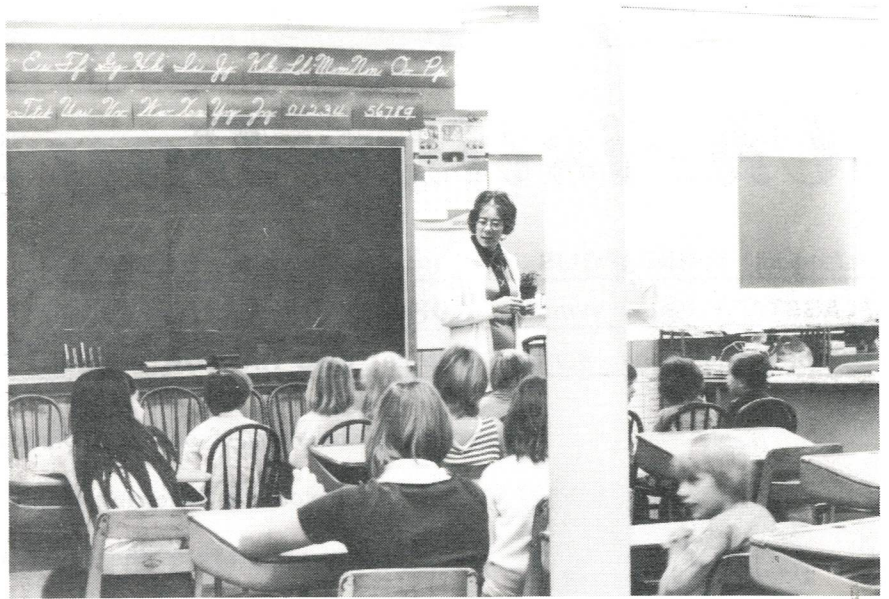
Meetings were soon scheduled for interested individuals, resulting in the organization of a group of men and women, parents and nonparents, for the purpose of promoting the cause of full-time Christian education at St. John's. This group sponsored the dissemination of informa-

tion about Christian education, what it is and why it is important. As every member of the congregation was contacted by phone, by letter, and in cottage meetings, the message began to take hold.

Three times the matter of opening a day school was brought to a vote of the voting members of the congregation. On May 13, 1974, the resolution

to begin a day school in the fall of 1975, passed by a substantial majority. A second motion prevailed to contact the assignment committee for a lady teacher. The Lord of the Church filled that call in the person of Miss Nancy Ehlert.

The only acceptable and available space for our school was the church's lower level. Having received the needed OK from the city officials, volunteers began brightening up the area with colors like camino blue, flat white, saffron yellow, and chryso-prase green. What a transformation! With the addition of a number of light fixtures, portable room dividers converted into bulletin boards, chalkboards attached to walls, the necessary school furniture, new and used, and an accumulation of books and supplies, the school opened its doors on September 3, 1975, to students in grades kindergarten through eight. Mother's aides are a vital adjunct to the learning process. These aides assist under the direction of the teach-



Some of St. John's pupils and Teacher Nancy Ehlert.

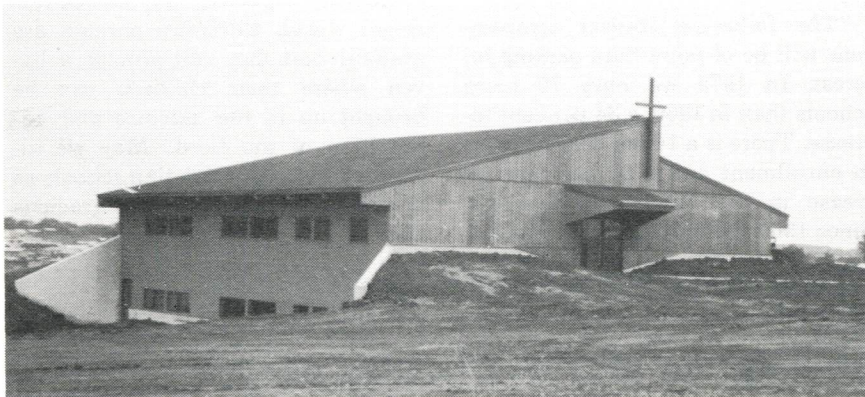
er. A new 15-passenger bus has also been purchased to assist in the transportation of the pupils.

All in all, we are astounded at the

wonders the Lord performs so that His Word may be taught and His name praised!

Pastor Donald Grummert

## MADISON WISCONSIN *Teach (To Educate All Christian Hearts)*



Our Redeemer's new school and temporary church.

On September 2, 1975, God graciously permitted Our Redeemer Congregation of Madison, Wisconsin, to open a Christian day school. Twelve enthusiastic pupils, representing grades 1 through 4, greeted the teacher.

How did the Lord bring this about? For many years some families were interested in a Christian day school,

but never sufficient families to support one. Gradually the Lord increased their number. In 1972, three families began sending their children eight miles across town to the school of a sister congregation. During the following two years, additional families became interested, and soon eight children were attending the school of this sister congregation. Fi-

nally, their facilities no longer were adequate to accept new children from outside their own congregation. With congregational approval, several of Our Redeemer's families then formed an organization to promote Christian education in all its forms, including a Christian day school. This organization was called TEACH, an acronym for "To Educate All Christian Hearts." All those in the congregation who recognized the advantages of a Christian school were encouraged to educate others to recognize these advantages. A series of articles on the Christian day school was featured in the Sunday bulletin, and tracts on the subject were distributed.

In the meantime, the congregation had purchased a new building site four miles away from its old church facilities and was vigorously working to promote a building program. Due to lack of facilities, it was obviously necessary to build school facilities before a school could be started. Initial plans were to build a church with an educational wing where a school



could be started at a later date. As the building plans progressed, the congregation learned that sufficient money could not be borrowed to build the church that was planned, much less to include the educational wing.

But the Lord opened a new way. In the fall of 1974, four interested families met regularly on Friday evenings for several months exploring various avenues of how a school could be opened in the fall of 1975. The three best ideas were presented to a larger group. In the course of that meeting a plan was born that had not been considered previously. The new plan was to build the educational wing first, to start a school in part of the building, to provide temporary worship facilities in the remainder, and to trust that the Lord would bless our efforts so that a church could be added in a few years. This new plan was brought to the attention of the voters in January, 1975, with the church council's approval. In December, 1974, and January, 1975, the Christian day school was promoted intensively through sermons, literature, and in informational meetings. The voters accepted the plan by a substantial majority.

Work on the new building, located at 1701 McKenna Boulevard in southwest Madison, was begun on Ascension Day. Mr. David Ewerdt, who had served at Christ Lutheran Church, Grand Island, Nebraska, accepted the call to serve as teacher and principal of Our Redeemer Lutheran School. Mr. Ewerdt was installed on June 29, 1975, and immediately worked towards organizing the school for opening day.

School opening had to be postponed a week, because the building was not sufficiently completed. Even on opening day, the teacher had to compete with earth-moving equipment operating outside the classroom windows. Some of the interior construction also remained to be finished. But the Lord had found a way, and our school is operating with new facilities which are now essentially complete. We give all glory to the Lord in this project and marvel at His gracious leading. May His blessing be with us in the future!

Pastor Ronald Ehlert



Miss Mary Berg and her pupils.

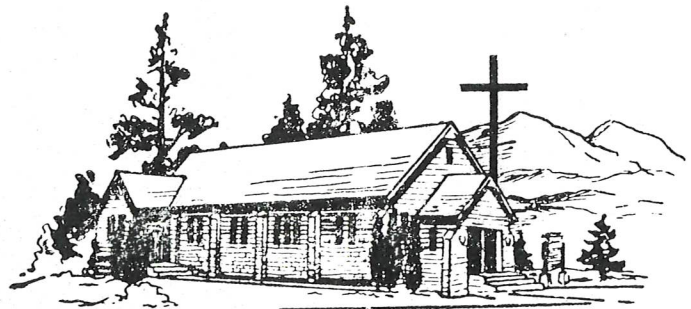
## FLAGSAFF ARIZONA

### *Two years of preparation*

"With the Lord begin thy task, Jesus will direct it; for His aid and counsel ask, Jesus will perfect it." In that spirit and with that confidence Mt. Calvary Ev. Lutheran Church began to work toward the opening of its own Christian day school a little over two years ago. To some people two years may seem like a very long time to spend in preparation, but looking back, we know that it was time well spent. It gave our congregation time to get together in smaller groups in various homes to discuss the advantages of a Christian day school. It gave us the time to read and digest the various materials put out by our Synod on the Christian day school. It

gave the Board of Christian Education time to prepare a booklet discussing many practical questions which face a congregation planning to start a Christian day school. But above all, it gave all of us time to search God's Word and to pray that His will with respect to a Christian day school be done among us.

"If thy task be thus begun, with the Savior's blessing; safely then thy course will run, naught thy soul distressing." How true those words are! As time progressed, our Savior opened doors and opened hands and hearts in our midst in support of our own school. In 1973, a Christian Day School Development Fund was estab-



Mt. Calvary is situated in the shadows of the San Francisco Peaks, Arizona's largest.

lished. The fund grew. In that same year, an addition was built onto our Sunday School-Parish Hall. The addition was designed to meet the needs of a classroom. A poll taken earlier in 1974 revealed definite support for a school. Then, in the fall of 1974, it was decided by unanimous vote to open the school in the fall of 1975 with grades 1 through 4.

All of this does not mean that there were no difficulties along the way. Before we voted to begin a school we anticipated such difficulties, and after the decision we were confronted with them. Yet, our God, too, was there and helped us solve them. For example, our property is very small in comparison with that of many churches. Its size limits playground and recreation activity. But our space was not considered too

small, or too limited, by people who placed a priority on the spiritual training of their children. And it was made much larger when people volunteered their time to transport children to larger play areas or to lead children in well-planned, physical-education programs. And then there was the financial responsibility, quite a challenge for a congregation of 150 communicants! But the Holy Spirit through His Word moved the hearts and opened the hands. Offerings increased, and there has always been sufficient to meet the needs of our school. The initial expenses were cushioned by donations of everything from blackboards to books, maps to flagpoles, and these gifts are still coming.

Mt. Calvary Lutheran School is now a reality. God in His goodness

gave us a wonderful teacher in the person of Miss Mary Berg of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She is a DMLC graduate. Eleven students are enrolled — one, by the way, travels 84 miles a day to attend. To outsiders our school may not seem impressive, but to us it is God's little garden where He will bring forth fruits unto eternal life. Beyond our ability to calculate are the spiritual blessings of faith, joy, hope, and peace, which the Holy Spirit bestows on the hearts of little children as they sit at the feet of Jesus day in and day out. And we know that all of these blessings will continue, for our God says, "In all places where I record My name I will come unto thee, and I will bless thee" (Exod. 20:24).

Pastor Philip Koelpin



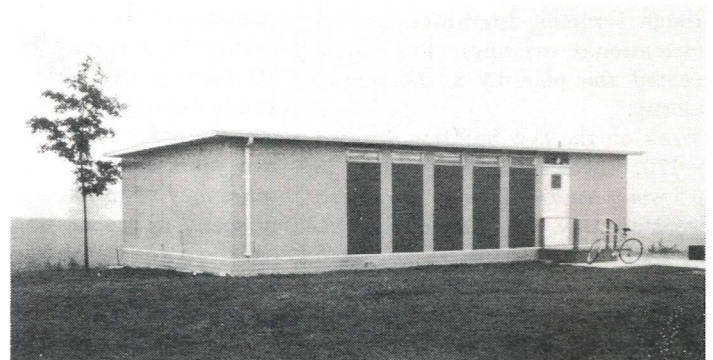
## HOPKINS MICHIGAN

*Two rural congregations*

### A Mobile Classroom

The 21st chapter of Genesis makes mention of a most remarkable birth. The baby born was Isaac, the son of promise. The duly impressed parents were Abraham, who had reached 100 years of age, and Sarah, of whom the 18th chapter says: "It had ceased to be with her after the manner of women." Yet the Lord used this unlikely union to glorify His name and worked His wonders with these improbable parents.

St. Peter's Congregation of Dorr, Michigan, which earlier this year observed its 75th anniversary, and the St. Paul's Congregation of Hopkins, which at 110 years is slightly older than Abraham was, have just had a similar experience. Regardless of their age, these two rural congregations were used by the Lord to give birth to yet another Christian day school.



Mobile classroom

St. Peter's and St. Paul's children.



The Lord first used the dedication of Pastor R. Welch and the establishment of Michigan Lutheran High School to kindle within the congregations an interest in the blessings of full-time Christian education. That was five years ago, but the interest continued to grow. Soon certain of our families began car-pooling their children 30 miles to Holy Trinity Lutheran School at Wyoming. Despite the cost of transportation and tuition (upwards of \$600 for the first child), the enrollment climbed steadily until it reached a high of 13 students and demonstrated the need either for a larger bus or for a school of our own.

On Sunday, January 26, 1975, although there were as yet many unanswered questions and perhaps also those who, like Sarah, wondered how such a thing could possibly be, the voters consented to step forward in faith and establish a Christian day school. What has happened since that day can only be described as blessings upon blessings, all of them serving to dispel any lingering doubts.

Since none of our existing facilities satisfied the Fire Safety Code, we started to consider other alternatives, among them a "phased-out" country school. We had all but signed the lease for that school when a seven-year-old, 40' x 24', self-contained, mobile classroom became available. It was ideal in every way, except for the asking price of \$6,100. Though we didn't have that kind of money, we went ahead and submitted a sealed bid anyway. As the Lord would have it, it was the only bid the seller received. Our offer of \$2,555 was accepted. For another \$390 we purchased all the furnishings.

"The school God gave us" was dedicated to His service and glory on August 24. It opened its first year with 21 students in grades one through six and eight. The teacher and principal is Mr. Jeffrey Koepsell, a 1975-graduate of Dr. Martin Luther College. The proud parents, St. Peter's and St. Paul's, still look at their school with wonder and much like Abraham and Sarah humbly acknowledge: "This is the Lord's doing and it is marvelous in our eyes" (Ps. 118:23).

Pastor Daniel Westendorf



Pupils, Miss Lois Rosenthal, and Pastor A. Dobberstein.

## EGG HARBOR WISCONSIN

*First CDS in Door County*

In the fall of 1973, the pastor of Zion Lutheran Church, Route 1, Egg Harbor, Wisconsin, was approached with an offer of \$4,000 for the first year and \$2,000 for the next two years, if the congregation would open a Christian day school.

Information as to what was involved in opening and maintaining a Christian day school was disseminated in the congregation in various ways and by various committees. In the annual meeting in October, 1974, the congregation decided to accept the gracious offer and to open its Christian day school in the fall of 1975.

Available for a classroom was the congregation's spacious parish hall. A great deal of volunteer work helped prepare the area for classroom use. Members and nonmembers, interested in Christian education, contributed liberally. In May of this year, Zion Church requested the assignment committee to supply it with a teacher. Miss Lois Rosenthal was assigned.

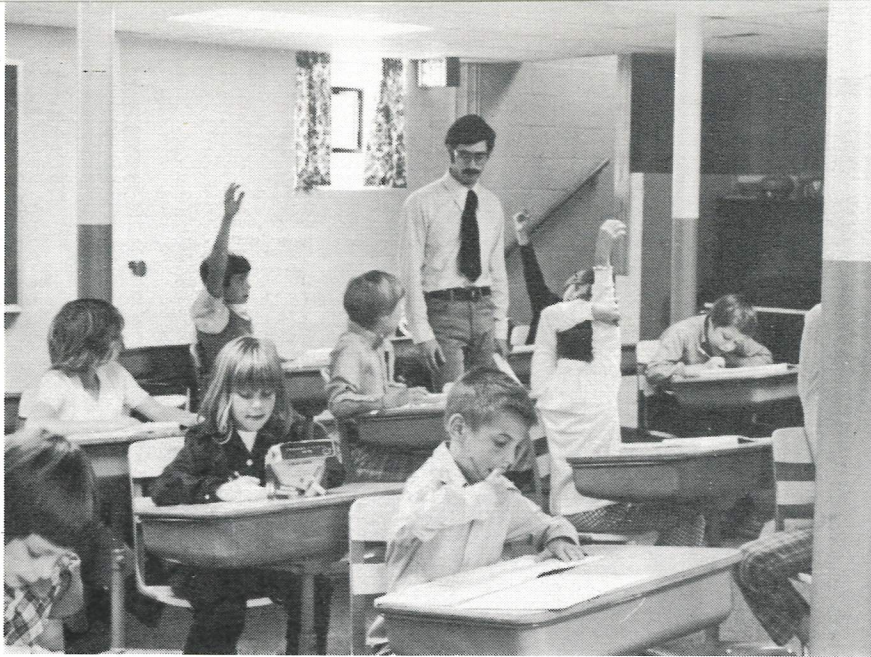
School opened on September 2 with an enrollment of 25. Of these, 16 are from Zion Congregation, almost 50 per cent of the children eligible.

Nine others are members of our sister congregation, St. John's of Valmy. We opened with grades 1-7 and intend to add the eighth grade next year. The pastor assists the teacher in some of the classes, and teacher's aides are employed particularly in the reading program.

Zion Lutheran School is the first Lutheran day school in Door County. It was started in the 86th year of the congregation's existence, although in its early years the congregation had something called a church school. The parish, however, has a number of sons and daughters in the preaching and teaching ministry. As one of the members put it: "Isn't it about time that we had a teacher of our own, seeing we have supplied our Synod with so many of them!"

The opening service was held on August 31 at 2:00 P.M. to give the parents an opportunity to attend. Pastor Richard Werner of St. John's at Valmy preached on I Thessalonians 5:4-10. The freewill offering that day amounted to \$400. There was an open house at the school following the service.

Pastor Arthur H. Dobberstein



Teacher Ronald Schleef and a number of pupils.

forms of education in the parish or community. The every-member visits helped to establish a broad base of support for our Christian school.

By April 20, 1975, Trinity's voters were ready to adopt a resolution to begin a school in the church basement for the fall term. The voters' meeting was then recessed to the following Sunday for the purpose of calling a teacher-principal. When our first call was declined, a graduate was requested of the Synod's assignment committee. Mr. Ronald Schleef, a man returning with a year's experience of teaching in Japan, was assigned the task of beginning our school. The members of Trinity warmly welcomed him and worked closely with him in making equipment purchases and church basement modifications for our school . . . for our youth. Everything was ready when school opened on August 25, with 22 pupils in grades 1 through 5. Plans are to add kindergarten and one grade annually until all eight are represented. Mr. Schleef receives almost daily assistance from well-qualified members serving as teacher's aides.

Since Trinity Lutheran School began, an increased concern is evident among parents and all parishioners for the Christian instruction of their children. When the school is your own, interest naturally grows. Our youth is one of God's greatest natural resources for Church and nation. How each parish chooses to develop this resource and train its youth may vary. But each congregation under Christ must make the developing of this greatest of all natural resources its prime concern. We of Trinity Lutheran Church are confident that we have made the best choice.

Pastor Gerhardt H. Lambrecht

## MARSHFIELD *Developing* WISCONSIN *the best natural resource*

America is a land of tremendous natural resources. As thankful citizens observing the Bicentennial of our nation, we can never forget the abundance with which the Almighty has endowed us. Our history reveals a land truly flowing with milk and minerals, honey and harvests. But by far the greatest natural resource with which any nation is blessed is its youth. The resource of young lives, young talent, young energy must also be developed. This resource must be developed according to God's plan if the Church and the nation are to be truly benefited.

To develop this blessing bestowed by God, Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Route 2, Marshfield, Wis-

consin, early in 1974, organized a committee to study parish education. Very early in its planning, the committee was convinced of the value of full-time Christian education. The next step was to bring this conviction home to the entire congregation. Much information was given and enthusiastic group presentations were led by Mr. James Raabe, the chairman of our District Board for Parish Education. The next step was the training of a corps of visitors to carry the message to the congregation in an every-member visitation. Our stress was always on the positive side of full-time Christian education. Never once did we resort to the negative approach of downgrading existing

### Former FAL Schools added to WELS Roster

St. John's, Watertown, Wisconsin — 11 teachers — 282 pupils.

St. John's, St. John's, Antigua — 3 teachers — 59 pupils.

St. John's, Libertyville, Illinois — 3 teachers — 49 pupils.

# Like a pebble in a pond...

Have you ever tossed a pebble into the smooth, still water of a pond and watched the ripples spread in ever-widening circles?

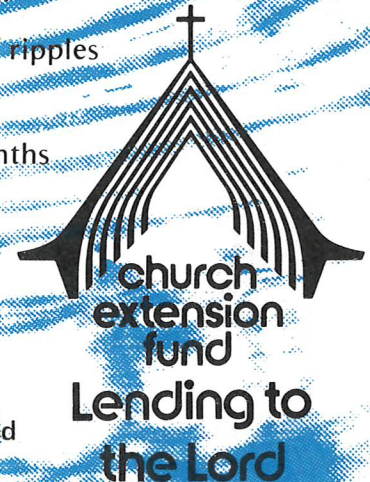
The money you lend to CEF is very much like that pebble. It causes ripples. They spread across the length and breadth of the land. Mission congregations are established. The unchurched are reached for the Kingdom, worship facilities are built... the church of Jesus Christ expands and grows.

If you are inclined to toss a few pebbles and make a lot of ripples there are three ways you can do it:

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For more information, write to:

Church Extension Fund / Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod  
3515 West North Avenue / Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53208



## *A Parish Pastor's Perspective*

### **"Evangelism through the Day School"**

What's the best way to reach out to the unchurched people in the community? Neighborhood canvass? Calls by trained lay evangelists? Friendly invitations by neighbors? Radio broadcasts? Greeters at the church door? Printed flyers distributed door-to-door? There is no answer to that question. Pastor David Valleskey, Apostles' Lutheran Church, San Jose, California, reports that every method of outreach which

his congregation has tried has brought some results. Other pastors find that different methods work differently in different areas. Perhaps all methods should be tried.

Very few will disagree when we state that the Christian day school gives a congregation an excellent opportunity to spread the Gospel in the community. More and more, our schools are finding unchurched people at the door, enquiring about en-

rolling their children. Ever wonder why? Really, you wouldn't expect it. For a nonmember family to enroll a child in one of our schools involves a rather deep commitment. It costs them hundreds of dollars a year in tuition, transportation problems, longer school hours, sometimes a promise to attend adult instruction classes, and other inconveniences. Why do they want to enroll their children?

In this writer's experience, most of the unchurched people who enquire about enrolling their children are NOT looking primarily for a Christ-centered education. That aspect of our schools does not particularly impress them. Not yet.

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## Attracted by the By-products

What attracts them to our schools could be called the by-products of a Christ-centered education. Where Christ governs the classroom, you find order and discipline. There you see children sitting quietly, soaking up knowledge. There you discover high standards regarding what a child ought to accomplish with his abilities. There you find harmony among the faculty, pupils, and parents. Even many unchurched long for these.

To be sure, we who work closely with our schools are painfully aware of their shortcomings. We see sin in our schools. We see disobedience. We sometimes wonder how our children can be any better off than in the public school. We wince whenever we think of Satan's successes in our schools.

But, compared to what the unchurched people find in many of the schools their children are attending, our schools seem delightful. In our restrooms the mirrors stay intact and the toilets remain bolted to the floor. On the playgrounds a dispute does not end in a knifing. Behind the school most of our children wouldn't

recognize marijuana if they saw it. Around the campus the children greet their teachers and pastor cheerily. These blessed by-products of Christian education, which we have come to expect, are a powerful attraction to many outsiders.

### Patience Needed

Is it wrong for us to accept pupils whose parents are more interested in material benefits than they are in spiritual ones? This writer believes it is not so important what FIRST attracts the newcomer; it is what KEEPS him coming back that should be our chief concern. And we should be patient with the newcomer as he slowly learns what our schools, and the churches that support them, are all about. Remember how patient Jesus was with His disciples, how painfully slow they were in separating the material from the spiritual?

### The Results

Schools that have adopted an open and patient approach to unchurched families have experienced many joyful successes. They have seen whole families baptized. They have seen parents realize more fully their responsibilities under God to their children. They have seen couples grow closer together in Christ. They have

seen new people commit their time and talent to the kingdom of God.

But how about the failures? Aren't there some families that do not reinforce the Gospel in the home? Surely, there are. Aren't there some children that go through eight grades in our schools without being confirmed, perhaps not even baptized? Yes. Aren't there some families that take adult instructions and join the church just to get a break on the tuition rate? Perhaps. The fact still remains that we had a marvelous opportunity to share Christ with God's lambs. We have still had a golden opportunity to sow the seeds of God's Word among the unchurched. Who is to say those seeds won't sprout later? Since when do some "failures" stop us from pursuing success in gaining souls for Christ?

The Christian day school can be an excellent mission arm. May our Lord bless the efforts of our existing schools in the area of evangelism! May the spreading of the Gospel among the unchurched be high on the list of priorities for our new schools! May more congregations give prayerful consideration to establishing their own schools to aid in their outreach!

Thomas B. Franzmann

## MINNESOTA

### REDWOOD FALLS PASTORAL CONFERENCE

**Date:** December 2, 1975; 9:00 a.m. Communion service.  
**Place:** Zion Lutheran, Morton, Minnesota 56270; G. Maas, host pastor.  
**Preacher:** R. Hellmann (C. Henkel, alternate).  
**Agenda:** Exegesis of Genesis 6:1-8; R. Vomhof; When Temptation Becomes Sin: O. Engel; Panel discussion on work in organizations of the congregation: W. Ziebell, leader.

L. Hohenstein, Secretary

## NORTHERN WISCONSIN

### MANITOWOC PASTORAL CONFERENCE

**Date:** November 17, 1975; 9:00 a.m. Communion service.  
**Place:** Trinity Ev. Lutheran, Liberty, Wisconsin; C. Rosenow, host pastor.  
**Preacher:** K. Haberkorn (P. Janke, alternate).  
**Agenda:** Exegesis of Hebrews 10: 19-39; H. Bauer; Sermon Study: H. Krause; How Our Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod, at First Weak, Became Strong: A. Engel.

P. J. Damrow, Secretary

### FOX RIVER VALLEY PASTORAL CONFERENCE

**Date:** November 18, 1975; 9:00 a.m. Communion service.  
**Place:** Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church, Black Creek, Wisconsin; A. Wood, host pastor.  
**Preacher:** D. Voss (A. Martens, alternate).  
**Agenda:** I Peter 4: D. Nimmer (I Peter 5: A. Dobberstein); Psalm 8: J. Schroeder (Psalm 9: R. Ehke); Homiletical Study of the Gospel for Epiphany: J. Behling (1st Sunday after Epiphany: F. Heidemann); Pastoral Practices regarding Members Unable to Attend Services: A. Schabow (Sermon Techniques that Turn Listeners On and Off: L. Koenig); Casuistry.

R. Muetzel, Secretary

## SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN

### JOINT PASTORAL CONFERENCE METRO NORTH & METRO SOUTH

**Date:** November 17, 1975; 9:00 a.m. Communion service.  
**Place:** Christ Ev. Lutheran Church, West Greenfield Ave. & South 23rd St., Milwaukee, Wisconsin (D. Tetzlaff, host pastor; phone: 645-5138).  
**Preacher:** R. G. Johnston (F. H. O. Jungkuntz, alternate).  
**Agenda:** "Ordination": R. J. Voss; Synod, District, and Conference Reports; Casuistry.  
**Note:** Excuses are to be made to the host pastor.  
R. E. Scharf, Secretary  
Metro South

### PULPIT AVAILABLE

A pulpit of solid oak, octagonal in shape, 56 inches high, 48 inches across, is being offered by St. John's Lutheran Church, Baraboo, Wisconsin, to any congregation willing to transport it. Inquiries may be addressed to Pastor E. G. Toepel, 624 East Street, Baraboo, Wisconsin, 53913.

### LUTHERAN COLLEGIAN Christmas Evangelism Seminar "Because We Have Good News"

**Dates:** December 27-30, 1975.  
**Place:** Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, Wisconsin.  
**Fee:** \$20.00 (meals & lodging).  
**Note:** All college-age youth are invited. If you would like any further information, please feel free to write or call: Miss Elizabeth Wrensch, 915 Georges Ave., Brookfield, Wis. 53005; Phone: 1-414-782-8984.

## CHANGES OF ADDRESS

(Submitted through the District Presidents)

### Pastors:

<p><b>Albrecht, Gerhard F.</b> 5972 S. Kurtz Rd. Hales Corners, WI 53130 Phone: (414) 529-0243</p> <p><b>Ahlborn, Marvin J.</b> 391 Kingswood Dr. Grove City, OH 43123</p> <p><b>Hilliard, Thomas H.</b> 5183 Pebble Creek Trail Rockford, IL 61111 Phone: (815) 633-6197</p> <p><b>Nehmer, Howard R.</b> 804 Canary Lane Glendive, MT 59330</p>	<p><b>Paul, Norman T.</b> 100 W. Michigan Ave. Palatine, IL 60067</p> <p><b>Schlomer, Larry W.</b> 2427 Park Avenue Beloit, WI 53511 Phone: (608) 365-4863</p> <p><b>Schulz, Wayne I.</b> 1312 Ninth St. Rapid City, SD 57701 Phone: (605) 342-2124</p>
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### Teachers:

**Haakenson, Cary**  
1719 S. 36th St.  
Milwaukee, WI 53215

**Sieggren, Ronald L.**  
3318 Pompton St.  
Manitowoc, WI 54220

## INSTALLATIONS

(Authorized by the District Presidents)

### Pastors:

**Ahlborn, Marvin J.**, as pastor of Beautiful Savior, Grove City, Ohio, on October 12, 1975, by L. Prah (Mich.).

**Schulz, Wayne I.**, as pastor of St. Paul's, Rapid City, South Dakota, on October 5, 1975, by A. Kell (Dak.-Mont.).

### Teacher:

**Sieggren, Ronald L.**, as teacher at Bethany, Manitowoc, Wisconsin, on September 7, 1975, by K. Haberkorn (N.Wis.).

## 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* Gaylord*
Michigan	Grand Ledge North Pontiac Romeo Taylor Twp.
Minnesota	Eagan Lakeville* Northfield* Owatonna Columbia North Kansas City N. St. Louis County St. Charles County*
Missouri	Norfolk* Scottsbluff*
Nebraska	Reno Manchester/Nashua*
Nevada	White Rock*
New Hampshire	Long Island
New Mexico	Syracuse*
New York	Charlotte* Mansfield* S.E. Columbus* Altoona* Glenshaw (N. Pittsburgh) Lehigh Valley*
North Carolina	Mitchell
Ohio	Beaumont* Lubbock* Temple
Pennsylvania	E. Wenatchee Pullman* Vancouver Ashwabenon* Middleton
South Dakota	Edmonton*
Texas	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

### NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA

Exploratory services are being conducted in Northfield, Minnesota, at the Northfield Art's Guild Building, 411 West 3rd Street (Highway 19), at 8:30 a.m. every Sunday morning. Please send names and addresses of interested persons to Pastor Richard Stevens, 1100 West Main Street, Cannon Falls, Minnesota, 55009; Phone: (507) 263-3786.

### SYRACUSE, NEW YORK

Exploratory services are being conducted in Syracuse, New York, at the Holiday Inn on Buckley Road at exit 36 on the New York State Thruway and Interstate Route 81. Services are biweekly at 3:00 p.m. followed by adult Bible class. For more information call Mr. Melvin Friske of Syracuse at (315) 472-0819 or Pastor Erich W. Waldek of Schenectady, New York, at (518) 399-3046.

### WHITE ROCK, NEW MEXICO

Because of a more promising response from the Los Alamos-White Rock, New Mexico, area, it has been decided to move the exploratory services from Santa Fe, New Mexico, to White Rock. Services are being held there every Sunday evening, with Bible classes and Sunday school at 6:30 and family worship at 7:30. The place of meeting is the Catholic Parish Hall, 196 Meadow Lane. Visitors are always welcome.

## NAMES WANTED

### BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA

Share God's Grace! Do you have a friend or relative living in the Bemidji area? Do you know of a WELS member who has moved to our area? Send their names to Pastor Lee Vaccarella, 1209 Bemidji Ave., Bemidji, Minnesota 56601. Or phone (218) 751-6334. Share God's Grace today!

### ROANOKE — LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA — BECKLEY, WEST VIRGINIA

If you know of anyone that is a WELS member or anyone that might be interested in the WELS who is now living in the Roanoke-Lynchburg, Virginia and Beckley, West Virginia areas, please send their names to Pastor Ronald Hahm, 3229 Sandra Lane, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23462; Phone: (804) 424-3547.

## TIME AND PLACE

### MARQUETTE, MICHIGAN

Faith Ev. Lutheran Church, Marquette, Michigan, is now worshipping in the SDA Church, 349 Bluff Street (corner of Bluff and 4th). The time of service is 10:00 a.m., with Sunday school at 9:00 — both Eastern Time. For more information call: Pastor Alan Klessig at (906)225-1031.

### ARVADA/WESTMINSTER, COLORADO Change in Worship Location

The WELS mission congregation in North Denver is now conducting its worship services at the Northwest State Bank, W. 80th Ave. & Yarrow St., Arvada, Colorado. Sunday school and Bible class begin at 9:30 a.m., followed by the worship service at 10:30 a.m. If you are in the north Denver area, please come and worship with us. Names of prospects should be sent to: Pastor James Kuehl, 9073 Kent St., Westminster, Colorado 80030; phone: (303) 429-8853.

### EAGAN, MINNESOTA

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church of Eagan, Minnesota, is holding worship services at John Metcalf Junior High School, County Highways 30 & 13. Sunday school and Bible class are at 9 a.m. and the worship service at 10 a.m. For more information please contact Rev. David E. Koeplin, 1744 Meadowlark Road, Eagan, Minnesota 55122; phone: (612) 452-4126.

### GREELEY, COLORADO CHANGE IN WORSHIP LOCATION

Shepherd of the Hills Ev. Lutheran Church, a WELS mission, is now holding its worship services at 2215 23rd Avenue in Greeley. Sunday school and Bible study begin at 9 a.m., followed by Sunday service at 10:15 a.m. We invite you to come and worship with us. For information, or if you have names of WELS members or prospects in our area, contact Pastor Larry G. Lemke, 2202 10th Street Road, Greeley, Colorado 80631. Phone: (303) 352-7320.

### OWATONNA, MINNESOTA

Emmanuel Lutheran of Owatonna, Minnesota, is now worshipping in its own facility at 329 State Avenue. The time of worship is 10:00 a.m. Sunday school and Bible class at 11:00 a.m. The area served is Steele County, including — Blooming Prairie, Dodge Center, Faribault, and Waseca. For information, or if you have names of WELS members or prospects in the area, call (507) 451-8110, or write to Pastor Werner E. Wagner, 1770 Parkside Place, Owatonna, Minnesota 55060.

## VISITORS

### RIO GRANDE VALLEY

Winter visitors to the Rio Grande Valley are invited to worship at Abiding Savior Ev. Lutheran Church, Weslaco, Texas. Our Sunday service is at 10:00 a.m., with Bible class at 9:00 a.m.. We are presently worshipping in the Weslaco Civic Center located at 520 S. Kansas Ave. For more information, contact Pastor Craig Weber, 1204 W. 6th Street, Weslaco, Texas; Phone: (512)968-5228.

## STUDENTS

### ST. OLAF AND CARLETON

Names of WELS students attending St. Olaf college and Carleton College at Northfield, Minnesota, should be sent to Pastor Richard Stevens, 1100 West Main Street, Cannon Falls, Minnesota, 55009; Phone (507) 263-3786.

### SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

If you know of any college-aged person attending school or working in the Seattle, Washington, area who may be interested in studying the Lord's Word with us, please send their names and present addresses to: Lutheran Collegians, c/o Pastor Ralph Baur, 9906 232 S. W., Edmonds, WA 98020.

### WISCONSIN LUTHERAN COLLEGE WANTS NAMES

Wisconsin Lutheran College requests the names of high-school seniors who may be considered for recruitment into next year's freshman class. The school seeks those students who are WELS members in good standing, who possess the necessary academic gifts for college work, and who are not planning to become teachers or pastors in the Wisconsin Synod. Mail the names and addresses to:

Admissions Office  
WISCONSIN LUTHERAN COLLEGE  
407 N. Glenview Avenue  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53213  
414-774-8620

### CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Mr Adolph F. Fehlauer has announced his intention to retire from his position as Executive Secretary of the Board for Parish Education effective August 1, 1976. The Board for parish Education herewith invites the members of the Synod to submit names of candidates for this position. Names shall be submitted to the undersigned no later than November 24, 1975.

Mr. Ferdinand W. Schultz, Secretary  
Board for Parish Education  
363 Lincoln Drive  
Juneau, Wisconsin 53039

# Treasurer's Report

## PREBUDGET SUBSCRIPTION PERFORMANCE

Nine months ended September 30, 1975

	Subscription Amount for 1975	9/12 of Annual Subscription	Subscription and Pension Offerings	Per Cent of Subscription
Arizona-California .....	\$ 317,213	\$ 237,910	\$ 228,171	95.9
Dakota-Montana .....	209,992	157,494	151,517	96.2
Michigan .....	1,059,169	794,377	693,085	87.2
Minnesota .....	1,104,369	828,277	833,502	100.6
Nebraska .....	214,329	160,746	158,147	98.4
Northern Wisconsin .....	1,183,160	887,370	787,801	88.8
Pacific Northwest .....	86,485	64,864	66,709	102.8
Southeastern Wisconsin .....	1,434,614	1,075,960	962,350	89.4
Western Wisconsin .....	1,373,571	1,030,178	946,060	91.8
South Atlantic .....	59,461	44,596	44,143	99.0
Total — 1975 .....	\$7,042,363	\$5,281,772	\$4,871,485	92.2
Total — 1974 .....	\$6,714,887	\$5,036,165	\$4,702,479	93.4

Note: Subscription amount for Arizona-California was adjusted due to the addition of a new congregation.

## CURRENT BUDGETARY FUND

### Statement of Income and Expenditures

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

Twelve months ended September 30

	1975	1974	Increase or Decrease*	
			Amount	Per Cent
<b>Income</b>				
Prebudget Subscription Offerings .....	\$6,868,929	\$6,984,733	\$115,804*	1.6*
Pension Plan Contributions .....	83,522	92,590	9,068*	9.8*
Gifts, Memorials and Bequests .....	224,566	85,880	138,686	—
Earnings from Fox Estate .....	49,066	94,758	45,692*	48.2*
Other Income .....	18,496	11,512	6,984	60.6
Transfers from Other Funds .....	62,137	83,015	20,878*	25.1*
Total Income .....	\$7,306,716	\$7,352,488	\$ 45,772*	0.6*
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Worker Training — Expenses .....	\$4,254,680	\$3,995,990	\$258,690	6.5
Worker Training — Income .....	1,733,131	1,627,085	106,046	6.5
Worker Training — Net .....	\$2,521,549	\$2,368,905	\$152,644	6.4
Home Missions .....	1,407,450	1,285,897	121,553	9.5
World Missions .....	1,185,612	1,208,577	22,965*	1.9*
Benevolences .....	880,491	824,314	56,177	6.8
Administration and Services .....	608,484	520,504	87,980	16.9
Total Operations .....	\$6,603,586	\$6,208,197	\$395,389	6.3
Appropriations — Building Funds .....	190,244	213,244	23,000*	10.8*
Appropriations — CEF Program .....	755,201	807,508	52,307*	6.5*
Total Expenditures .....	\$7,549,031	\$7,228,949	\$320,082	4.4
Operating Gain/Deficit** .....	\$ 242,315**	\$ 123,539		

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

For the Month of	Cutoff Date
November	December 5
December	January 7
January	February 6
February	March 5

### APPOINTMENTS

The Rev. Jack DeRuiter, 6980 Farmington Rd., Westland, Michigan, has been appointed District Reporter for *The Northwestern Lutheran* for the Michigan District. He succeeds Pastor D. Buske of Lansing.

W. J. Zurling, President  
Michigan District

Teacher Arlen Koestler and Mr. Donald Burns have been appointed to the Board of Education of the Southeastern Wisconsin District.

George W. Boldt, President  
Southeastern Wisconsin District

Pastor William Gabb, Houston, Texas, was appointed reporter for *The Northwestern Lutheran* for the Texas Mission District. His address at Houston is 17125 Red Oak Drive, zip code 77090.

Immanuel G. Frey, President  
Arizona-California District

Pastor James Diener, Waupaca, Wisconsin, has been appointed to the Northern Wisconsin District Constitution and Legislation Committee, replacing Pastor Kenneth Gawrisch who has moved to another District.

Carl W. Voss, President  
Northern Wisconsin District

### NOTICE

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

December 3-4, 1975.

Business to be acted on is to be submitted to the executive secretary of the board no later than ten days prior to the meeting date.

Carl S. Leyrer, Secretary  
Board of Trustees

### CONCERTS AT NWC

Christmas Concert .. Dec. . . 7, 1975 7:30 p.m.  
Pop Concert .. Feb. . . 15, 1976 3:30 p.m.  
Easter Concert .. April . . 4, 1976 7:30 p.m.  
Commencement  
Concert .. May . . 18, 1976 7:30 p.m.