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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. 1 Kings 8:57

Briefs by the Editor

In May the Committee on the Assignment of Calls faced the happy task of assigning 65 men to their first positions in the holy ministry. Their calls will take these men into 20 states of the Union and into five foreign countries.

Eleven of the candidates were assigned to positions in Minnesota, ten in Wisconsin, nine in Michigan. Three each were assigned to parishes in Illinois, California, Nebraska, Ohio, and Florida. Two each are going to South Dakota, Missouri, and Texas, and one each to Iowa, Arkansas, Indiana, Idaho, Alaska, Virginia, Oklahoma, Arizona, and Oregon. Those going to foreign countries will work in Africa, Brazil, Japan, Taiwan, and Canada.

This is a far cry from the day your editor remembers some 40 years ago, when out of a class of 26 only two received calls.

In reporting on the closing Seminary service, *The Northwestern Lutheran* of that day stated: "Although the discouraging fact stared us constantly in the face that only very few of the men training for the ministry should find

immediate employment in the service of the Church, and although the temptation lurking in such conditions was keenly felt by all, yet every one fought manly against yielding to thoughts of despondency and unfaithfulness. The graduating class numbers 26, but although the church work the Lord has placed before our very doors would easily require more than double that number, yet due to the fact that the means of supporting the men in the field are not forthcoming sufficiently, a goodly number of the 26 will be forced to remain idle. . . . The fact that our Synod cannot absorb the laborers the seminary prepares stands as a serious indictment against us."

The story is a different one today and is evidence of the blessings God is bestowing upon our Synod. Do we appreciate that as fully as we ought? If the account of some 40 years ago spoke of a real need for more than double the number in a day when we were represented only in 14 states instead of 48 and had only one foreign mission, the need for workers is surely much greater today. Give it your prayerful consideration.



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On April 26, 1978, Pastor Theodore A. Sauer was installed as executive secretary of the Board for World Missions succeeding Pastor Edgar Hoenecke. Pastor Sauer will have his office in the Synod Administration Building on North Avenue in Milwaukee. (See page 204.)

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Editorials

The Ultimate Reality He was 19 years old, studying aviation at a state university. He had many friends, both boys and girls. He went to classes during the week and to parties at his fraternity house on weekends. He came from a well-to-do family. He grew up with all the nice things — a big home, a good neighborhood, the right clothes. "I had about anything you could ask for," he said.

One day his only brother, to whom he was very close, was killed in a dune-buggy accident. "It's the worst thing that ever happened to me," he said. "I'd give everything to have him back."

An article on his experience comments: "Thoughts of death, the ultimate reality, usually don't linger in the minds of youth caught up in school and friends and good times." He confirmed this. "I'd never thought about death," he said.

Amid "the cares and riches and pleasures of this life," as the Bible puts it, it is easy to keep thoughts of death and eternity out of our minds — to ignore it, in fact. Until it strikes, that is. And sooner or later it does.

At one point in Jesus' ministry on earth "many of His disciples went back and walked no more with Him." This has happened repeatedly since that time, and it is still happening today. Many have drifted away and turned their attention to more immediate concerns, and they walk no more with Him.

Some of the followers of Jesus remained, however; and they had sound reason for doing so. "Lord, to whom shall we go?" they asked. "Thou hast the words of eternal life."

We all face death, "the ultimate reality." Eternity lies beyond it. Jesus is the answer, the only answer, to this easily-forgotten and often-ignored reality.

Will we also go away?

Immanuel Frey

More than "Ain't It Awful!" Christians can be notorious for shirking their responsibilities as citizens. Some may smugly lambaste the "liberal churches" for their social gospel and activism, while ignoring the Christian's individual responsibility to "show my faith with my works" (James 2:18). Some may piously pride themselves in having the "pure Gospel" but ignore obvious opportunities to exercise their Gospel confidence to testify to their society.

Many Christians may mutter at home how awful it is that their children are being exposed to irresponsible propaganda for evolution in the public classroom, but never trudge to the principal's office to complain. They may grumble "ain't it awful" at the supper table, but criticism sputtered into a coffee cup does little to change anything.

Other Christians may grumble about the immorality and violence displayed on television and yet refuse to pry themselves from their cushy recliner chairs to change the channel, unplug the tube, or write a letter of protest to the sponsor.

If Christians are really as upset about pornography in the grocery stores as they sometimes claim, they can do more than stew about it as they push their heaped grocery carts past the magazine rack. They can inform the store's owner that as long as that garbage is displayed in his store, they will take their \$40 of weekly business elsewhere. How many managers would trade a few clients like that for the meager profit they make from their pulp sales?

It's time Christians put their mouth where their money is. Money talks! So does the absence of it! Christians who want to testify to their disgust can. Whether or not it will do any good is not the question. Does the Christian really believe what he sputters? Is he willing to stand up and be counted even if he is in a seeming minority? That is the issue!

The Christian does not hope to create a perfect world here on earth. But the Christian doesn't have to let the trickle of raw sewage leaking from the cracks in society engulf his family without at least throwing up a few sandbags to slow the flow. Christians don't have to subsidize those who are pumping more sewage into the street and marketplace, either.

We can do more than helplessly whine "ain't it awful" if we really mean what we moan.

Richard Stadler

The State Can't Be Run Like The Church

Well-meaning Americans may believe that the State can be run like the Church. Not so. Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world." Caesar can only say, "My kingdom is of this world."

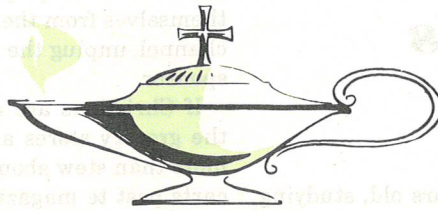
In the Church, the kingdom of God, forgiveness is all. The Law proves the need of forgiveness; the Gospel spells forgiveness. We live and die by the forgiveness of sins won for us by Jesus Christ. Even the most depraved murderer can find full forgiveness in his Lord and Savior.

If the State were to operate that way, it would destroy itself. Its first principle must be justice. Evil must be punished, and good approved and rewarded. The criminal must pay the price for his crime; the thief and the vandal must make restitution. To a degree the State may be "forgiving." It may, for example, reduce a sentence if the public welfare is not endangered thereby; but it forgives evil at its peril. The price for rejecting Genesis 9:6 and for not bearing the sword may be the Red Brigade.

In the Church there is equality. "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female; for ye are all one in Christ Jesus" (Gal. 3:28). Despite differences in aptitudes, skills, achievements, rank, age, sex, we all have equal standing with God. All are priests and kings, from the oldest to the youngest, from the strongest to the weakest.

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Studies in God's Word



When You're Alive

For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil and his brother's righteous. Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you. We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer, and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him. Hereby perceive we the love of God, because He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoso hath this world's good and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue, but in deed and in truth (I John 3:11-18).

Contrary to the old proverb, dead men do talk. They talk and think, eat and sleep, work and play. Yet in God's eyes they are dead because there is no faith in their hearts and no love in their lives.

In his "Letter of Light, Life and Love" John shows how to tell if you're spiritually alive. *When You're Alive*, he explains, you can expect

From The World — Hatred

"Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you," John told the believers in Asia Minor. They were not to be shocked at, but rather expect hatred, from the world. Ever since the fall into sin in the Garden of Eden, man's heart by nature has no love for God or fellow man. Instead, hatred broods there, planted by and patterned after the original "wicked one," the devil. This hatred manifests itself in life, in world wars and family feuds, in large upheavals and small impolitenesses. For the world, hatred is part of a way of life.

From such a world the Christian can expect to receive hatred, as the ex-

ample of Cain and Abel shows. When wicked Cain could not stand the sermon which Abel's righteous life preached, his heart rose to hatred and his hands to murder. It was more of the same when our Lord came to earth. Because His words and life exposed people's sinfulness, they picked up stones to throw at Him and finally nails to pierce Him. Nor is it any different for those who follow Christ. Our Lord has told us: "If the world hate you, ye know that it hated Me before it hated you" (John 15:18). From the world comes no applause or appreciation, but rather hateful words and hurtful actions.

As believers, we should not marvel if the world hates us. Indeed, we should marvel and then quickly check our daily lives if it doesn't! When we step away from a filthy-speaking crowd or shut our ears to gossip making the rounds, when we label abortion as murder and premarital sex as sin, when we refuse to play fast and loose with God's Word or to worship with those who do, the world will hardly applaud and scarcely love us. If we live our faith in

our daily lives, we will meet the opposition of the world, as John said. Such opposition hurts deeply and yet is a sign that we are alive in Christ.

For The Brethren — Love

The spiritual life God gives us when He brings us to faith, just as our physical life, is invisible in itself. But just as that physical life shows itself in what it does, in breathing, walking, talking, so spiritual life shows in its deeds. John mentions only one sign, "love for the brethren." Unselfish love for those who are born of the same gracious Father and members of the same glorious Family is one of the highest proofs that we "have passed from death to life."

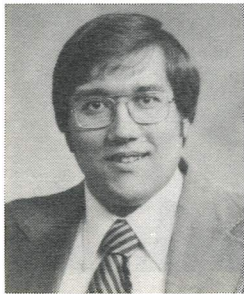
On the other hand, those who show no love for their fellow believers thereby show their lack of faith. Finally they even show they are still dead in trespasses and sins. There is no middle ground. Either it is life or death, belief or unbelief, love or hatred. No man can have persistent hatred toward his brother and love for God in his heart at the same time.

Left to ourselves, we could only hate along with the world. So John reminds us, where to find love for all men. He points us to the love of God which caused Him to lay down His life for us. God's love didn't give the least or reach out to those who could give back. It gave the best and it gave to the unworthy. Nor did God's love content itself with words. It went into action as Bethlehem and Calvary show.

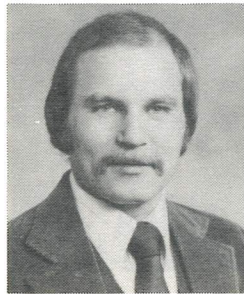
In that marvelous love of God there is both pattern and power for our love. As He pours His love into our hearts through Word and Sacrament, we'll have more and more the ability to repress our selfish reluctance and to express love for our fellow man. Perhaps the supreme sacrifice of laying down our life for another will never be asked of us, but daily those lesser, sometimes dull, often demanding, avenues of love are open before us. That word of comfort or pot of soup, that shoveled sidewalk or gift of money, that dreary household task or routine church work, those many slight sacrifices and small self-denials, which no crowd cheers or covers with applause, have meaning. They show that God has worked faith in our hearts. They show that we really are alive.

Richard E. Lauersdorf

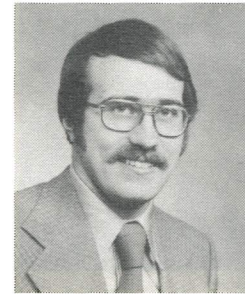
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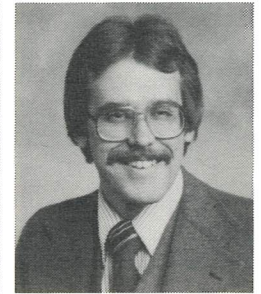
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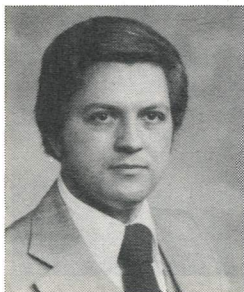
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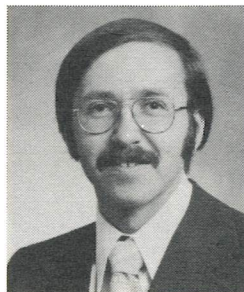
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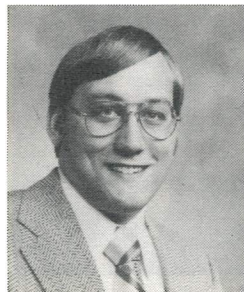
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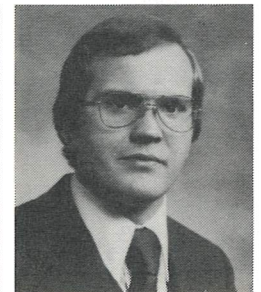
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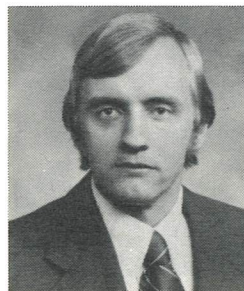
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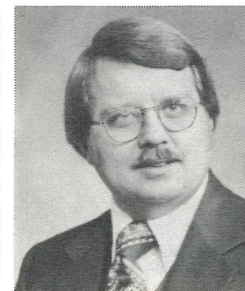
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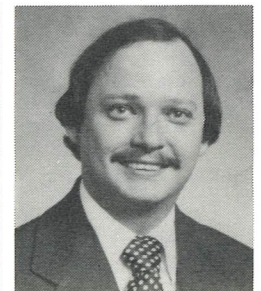
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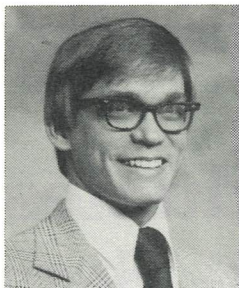
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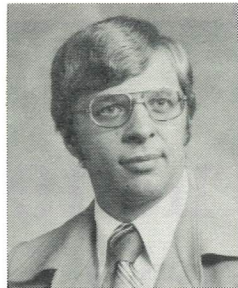
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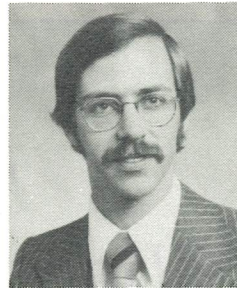
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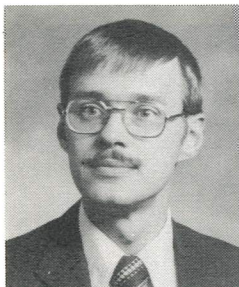
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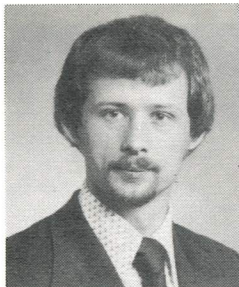
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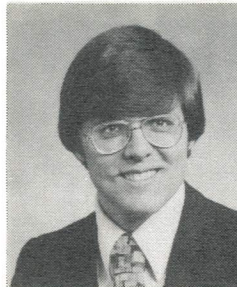
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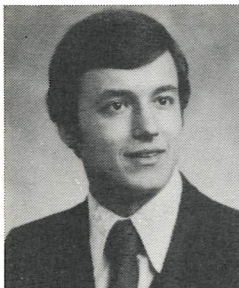
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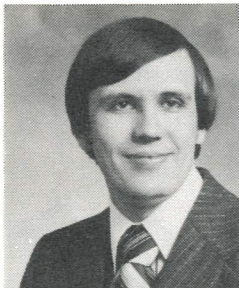
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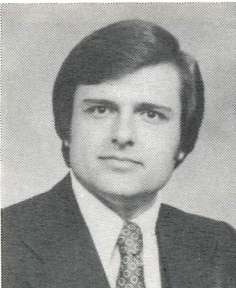
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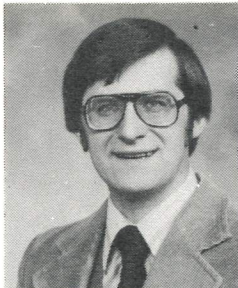
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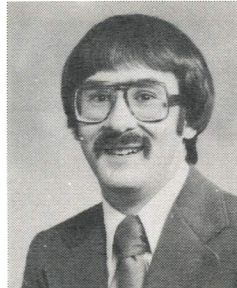
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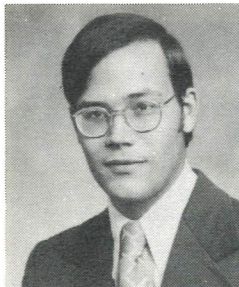
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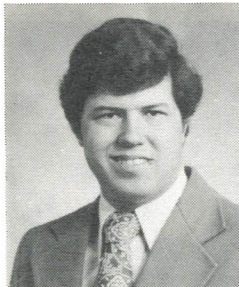
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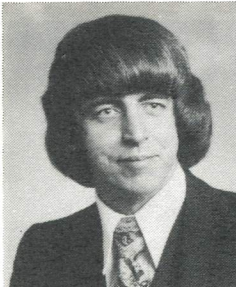
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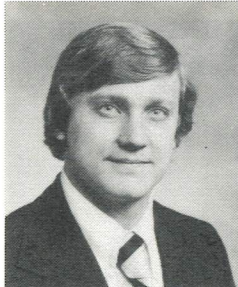
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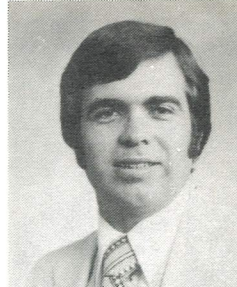
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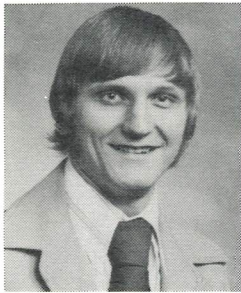
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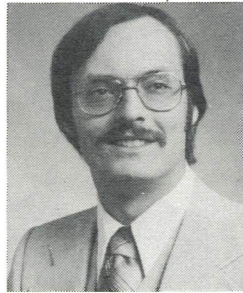
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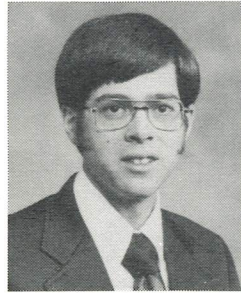
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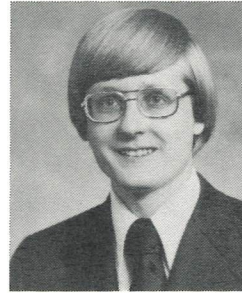
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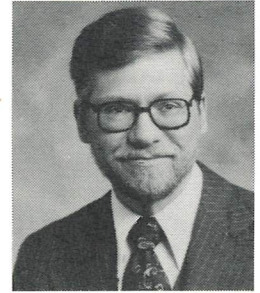
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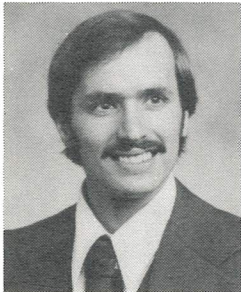
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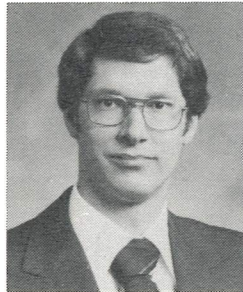
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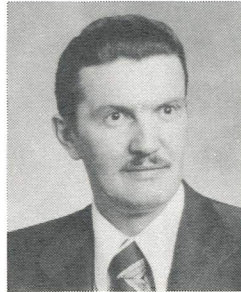
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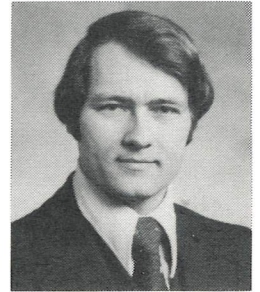
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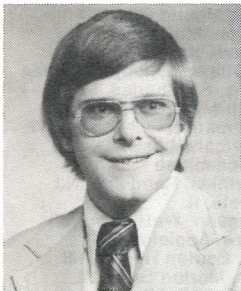
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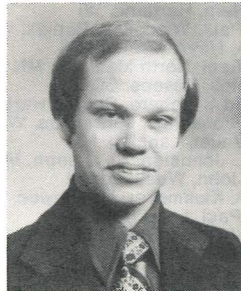
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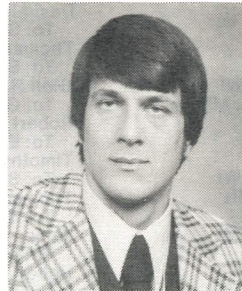
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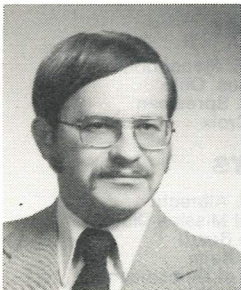
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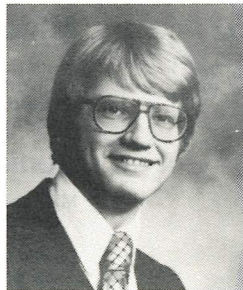
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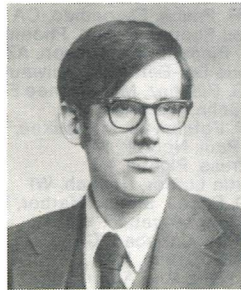
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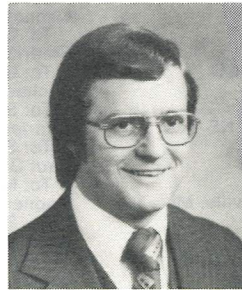
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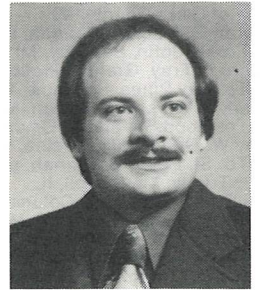
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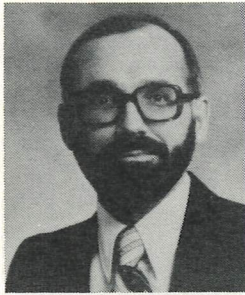
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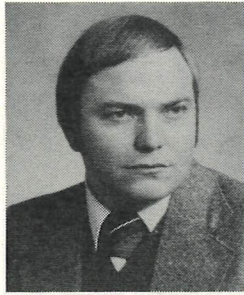
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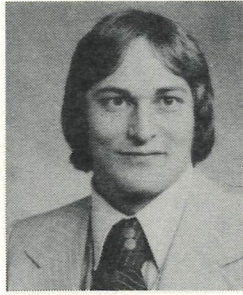
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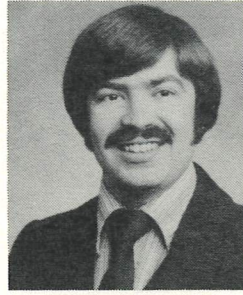
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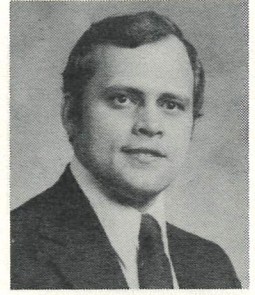
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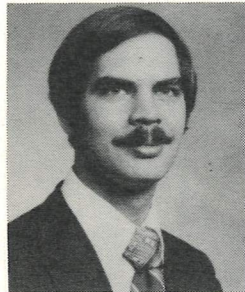
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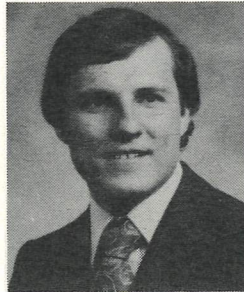
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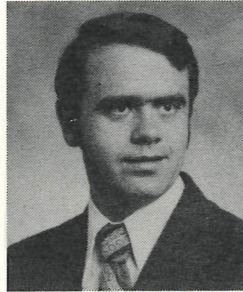
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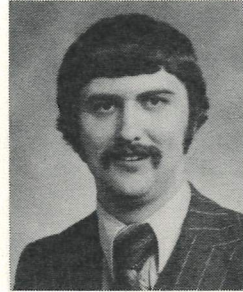
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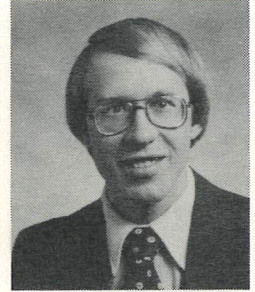
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Trinity, McCook, NE



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To: St. Paul,
Beverly Hills, FL



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To: St. Philip,
Milwaukee, WI

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To: St. John, Redwood Falls, MN
Jeffrey A. Berg, La Crosse, WI
To: Bethlehem, Oshkosh, WI
Philip M. Birner, Burton, MI
To: St. Paul, Hales Corners, WI
James C. Bourman, St. Paul, MN
To: Friedens, Kenosha, WI
David L. Carlovsky, Northville, MI
To: St. Paul, Ft. Atkinson, WI
Stephen Casaj, Northville, MI
To: Christ, Zumbrota, MN
Frederick W. Casmer, North, MI
To: St. Paul First, North Hollywood, CA
David M. Eckert, Saginaw, MI
To: St. Peter, Plymouth, MI
Kenneth A. Ewerdt, Brownsville, WI
To: Mt. Lebanon, Milwaukee, WI
David J. Farley, Rosemount, MN
To: WELS Congregations
of Clare County, MI
Doran G. Fischer, Neenah, WI
To: St. John, Bay City, MI
Marc P. Frey, Grand Junction, CO
To: Bay Pines, Seminole, FL
Mark D. Gieschen, Adrian, MI
To: Good Shepherd, Omaha, NE
Jay W. Gottschalk, Racine, WI
To: St. Peter, Savannah, and
Trinity, Mt. Carroll, IL
William P. Greenlee, Columbiaville, MI
To: St. John, Red Wing, MN
Curt L. Grube, Wauwatosa, WI
To: St. Stephen, Adrian, MI
David A. Grundmeier, Carroll, IA
To: Emanuel, St. Paul, MN
Alan W. Gumm, Slinger, WI
To: Grace, So. St. Paul, MN
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To: Zion, Rhinelander, WI
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To: Grace, Glendale, AZ
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To: St. Peter, Scofield, WI

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To: St. Paul, Wisconsin Rapids, WI
Thomas A. Heyn, Neenah, WI
To: St. Paul, North Mankato, MN
Glen R. Hieb, Roscoe, SD
To: Good Shepherd, Benton Harbor, MI
Robert D. Johannes, Milwaukee, WI
To: Emanuel, Lansing, MI
Timothy L. Johnston, St. Joseph, MI
To: St. John, Westland, MI
Thomas A. Klusmeyer, Manitowoc, WI
To: St. Paul, Lake Mills, WI
James H. Krause, Brookfield, WI
To: First Ev., Lutheran, Racine, WI
Robert W. Lehrkamp, Wauwatosa, WI
To: Zion, Columbus, WI
Mark P. Lindner, Franklin, WI
To: First German, Manitowoc, WI
Timm O. Meyer, Black Creek, WI
To: Bloomington Lutheran, Bloomington, MN
Mark A. Neitzel, Horicon, WI
To: St. Paul, Tacoma, WA
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To: St. John, St. Paul, MN
Kenneth H. Pasch, Escondido, CA
To: Good Shepherd-Zion, Phoenix, AZ
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To: Martin Luther, Neenah, WI
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To: St. John, Baraboo, WI
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To: Trinity, Saline, MI
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To: Peace, Sun Prairie, WI
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To: Grace, Oshkosh, WI
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David P. Russow, Sleepy Eye, MN
To: Trinity, Waukesha, WI
Mark J. Sattler, Onalaska, WI
To: St. John, Wauwatosa, WI

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To: St. Paul, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
Daniel W. Simons, St. Charles, MI
To: Zion, South Milwaukee, WI
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To: Jerusalem, Morton Grove, IL
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To: St. Paul, Menomonie, WI

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Frederic E. Piepenbrink
Columbus, Ohio
Edward A. Spreeman
Camp Croix

Juniors

Michael J. Albrecht
Colonial Mission District
Mission Board
Daniel W. Kelm
Garden of Gethsemane,
Omaha, and
SE Kansas City, MO
James L. Langebartels
West Coast of Florida
Philip W. Merten
McCook, NE
Richard K. Smith
Northern Area of South
Atlantic District

1977 Graduate

Roger W. Plath
Litchfield, MN
To: Abiding Word,
Houston, TX

Vicar Instructors Who Requested A Parish Vicarship

James R. Huebner, New Ulm, MN
To: St. Peter, Sturgeon Bay, WI
Glen F. Schmiege, Chesaning, MI
To: California Mission District,
Sacramento, CA

1977-78 Vicar Reassigned For Parish Vicarship

Robert H. Meiselwitz
To: St. Matthew, Benton Harbor, MI

Northwestern Graduates Fifty-Nine



It will be at least five years before Northwestern College can graduate a class of as many as 60 young men again. The 1978 class, numbering 59, is the last of a series of larger classes graduated by the college in the past 10 years.

All except one of the 1978 graduates has indicated his intention to enroll at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, practically all of them this coming fall. Add six to eight members of the Class of 1977, several members of the Class of 1976, plus a contingent from Bethany, and the Seminary can look forward to a first-year class of more than 70 in September. Northwestern College continues to send 90 to 95 per cent of its graduates to Mequon.

For such a harvest of workers we are indebted to the Holy Spirit, who has moved the hearts of these young men to consecrate their lives to the Lord's service in the holy ministry. It was fitting that this year, when the percent-

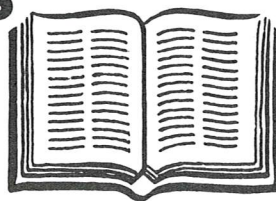
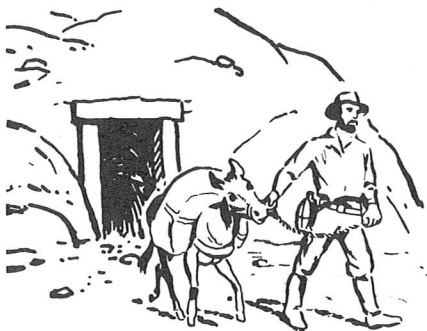
age of graduates continuing their preparation for the parish ministry was even higher than usual, graduation exercises at Northwestern College were held during Whitsuntide, the week of Pentecost.

The following are the members of the college graduating class:

Amborn, Keith — East Troy, WI
Barenz, Mark — Hartland, WI
Beck, John — Lake Geneva, WI
Becker, Bruce — Phoenix, AZ
Behnke, Thomas — Kewaskun, WI
Brinkman, Anthony — Oak Creek, WI
Dorn, John — Winona, MN
Feuerstahler, Michael — Milwaukee, WI
Fischer, James — Beaver Dam, WI
Fietemier, Curtis — Plymouth, MI
Free, Keith — Omaha, NE
Freier, Mark — St. Joseph, MI
Frost, Richard — Green Bay, WI
Gauger, James — Valders, WI
Gierach, Larry — Germantown, WI
Good, Jeffrey — Plymouth, MI
Gunn, W. Jeffrey — Phoenix, AZ
Hannemann, Bruce — Readfield, WI
Hella, Dale — Waukegan, IL
Henke, Mark — Kawkawlin, MI
Heup, Charles — Appleton, WI
Heyer, Philip — Fort Wayne, IN
Horneber, Adam — Bancroft, MI
Janke, Paul — Fond du Lac, WI
Klessig, Dale — Newton, WI

Krause, Richard — Brookfield, WI
Kuehl, David — Watertown, WI
Kujawski, Robert — Wauwatosa, WI
Marggraf, Bruce — San Rafael, CA
Mischke, Steven — Juneau, WI
Monthie, Steven — Hudson, NY
Natsis, William — Bay City, MI
Nelson, James — Bismarck, ND
Neumann, Marcus — St. Paul, MN
Panitzke, Peter — Redwood Falls, MI
Payne, David — Neenah, WI
Pope, Stephen — Mequon, WI
Prell, Conrad — Kendall, WI
Proeber, James — West Allis, WI
Radtke, Nathan — Merritt Island, FL
Rieke, Mark — Tomah, WI
Rossman, Jonathan — Jenera, OH
Ruege, John — Oakfield, WI
Schallert, Jeffrey — Milwaukee, WI
Scheuerlein, Don — Bay City, MI
Schmelzer, Daniel — Remus, MI
Schmidt, Russell — Two Rivers, WI
Schulz, Gregory — Sussex, WI
Schulz, Mark — Saginaw, MI
Smith, Thomas — La Crescent, MN
Spaude, Michael — Wauwatosa, WI
Thierfelder, Paul — Appleton, WI
Unke, Timothy — Manitowoc, WI
Voss, David — Green Bay, WI
Wagner, Mark — Norfolk, NE
Wales, Earl — Garfield, MN
Wolff, Michael — Appleton, WI
Wright, Stephen — Bismarck, ND
Zell, Paul — Watertown, WI

Mining the Treasure of God's Word



Jeremiah 1 — 6

BY JULIAN G. ANDERSON

Before you begin your work today be sure that you are familiar with the story of Josiah's reformation as given in II Chronicles 34-35 or II Kings 22-23:30, since our work today deals with the other great Prophet who began his work during this period. When ready, turn to

Jeremiah 1

Here Jeremiah introduces himself and tells how God called him to be His prophet or spokesman. Note that he came from a priestly family (verse 1). Anathoth was about five miles north of Jerusalem, and the date of Jeremiah's call (verse 2) would be about 627 B.C., just after Josiah had begun his reformation (II Chron. 34:3b-7). Verse 3 tells us that God continued to speak to him for the next 40 years, an exciting and tragic period for the Jews.

The words of his call are recorded in verses 4-10, calling him to speak not to the Jews alone, but to all the nations (last phrase verse 5, underline). Note his modesty in verse 6, mindful of Moses (Exod. 3:11; 4:1,10), and God's response (verse 9a) and reply (verse 9b, underline). Verse 9b gives a perfect definition of a prophet, and verse 10 supplies a fine definition of a prophet's work.

The vision of the almond tree in verse 11 was to be an assuring sign for Jeremiah. The Hebrew name for the almond actually means watchful or awake, because it was the first of the trees to awaken to new life each year, in January. God then explains the vision in verse 12.

The next vision is described in verse 13 and explained in verses 14-16 (underline 14 and 16). This was to be the

general theme of Jeremiah's message to the people of Judah, which explains why he was called "the weeping Prophet."

God then commissioned Jeremiah and sent him off to work (verses 17-19). Note that he was to speak to the king, princes, priests, and people (verse 18b, hi-lite these words wherever they occur), and that God warned him that he would be an unpopular man; but the closing promise would sustain him (underline).

Next, Chapters 2-6

Here we have the first two of six messages God gave to Jeremiah to deliver during the latter part of Josiah's reign (627-609). In the first message (chapters 2-3:5) God looks back fondly to the time following the exodus (2:2,3), and then sadly recalls what happened afterwards, in the time of the judges to the present (2:4-8, underline verses 7 and 8). In chapter 2:9 God warns them that He is going to contend with them and tells them why (verses 11-13, underline). Chapter 2:14,15 refers to the northern kingdom of Israel, already destroyed, and in verses 16-19 God warns the people of Judah that no foreign alliances will help them and that they have brought about their own destruction (verse 17, underline). In chapter 2:20,21 God speaks of His past mercies and their past unfaithfulness (underline verse 21); and in verses 22-34 He denounces them for their refusal to repent and their idolatries, despite the fact that He has often chastened them (verse 30a) and sent them prophets whom they have killed (verse 30b, underline all of verse 30). Then He announces His judgment in verse 35b

(underline), telling them that they will be carried away from their land as captives (verse 37a, underline). In chapter 3:1-5 He again rebukes them for their idolatry, calling it spiritual whoredom, and pleads with them to repent (last phrase in verse 1 and verse 4, underline).

The second message (3:6-6:30) deals with the same subject, speaking to both Israel and Judah (hi-lite the names in chapter 3:6-11 and underline verses 6, 10, and 11). Verse 10 refers to Josiah's unsuccessful efforts at reformation. In verses 12-22a God calls on the people of Israel living in Judah to repent (underline verses 12 and 14). Chapter 3:17,18 points to Christ's Messianic kingdom for fulfillment (underline). Verses 22b-25 record Jeremiah's confession on behalf of his people (underline verse 25b), and chapter 4:1,2 records God's gracious promise (underline verse 1).

In chapters 4:3-6:30 God speaks to the people of Judah, sounding the alarm in chapter 4:15-18 (underline verses 5-7 and 13, noting that verses 7 and 10 refer to Nebuchadnezzar), calling for repentance (verses 8a and 14, underline), and telling them again that they have brought this on themselves (verse 18, underline). Verse 19 expresses Jeremiah's sorrow over the coming destruction which he describes so vividly in verses 20-31 (underline verse 27 and hi-lite the phrase "yet will I not make a full end" here and in 5:10 and 18). Chapter 5:1-6 reminds us of Genesis 18:16-33, as God looks in vain for one righteous man in Judah. Thus the destruction will come (verse 6, underline), as God mourns over them (verses 7-9), and states that the faithful remnant will not be destroyed with the wicked (verses 10-13, underline 10a). Verses 14-18 describe the Babylonians and their destruction of Jerusalem and Judah, and verse 19 states the reason (underline, noting again the reference to the coming captivity). In chapter 5:20-31 God speaks plainly to His rebellious people and again sounds the alarm (chapter 6:1-7), calls them to repent (verses 8 and 16, underline), even though He knows they will not listen (verse 10), announces their doom (verses 11-15 and 18-21), and again describes the Babylonians (verses 22-26). The last verse is spoken to Jeremiah (underline verses 22 and 23).

A Chewing Gum Deficit!

The other day I read that the annual bill for chewing gum in the United States figures out to about \$5.00 per capita. If we apply that average to the members of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, our members spend about \$2 million annually for a good chew or bubble.

Another statistic. Last year our members contributed \$8.2 million for the work of the Synod. If we place the two statistics side by side, does that mean that the work of the Synod was only four times as important to us as our chewing gum? No, that is not why I am citing the gum statistic. Let me tell you why.

For the Synod's next fiscal year (7/1/78) to 6/30/79) there is an anticipated deficit of \$250,000, and if there were not a balance of \$100,000 from the current fiscal year, the deficit would amount to \$350,000. This is not a large sum, but it could be the snowball of an avalanche to come. Perhaps if we look at the deficit in the light of our annual chewing gum bill, the deficit will not appear so daunting. A Synod which spends \$2 million on its gum chewing will not be particularly frightened by a \$350,000 deficit.

There are two principal reasons for the deficit. First, a scheduled reduction of 4% in budget requests could not be carried out because of the inflationary pressures. Budgets were allowed to stand, therefore, at levels modestly higher than the current fiscal year's budget. Not making the scheduled 4% cut added about \$300,000 to the budget.

Secondly, all 10 missionaries authorized by the 1977 convention have been funded. In October of 1977 the Coordinating Council funded the first five. In April of 1978 the Council funded the remaining five effective July 1, 1978.

Estimating the impact of these missionaries on the budget is difficult. We cannot tell the Holy Spirit which pastor should accept the call as one of the missionaries. For example, according to the schedule of the World Board, the five missionaries authorized last Octo-

ber were supposed to be on the Synod's payroll by the end of June. So far, only one is. Using the best judgment it could muster, the Coordinating Council added \$115,000 to the budget for new missionaries.

If we add the cost of eliminating the 4% reduction and the estimated \$115,000 for the missionaries, we have an estimated deficit for next fiscal year of \$350,000 (this is reduced to \$250,000 by a balance of \$100,000 this fiscal year). Compared to the total budget of over \$10 million, this deficit is a "chewing gum deficit." But there is another way to erase the deficit besides reducing our chewing gum consumption by 15% and giving the savings to missions.

the deficit. Not so that we might be able to say, We made it! but that the measure of our gratitude may begin to approach the great grace of God to us. Great is His grace and great should be our gratitude."

The Board of Trustees approved the deficit budget. According to Pastor Carl S. Leyrer, chairman of the board, the budget was approved "with the firm conviction that the full program presented in this deficit budget must be implemented and that our congregations will rise to the challenge as they have in the past."

But at the same time, Pastor Leyrer said, the trustees sound a "serious warning." Deficit spending "cannot continue." The trustees feel that it is not "irresponsible to view 1978-79 as a test year — a faith year, if you will. However, if the challenge is not met with significantly increased offerings, there will be no alternative but to make some drastic cuts in the budgets and

BUDGET SUMMARY 1978-79

Worker-Training Division	\$ 3,453,881
Home Missions Division	2,098,718
World Missions Division	1,632,870
Benevolences Division	1,088,830
Administration & Services Division	935,474
Church Extension Fund	781,150
Educational Institution Building Fund	220,000
Estimated Cost of Missionaries	115,000
TOTAL BUDGET	\$10,325,923
Less Vacancies*	250,000
Anticipated Actual Expenditures	\$10,075,923
Estimated Income	9,722,200
Estimated Deficit	\$ 353,723
Less Balance from Previous Year	104,390
Net Deficit	\$ 249,333

*There are always vacancies at our Synodical schools and in our home and world mission fields as workers retire or accept calls elsewhere. This sum reflects an educated guess as to how much these vacancies will "save" the budget. There is also a modest figure for underexpenditures included in this figure.

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The Coordinating Council pointed out that St. Paul was also writing to Wisconsin Synod Lutherans when he wrote: "As you abound in everything, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that you abound in this grace (of giving) also" (II Cor. 8:7). "It is the hope-filled prayer of the Coordinating Council," the Council said, "that we who abound in everything will also abound in offerings sufficient to cover

programs for 1979-80." The Coordinating Council heard the trustees and understood! We must all hear and understand!

It is the prayer of the Coordinating Council that God may continue to bless His folk in the Wisconsin Synod as they draw their strength from Christ who promised that whoever abides in Him "the same bringeth forth much fruit" — "much fruit," both the adjective and the noun are significant (John 15:5). "Much fruit," that's what He said.

James P. Schaefer

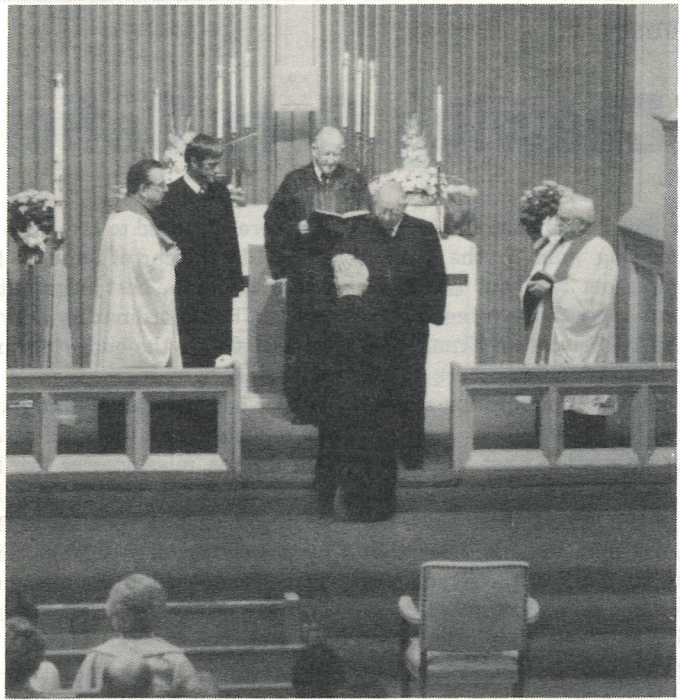
Passing the Torch!

Although slightly more than one-tenth of one per cent of our Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod constituency personally witnessed and participated in the service which saw Theodore A. Sauer installed as the new Executive Secretary for the Board for World Missions, yet the event itself will touch the lives of every member of our Synod. As of April 26, 1978, a name other than Executive Secretary Edgar H. Hoenecke will carry on the responsible tasks of directing and coordinating the world-mission efforts of our Wisconsin Synod.



Pastor and Mrs. Sauer

All who gathered at Atonement Church in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, during the days of the Synodical Council meetings were keenly aware of the historical significance of this service. Ever since the exploration days of the early 1950s when the now sainted Pastor Arthur G. Wacker and Pastor Hoenecke traveled to southern Africa to find a suitable place to begin a world mission outside of the continental United States, the work of guiding the promising program of world missions had



President O. J. Naumann blessing Pastor Sauer. Participating (left to right) were Pastors Koeplin, Meier, Zimmermann, and Hoenecke.

been placed into the hands of Pastor Hoenecke. For over a quarter of a century, as God blessed our world outreach program with an evergrowing roster of countries where the WELS presence was being felt as the Gospel was being shared, the inspirational leadership of Edgar Hoenecke was in the forefront of the efforts.

Even as our Synod convention of 1977 marked a new era of world-mission work with the authorization of 10 new expatriate missionaries in one biennium — the largest number in our entire history ever authorized at one time — so also are we passing into a new phase of world missions with the installation of Pastor T. A. Sauer.

As was noted by the retiring executive secretary in his sermon, God has given us in the person of Pastor Sauer a man singularly well equipped to carry on and expand the work of world missions. Pastor Sauer has been a parish pastor, an expatriate missionary, a field superintendent in our largest and oldest overseas mission, the Lutheran Church of Central Africa, and a district president. He brings to the office, in "phase two of world missions," gifts which are eminently suitable to the wonderful challenges God is giving us all over His green globe.

From the opening chorale selection by the male chorus of our Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, "A Mighty Fortress," to the moving choral prayer, "Forsake Me Not," sung by the chorus at the close, the entire service reflected a mood of joy, praise, and thanksgiving to a gracious God. Assisting in the service were President Oscar J. Naumann, Pastor Raymond Zimmermann, chairman of the Board for World Missions, and Pastor William A. Meier, secretary of the board. The preacher was Pastor Hoenecke. The preacher Kurt F. Koeplin served as the liturgist. The chorus was directed by Prof. Martin Albrecht, while Seminarian Mark Bitter served as the organist. The Ladies Aid of Atonement served the light refreshments at the brief reception which followed the service.

Someone once said, "The light that shines the farthest, shines the brightest at home." As long as our Synod is intent upon letting the Gospel light of Jesus Christ shine into the remotest corners of this sin-darkened world, the Hand of blessing will continue to rest upon our stateside-based Synod. This was seen again on April 26 as one of the faithful torchbearers passed it on to his successor. Soli Deo Gloria!

Kurt F. Koeplin



WLCFS Chaplain Installed

With great joy, 220 residents, relatives, and friends of Wisconsin Lutheran Child and Family Service gathered in the agency's Bethany Chapel on Sunday, April 16, 1978, to participate in the installation of Pastor Gerhard Schmeling as the WLCFS chaplain.

Since the death of the former chaplain, Pastor Harvey Heckendorf, in January of 1978, the 161 residents

who make their home at WLCFS had been prayerfully anticipating this day. The aging and infirm among our brothers and sisters in Christ particularly need the regular ministry of the Gospel in Word and Sacrament. Thus, this installation service was an answer to prayer and a fulfillment of a specific need.

Prof. I. Habeck of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary delivered the installation

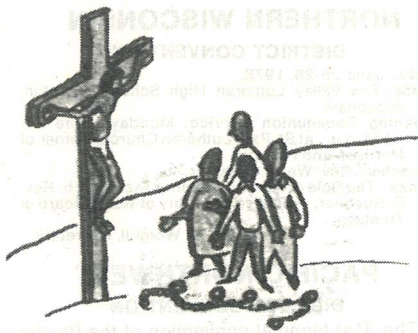
sermon; Pastor E. F. Lehninger, the Executive Director at WLCFS, read the rite of installation, assisted by Pastor M. Braun who had been sharing some of the chaplaincy responsibilities during the interim.

Chaplain Schmeling's responsibilities are not meant to replace the services of the residents' home pastor, but rather to supplement and enrich them by providing Sunday morning services, Wednesday evening vespers, Bible classes, and private, in-room visitations when necessary.

The chaplaincy program at WLCFS remains one to be staffed on a part-time basis. Thus it further enables one of our pastors to extend the duration of his public ministry into semi-retirement without the full responsibilities of a parish.

It remains the goal of Wisconsin Lutheran Child and Family Service to serve the spiritual and physical needs of God's special and often troubled people. To that end, may God bless Chaplain Schmeling's special ministry!

INNER-CITY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MATERIALS



Series "C" of the inner-city vacation Bible school materials is ready for use this summer. The series was prepared by a team of Wisconsin Synod pastors and teachers, familiar with inner-city work. Series "A" and "B" were made available in 1972 and 1973 under the auspices of the General Board for Home Missions, funded by grants from the members of the Aid Association for

Lutherans. The courses were written on three levels, covering three grades each. With the addition of the third series, congregations will be able to use these materials continuously, repeating every three years.

Each of these series has the same objective, to bring the central truths of the Bible to inner-city children. Thus the Crucifixion and Resurrection are taught in each series. The children's leaflets are large and colorful, written in simple language with the child's application included for each of the 10 lessons. There are full-color illustrations on each page, drawn by a black artist. If the drawing represents modern life, the children shown are usually black. No worksheets or handicrafts are offered with these lessons.

Series "A" is a basic presentation of Law and Gospel. "Jesus Lives" is the theme of series "B," and series "C" follows the thought that "Jesus Cares." The teacher's manual provides thoughts on the aim and application of each lesson, along with background material on the portions of Scripture that are covered by the lesson.

Although these materials were designed for inner-city children living in the black neighborhoods of larger ci-

ties, they have also been used successfully by congregations whose vacation Bible school enrollment consists largely of unchurched children.

Any of the three series may be ordered through the Aid Association for Lutherans, Appleton, WI 54919, until a new distribution system can be developed.

R. F. Westendorf

AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS

A PLACE TO GROW (Fs-73-PTG)
1978 T & Cassette 14 min. color

In connection with the 75th anniversary of the Lutheran high school movement, our Lutheran High School Association has produced this filmstrip which describes the purpose and the growth of the Lutheran high school in our Synod. This filmstrip should be an excellent tool for promoting the Lutheran high school in a congregation.

THE TABERNACLE IN THE WILDERNESS (FS-376-TIW)
1978 20 min. T & Cassette color

This filmstrip describes the design and purpose of the portable tabernacle used by the Children of Israel on their journey to the Promised Land. It also describes the various sacrifices that were offered there, with frequent reference to the Lamb of God who was foreshadowed by these sacrifices.

VISITING MILWAUKEE THIS SUMMER?

You are welcome to stop in and tour the new Wisconsin Lutheran College campus, 8830 West Bluemound Road, Milwaukee, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For tours at other times, please call (414) 774-8620.

With the Lord

Teacher R. Schierenbeck 1924 - 1978



Robert Schierenbeck was born on August 17, 1924, at Renville, Minnesota, to the Rev. Reinhard Schierenbeck and his wife, Irma nee Blauert. In June 1945 he graduated from Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota. Later he received his BSE degree from Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Illinois. On July 18, 1948, Mr. Schierenbeck was united in marriage with Ruth Koepsell at Lomira, Wisconsin.

During his 33 years in the teaching ministry, Mr. Schierenbeck served on

the faculties at Lomira, Wisconsin; St. James, Minnesota; Fairfax, Minnesota; Burlington, Wisconsin; and New London, Wisconsin, since 1965. He was the first teacher at St. John's in Lomira, and served in one-room schools for the first 10 years of his teaching ministry. During most of his ministry he also served as choir director and organist, and for several years as a school visitor.

During the last months of his life he experienced the Biblical truth that God's children must through much tribulation enter the kingdom of God. He entered into eternal life on March 29, 1978, at the age of 53 years.

Robert Schierenbeck is survived by his wife; three sons, Paul and Mark at home and James of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; two grandchildren; one brother and one sister.

God's word of comfort and joy was brought to the family, co-workers, and friends assembled at Emanuel Ev. Lutheran Church, New London, Wisconsin, on March 31, 1978. Pastor F. W. Heidemann served as liturgist and officiant at the committal service. The undersigned delivered the sermon based on Revelation 2:10: "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life." Though there was much sorrow over the loss of a loved one, there was also tremendous joy in knowing that the crown of life was his, for God had indeed kept His servant faithful unto death.

John P. Schewe

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INSTALLATIONS

(Authorized by the District Presidents)

Pastors:

Mehlberg, Ronald W., as pastor of Peace Lutheran, Vancouver, Washington, on May 7, 1978, by W. Widmann (PNW).

Mahnke, Kurt L., as pastor of First Lutheran, Prescott, Arizona, on May 7, 1978, by P. Koelpin (Ariz.-Calif.).

APPOINTMENTS

Pastor Robert H. Michel has been appointed to fill the vacancy on the Audio-Visual Aids Committee. This vacancy came about when Pastor Robert L. Hoepner resigned after accepting a call to Beckley, WV. The term runs to convention time in 1979.

Prof. Edward C. Fredrich has accepted appointment to the Synod's Commission on Periodicals. He will fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Prof. Armin Schuetze, who takes up his duties as president of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary on June 1, 1978.

Oscar J. Naumann, President

FIXTURES

Large white global light fixtures for church and school will be given to any WELS congregation that will pay the shipping costs. For more information contact Robert Eberhardt, Route 1, Whitelaw, Wisconsin 54247, or call 414/682-3346.

NOTICE

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

July 10, 1978, 9:30 a.m.,

at Northwestern College, Watertown, Wisconsin.

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

Norval W. Kock, Secretary
Board of Trustees

CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES

MINNESOTA

MINNESOTA DISTRICT CONVENTION

The Thirty-first Biennial Convention of the Minnesota District will be held at Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota, June 27-29, 1978.

Opening Service

The Communion service will be conducted on the opening day, June 27, 1978, at 9:00 a.m. at St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, State and 2nd Street N., with Pastor Otto Engel delivering the sermon. Pastor Edgar Knief will be the alternate.

Essay

An essay in keeping with the theme of the convention, "Lengthen Thy Cords, And Strengthen Thy Stakes," will be delivered. Essayist to be named later.

Business

Applications for membership, overtures, or other communications relative to the business of the Convention should be addressed to the District President (with a copy of the same to the secretary) in due time. Congregations with new or revised constitutions under consideration should submit sufficient copies to the proper committee prior to Convention dates.

Housing

Requests for housing, costs, committee assignments, and a detailed schedule will be mailed to all active pastors and teachers of the District at a later date. All registration forms and fees should be returned to the Housing Committee by June 14, 1978.

Warren J. Henrich, Secretary

NORTHERN WISCONSIN

DISTRICT CONVENTION

Date: June 26-28, 1978.

Place: Fox Valley Lutheran High School, Appleton, Wisconsin.

Opening Communion Service: Monday, June 26, 10:00 a.m., at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Corner of Morrison and Franklin.

Preacher: Rev. Walter Hoepner.

Essay: The Role of Administration in the Church: Rev. E. Huebner, executive secretary of WELS Board of Trustees.

D. Worgull, Secretary

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

DISTRICT CONVENTION

The 31st biennial convention of the Pacific Northwest District will be held on June 27-29, 1978, at Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, Yakima, Washington; Rev. Melvin Teske, host pastor.

The convention opens at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday. The convention Communion service will be on Tuesday evening; Pastor Melvin Teske will deliver the sermon.

The Rev. Harold Wicke will be the guest essayist for the convention.

The agenda will be "The Report to the Ten Districts."

Credentials of lay delegates, as authorized by their respective congregations, should be brought to the convention. Excuses for pastors, male teachers, and lay delegates are to be sent to the secretary prior to the convention.

Meals and lodging will be provided by the host congregation.

E. Kahrs, Secretary

Special Synod Convention, July 11-12

Upon the written request of a majority of the District Presidents, the President of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, Oscar J. Naumann, has called a special convention of the Synod to consider the proposal of the Commission on Higher Education to purchase the campus of Campion High School at Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, to relieve the crowded conditions at Martin Luther Academy and Northwestern Preparatory School. This special convention is to be held at Northwestern College, Watertown, Wisconsin, July 11-12, 1978, with the opening session beginning at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, July 11.

The proposal of the Commission on Higher Education as well as a counter-proposal of the joint faculties of Northwestern Preparatory School and Northwestern College will be presented for study to the ten districts of the Synod in the *Report to the Ten Districts*.

The delegates to the special convention are the same who served in this capacity in the 44th biennial convention of the Synod held at New Ulm, Minnesota, August 3-10, 1977. The official list of the delegates was published in *The Northwestern Lutheran* in the issue of June 26, 1977. Floor committee No. 5 of the 1977 convention will be asked to study the recommendations and the reaction to them by the ten districts and to come before the convention with definite proposals.

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 1, 1978. Kindly address all communications to the Convention Housing Committee, 1300 Western Avenue, Wisconsin 53094.

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

Delegates may be reached by telephone at the convention by calling 1 (414) 261-4352.

Heinrich J. Vogel, Secretary

State/Church

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In the State there is equality before the law, but the State cannot proceed on the assumption that its citizens are equal in intelligence, in skills, in productivity, in value to society; furthermore, it cannot bestow such equality as if the government could make reparations for lack of natural gifts or endowments. Unless the State insists that its citizens endeavor to make up for their "deficiencies" by their own efforts, it will eventually drain its welfare treasury. Compassion, yes, but not at the expense of ignoring the requirement that by the sweat of his brow a man must earn his bread. Even a powerful nation will self-destruct on "equality."

In the Church the Christian is taught to turn the other cheek, to give his coat to one who has none, and to put the best construction on his

neighbor's actions. The principle of love should obtain in the lives of children of God.

The State must operate with the principle of enlightened self-interest. It owes its own citizens first consideration. It cannot give away its resources to all who demand them, not even to Third World nations to whom a benevolent nation will give special consideration. The U.S. cannot imperil its national survival by yielding all in love to Russia and Cuba. Christians must abjure physical violence, but their nation may have to go to war to defend its land and its lifelines and its citizens.

The State cannot base all of its acts or its principles on the Bible. The State is not a Christian. Church and State are two different kingdoms. Great mischief is done to the State by those who do not recognize the difference.

Carleton Toppe

VACATION OFFER

Any WELS or ELS pastor is invited to stay in our parsonage during August in exchange for preaching for Sunday services. Many things to do and see. Cool mountain climate. Pastor Wayne Vogt, 3905 General Bradley NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87111; Phone: 505/296-7008.

THIRD ANNUAL YOUTH LEADERS WORKSHOP

The third annual Youth Leaders Workshop is scheduled for September 15-17, 1978, at Camp St. Croix, Hudson, Wisconsin. It will be conducted by the Committee on Youth Ministry of the Board for Parish Education. Interested pastors, teachers, and lay counselors of youth should request applications from Pastor Richard Stadler, Saint James Ev. Lutheran Church, 460 W. Annapolis Avenue, West St. Paul, Minnesota 55118.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT YOUTH LEADERS' WORKSHOP

A Youth Leaders' Workshop will be held Sunday evening, July 30, 1978, and Monday, July 31, at Killarney Lutheran Camp (west of Detroit). It is being sponsored by the Michigan District BPE and is open to anyone working with youth or having an interest in ministry to youth. Presenting the program will be members of the WELS Committee on Youth Ministry. For further information please contact: Leon Brands, St. Stephen Lutheran School, 632 S. Madison, Adrian, Michigan 49221.

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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:

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

Names as well as pertinent information regarding members referred will be forwarded to the nearest pastor and/or mission board chairman.

Alabama	Montgomery
Alaska	Sitka/Ketchikan*
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Montana	Helena*
	Missoula*
Nebraska	Fremont*
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	Midland/Odessa*
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Washington	Moses Lake*
West Virginia	Beckley*
Wisconsin	Antigo
	Galesville
	Genesee/Wales*
	Holmen
	Plymouth
	Prairie du Chien*
	Rice Lake*
British Columbia	Vancouver*

*Denotes exploratory services.

EXPLORATORY

GENESEE DEPOT WALES, WISCONSIN

WELS exploratory services are being conducted in the Magee Elementary School on Highway 83 in Genesee Depot, Wisconsin, at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday. Interested parties should contact Pastor Richard Wiechmann, 2016 N. 81st Street, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin 53213; phone: 414/257-2016.

FAIRMONT, MINNESOTA

Exploratory services are being conducted in the Community Room of the Sentinel Building, 114 S. North Avenue, Fairmont, Minnesota 56031. Sunday school begins at 10:30 a.m. and the worship service at 11:15 a.m. For information call 507/956-3451 or 507/235-9765, or write Pastor Eugene Roecker, 400 North 5th Street, Butterfield, Minnesota 56031.

HOT SPRINGS, SOUTH DAKOTA

WELS exploratory services are being conducted in the Auditorium (classroom) of the Southern Hills General Hospital, 209 North 16th Street, Hot Springs, South Dakota, every Sunday at 10:15 a.m. Sunday school and Bible class are at 9:00 a.m. The hospital is one

block north of U.S. 18 at the top of the viaduct. Send names and information to Pastor Loyal Schroeder, 745 Happy Hollow, Hot Springs, South Dakota 57747, or phone 605/745-3340.

MIDLAND-ODESSA, TEXAS

WELS exploratory services are being conducted every Sunday at the Trinity School Chapel, 3500 W. Wadley, north Midland, Texas. Sunday school and adult Bible class are held at 9:30 a.m. and the worship service at 10:45 a.m. Please send names and information to Pastor Robert E. Neumann, 2812 Fannin Ave., Midland, Texas 79701; or call: 915/694-3002.

TIME AND PLACE

CLINTON, IOWA

Summer services at Our Savior's Ev. Lutheran Church are scheduled for 9:30 a.m. at THE VILLAGE MANOR in Building 15. The address is 2604 N. 4th St. To receive information or to send names, contact Pastor Gerald Hintz, 1730 N. 7th St., Clinton, Iowa 52732; phone 319/242-9046.

BECKLEY, WEST VIRGINIA

Good Shepherd Ev. Lutheran Church, the WELS mission in Beckley, West Virginia, is meeting each Sunday at the Rural Acres Garden Club at 512 Rural Acres Drive. Service is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. and Bible classes for 10:15 a.m. For information contact Pastor Robert L. Hoepner, 313 Meyers Avenue, Beckley, West Virginia 25801.

TRAVELING THROUGH SALT LAKE CITY?

Vacationers to Salt Lake City, Utah, and the surrounding scenic areas of the Intermountain West are invited to visit one of WELS' "outpost" missions and attend services at Prince of Peace Ev. Lutheran Church, 1441 W. Tamarack Road, Salt Lake City. Worship services during the summer months begin at 9:00 a.m. For directions or further information, feel free to call Pastor W.C. Goehring, phone 801/262-9168.

TYLER, TEXAS AND EAST TEXAS

WELS is conducting Bible classes and worship services every Sunday in Tyler, Texas, for our East Texas residents and visitors. The Bible class meets at 3:00 p.m., followed by family worship at 4:00 p.m. every Sunday in "Friends Church," at the corner of Robinson Ave. and Lindsey St. For information and directions, please call Mr. Ralph Page at 593-5448 in Tyler, or Pastor Gene A. Durfy (214) 348-6069. Please send names of prospects and of WELS members moving into the East Texas area to Pastor G. Durfy, 9807 Church Rd., Dallas, Texas 75238.

Traveling west on I-90? Worship with us at MISSOULA, MONTANA

Sunday morning worship at the Red Lion Motel, 700 West Broadway, in the center of the city. Worship service at 11:00 a.m., Sunday school and Bible class at 10:00 a.m. Pastor Harold A. Wood, 6 Carriage Way, Missoula, Montana 59801; phone: 406/542-2034.

125th ANNIVERSARY TRINITY, LIBERTY

On Sunday, July 16, 1978, Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Town Liberty (Rt. No. 1, Manitowoc, Wisconsin), will observe its 125th anniversary with special services and a fellowship dinner. Services will be at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Pastors Samuel and Richard Kugler will be the guest speakers. Former church workers, confirmed members, and friends are cordially invited to attend the celebration. Reservations for the noon meal may be made by writing to Milton Lutze, 315 Jackson Street, Valders, WI 54245.

DMLC CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

With the concurrence of the Commission on Higher Education, Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota, requests the constituency of the Synod to nominate candidates for the field of Religion to replace Prof. Theodore Olsen, who has accepted a call into the parish ministry.

Nominees should be particularly qualified to teach courses in Old Testament and in Christian Doctrine.

To avoid any confusion, it should be noted that the College is currently calling a replacement for retiring Prof. Roland Hoenecke in the identical fields.

The names of nominees, with as much accompanying information as possible, should be in the hands of the Board secretary no later than June 27, 1978.

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