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

The *Book of Reports and Memorials* for the Forty-Fourth Biennial Convention of our Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod has been receiving diligent study at many pastor-teacher conferences and delegate conferences throughout the Synod.

The various reports highlight the blessings which the Lord has poured out on our Synod. A number of pages, however, should cause the committed Christian to stop, look, and listen, for they speak of goals not met and aims not fulfilled.

This perhaps would not trouble us very much if it were a secular business we are talking about. In our case, however, it has to do with the Father's business. Goals not met and aims not fulfilled mean so and so many people who have not been privileged to hear the Gospel of salvation.

We realize, of course, that God has His own plans and His own timetables. He did not permit Paul to enter into Bithynia, because He had another place in mind for Paul. It is the Lord who opens and closes doors according to His good pleasure.

But when we read pages 140-142 of the *Book of Reports and Memorials* it would not be right for us to settle the matter by questioning God's overall purpose. Rather, it's time to examine our own hearts, for the particular pages referred to are entitled "Unfunded Items Requested by Divisions." They include the sum of \$259,799 in reductions in the ongoing operating budgets for 1977-78, and an amount of \$307,320 for 1978-79. For the same two years there are also reductions in appropriations of \$971,080 and \$959,120. New programs remaining unfunded amounted to \$151,458 for 1977-78 and \$462,208 for 1978-79. Total unfunded items come to \$1,382,337 for 1977-78 and \$1,728,648 for 1978-79.

What do these dollars represent? Here are some of the items. Five new mission openings in the Home Mission Division per year and a sharp reduction in money allotted for explorations. A reduction of \$690,000 each year for

E.I.B.F. projects, that is, for the Educational Institution Building Fund. This, for the present biennium, eliminates new facilities sorely needed at our present academies (Synodical high schools), which are feeders for our colleges. The CEF (Church Extension Fund) has also been cut by some \$35,000 each year. Also eliminated is funding for a Secretary of Home Missions and a campus pastor in Minneapolis. World Missions perhaps was hit hardest. Not allowed were two missionaries for Indonesia, two missionaries for Central Africa, two missionaries for Japan, two missionaries for South America, and the three-man team for Taiwan. All remain unfunded.

Unfunded means that our congregations did not subscribe sufficient contributions to cover these projects.

It would be well for each congregation to ask itself why. Can it be that some of us who have been blessed so richly with the pure Word of God and the Sacraments as the Lord has instituted them are "playing" church instead of being church? Scripture calls us the body of Christ, that is, we are His mouth, His hands, His feet. He who has blessed us deserves to have priority in our lives

These unfunded items will play a great role in the discussions and decisions to be reached in the Synod convention scheduled for New Ulm, Minnesota, August 3-10. The delegates representing our congregations can do much to encourage the Synod to put a number of these items on the "must" list. They can also become a source of inspiration and motivation in their home congregations and circuits, as they encourage their fellow believers to heed the assignment the Lord gave first to His Apostles and then to us: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." Heeding that word, we also have His promise: "And surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age."

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The Cover

Pictured is the second church home which St. Luke's Congregation of Vassar, Michigan, has been privileged to dedicate in its 40-year history. St. Luke's numbers about 625 souls and has a Sunday school of 160 pupils. Pastor of the congregation is the Rev. Orville Maasch. For details on the May 15 dedication, turn to page 133.

Editorials

Knowledgeable Delegates

On the face of it, all the advantage at a Synod convention seems to be with the officials and executives of the Synod. They are more knowledgeable about the Synod's business than are the rank-and-file voting delegates. Synod executives are occupied with the business of the Synod most of the 730 days of each biennium; the delegates, seven or eight. The convention could hardly function if those officers and executives did not prepare programs and recommendations for it to review and consider.

Yet the Synod convention is hardly an uninformed assemblage to be manipulated and molded by those knowledgeable people who are in positions of power and influence. A number of the delegates themselves are quite knowledgeable about the Synod's business and function. Among them may be officials at the District level, for example. Most of the delegates have kept themselves informed about the work of the Synod by reading *The Northwestern Lutheran* and other Synod literature.

Every delegate can and should prepare himself for the convention by reading the convention material, the *Book of Reports and Memorials*, which has been in his hands for a number of weeks prior to the convention. The delegate conferences preceding the convention provide one of the best opportunities to become better acquainted with the issues he is to vote on.

Changes in the operation of the convention will also help to produce better informed delegates. At the convention in August fewer voting delegates will be assigned to floor committees, thus enabling more delegates to attend open hearings and the business sessions of the convention. Certain floor committees will also be meeting a day or two before the convention; they will no longer be doing as much committee work at the expense of attendance at the convention sessions.

A convention committee is not a mere puppet controlled by the officials and executives who serve as its resource people. Not only are some of the committee members rather well informed to begin with; the other members of the committee also become quite knowledgeable and are able to render reasoned Christian judgments on the issues they have studied together.

Add to that the presence of the Holy Spirit, whose help we implore at our convention, and we have a body of delegates that can carry on its business in the confidence that it can do and is doing the Lord's work with His approval and blessing. The officials and executives don't have to tell it what to do.

Carleton Toppe

A Modern Social Phenomenon

The Census Bureau's household survey report, released early this year, brought the information that the number of unmarried couples in the U.S. who are living together has doubled in the past six years. The number of persons living with unrelated members of the opposite sex went from 640,000 in 1970 to 1,300,000 in 1976, according to the survey. This increase occurred predominantly among unmarried persons under 45.

These statistics are not really surprising, particularly to people living in metropolitan areas. Pastors encounter this problem, considered to be a social trend rather than a passing fad, more and more frequently in their ministry. An area surrounding a large university campus in the West is referred to as "Sin City" because of the large number of unmarried students who are living with members of the opposite sex in the adjacent off-campus area. The prevalence of this practice has spurred the publication of an increasing number of articles pertaining to the legal implications of this previously unsanctioned arrangement.

Our concern is the impact of this trend upon our Christian people, particularly our young people. As with divorce, what society accepts tends to appear more acceptable to all of us. Added to this is the fact that repugnant labels such as "adultery" and "fornication" are less frequently applied to this practice. "Alternate life style" has taken over as the new and preferred terminology.

But a new label does not change the product. "Adultery" and "fornication" are the terms used in the Bible. Regarding this practice it says, "Marriage is honorable in all, and the bed undefiled, but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge."

Amid the trend, we need to keep in mind that changing social mores and attitudes do not invalidate the unchanging Word of the unchanging God.

Immanuel Frey

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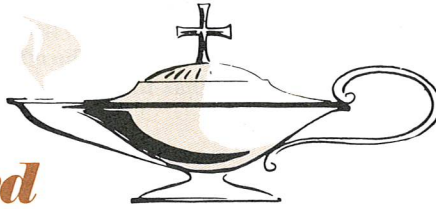
LAITY DAY

Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod Convention
Saturday, August 6, 1977
Dr. Martin Luther College
New Ulm, Minnesota

Schedule

Registration at Luther Memorial Union
8:30 — 9:30
Sessions in Gymnasium
10:00 — 11:30
Displays and Tours
11:30 — 1:30
Noon Lunch at Cost
12:15 — 1:30
Program
2:00 — 3:30

Studies in God's Word



“To the Corinthians”

If our congregation uses the “standard” Gospel and Epistle readings in its worship services, then at least 12 times each year we hear our pastor announce from the lectern that the Epistle for the day is being read from Paul’s letters to the Corinthians. Granted that there are two Epistles combined here, yet if the Church a dozen times each year sees fit to draw its lesson for the day from these two letters, then they must be important letters indeed! Who then were the recipients of these letters? And why did Paul find it necessary to write to them?

A Commercial Center

Corinth was one of the most important commercial centers of the ancient world. One reason for this was its excellent location. It was situated at the crossroad of the north-south land road and the east-west sea route. The southern part of Greece, called the Peloponnesus, is virtually an island, connected to the northern part by only a narrow neck of land. In fact, *Peloponnesus* means Pelops’ Island. Corinth was located on this narrow neck of land and intercepted all the land travel that moved north and south. But it also had important seaports that faced both to the east and to the west of this neck of land. Today there is an artificial channel cut through this neck of land. In ancient times a series of wooden rollers made it possible literally to drag ships overland from one sea to the other. The beneficiary of this intersecting of the trade routes was the rich and powerful, but also very wicked, city of Corinth, which was a metropolis of half a million people in St. Paul’s day.

Founding of a Christian Congregation

On his second missionary journey Paul founded a Christian congregation in this bustling city. Luke tells us (Acts 18:1-8) that Paul at first stayed with Aquila and Priscilla and worked side by side with them as a tentmaker, preaching the Gospel every Sabbath to the Jews and Greeks whom he met in the synagogue. When the opposition in the synagogue became too strong, Paul took his Christian converts and moved next door to the home of a certain Titius Justus. For 18 months Paul was permitted to preach in Corinth. This relatively long stay was aided immeasurably by God’s leading Gallio, the local governor, to hand down a decision that gave Christianity the legal right to exist in his province (Acts 18:12-17).

Groups and Factions

When Paul after a year and a half moved on to other areas, he was succeeded by a very capable man named Apollos (Acts 18:24-28). Though Apollos in no way encouraged it, yet some members of the congregation became his strong backers and formed an Apollos-party. Others formed an opposition Paul-party, and still others favored Peter, while yet another group claimed to be the true followers of Christ (I Cor. 1:12).

With the congregation in this state of confusion, Paul wrote to them the letter that we have come to know as *First Corinthians*. Essentially it was an attempt to unify the congregation, but

Paul realized that unity could be lasting and effective only if the Corinthians allowed Christ to dwell in their midst and to control their whole life and behavior. Hence, in following this approach, Paul gave them answers that are still valuable and pertinent for us today.

For example, in the first four chapters Paul speaks of the damage done to congregational life by factions and parties; in chapters 5-7 he speaks about the erosion of morals, about marriage and divorce as it occasions questions of various kinds; in chapters 8-10 he deals with matters of Christian liberty; and in chapters 11-14 he speaks of woman’s place in the Church as well as the proper use of special spiritual gifts, such as speaking in tongues. By inspiration St. Paul gives answers and insights that are as useful for our age with its questions and confusions as they were useful for the Corinthians.

Second Corinthians

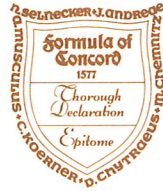
Paul’s *Second Letter to the Corinthians* reflects the joyful reconciliation that could follow after the Corinthians heeded Paul’s admonitions. Paul had sent his coworker Titus ahead to compose the difficulties that still remained after the writing of *First Corinthians*. When Titus returned to Paul with a favorable report about the situation in Corinth, Paul wrote *Second Corinthians* which deals extensively not only with the relationship between a pastor and his people, but also with the relationship of believers toward their God. The key to it all lies in Paul’s statement, “The love of Christ constraineth us” (II Cor. 5:14). Therein lies the motivation for all true Christian living, and the enduring value of Paul’s Corinthian correspondence is that it keeps that love of Christ constantly before our eyes.

It is well for us 12 times a year to hear selections read from these two letters, but they deserve more. The letters deserve a careful reading in their entirety and a diligent study of the content so that we may ever be the more constrained by that love of our Savior. Then our lives will show in ever greater measure that “charity” or love which “beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things” (I Cor. 13:7).

Armin J. Panning

400 Years of The Formula of Concord

THE AUTHORS

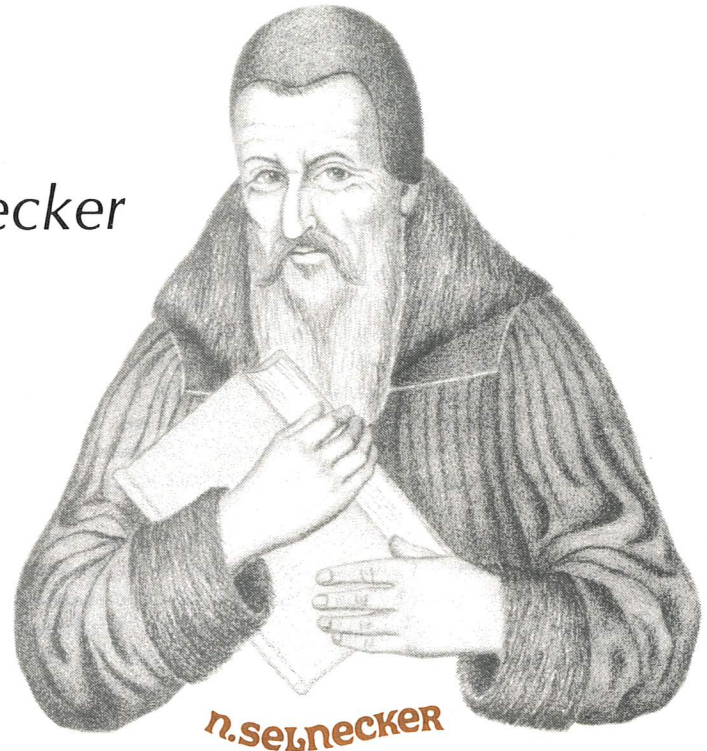


Nikolaus Selnecker

Of all the men who helped to produce the Formula of Concord, Nikolaus Selnecker is closest to us because we still sing a few of his hymns. Four of them are included in our hymnal — “Lord Jesus Christ, With Us Abide” (292), “O Faithful God, Thanks Be To Thee” (321), “Let Me Be Thine Forever” (334), “O Lord, My God, I Cry To Thee” (600).

Selnecker wrote only the first of the three stanzas of the confirmation hymn, “Let Me Be Thine Forever.” In the days when German was still the language of our church, that stanza, in its original German, was one of the most popular in the hymnal. Catechumens learned it by heart, and it was sung at the close of many services and meetings.

A careful reading of Selnecker’s hymns will show that most of them are rhymed prayers. They stand in sharp contrast to the great confessional hymns of Luther and his contemporaries. Those earlier hymns reflect the joyous faith of the Reformers, who had discovered the Gospel and were confident that it would transform the Church and the whole world. Selnecker belonged to the second generation, when setbacks of all kinds — wars, doctrinal controversies, divisions, and doubts — plagued the young Protestant Church. Many Christians then prayed with Selnecker: “Let me forsake Thee never Nor wander from Thy Word.”



Selnecker’s hymns also throw a good deal of light on his character. Like his beloved teacher, Melanchthon, he was a man of peace caught in the crossfire of doctrinal wars. Passions run high during wars, and men say unbelievable things about each other. The angry theologians of the late sixteenth century were no exception. They branded Selnecker a “weathervane and turncoat” because he occasionally refused to take sides. The wonder is that with all the turmoil, this sensitive, talented man contributed as much as he did to the Church of the Reformation.

Boy Organist University Student Court Chaplain

Selnecker was born in Hersbruck, near Nuremberg, but grew up and went to school in Nuremberg. His father, the secretary of that flourishing city and a

friend of Melanchthon, planned to have both of his sons study at the University of Wittenberg. George, the son of his first wife, was to be a preacher; Nikolaus, the second wife’s son, a lawyer. George was duly ordained as minister, but Nikolaus soon developed a greater interest in music and religion than in law. At 12 he was “boy organist” at the Nuremberg castle church; at 19 he regularly took notes on the sermons of two prominent local preachers and reconstructed the sermons at home. It came as no surprise that under the influence of Melanchthon he specialized in theology. His matriculation at Wittenberg had to be postponed a full year because a robber shot and severely wounded him on the eve of his departure. This brutal attack seems to have permanently affected his health and self-assurance.

(See next page)

Selnecker (Continued)

After eight years as student and assistant instructor at Wittenberg, Selnecker, on Melancthon's recommendation, was appointed a court chaplain in Dresden, the capital of "Father August," the Elector, and his pious wife "Mother Anna." During his seven years of service as chaplain, Selnecker tutored young Prince Alexander, directed the church choir, and wrote books on philosophy, history, and theology. He also married the daughter of Dresden superintendent (bishop) Daniel Greiser. The couple eventually had 15 children, of whom 10 died young. Selnecker's father-in-law was an outspoken champion of Lutheranism. The young man admired his bluff style, so different from his own, and at least once copied it when he delivered a series of sermons against the Elector and his noblemen, whose reckless hunting customs and game laws often resulted in the destruction of the crops of peasants. About the same time Selnecker found himself in growing opposition to the dominant court party, nicknamed "Crypto-Calvinist" because its members secretly favored Calvin's view of the Lord's Supper while still calling themselves Lutherans. Whether because of his blast against hunting or his adherence to Luther's views, or both, Selnecker presently found himself out of a job.

Years of Trial and Triumph

He did not have to wait long for another. Two universities, Tuebingen and Jena, called him to be professor of theology. Selnecker chose Jena, even though it was then under the control of the same Crypto-Calvinist party that had secured his dismissal at Dresden. Selnecker avoided any confrontations with the group, but two years later when militant "genuine Lutherans," or as they called themselves, "Gnesio-Lutherans," reestablished themselves at Jena, they interpreted his silence as collaboration. Punning on his name, they derided him as a "Schelmlecker" (rascal bootlicker) and "Seelhenker" (soul hangman) and summarily fired him.

Help came unexpectedly from Elector August, who had obviously overcome his resentment at being pictured as a reckless nimrod. He now offered

Selnecker a prestigious triple post as professor of theology at Leipzig University, pastor of the Thomas Church, and superintendent of Leipzig. Selnecker had hardly become acclimated there when the Elector granted him a two-year leave to help Andreae and Chemnitz organize the Evangelical Churches in Duke Julius' territories in Brunswick-Wolfenbuettel.

To prepare for this special task, he was asked to procure his doctorate from the University of Wittenberg. But in the disputation that formed part of the doctoral ceremonies, Selnecker got himself into trouble by certain statements he made on the sensitive subject of the Lord's Supper. Andreae and Chemnitz immediately demanded an explanation. Selnecker had hardly cleared himself with them by publishing his views in a document that he later admitted was "sound but slippery," when the Wittenberg professors attacked him for appeasing orthodox extremists. It was at this time that he composed his heartfelt hymn/prayer: "Lord, do not let me waver, But give me steadfastness."

His prayer was answered. For a dozen years after his return to Leipzig in 1572, his rare talents flowered. As director of the "Thomanerchor" of the Thomas Church, he laid the foundations of the famous singing group for which Johann Sebastian Bach 150 years later composed many of his cantatas. He himself composed over a hundred hymns and several pieces of music. And he kept on writing. During his lifetime he published the amazing number of 175 books and pamphlets. Most important of all, he became one of the big three who hammered out the Torgau Book and the Bergic Book and finally produced the confession we know as the Formula of Concord. He not only participated in defending the confession in an "Apology" but translated it into Latin.

Short in Life — Tall in Death

His troubles, unfortunately, were not over. During their long hours of work on the Formula, Andreae and he repeatedly quarreled over what they considered mutual insults. It is not easy to determine which man was to blame. Perhaps, as a modern author has suggested, both suffered from a case of

nerves. In 1586 Elector August died (Mother Anna had passed away in the previous year) and was succeeded by his son, Christian I, whom Selnecker had often held in his arms as a child. But Christian was a Crypto-Calvinist and preferred to have men of his party around him. So for the last time Selnecker was subjected to considerable vituperation and finally deposed. Though in frail health, he accepted the invitation of the city fathers of Hildesheim to be their superintendent and labored faithfully for two years in that city.

Then the unexpected happened. Young Christian died, and orthodox Lutheranism was restored in Leipzig under the regency of his uncle, Duke Frederick William. Selnecker was asked to return and insisted on going, against the advice of his family, for he was already at death's door. The 11-day journey to Leipzig proved too much for him. He passed away five days after his arrival in May, 1592, and was buried in the Thomas Church. A man of short stature, and often teased about it, he had composed an epitaph containing these lines:

Though short I was,
I now am tall. . . .
Sick am I of this world
and of its evil. . . .
So will I now in Jesus' arms
eternity record.

But only the following inscription appears on his grave: "Most illustrious Doctor, a very resolute defender of the testament of Christ."

Selnecker never really wavered in the essentials of faith, nor for that matter did any of the other founding fathers. That they were so often in discord was the result of human weakness. That their discord finally resolved itself into the "concord" of the Formula was due to the abounding grace of God.

Elmer C. Kiessling

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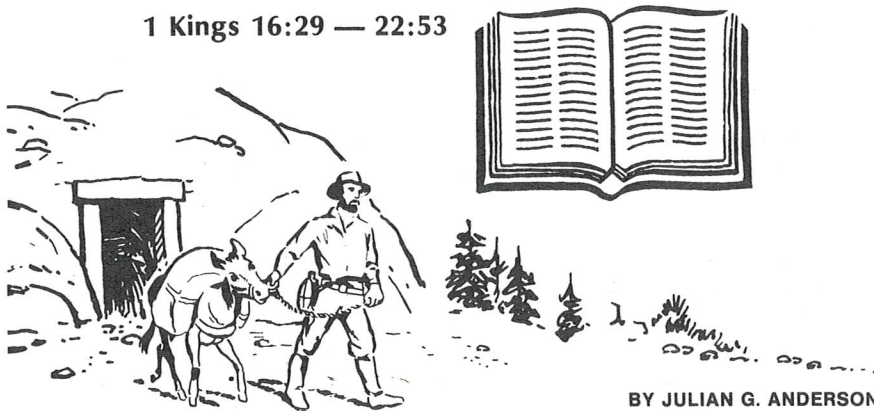
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Pastor L. J. Koeninger — Chairman

Mining the Treasure of God's Word

1 Kings 16:29 — 22:53



BY JULIAN G. ANDERSON

To get ready for our digging today, read over our last lesson, dealing with the early history of the northern kingdom of Israel, noting that it gives a gloomy picture of a nation which had by and large rejected the true God and was led by kings who were completely devoted to idolatry. Then we'll start work on

Chapters 16:29-18:46

First read the description the writer gives of Ahab's reign in 16:30-33, noting especially the last phrase of verse 30 and the last half of verse 33, which indicate that here we have come to the lowest point in the tragic history of Israel. Verses 31-33 supply the details in the story of Ahab's efforts to destroy the spiritual life of his people. The word "grove" in verse 33 (KJV) should be translated Asherah. It was a wooden image of the goddess Asherah (see note in the last lesson at 14:15). Baal was the chief god worshiped by the heathen people in that area, and Asherah was the chief goddess.

Now read rapidly chapters 17 and 18, which introduce one of the chief figures in Israelite history. Hi-lite his name in 17:1. This man was considered by the Jews to be the greatest of the prophets after Moses, which is borne out in the incident recorded in Matthew 17:1-5. Notice that at this time of crisis, when the efforts of Satan and his forces were reaching their climax to destroy the

worship of God among the people of Israel, God countered by raising up the greatest of the latter prophets. These two chapters record the climax of this great struggle. Observe the faith, courage, and the spiritual strength of Elijah as you read this story which is one of the most dramatic and exciting sections of the Old Testament. Note particularly 17:1 and 18:17,18. The climax comes at 18:37-40.

Now Turn To Chapter 19

Mark first the crushing reversal, from the joy of victory to the panic which caused Elijah to flee for his life; and note where he went (verse 8b). At this point even this great man was discouraged and disheartened (verses 9 and 10). Verses 11 and 12 depict one of the great, dramatic scenes of human history, as God demonstrates His awesome power (underline beginning at "behold"). But observe that the climax comes when God whispers to Elijah in a soft voice. There is a great truth here, that the greatest and most effective manner of God's appearances to men is in His *Word*. And it was God's words to Elijah that restored his faith and strength and courage (verses 15-18), underline verse 18. The significance of His instructions to Elijah (verses 15b and 16) is explained in verse 17, namely, that these men are to be God's tools in destroying Ahab and his family and rooting out the worship of Baal that Ahab had introduced. Eli-

sha would carry on Elijah's work, and this was symbolized by the throwing of Elijah's mantle over him (19:19).

Now Read Chapters 20-22

This section completes the story of Ahab's wicked reign by giving us a glimpse of some of his problems. Militarily his main problem was Benhadad, the Syrian king, and the invasion of his huge army across the northern border of Israel. Benhadad demanded that Ahab pay him a tribute of money, and also hand over the members of his harem and their children (20:1-4), a humiliating experience. When Benhadad demanded more, God showed His gracious nature by delivering Ahab and his people from the Syrians twice (20:13-20 and 26-30). This should have made some impression on Ahab, but didn't.

One of Ahab's main problems, however, was his greedy heart, as shown in 21:1-4. Remember that the Israelites were forbidden to sell their land, since it belonged to the family (Lev. 25:23). This is the reason why God gave the Israelites a special commandment about this (Exod. 20:17a). Another of Ahab's problems was his wife Jezebel, who was a completely degenerate woman. She was the one who led Ahab into many of his wicked actions (21:25). Chapter 21:5-16 gives an excellent, but horrifying picture of this woman.

After this sordid incident God sent Elijah to tell Ahab that he and his wife would both be killed as their punishment for this crime (21:19 and 23). Verses 27-29 indicate that this announcement stirred Ahab to remorse, but not repentance.

Chapter 22 closes this history by giving the account of Ahab's death in a battle with the Syrians (22:34-36). The rest of his accomplishments are indicated in 22:39. The significance of this history is that it shows the depths of corruption into which the people of the 10 northern tribes sank when they abandoned their faith in Jehovah, the true God. It also shows the awful depravity and wickedness to be found in the hearts of fallen mankind, and gives us a vivid picture of the results of original sin.

As pointed out in the last lesson, the history of the northern kingdom of Israel is no longer a part of the history of the promised Messiah.

50 Years in the Classroom



Miss SeVera Sauer

In a service of thanksgiving, St. Lucas Ev. Lutheran Church of Milwaukee honored Miss SeVera Sauer on May 15, 1977, upon the completion of 50 years in the teaching ministry.

Miss Sauer graduated from Brillion High School in 1926 and then prepared for teaching by attending what is now the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. She then spent 16 years teaching at St. John's Lutheran School, Two Rivers, Wisconsin, after which she accepted a call to St. Lucas. For the past 34 years at St. Lucas, she has been teaching pupils in the third to sixth grades.

She has also taught Sunday school and has been involved in the administration of the Sunday school for many years. In 1951, the organizational meeting of the St. Lucas Girl's Club was held in her home, and since that time she has served as its counselor. She has also been a member of the Ladies' Choir for 31 years and of the Ladies' Guild for 34 years.

The special service of thanksgiving concluded with congratulatory remarks by the president of the South-eastern Wisconsin District and representatives of the Synod's Board for Parish Education.

The service was followed by a reception in the school gymnasium. Many members of the congregation and per-

One of the traditional features of the Northwestern College graduation exercises is a presentation by one of the student speakers in the field of the humanities. This speaker chooses a topic suggested by the liberal arts portion of the curriculum from such fields as literature, philosophy, psychology, history, science, or education. This year the student speaker for the humanities chose the topic: "Skinnerian Psychology: A Revolution in Progress."

A proper Lutheran service cannot accommodate such more or less secular topics. Hence, a Northwestern College graduation is not called a service but an exercise.

Yet the traditional hymn sung at Northwestern graduations sets the tone for the exercises. "Awake, Thou Spirit, who didst fire the watchmen of the Church's youth" is a prayer that the Holy Spirit will send the young men

graduating from Northwestern forth as preachers of the Gospel. Despite the presence of a topic from the human side of the Northwestern curriculum in the program, and despite the prominent liberal arts aspect of their studies at Northwestern, the graduates of the school have been trained for the Christian ministry in our church. Most of them will enter the Seminary in fall to complete their training; others will follow a year later. The standard of 90 per cent plus of the graduates going on to the Seminary will again be maintained.

The invocation by at the graduation exercises, which were held in the college gymnasium the morning of May 18, 1977, was spoken by Pastor Henry Paustian, of Watertown, Wisconsin, the father of one of the graduates. The student speakers were Joel Fredrich and Thomas Nass. The president presented the graduation address.



Invocation by Pastor Henry Paustian

sonal friends expressed their thanks and joy and extended gifts of appreciation. In addition to a monetary gift, the congregation presented Miss Sauer with a mother's ring containing birthstones of all 12 months of the year. This gift was representative of the motherly love and concern which Miss Sauer has shown and continues to show to her pupils.

Miss Sauer's favorite Scripture is "For me to live is Christ." Over the years there have been ample demonstrations that Christ is indeed her life. For that, hundreds of pupils, past and present, give thanks to God. So do those who have worked with her.

NOMINATIONS — WORLD MISSIONS

The members of the Synod have submitted the following names as candidates for the position of Executive Secretary of the Board for World Missions.

Pastor Karl G. Bast	Madison, WI
Pastor Walter F. Beckmann	Annandale, VA
Pastor John F. Chworowsky	Hong Kong
Pastor Harold A. Essmann	Waterloo, WI
Pastor Karl A. Gurgel	Fond du Lac, WI
Pastor David E. Kock	Rhineland, WI
Pastor Leonard J. Koeninger	Plymouth, MI
Pastor Kurt F. Koepflin	Milwaukee, WI
Pastor Donald D. Laude	Jenera, OH
Pastor Richard E. Lauersdorf	Jefferson, WI
Pastor Carl S. Leyrer	Milwaukee, WI
Pastor Robert P. Mueller	Owosso, MI
Pastor Theodore A. Sauer	Portage, MI
Pastor Richard M. Seeger	Wauwatosa, WI
Pastor Ernst H. Wendland	Lusaka, Zambia
Pastor Luther T. Weindorf	Gladstone, MI

Correspondence concerning the nominees should be in the hands of the secretary no later than August 20, 1977.

Pastor William A. Meier, Secretary
5237 W. Thomas Road
Phoenix, Arizona 85031

.... Graduates 58

The following are the members of the graduating class:

Adomeit, James — Saginaw, MI
 Albrecht, Michael — Neenah, WI
 Balogh, Terry — Flatrock, MI
 Belter, Dennis — Eau Claire, MI
 Brassow, William — Cudahy, WI
 Connell, James — Downers Grove, IL
 Cortright, Charles — Anderson, CA
 Eggert, Jan — Manitowoc, WI
 Fredrich, Joel — Mequon, WI
 Guthmiller, Mark — Aberdeen, SD
 Heard, Jeffrey — Big Rock, IL
 Herman, Alan — Bay City, MI
 Hoffmann, Timothy — Renville, MN
 Ibsch, Paul — Columbus, WI
 Kelm, Daniel — Oshkosh, WI
 Kiefer, James — Cazenovia, WI
 Kneser, Thomas — Greendale, WI
 Kock, Mark — Manitowoc, WI
 Korth, Daird — Sullivan, WI
 Kraklow, Gary — Cudahy, WI
 Krigbaum, Thomas — Janesville, WI
 Kruschel, Jonathan — Menomonee Falls, WI
 Laabs, Terry — New London, WI
 Lange, Douglas — La Crosse, WI
 Langebartels, James — Crete, IL
 Leifer, Randall — Manitowoc, WI
 Leyrer, Joel — Milwaukee, WI
 Maloney, Mitchell — Rhineland, WI
 Mattek, James — Kaukauna, WI
 Meister, David — Brookfield, WI
 Merkle, Michael — Bay City, MI
 Merten, Philip — Waukesha, WI
 Nass, Thomas — Jefferson, WI
 Neujahr, Lee — Bloomington, MN
 Neumann, Roger — Merrill, WI
 Paustian, John — Watertown, WI
 Petersen, Timothy — Lawrence, MI
 Pieper, Donald — La Crescent, MN
 Pope, James — Racine, WI
 Punke, Leland — Brookfield, WI
 Putz, David — Fond du Lac, WI
 Rhyne, Robert — Brevard, NC
 Riese, Gregory — Brodhead, WI
 Schaefer, William — Milwaukee, WI
 Schroeder, Mark — Watertown, WI
 Schuetze, John — Mequon, WI
 Schwanke, Glenn — Manitowoc, WI
 Smith, Mark — Oconomowoc, WI
 Smith, Richard — Thomson, IL
 Springer, Carl — Wabasso, MN
 Steiner, Steven — Watertown, WI
 Tollefson, Donald — Vassar, MI
 Tullberg, Paul — Moline, IL
 Unnasch, John — Dakota, MN
 Voss, Frederick — Racine, WI
 Weber, Jeffrey — Sanborn, MN
 Winkel, Timothy — Sparta, WI
 Zak, Stuart — Sturgeon Bay, WI

NEW WELS CHURCHES

TIME AND PLACE

GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA

Bethany Ev. Lutheran Church, Granite Falls, Minnesota, has moved into its new house of worship. The address is 1580 8th Avenue, Granite Falls, Minnesota 56241. Services during the summer are held at 10:30 a.m. The pastor is the Rev. Paul J. Werner, Boyd, Minnesota.

NORTH SYRACUSE, NEW YORK

Cross of Christ Ev. Lutheran Church is now meeting in the Penn Can Shopping Mall, North Syracuse, New York. Services are held at 10:00 a.m. Names of prospects should be sent to Pastor Kenneth A. Kappel, 7426 Henry Clay Blvd., Apt. 61, Liverpool, New York 13088, or phone 315/457-3270.

Church Dedication at St. Luke's Vassar, Michigan

The members of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Vassar, Michigan, will long remember May 15, 1977. On this Sunday they dedicated their new church to the glory of God. During the three services approximately 2,000 people joined in singing praises of joy and thanksgiving to the Lord.

The speaker in the service of dedication was the Rev. Raymond Frey, Battle Creek, Michigan. Pastor Frey based his words of encouragement on I Kings 9:3. Pastor W. J. Zurling, Benton Harbor, Michigan, preached at the afternoon service of thanksgiving. During the evening service, the organ was dedicated to the glory of God. At this service Pastor Dale Tollefson, Huntsville, Alabama, a son of the congregation, addressed the worshipers, and Pastor Charles Bonow, St. Charles, Michigan, gave an organ recital. The

pastor of the congregation is the Rev. Orville Maasch.

St. Luke's new church seats 375 in the nave and 60 in the balcony. The first floor has a total of 6,600 sq. ft., the basement adding another 6,300 sq. ft. Buff-colored brick and oak wood are used throughout the building. The entire first floor is air conditioned.

Faceted glass windows in the nave and chancel symbolically portray the festivals of the Christian church year. The altar features a wood carving of the Lord's Supper. There is also a wood carving of the ascending Christ located above the altar.

Music for worship services will be provided by an eight-rank Wicks pipe organ, located in the balcony. Two ranks of pipes are exposed.

This is St. Luke's second church building in her history of 40 years. A white frame structure was dedicated in 1941. The members of St. Luke's give thanks to God for the growth which necessitated a larger building. To Him belong the honor, the praise, and the glory.

RAMSEY, NEW JERSEY

Triune God Lutheran Church is now conducting its worship services in its new colonial style chapel at 218 East Crescent Avenue, Ramsey, New Jersey. Sunday school and Bible class are held at 9:30 a.m., followed by a family worship service at 10:30 a.m. Names and addresses of prospects in northeast New Jersey or the New York City area may be sent to Pastor David Pagel, 218 E. Crescent Avenue, Ramsey, New Jersey 07446; phone 201/825-3816.

KETTERING/SOUTH DAYTON, OHIO AREA

Resurrection Ev. Lutheran Church, a new WELS mission, has established its permanent residence at 3560 Marshall Rd. Kettering, Ohio (South Dayton area). The worship service is scheduled for 8:45 a.m., with Sunday school at 10:00 a.m. Information and inquiries should be addressed to Pastor F. C. Knueppel, 1025 Cliffs Dr., New Carlisle, Ohio 45344, phone 513/849-9374.

TIME OF SERVICES

Ascension of Antigo, Wisconsin, has services at 7:45 a.m., St. John's of Pelican Lake, Wisconsin, at 9:30 a.m., and Grace of Monico, Wisconsin, at 11:00 a.m. — all on Sundays. Pastor of the congregation is the Rev. Dean Fleming, phone 715/487-5484.

COMING TO THE "51ST STATE"?

Vacationers embarking for Michigan's Upper Peninsula are invited to worship at our mission in Stambaugh, MI (on Hwy 2 next to Iron River, MI), St. Mark's Lutheran, 4th & Adams, 9:00 a.m. (CDT) Sundays. If you're heading farther north toward Isle Royale National Park, stop off for a 7:00 p.m. (EDT) Sunday service at University Lutheran Chapel in Houghton, MI. We are presently worshipping at the Christian Science Building, 2nd & Montezuma, in Houghton. The pastor is Thomas H. Trapp, 906/265-3665.

EXPLORATORY

MISSOULA, MONTANA

Sunday morning services are conducted in the conference room of the Red Lion Motel, 700 West Broadway, Missoula, Montana, at 11:15 a.m. Sunday school and Bible class begin at 10:00 a.m. For further information please contact Pastor Harold Wood, 2315 55th St., Missoula, Montana, 59801, phone 406/542-2034.

PLYMOUTH/MAPLE GROVE, MINNESOTA

Exploratory services are being held at the Greenwood Elementary School, 3635 Hwy. 1 (1/2 mile south of Hwy. 55), Plymouth, Minnesota. Please send referral names and information to Pastor Arnold E. Lemke, 7595 Minnewashta Pkwy., Excelsior, Minnesota 55331. For information call Mr. Richard Maxson, 612/425-6640.

LINDSTROM, MINNESOTA

Exploratory services are being conducted at Lindstrom, Minnesota. Anyone knowing of WELS members or prospects in the Lindstrom-Chisago City area is kindly asked to send the pertinent information to the Rev. Wm. H. Wiedenmeyer, 3000 W. 78th St., Minneapolis, Minnesota 55423.

OTHELLO, EPHRATA, MOSES LAKE, WASHINGTON

Exploratory services are being conducted in Moses Lake, Washington, at the Senior Citizen's Center, 608 3rd Street, every Sunday at 7:00 p.m. Sunday school is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. For local information call Mr. Julius Szabo at 509/762-9464. Submit names to Pastor Elden M. Bode, 5209 W. 5th Avenue, Kennewick, Washington 99336, phone 509/783-7265

Looking at the Religious World

information and insight

Gloomy Bright Statistics

Evangelist Bill Bright's "Here's Life, America" campaign was supposed to be the "greatest spiritual harvest in the history of the church." Its ultimate worth cannot of course be measured this side of eternity, but cold statistics suggest that in an earth-bound evaluation something less than heady superlatives will suffice.

As *The Banner* reports, the Institute of American Church Growth sought such an evaluation by surveying 400 churches in Indianapolis and Fresno eight months after the campaign was conducted in those areas. The results were surprising.

Churches involved	30.0%
People trained for the campaign	823
Phone calls made	28,976
People who heard "spiritual laws"	5,991
People who then made "decisions"	1,665
People who then began Bible study	242
People who completed Bible study	101
People who joined a church	55
People without previous church involvement	32

Reformed Catechism Revision

Old Catechisms, like old Bible versions, require language updating. At the August Synod Convention final touches will be put to a revision of our familiar Gausewitz Catechism that aims to make it speak the idiom of today. Such efforts are altogether commendable.

Changes in content is another matter. The Grand Rapids Reformed Press service reports that in the Reformed Heidelberg Catechism, almost as old and just as revered as Luther's, "hard language" condemning the Roman mass is to be softened in subsequent editions.

The wording in question refers to the mass as "an idolatry to be condemned." Now a footnote is to explain: "The catechism here uses the hard language of the battle fought over right doctrine at the time of the Reformation. The conflict between the interpretation of the Roman Catholic mass and the Protestant Lord's Supper still exists today. Condemnation, however, has made way for the ecumenical dialogue between the churches."

There are those who prefer Reformation battles and confessional condemnation to ecumenical dialogue and convenient compromise. Confessionism confesses truth, dialogue diminishes it.

Tale of Three Cities

In Detroit last October, 1340 Roman lay and clergy delegates met for a "Call to Action" Bicentennial conference. Their 182 reform proposals were to be acted upon by a subsequent National Conference of Catholic Bishops. Among the proposals were calls for ordination of women, married priests, new stands on birth control and divorce.

In Chicago last May, 250 bishops, along with some archbishops and cardinals, met to react to the proposals. For the most part they rejected. A strange concession to divorced and remarried Romans was made by a vote of 231 to 8. The excommunicated were welcomed back but were still barred from the sacraments. In almost all other major instances, however, there was little change. Even the matter of "communion in the hand" failed to receive the two-thirds majority needed for approval, although the vote was so close that absentee bishops are being polled to determine whether the two-thirds can be reached.

In Rome decisions are made that Detroit cannot overturn and Chicago must follow. Where Rome has spoken, as on birth control or ordination of

women, there can be no dispute. American bishops might ask Rome to repeal the divorce-remarriage rule, since that was a special law applying only to this country. But the Pope, speaking *ex cathedra* on issues of faith and morals, must be regarded by his people as infallible. Whether they like it or not, that's the spot Romans in Detroit and Chicago and Rome are on.

New Down Under Church

On June 22 a new church body came into being, the Uniting Church of Australia. Australian Presbyterians, Congregationalists, and Methodists merged to form the nation's third largest church of 200,000 members. The Anglican and Roman bodies are larger.

The thorniest problem that stood in the merger's way was the old division regarding form of church government.

THE FORTY-FOURTH BIENNIAL CONVENTION OF THE WISCONSIN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD

The Forty-fourth Biennial Convention of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod will be held, God willing, August 3 to 10, 1977, at Dr. Martin Luther College and Martin Luther Academy, New Ulm, Minnesota.

The opening service with Holy Communion will be held Wednesday, August 3, at 10:00 a.m. in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, State and 2nd N. Streets. First Vice-President Carl H. Mischke will preach the sermon. The closing service will be held Tuesday, August 9, at 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel Auditorium of Dr. Martin Luther College. Second Vice-President George W. Boldt will deliver the sermon.

The opening session will be held Wednesday, August 3, at 2:00 p.m. in the gymnasium of the college. Delegates are asked to arrive early enough so that they will have time to register before the beginning of the opening session. Registration will be made in the lobby of the gymnasium.

The theme of the convention is PUBLISH AND CONCEAL NOT. Prof. Arnold Koelpin will read an essay entitled: "Preparing a New Bible Translation in Luther's Day," and Prof. John Jeske will read an essay entitled: "Preparing a New Bible Translation Today."

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, 1977. Kindly address all communications to the Convention Housing Committee, Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota 56073.

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

Mail sent to delegates during the convention should be addressed in care of Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota 56073. Delegates may be reached by telephone by calling 1-(507)-354-8221.

Associations or organizations within the Synod planning displays for the convention should submit detailed plans (together with handout material) to the Praesidium well in advance of the convention.

Heinrich J. Vogel, Secretary

It was solved by the development of an elaborate polity scheme that includes a national assembly, synods in the states, regional presbyteries, and 1000 parish councils. There is enough variety there to satisfy Congregationalist, Presbyterian, and Methodist tastes.

A Sydney church historian, Geoffrey Barnes, predicts that the Uniting Church's most difficult challenge will come in its efforts to witness to the increasingly pluralistic and highly secular nature of Australian society. At the same time he sees "exciting possibilities" for the church in serving as a bridge between the old and new because of its proximity to the developing nations of Southeast Asia and the Pacific.

It is to be hoped that amid all of the challenges and possibilities the fledgling Uniting Church of Australia will

not forget that its reason for being is to preach Christ and Him crucified.

Strange Itinerary, Strange Views

Archbishop of Canterbury F. Donald Coggan's early spring travels involved meandering, in more than one sense. They took him from Canterbury to Nottingham where 2000 Anglican evangelicals had gathered for the second National Evangelical Anglican Congress. Somewhat later the Archbishop journeyed to Rome.

At Nottingham Archbishop Coggan exerted himself to get the Anglican evangelicals to cool it in the matter of a proposed vast evangelistic campaign to combat the nation's spiritual emergency. He said, "Some would feel that the organization of some great campaign, perhaps on an ecumenical basis,

planned centrally at a great cost of men and money, is the best way forward." Instead he suggested that a more likely way was "the stimulation of local effort and enterprise." In this the Archbishop makes sense.

It was another story when Coggan went to Rome for his first meeting with Pope Paul. After two sessions with the Pope, Coggan expressed these views: "Has not the time come when we have reached such a measure of agreement on so many fundamentals of the Gospel that a relationship of shared Communion can be encouraged by the leadership of both our churches." In spite of the fact that Anglican-Roman agreement remains incomplete even in "fundamentals of the Gospel," the Archbishop plugs for intercommunion. In this he is off the track.

E. C. Fredrich

LIST OF VOTING DELEGATES TO THE 44TH BIENNIAL CONVENTION OF THE WISCONSIN EV. LUTHERAN SYNOD

New Ulm, Minnesota, August 3-10, 1977

Conference	Lay Delegates	ARIZONA-CALIFORNIA DISTRICT Congregations	Pastors	Teachers*
Apache Black Canyon	Perry Duncan Dennis Kish	Peridot, Peridot AZ Resurrection, Phoenix AZ	David Gray Clarke Sievert Hugo Warnke Jon Mahnke Richard Yecke	James Dallmann Roger Sievert Werner Lemke
N. California S. California	Marcus Horn Donald McCain Todd Shaner	Beautiful Savior, Carlsbad CA Ascension, Escondido CA Prince of Peace, Yucaipa CA Shepherd, Albuquerque NM St. Paul, Douglas AZ Christ Our Savior, Angleton TX Mt. Zion, Hillsboro TX	Mark Hallemeier	
Gadsden	Steven Liebhard William Winter		William Gabb Myrl Wagenknecht	
Texas	Oscar Besler Gerald Mierendorf			
Conference	Lay Delegates	DAKOTA-MONTANA DISTRICT Congregations	Pastors	Teachers
Alberta-Montana Eastern	Elmer Bartling Robert Stohr Harland Palmquist	Holy Trinity, Lavina MT St. Martin, Watertown SD Our Savior, Brookings SD Peace, Clark SD St. James, Tolstoy SD St. Paul, Hazelton ND Zion, Akaska SD	Harold Wood Thomas Schmidt Durant Shook	
Western	Philip Weiser Elmer Randall		Gerhold Lemke Robert Weimer	
Circuit	Lay Delegates	MICHIGAN DISTRICT Congregations	Pastors	Teachers*
No. 1	John K. Thompson	Good Shepherd, Burton MI Zion, Broomfield Tp. MI St. John, Clare MI Messiah, South Windsor CT Trinity, Elkton MI Bethany, Saginaw MI Salem, Ann Arbor MI St. Peter, Plymouth MI Our Shepherd, Warren MI Trinity, Saline MI Beautiful Savior, Grove City OH Our Savior, Hart MI St. Paul, Sodus MI Bethany, Allison Park PA	Donald Krause John Brenner Thomas Pfothenauer Carl Pagel Philip Press Adolph Harstad George Tiefel, Jr. Jack de Ruiter James Naumann Elton Bickel Daniel Koelpin John Graf Kermit Biedenbender Erich Waldek	Daniel Boehm Ron Brutlag Martin Roehler Donald Habeck Scott Uecker Prof. Robert Schroer Robert Gruetzmacher Warren Hartman
No. 2	Orves Cook			
No. 3	Philip Frey			
No. 4	Adolf Frier			
No. 5	Kenneth Thumme			
No. 6	John Starr			
No. 7	Alfred Renz			
No. 8	John Woidke			
No. 9	Alwin Marion			
No. 10				
No. 11	Roland Blank			
No. 12	Theodore Froehlich			
No. 13	Charles Stadler			
No. 14				
Conference	Lay Delegates	MINNESOTA DISTRICT Congregations	Pastors	Teachers*
Crow River	Julius Becker Henry Ramthun Raymond Haase Robert Wiese	Immanuel, Buffalo MN Trinity, Buffalo MN St. Paul, North Mankato MN Zion, Island Lake MN	Norbert Gieschen Gail Johnson Oliver Lindholm Louis Meyer, Jr. Prof. Theodore Olson Prof. James Schneider Paul Otto Arthur Frenz	Harold Runke Ursel Seidl Joseph Lequia Prof. John Isch Prof. Ralph Swantz Howard Maertz Robert Wolff Prof. Ervin Walz Prof. Gerald Jacobson Prof. Frederick Wulff
Mankato New Ulm				
Red Wing	Adolph Peters Claude Oelkers Gilbert Lenz Kenneth Kiecker Melvin Wolter Leonard Carlson Howard Kemper Delbert Werner Russell Kennedy Orlin Plath Neil Krick Robert Polzin	Immanuel, Lake City MN Trinity, Austin MN Our Redeemer, Wabasha MN Emmanuel, Wellington Tp. MN Immanuel, Gibbon, MN Brooklyn, Minneapolis MN St. John, St. Paul MN Immanuel, Woodville MN Pilgrim, Minneapolis MN St. Andrew, St. Paul Park MN Cross of Christ, Coon Rapids MN Our Savior, Harrisonville MO	John Bradtke Edmund Schulz William Staab Prof. Robert Sievert David Ponath Keith Schroeder	
Redwood Falls				
St. Croix				
Southern			Carlton Palenske	

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NEBRASKA DISTRICT			
Conference Central Colorado Rosebud Southern At Large	Lay Delegates Fred Kudym Kenneth Karow John Moor Dean Wilmoth Don Raasch John Michel	Congregations Good Shepherd, Omaha NE St. Peter, Fort Collins CO Zion, Bonesteel SD Trinity, Halstead KS Zion, Fort Morgan Co First, Aurora NE St. Paul, Batesland SD	Pastors Gerald Free Theodore Kretzmann David Haberkorn Gerhard Eckert William Goehring
NORTHERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT			
Conference Fox River Valley	Lay Delegates William Relien William Allen	Congregations Immanuel, Greenville WI St. Paul, Stephenville WI St. Luke, Little Chute WI Immanuel, Clayton WI Immanuel, Waupaca WI Mt. Calvary, Kimberly WI Bethany, Appleton WI St. Paul, Dale WI Calvary, Abrams WI Faith, Marquette MI Trinity, Kiel WI Bethany, Manitowoc WI First German, Manitowoc, WI Trinity, Manitowoc WI Trinity, Wabeno WI St. John, Fremont WI Trinity, Redgranite WI Zion, Omro WI Bethlehem, Oshkosh WI Zion, Kingston WI St. Luke Oakfield, WI Martin Luther, Oshkosh WI St. Peter, Weyauwega WI	Pastors Prof. Wayne Borgwardt James Diener Richard Pankow Arden Wood John Mattek Arnold Meyer Frederick Mueller Prof. Paul Borchart Herbert Kesting Henry F. Koch Marcus Koepsell Alvin Kienetz Leonard Pankow Clarence Koepsell Paul Hoenecke
Lake Superior	Charles Krueger George Anderson Roland Redlin Oliver Kloehn LeRoy Steffenhagen Ronald Leppala Larry Herbst Reuben Sieber Elmer Paulmann Oscar Nass Arthur Rudolph Clifford Bakkom Dean Caswell Roger Radloff C. W. Eggers Lyle Plagenz Robert Schwanke Dr. Philip Froehlike Ralph Peterson		Richard Schwanitz Theodore Lau Norman Tech Frederic Heiderich Kurt Petermann Melvin Schwartz Richard Sonnenberg Robert Sonntag Raymond Spangenberg Eugene Baer Franklin Bowerman Allan Wrobel Thomas Koepsell David Lauber
Manitowoc			
Rhineland Winnebago			
PACIFIC NORTHWEST DISTRICT			
	Lay Delegates Oscar Freudenberg Dennis Twenge James Bradley	Congregations King of Kings, Kennewick WA St. Matthew, Spokane WA Faith, Anchorage AK	Pastors Darryl Bruemmer William Warnke Errol Carlson
SOUTH ATLANTIC DISTRICT			
Conference Florida	Lay Delegates Paul Elwing	Congregations Peace, Bradenton FL Mt. Calvary, Tampa FL Gloria Dei, Memphis TN	Pastors Mark Goeglein John Guse Julian Anderson
South Central			Teachers* Mark Boehme
SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT			
Conference Chicago	Lay Delegates L. Peter Sauer Thomas Bakjian Irwin Runge	Congregations Jerusalem, Morton Grove IL St. Matthew, Niles IL Palos, Palos Heights IL St. Matthew, Iron Ridge WI St. Paul, Lomira Tp. WI Redeemer, Cedarburg WI Gloria Dei-Bethesda, Milwaukee WI Redemption, Milwaukee WI Faith, Sussex WI Jerusalem, Milwaukee WI St. Michaelis, Milwaukee WI St. John, Newburg WI Salem, Cramer St., Milwaukee WI St. John, Vliet St., Milwaukee WI St. John, Mukwonago WI St. John, Wauwatosa WI St. Lucas, Milwaukee WI St. Paul, Cudahy WI St. Paul, Franklin WI St. Paul, Muskego WI Bethany, Kenosha WI Zion, Bristol WI	Pastors Richard Mueller Alan Sieggelkow Kenneth Gawrisch Larry Pautz Allen Zenker Prof. Armin Schuetze Prof. Edward Fredrich Richard Stiemke Herbert Kruschel Robert Michel Arnold Schroeder Mentor Kujath Prof. Luther Spaude John Raabe Carl Leyrer Martin Stern Reinhart Kom Adolph Buenger Lloyd Wenzel
Dodge-Washington	Armond Behm Edward Seigworth Wayne Palubecki Victor Manian		Teachers Merlin Putz John Bauer Thomas Schulz
Metropolitan North			James Behmer Daniel Gartner Michael Miller Duane Polack Gerald Berger
Metropolitan South	Alfred Mey Arthur Hering Gene Seidel Edgar Wiechmann Daniel Kolosovsky Frank Corona Mark Snelling Willard Meier		Roger Ehlike Jerome Zoellner Arlen Koestler Vernon Roemhildt Clyde Wobeck William Vilski Robert Hill Paul Nelsen Robert Arndt Darrel Kautz Timothy Schneider Raymond Mueller
Southern			
Lutheran High Schools			
WESTERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT			
Conference Wisconsin River Valley Chippewa River Valley Mississippi River Valley	Lay Delegates Ruben Krueger Melvin Pielmeier Julius Kletzke Frank Italiano	Congregations St. Andrew, Goodrich WI Grace, Wausau (Wayne Tp.) WI Trinity, Cornell WI St. Matthew, Winona MN Goodview Trinity, Winona MN First, La Crosse WI Grace, La Crosse WI Faith, Lancaster WI Mt. Zion, Jacksonville IL St. Paul, Hillsboro WI St. Paul, Hustler WI St. John, Kendall WI St. John, Barre Mills WI St. Mark, Watertown WI Good Shepherd, Beaver Dam WI St. Stephen, Beaver Dam WI St. John, Doylestown WI Bethany, Fort Atkinson WI St. Paul, Fort Atkinson WI Zion, Arlington WI St. Paul, Lake Mills WI St. Matthew, Oconomowoc WI St. John, Pardeeville WI	Pastors Henry Gieschen Roy Hoenecke Dennis Kempf Cleone Weigand Fritz Miller William Russow Henry Klug Edwin Breiling Robert Hartman Larry Cooper Ronald Uhlhorn Ervine Vomhof Myron Schwanke
Wisillowa			Teachers* (Central Conference) David Lose John Gronholz Victor Fenske Glenn Bode Daniel Kirk Lawrence Marowsky Kenneth Westphal (Western Conference) Dennis Steinbrenner Gerald Kastens Kenneth Pahnke Michael Peper Neil Scriver (Northwestern College) Prof. Carleton Toppe Prof. William Zell
Southwestern	Arthur Olson		
Central	Willard Drecktrah Raymond Moldenhauer Alvin Benzine Norville Lansing Arthur W. Duerr Lester Paul		
* Not divided according to pastoral conferences			

FLOOR COMMITTEES

Forty-Fourth Convention of the
Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod
August 3-10, 1977
Dr. Martin Luther College
New Ulm, Minnesota

(Note: This year the list of all certified delegates is being published separately. Most of the voting delegates have been assigned to serve on a floor committee, but not all. A few advisory delegates are serving on such committees as Press, Steering, and Convention Travel. When a delegate is unable to attend and his alternate does attend, the alternate is asked to serve on the committee to which the delegate he replaces was assigned. The exception is in the committee chairmanship. An alternate committee chairman, if needed, will be appointed by the Praesidium. — O.J.N.)

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 Prof. Robert Adickes



**NOMINATIONS MADE BY
 THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

of the WELS for the
 Forty-Fourth Convention, August 3-10, 1977

Commission on Higher Education, Chairman

Pastor Kurt J. Eggert, incumbent, Milwaukee, WI (SEW)
 Pastor Richard Lauersdorf, Jefferson, WI (WW)
 Pastor Gordon J. Snyder, West Allis, WI (SEW)

**Commission on Higher Education,
 Lutheran High School Principal**

Pastor Wayne Borchardt, Fox Valley Lutheran (NW)
 Pastor Robert G. Johnston, Michigan Lutheran High School (MI)
 Pastor David Worgull, Manitowoc Lutheran (NW)

Board for Parish Education, Lutheran High School Teacher

Robert W. Adickes, incumbent, Lakeside Lutheran (WW)
 Robert Sonntag, Manitowoc Lutheran (NW)
 Paul L. Willems, Manitowoc Lutheran (NW)

Board for Parish Education, Layman

David G. Bertram, Dallas, TX (A-C)
 Rudolph G. Cook, Milwaukee, WI (SEW)
 James A. Wade, incumbent, Watertown, WI (WW)

General Board for Home Missions, Chairman

Pastor Daniel M. Gieschen, incumbent, Adrian, MI (MI)
 Pastor Marvin A. Radtke, Eagle River, WI (NW)
 Pastor Larry G. Zwieg, Merritt Island, FL (SA)

Special Ministries Board, Pastor

Pastor John Guse, Lexington, SC (SA)
 Pastor Edgar Herman, Flat Rock, MI (MI)
 Pastor David A. Tetzlaff, Milwaukee, WI (SEW)

Special Ministries Board, Layman

Orval E. Behnke, Kewaskum, WI (NW)
 Herman C. Niemer, Winneconne, WI (NW)
 Richard G. Raabe, Wauwatosa, WI (SEW)
 Marvin D. Deines, Augusta, GA (SA)
 Col. Karl O. Kuckhahn, Steilacoom, WA (PNW)
 Clarence W. Saatkamp, incumbent, Milwaukee, WI (SEW)

Board for World Missions, Chairman

Pastor Richard E. Lauersdorf, Jefferson, WI (WW)
 Pastor Theodore A. Sauer, Portage, MI (MI)
 Pastor Raymond H. Zimmermann, incumbent, Glendale, AZ (A-C)

Executive Committee for Latin American Missions, Pastor

Pastor Harold A. Essmann, incumbent, Waterloo, WI (WW)
 Pastor Paul H. Kolander, Montello, WI (NW)
 Pastor Robert W. Meister, Detroit, MI (MI)

**Executive Committee for
 the Lutheran Apache Mission, Pastor**

Pastor Thomas B. Franzmann, Citrus Heights, CA (A-C)
 Pastor Robert L. Sawall, Lubbock, TX (A-C)
 Pastor Myrl F. Wagenknecht, Fort Worth, TX (A-C)

**Executive Committee for the Lutheran Church
 of Central Africa, Pastor**

Pastor David E. Kock, incumbent, Rhineland, WI (NW)
 Pastor Robert L. Sawall, Lubbock, TX (A-C)
 Pastor Glenn H. Unke, Manitowoc, WI (NW)

Executive Committee for**the Lutheran Ev. Christian Church in Japan, Pastor**

Pastor Ronald Freier, St. Joseph, MI (MI)
 Pastor Mark A. Goeglein, Maitland, FL (SA)
 Pastor Wayne I. Schulz, Rapid City, SD (D-M)

Executive Committee for Southeast Asian Missions, Pastor

Pastor Iver C. Johnson, St. Paul, MN (MN)
 Pastor Leonard J. Koeninger, incumbent, Plymouth, MI (MI)
 Pastor Larry G. Zwieg, Merritt Island, FL (SA)

Board of Trustees, Chairman

Pastor Carl S. Leyrer, incumbent, Milwaukee, WI (SEW)
 Pastor Erhardt G. Schultz, Durand, MI (MI)
 Pastor Robert J. Zink, Hales Corners, WI (SEW)

Coordinating Council, Layman

Milton C. Austin, Clearwater, FL (SA)
 William C. Hayes, Glasgow, KY (SEW)
 Max Lehninger, Jr., incumbent, Milwaukee, WI (SEW)

Frank J. Italiano, La Crosse, WI (WW)

Tony Kubek, Wausau, WI (WW)

John D. Steudel, incumbent, Appleton, WI (NW)

Northwestern Publishing House Board, Pastor

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 Pastor Walter H. Moll, Oshkosh, WI (NW)
 Pastor James J. Westendorf, Brookfield, WI (SEW)

Pastor Robert C. Hartman, incumbent, Lake Mills, WI (WW)

Pastor Howard W. Kaiser, Cedarburg, WI (SEW)

Pastor Ronald D. Roth, Milwaukee, WI (SEW)

Northwestern Publishing House Board, Layman

Herman P. Gieschen, incumbent, Wauwatosa, WI (SEW)
 James K. Huhn, Watertown, WI (WW)
 Duane Weaver, Big Bend, WI (SEW)

NOMINATIONS BY THE DISTRICTS

For Offices to be Filled by Election at the 1977 Convention
(The order is determined by the Districts
and at times expresses preference.)

BOARDS OF CONTROL

WISCONSIN LUTHERAN SEMINARY

MICHIGAN DISTRICT

- 1 Pastor
Edward G. Zell, incumbent, Detroit, MI
Erhardt G. Schultz, Durand, MI
Donald E. Kolander, Grand Blanc, MI

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT

- 1 Layman
Norbert Ehlert, incumbent, Thiensville, WI
Clarence Miller, Milwaukee, WI
Frank Voss, Burlington, WI

WESTERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT

- 1 Pastor
Emil G. Toepel, incumbent, Baraboo, WI
Ervine F. Vomhof, Watertown, WI
Gerhardt F. Cares, Columbus, WI

NORTHWESTERN COLLEGE

MINNESOTA DISTRICT

- 1 Pastor
Robert T. Beckmann, Wabasha, MN
Larry E. Cross, Rochester, MN
Mark L. Liesener, Bloomington, MN

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT

- 1 Pastor
Jonathan H. Mahnke, incumbent, Milwaukee, WI
Alan H. Siggelkow, Fort Wayne, IN
Paul G. Eckert, Greenfield, WI

WESTERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT

- 1 Pastor
Raymond A. Schultz, incumbent, Wausau, WI
Harold W. Sturm, Arlington, WI
Myron F. Sordahl, Beaver Dam, WI

- 1 Layman
George Reul, incumbent, Helenville, WI
Tony Kubek, Wausau, WI
Roger Hopmann, Watertown, WI

DR. MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE

MINNESOTA DISTRICT

- 1 Pastor
Warren J. Henrich, Delano, MN
Wilbert E. Neumann, Rockford, MN
Robert L. Schumann, Duluth, MN

- 1 Teacher
Darrell Knippel, incumbent, Minneapolis, MN
Paul Zimmermann, Lake City, MN
Ursel Seidl, St. Paul Park, MN

NORTHERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT

- 1 Pastor
Clarence Koepsell, incumbent, Oshkosh, WI
Richard K. Pankow, Appleton, WI
Glenn H. Unke, Manitowoc, WI

MARTIN LUTHER ACADEMY

MINNESOTA DISTRICT

- 1 Pastor
Thomas Henning, incumbent, New Ulm, MN
Erling L. Carmichael, Dakota, MN
Roger E. Vomhof, Fairfax, MN

- 1 Layman
Dr. Melvin P. Dumke, incumbent, Mankato, MN
Jon Scharlemann, Redwood Falls, MN
Lon Meyer, Marshall, MN

MICHIGAN LUTHERAN SEMINARY

MICHIGAN DISTRICT

- 1 Pastor
Herbert A. Birner, Burton, MI
Lynn A. Schroeder, Saginaw, MI
John H. Kurth, Bethel, Bay City, MI

- 1 Teacher
Milton Bugbee, incumbent, Bay City, MI
Daniel Boehm, Westland, MI
Ronald Zahn, Owosso, MI

- 1 Layman
George Reschke, incumbent, Stevensville, MI
Werner Rosenbaum, Saginaw, MI
Robert C. Garbow, Edmore, MI

NORTHWESTERN LUTHERAN ACADEMY

DAKOTA-MONTANA DISTRICT

- 1 Pastor
Thomas R. Schmidt, incumbent, Sioux Falls, SD
Robert P. Pless, Bismarck, ND
Douglas P. Weiser, Aberdeen, SD

- 1 Layman
Wilfred W. Bauer, incumbent, Bismarck, ND
Harlan Palmquist
Duane Kluckman

BOARD FOR PARISH EDUCATION

MICHIGAN DISTRICT

- 1 Teacher
Kenneth R. Nolte, St. Joseph, MI
Henry J. Meyer, Owosso, MI
Wayne Keller, Bay City, MI

MINNESOTA DISTRICT

- 1 Pastor
Donald W. Grummert, Minneapolis, MN
Iver C. Johnson, St. Paul, MN
David D. Meyer, Wood Lake, MN

WESTERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT

- 1 Professor
James A. Fricke, incumbent, Watertown, WI
Jerald J. Plitzuweit, Watertown, WI
Donald C. Sellnow, Watertown, WI

BOARD OF SUPPORT

MINNESOTA DISTRICT

- 1 Pastor
Walter J. Oelhafen, Sr., incumbent, Darwin, MN
Emil F. Peterson, St. James, MN
Martin L. Schwartz, St. Paul Park, MN

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT

- 1 Pastor
Winfred B. Nommensen, incumbent, Milwaukee, WI
Alfred M. Walther, Milwaukee, WI
Erwin B. Froehlich, Hustisford, WI

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DAKOTA-MONTANA DISTRICT

- 1 Pastor
Paul A. Stuebs, incumbent, Prince of Peace, Yankton, SD
Gerhardt H. Geiger, St. Paul, Roscoe, SD
Wilbert E. Schulz, Ascension, Moorhead, MN

MINNESOTA DISTRICT

- 1 Pastor
Martin C. Birkholz, Mankato, MN
Reuben O. Reimers, North Mankato, MN
Keith N. Schroeder, Minneapolis, MN

WESTERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT

- 1 Layman
Fred Roehl, Oconomowoc, WI
Webster Fischer, Lewiston, MN
Arthur Jerdee, Sparta, WI

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

(Submitted through the District Presidents)

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NOTICE

The regular plenary session of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for
Monday, August 1, 1977

at New Ulm, Minnesota, at 2:00 p.m. just prior to the convention.

Business to be acted upon is to be submitted to the executive secretary of the Board with copies to be furnished to the chairman of the Board at least 10 days before the scheduled meeting.

Norval W. Kock, Secretary
Board of Trustees

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Treasurer's Report

PREBUDGET SUBSCRIPTION PERFORMANCE

Five months ended May 31, 1977

	Subscription Amount for 1977	⁵ / ₁₂ of Annual Subscription	Subscription and Pension Offerings	Per Cent of Subscription
Arizona-California	\$ 407,124	\$ 169,635	\$ 163,809	96.6
Dakota-Montana	227,147	94,645	87,844	92.8
Michigan	1,206,145	502,560	438,666	87.3
Minnesota	1,293,291	538,871	534,738	99.2
Nebraska	242,910	101,212	94,885	93.7
Northern Wisconsin	1,385,482	577,284	518,777	89.9
Pacific Northwest	116,740	48,642	46,131	94.8
Southeastern Wisconsin	1,685,132	702,138	631,465	89.9
Western Wisconsin	1,592,486	663,536	600,717	90.5
South Atlantic	90,875	37,865	39,996	105.6
Total — 1977	\$8,247,332	\$3,436,388	\$3,157,028	91.9
Total — 1976	\$7,511,540	\$3,129,808	\$3,046,525	97.3

CURRENT BUDGETARY FUND

Statement of Income and Expenditures

Twelve months ended May 31, 1977 with comparative figures for 1976

Twelve months ended May 31

			Increase or Decrease*	
	1977	1976	Amount	Per Cent
Income				
Prebudget Subscription Offerings ..	\$7,849,960	\$7,293,877	\$556,083	7.6
Pension Plan Contributions	76,748	80,830	4,082*	5.1*
Gifts and Memorials	186,397	127,719	58,678	45.9
Bequests	71,914	88,880	16,966*	19.1*
Earnings from Fox Estate	52,494	44,486	8,008	18.0
Other Income	11,025	16,020	4,995*	31.2*
Transfers from Other Funds	90,055	94,633	4,578*	4.8*
Total Income	\$8,338,593	\$7,746,445	\$592,148	7.6
Expenditures				
Worker-Training — Expenses	\$4,874,329	\$4,503,822	\$370,507	8.2
Worker-Training — Income	2,110,108	1,875,459	234,649	12.5
Worker-Training — Net	\$2,764,221	\$2,628,363	\$135,858	5.2
Home Missions	1,570,320	1,496,957	73,363	4.9
World Missions	1,328,326	1,203,381	124,945	10.4
Benevolences	989,711	940,321	49,390	5.3
Administration and Services	695,787	728,798	33,011*	4.5*
Total Operations	\$7,348,365	\$6,997,820	\$350,545	5.0
Appropriations — Building Funds	200,000	198,916	1,084	.5
Appropriations — CEF Program	595,067	572,287	22,780	4.0
Total Expenditures	\$8,143,432	\$7,769,023	\$374,409	4.8
Operating Gain/Deficit**	\$ 195,161	\$ 22,578**		

Norris Koopmann, Treasurer & Controller
 Ronald H. Meier, Assistant Treasurer
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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:
July	August 5
August	September 7
September	October 7
October	November 7

NORTHERN WISCONSIN

LAKE SUPERIOR DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: July 26, 1977; 10:00 a.m. (EDST) Communion service.
Place: St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Gladstone, Michigan.
Preacher: J. Hanson.
Agenda: Book of Reports and Memorials (assignments by pastors and teachers); Election of Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer.
 A. Klessig, Secretary

WESTERN WISCONSIN

SOUTHWESTERN PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: September 27, 1977; 9:00 a.m.
Place: St. John's Lutheran, Hillpoint, Wisconsin.
Preacher: O. Heier; (M. Herrmann, alternate).
Agenda: Colossians 4: D. Falck; Active Listening as a Part of Pastoral Counseling: F. Matzke and J. Berger; The Sermon, Its Introduction: M. Herrmann.
 R. W. Kloehn, Secretary

MINNESOTA

RED WING PASTOR-DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: August 16, 1977.
Place: St. John's, Mazeppa, Minnesota; T. Haar, host pastor.
Preacher: M. Smith (W. F. Vatthauer, alternate).
Agenda: Synodical Actions; The Christian Man in Christ's Church or The Role of Men in the Church: H. F. Muenkel.
 W. A. Meier, Secretary

MANKATO DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: July 24, 1977; 2:00 p.m.
Place: St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, North Mankato, Minnesota; Reuben O. Reimers, host pastor.
Agenda: Discussion of Book of Reports and Memorials.
 W. E. Wagner, Secretary

NOMINATIONS

NORTHWESTERN PREPARATORY SCHOOL

The following nominations have been submitted for the deanship at Northwestern Preparatory School, Watertown, Wisconsin:

Pastor Walter Beckmann	Annandale, VA
Pastor Leroy Dobberstein	New Ulm, MN
Pastor Thomas Franzmann	Citrus Heights, CA
Pastor William Gabb	Houston, TX
Pastor Carl Henkel	Echo, MN
Pastor Ronald Kaiser	Appleton, WI
Pastor David Kock	Rhinelander, WI
Pastor David Koepf	Eagan, MN
Pastor Paul Kolander	Montello, WI
Pastor Paul Kuske	Saginaw, MI
Pastor Jon Mahnke	Carlsbad, CA
Pastor William Meier	Phoenix, AZ
Pastor Larry Pautz	West Bend, WI
Pastor Edward Pinchoff	Ann Arbor, MI
Pastor Ralph Polzin	Nicollet, MN
Pastor George Rothe	Brown Deer, WI
Pastor John Ruege	Oakfield, WI
Pastor Reuel Schulz	West Allis, WI
Pastor Alan Sigelkow	Fort Wayne, IN
Pastor Edward Stelter	Two Rivers, WI
Pastor Marvin Zank	Medford, WI

Correspondence concerning these nominations should be in the hands of the undersigned no later than July 27.

Walter A. Schumann, Secretary
 612 S. Fifth Street
 Watertown, Wisconsin 53094