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Briefs by the Editor

The festival half of the church year has come to an end. Its emphasis was entirely on the person and work of our Lord Jesus Christ. Denmark's first great hymnist, Thomas Hansen Kingo, in the last verse of his great Easter hymn, "Like the Golden Sun Ascending" (TLH 207), summarizes it in this way: "For the joy Thine advent gave me, For Thy holy, precious Word; For Thy Baptism, which doth save me, For Thy blest Communion board; For Thy death, the bitter scorn, For Thy resurrection morn, Lord, I thank Thee and extol Thee, and in heaven I shall behold Thee." Having celebrated the ascension of our Lord, our minds and hearts look forward to the home above. After all, Christ has promised that to all who believe in him.

Pentecost Sunday and Trinity Sunday remind us that we are not left alone, even though our Lord has removed his visible presence from us. His Holy Spirit will continue to guide us in Christ's Word and keep us close to the heavenly Father. He will guard and protect, instruct and comfort. The hymnwriter we referred to wrote about that in the same hymn. "Grant me grace, O blessed Savior," he wrote, "And Thy Holy Spirit send That my walk and my behavior May be pleasing to the end; That I may not fall again Into Death's grim pit and pain, Whence by grace Thou hast retrieved me And from which Thou hast relieved me." We enter the post-Trinity, or after-Pentecost, season with that prayer.

Let's not fool ourselves: we need the Lord's presence, we need his Spirit every day. We need him because of the enemies we face. As you know, they haven't changed a bit. There is, first of all, Satan, of whom Peter wrote in his First Epistle: "Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion look-

ing for someone to devour." This enemy is still very much alive.

Then there's the world. John in his First Epistle warns: "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." And Jesus himself asks us: "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"

And then, of course, there is the old Adam, the old man, the sinful nature we inherited at our conception and birth. That's the closest enemy we face, and he puts up a terrific struggle. Paul wrote about him in the Epistle to the Ephesians, where he admonished them and admonishes us: "Put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; and be renewed in the spirit of your mind; and that ye put on the new man which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness." It's a real battle we face. Can we really expect to win that battle?

Trinity Sunday not only reminds us that God is triune, but it assures us that this great triune God is our God. God the Father laid our sins upon God the Son. God the Son paid their penalty and won for us the justification we need. God the Holy Ghost has brought us to faith in the redemption, and through Word and Sacrament grants us strength to fight the battle of faith, to drown the old man daily.

We, on our part — let us take this battle to the Lord in prayer; let us meditate on his instructions in the Word; and let us partake regularly of the sacrament of his body and blood for our assurance. Entering the second half of the church year in that spirit, we shall be blessed indeed!

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

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The Cover

Shown is St. Paul's new church at Rapid
City, South Dakota. It replaces a 1950 struc-
ture which had become too small. Pastor of
the congregation is the Reverend Wayne I.
Schulz. For details concerning the new
edifice, see page 184.

Editorials

The Country Parson Appearing in our newspaper each day is a one-panel cartoon entitled "The Country Parson." The hallmarks of the Parson are a big black hat, a black suit, a black string tie, and a kindly look. You would trust him with your grandmother's social security check.

Each day the Parson dispenses some bit of homespun wisdom or philosophy. He chides us gently for our foibles; he occasionally prods the conscience; and he often delivers himself of bits of humor which make us laugh at ourselves. He is a lovable old character.

One of his more recent one-liners was this one: "Our grandparents thought nothing of driving a team six miles to church — and we don't think much of it either." Pastors have noticed that a light rain is enough to dampen the religious spirit of nearly all but the most determined churchgoers. A very thin line determines whether it's too hot or too cold to go to church. Bumper-to-bumper traffic will not keep people away from a distant stadium. Many of us will never forget the sight of thousands of football fans huddled in a temperature of 16 degrees below zero to watch the Super Bowl. Dire weather forecasts have little effect in keeping hunters home during deer season. Mileage means nothing when one has in mind to go to the lake or the mountains so long as gasoline is available. But who is going to drive a modern car six miles to church, even if it's air-conditioned?

The Country Parson has a point. And if nothing else, he makes you stop and think.

Immanuel Frey

Guilty Parents or Guilty State? A newspaper columnist reports that by a vote of 259-6, the Rikstag, the Swedish Parliament, has passed a law that, starting July 1, parents may not strike their children or treat them in any humiliating way. Spanking will be against the law, even "a whack or a slap."

The way the law reads, even sending little Lisa to bed without supper could land the parents in a family court; so could confining Johnny to his bedroom, or denying Paul Jr. his TV rights.

In our own country President Carter has responded to the "Child Advocacy" movement by appointing a commission for the International Year of the Child [1979]. The Children's Defense Fund, a child advocacy organization, has declared that it "will sue on behalf of individuals or classes of children [and will] accomplish what we know ought to be done for children." Child advocacy literature promotes "the right of children to sue their parents, making children who perform chores eligible for the minimum wage, granting children the right to choose their own family, and making birth control devices and abortion available without parental consent."

What is happening to national sanity? Social agencies may have to intervene when parents are irresponsible and when children are abused, but the International Year of the Child movement assumes that no parents are really competent to rear their own children. Not only are the propaganda and the proposed legislation bereft of reason; they are satanic in their menace to the family.

Father's Day will be celebrated on June 17. It appears that this day is destined to become even more of an empty gesture than before. By the millions, families in our country have become fatherless through neglect and irresponsibility. Are our families to become even more fatherless through legislation?

If our nation is to escape the social ruin toward which it is rushing, Christian fathers (and mothers) will need to assert both their rights and their duties. Let each Christian father "have proper authority in his own household, and be able to control and command the respect of his children" (Phillips translation). With this right a nation interferes at its peril.

Carleton Toppe

In His Care There is unrest among the nations. At times it comes dangerously close to touching the lives of our overseas missionaries and their families.

On a recent Sunday evening TV news program, a newscaster interviewed the leaders of two groups of fighters carrying on guerrilla warfare against the government of Rhodesia. These men, who themselves are Rhodesians, are training their forces inside the borders of neighboring countries and are using these countries as staging areas for their attacks. In retaliation Rhodesian forces have sent planes across the borders of these countries and bombed the training camps. Very recently they smuggled a band of soldiers into the country where one of the leaders lives and blew up his house in an abortive attempt to kill him.

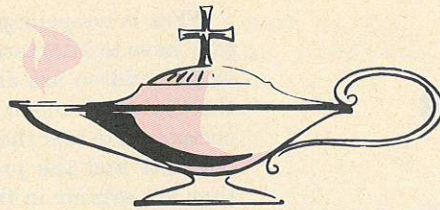
What makes this a cause of grave concern for us is that much of this political and military violence is in the area in which some of our missionary families are living. We are thankful that none of those who are close to us have been hurt and that as far as we know the members of the congregations our missionaries are serving have remained unharmed. Yet, humanly speaking, what is to prevent a bomb from going astray or to keep battles with no holds barred from developing in the areas in which our people live.

Who is going to protect our fellow WELS members and the congregations they are serving with the gospel? The writer of Psalm 121:2 gives us the answer when he says: "My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth." Psalm 46:1,2 assures us: "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea."

And you and I? We can pray. The first foreign missionary of the Christian Church, St. Paul, knew the prayers of his fellow believers availed much before God. So he requested of the Thessalonian Christians: "Brethren, pray

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Studies in God's Word



Abraham The Father of the Faithful

Consider Abraham: "He believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness." Understand, then that those who believe are children of Abraham (Galatians 3:6,7 NIV).

How would you like to be called "the friend of God"? Three times Holy Scripture uses this honorable and highly desirable title of Abraham (2 Chronicles 20:7, Isaiah 41:8, James 2:23). Or how would you like to have your name coupled with God's name? A number of verses in both the Old and New Testaments speak of "the God of Abraham." In Genesis more than 12 chapters deal with Abraham's life and faith. In the New Testament 74 references are made to his name and two significant chapters speak at length about his faith (Romans 4, Galatians 3). All this indicates that it might be fruitful for us to "consider Abraham." This we shall attempt to do in a series entitled "Abraham — Father of the Faithful."

Abraham's Example

Abraham walked heavenward, but his example was by no means perfect. Moments of weakness and times of transgression were sadly visible, such as when he with a cowardly lie risked the welfare of his wife to protect his own life (Genesis 12 and 20). Yet even in his failings we can learn from Abraham. We who have our own share of fears and failures need the sight of a gracious God who picks up his children

when they fall, dusts them off with his pardon and helps them walk forward with his power.

From Abraham's example comes also a reminder of the eternal goal of life. His constant wanderings through the land of Canaan can well serve as a symbol of the Christian pilgrimage toward heaven. From place to place he wandered, pitching his tents, building altars, calling on the name of the Lord and "looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God" (Hebrews 11:10). What an encouragement for us to be longing for that "better country — a heavenly one" (Hebrews 11:16).

From Abraham we also draw a fine example of intercessory prayer. Humbly, yet boldly, he pleaded with God about the inhabitants of the wicked cities of the plains (Genesis 18). Even the welfare of the wicked in Sodom and Gomorrah concerned him and compelled him to prayer. What a lesson for us when we become tangled in our own narrow needs and circles.

Above all, from Abraham comes the example of faith. Hebrews 11, the biblical "hall of faith," reminds us how Abraham followed God's call to a strange land, awaited God's gift of a son from a barren wife, obeyed God's command to offer up that son and looked forward to heaven through the Savior whom God promised from his seed. All this Abraham did "by faith," as God the Spirit created and matured it within him. Yes, we do well to "consider Abraham."

Abraham's God

We do better, however, to consider Abraham's God. Retracing Abraham's steps we are plainly and powerfully pointed to the "God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob" who fills the pages of Holy Scripture. We see that he is the covenant-making God, the one who promised Abraham: "Through your Seed all nations on earth will be blessed" (Genesis 22:18). Here was the promise of the Savior, the one descendant of Abraham in whom all of God's promises centered and by whom all were carried to completion (Galatians 3:16). To Abraham God gave the promise of salvation and the privilege of bearing the Seed. To Abraham God also gave faith in that coming Savior so that later the Seed-come-in-the-flesh could tell the Jews: "Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; he saw it and was glad" (John 8:56).

The God of Abraham is also the faithful God. On Mount Moriah Abraham learned anew of the Lord's faithfulness as the sacrifice of Isaac was stopped and the ram substituted (Genesis 22). "Jehovahjireh" Abraham named that place, "The Lord will provide." Abraham learned that God's promises always come true, that none fail or fall along the wayside. We know God's faithfulness perhaps even better than Abraham. We have the completed promise, the cross filled in love and the tomb emptied in victory. We have seen the Savior's day and we know now that God "did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all — how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things" (Romans 8:32). With Abraham we know him as a faithful God, one to whom we can turn freely and whose promises we can trust fully.

After the death of Pascal, a famous seventeenth-century mathematician and philosopher, a paper was discovered sewed to his jacket with these words written on it: "God of Abraham, God of Isaac, God of Jacob, not of philosophers and scholars, God of Jesus Christ; my God and thy God. Thy God shall be my God." As we study "Abraham — Father of the Faithful," let it be our thought that his God is our God, the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Richard E. Lauersdorf

Mining the Treasure of God's Word



BY JULIAN G. ANDERSON

The Apocryphal Books (continued)

In our last lesson we discussed briefly what we mean by the "Apocryphal Books," and the period in which they were written. Here is a little more information about these Jewish books as they appear in Roman Catholic and Orthodox Bibles, as well as official pulpit editions for the Church of England.

Additions to Esther and Daniel

There are additions to the Book of Esther which were originally inserted as follows: an introductory chapter giving a dream of Mordecai; the text of Xerxes' decree, following 3:15; a prayer by Mordecai, another by Esther, and an account of her appearance before Xerxes, after 8:13; and a concluding interpretation of Mordecai's dream, at the end. All these are now printed as chapters 11-16 at the end of the book, in the above additions. Reading them as they appear can only be confusing to the modern reader, since most editions have no notes as to where they belong.

There are three additions to Daniel. The *Song of the Three Holy Children* is inserted between Dan. 3:23 and 24, and consists of a prayer by Azariah, one of the three young men who were thrown into the fiery furnace, and a long song by the three as they walk in the fire.

The *History of Suzanna* is added as Daniel 13. It is the story of a beautiful young Jewess who was the attempted object of a rape by two of her husband's business acquaintances. When she screams her attendants return, but the men then accuse her of adultery with a "young man." She is condemned to die, but on her way to her execution she is

saved by young Daniel, who establishes her innocence as he examines the accusers.

The *Story of Bel* and the *Story of the Dragon* are combined in the Catholic bibles as Daniel 14. In the *Story of Bel*, who was the Babylonian god worshiped by Cyrus, Daniel proves that he is no god at all, and all his priests were killed. In the *Story of the Dragon*, a great serpent also worshiped by the Babylonians, Daniel kills the dragon, for which he is thrown into a lions' den. But he is miraculously preserved and released.

Pseudepigraphical Works

By pseudepigrapha (Greek: false writings) we mean literary forgeries falsely ascribed to be the work of some great historical figure. The *Prophecy of Baruch*, who was Jeremiah's secretary, concerns an incident which supposedly took place in Babylon in 586, in which the captives confessed their sins and sent money to Jerusalem to have sacrifices offered for them. This is followed by a bit of wisdom literature (see later), the aim of which is to console Israel by assuring them that God will protect them and return them to their land.

The *Letter of Jeremy* (Greek for Jeremiah) then follows as chapter 6 of Baruch. This claims to be a letter written by Jeremiah to the captives, warning them against the worship of the Babylonian gods.

Wisdom Literature

Wisdom literature was a very popular kind of writing among the Jews

from Solomon's time on. It was basically the practical application of the knowledge of God to everyday lives. The *Wisdom of Solomon* is also pseudepigraphical, being written about 50 A.D. It urges the reader to seek the Lord and his righteousness, and warns against the ungodly, who are fools. *Ecclesiasticus*, written by Ben-Sira about 180 B.C., ranges over the whole spectrum of human life, giving practical advice, urging the reader to follow that which is useful and good and avoid that which is harmful and wicked. Both of these books are worth reading, and are very similar to *Proverbs* and *Ecclesiastes*.

Romantic Tales

The *Book of Tobit* is a typical ancient oriental tale of the adventures of a Jew who conquers a demon with the help of an angel; and the *Book of Judith* is a story of a beautiful Jewess who saves her people from the armies of Nebuchadnezzar by killing his general Holofernes. These stories were very popular in those days.

Historical Books

1 and 2 Maccabees are probably the most interesting of all the apocryphal books, since they give the history of the great Maccabean revolt from 175-165 B.C, culminating with the great victory of Judas Maccabaeus over the Syrians; and an account of the years which followed under his successors down to about 134 B.C. *2 Maccabees*, however, is much less reliable historically.

This completes our sketch of the 12 extra books commonly printed in Roman Catholic and Orthodox Bibles.

In the early Greek translations dating back to about 200-300 A.D. there were other additions which either followed 2 Chronicles 36 or preceded Ezra 1: the supposed prayer of King Manasseh referred to in 2 Chronicles 33:13 and 19; and an Apocalypse (like Revelation) supposedly written by Ezra, but actually written about 100 A.D. These have not been printed for years.

Honoring a request by the Roman Catholic and Episcopal Churches, the American Bible Society as of 1979 is also including a modern language translation of the Apocrypha in selected editions of the Good News Bible.

An Update on Antigua

A warm tropical breeze blowing through the palm trees; smiling natives slowly strolling along narrow streets and country roads; beautiful white stuccoed hotels exquisitely gracing hill-sides over the ocean; and the sea, the unbelievable blue of the Caribbean shimmering over the coral reefs! If that is your picture of Antigua, your picture is correct.

Antigua (pronounced An-tee-ga) is 108 square miles of endless beauty including 365 sand beaches, an average temperature of 76 degrees, a rain forest complete with banana and pineapple plantations, historic harbor and fortifications dating back to the sixteen hundreds and a typical "Caribbean city" with all its shops, open markets and street vendors in the city of St. Johns. The motto of "Where Land and Sea Make Beauty" fits well.

Your picture, as we said, is correct but it is not complete. The full truth is not always seen with the naked eye. Pastor David Beckman and his wife Holly live on Antigua. He is the pastor of St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church in St. Johns, Antigua. A little over a year ago they had a baby girl, Angela. About six months ago the island's electrical generators began to wear out. For the last three months the Beckmans, together with the rest of Antigua's people, have experienced "powerouts," often unannounced, almost daily and for durations of three to 15 hours at a time. That kind of electrical service

makes a parent worry a bit about the baby's formula and other food stocks.

Food, in general, is plentiful, as is true of all the "things" we Americans are used to. Holly Beckman and Jean Korte, our lady teacher at St. John's, can buy almost anything for their pantries our lady readers can — but not always when they want them! All meats, vegetables, and other foods and supplies must be shipped in, and the arrival of something like broccoli or other fresh vegetables can cause a stampede to the grocery store. In addition, the cost of everything is much higher than here in the states. A new refrigerator purchased recently cost \$1,295.

And other services you and I take for granted? The Beckmans recently had a telephone installed — after waiting two years. It works about three quarters of the time.

Busy Workers

Our workers on Antigua are exceptionally busy people. Comparatively few Antiguaners are employed. There is very little work available, especially for the young. The church is therefore a large part of their daily lives. Ladies Aids meet twice each month and visit the local prison twice a month in addition. The youth group meets each week, plus choir, Sunday school teachers and other meetings weekly. Bible study groups and adult classes are well attended.

Sports of all kinds are popular, especially cricket. Our teachers spend many hours of their time working with their students and the young people in this area.

A Problem

And then there are the "buses." Few of the average people in Antigua have cars or even bicycles. The popular mode of transportation is "foot." For this reason "buses," in most cases what we refer to as vans, owned by private individuals, follow routes around the island every day but Sunday and transport people for a fee much like our city buses do. Most churches on the island have their own "buses," so we purchased the two used buses shown here. Principal Dennis Needham, Teacher Darrell Dobberpuhl and, on occasion, Miss Korte drive the buses. And Mr. Dobberpuhl has done the upkeep and repair. And there is "the rub." Both the "Blue Bird" and "Blue Goose," as the buses are affectionately called, have about seen their day. Our last visit found Mr. Dobberpuhl under the "Blue Goose" an hour before service working on the drive shaft, while Principal Needham ran three routes instead of one with the van. Parts for anything are almost impossible to find and both vehicles have been inoperable for long periods of time, once or twice both at the same time.

Purchasing two new vans or a van and bus plus shipping cost will run be-



The D. Beckman Family



Mr. and Mrs. Dobberpuhl, Mr. Needham, Miss Korte

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The Blue Goose



The Blue Bird

tween 20 and 25 thousand dollars. Shipping is very expensive but cheaper than buying a vehicle on the island. One van has been purchased and we are awaiting a customs concession (tax if paid would be 60 percent) from the Antiguan government. When shipped, this van will replace the "Goose." At present there are not enough funds in the Aid to Antigua Fund to cover the cost of the second van or a bus.

Antigua is a place where "Land and Sea Make Beauty," but the gospel of Jesus Christ which you are causing to be preached there is bringing about a beauty that is real. Whether the island is considered a paradise or not depends on your perspective and possibly on how long you stay there. Pray for our workers there. The breeze in the palms is nice, but it does little to cool the baby's milk during the "powerouts" at the Beckmans or to comfort Mr. Dobberpuhl as he lies beneath the "Blue Goose" replacing the U-joints or working on the drive shaft. For them the only "paradise" involved is the one they strive to bring to Antigua's people through the good news of Jesus Christ they preach and teach.

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"He is not here. He is risen." Those are the joyful words Christians look forward to hearing in their churches on Easter morning.

It is no different with our WELS people in the Church of Europe — the young marine stationed in Cornwall, England — the family from Denmark — the couple from Czechoslovakia — the people who rode the night train from Berlin — the WELS members living in Holland, Spain, Italy and throughout Germany. All of them longed to hear the Resurrection Gospel.

Attendance at the WELS European Retreat this year totaled 105, more than attended any of the five previous retreats. The Good Friday service was attended by 78, the Saturday study period by 74, and the Easter worship service by 101.

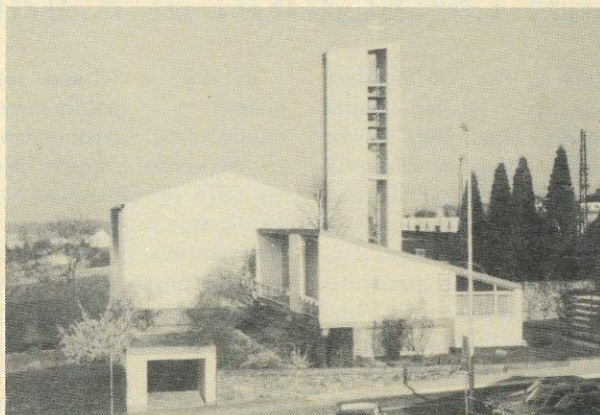
Site of the Sixth WELS European Retreat was again the Evangelische Kirche in Mittelheim, West Germany. It's

called Mittelheim (Middlehome) because it lies between Oestrich and Winkel. Members of the retreat are deeply grateful to the church council for permitting them to use the church a second year in a row. They are beginning to feel very much at home in this beautiful structure on the Rhine River.

The retreat began with a meal and a formal welcome at 6:00 on Good Friday evening. Preacher for the 8:00 P.M. Good Friday service was Chaplain E. C. Renz. He spoke movingly on the confession of faith made by the centurion beneath the cross of our Lord. Chaplain Charles Schlei conducted the choir and Quentin Samelson served as organist. As the group left the church to return to the hotel, the moon shone brightly over the Rhine.

Saturday opened with a study and discussion period at 9:00 A.M. This year's topic was "Our Blessed Fellow-

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Evangelische Kirche in Mittelheim



Saturday's study/discussion period

Easter Retreat



Chaplains Renz and Schlei

ship in Holy Communion." It was brought out that our practice of "close communion" helps make this bond of fellowship very precious.

After lunch the people scattered to walk or ride or to take a ferry across the Rhine. At 4:30 followed a visit to a

"Weinkeller," where Herr Vahle showed the group his vats. His is a small vineyard that has been in the family for years. The day ended with an evening meal, group singing, and games for the children.

Easter Sunday

After breakfast, Sunday school classes were conducted for three groups of children. Serving as teachers were Mrs. Chapin, Mrs. Leopold, and Mrs. Jiracek. Sunday school was followed by singing and an Easter filmstrip. Shortly before 11:00 the entire group assembled to walk over to the church. The sound of the bells touched us deeply, and we were delighted by the sunshine pouring through the stained-glass windows. And there stood the cross bedecked with Easter lilies! The organ played, and the service began. The Easter hymns were sung with conviction and confidence in the certainty that our Redeemer lives. Chaplain

Schlei gave the sermon, speaking on Mary Magdalene and her sorrow which was turned into joy through the appearance of the risen Christ. Then came the climax as we received our Lord's body and blood in the holy sacrament. After the benediction we moved outside to the churchyard. The egg hunt began, and even the native Germans came out to watch. A few had also attended the service. We ate together, and the Sixth WELS European Retreat came to a close.

The parting comments reflect the joy of those who were there: "A joy to be with our fellow WELS members" — "A memorable experience" — "How wonderful to be able to attend church on Good Friday and Easter over here!" — "We hope you have one next year." Let's say, we're beginning to plan already.

Chaplain E. C. Renz
Chaplain Charles Schlei

Church Dedication at Rapid City, South Dakota

Many readers of *The Northwestern Lutheran* who have visited Mount Rushmore and the Black Hills or who have served their nation at Ellsworth Air Force Base will remember worshipping in a small white frame church at the corner of Ninth and Fairview, Rapid City, South Dakota. This structure, funded by the Church Extension Fund in 1950, was enlarged twice and served the Lord well for 28 years. There the Lord increased the congregation's communicant membership to 350 and gave the members the opportunity to open a one-room school. However, with no space available for parking, playground, or expansion, the congregation understood that one day a relocation project would become necessary.

In 1973, a five-acre plot was purchased in the southern part of the city. A housing-plan developed for the surrounding 105 acres never materialized. The Lord had other plans. A large hospital and other medical facilities were erected. This, of course, made our property less desirable for a church and more valuable as a commercial site. The Lord blessed the sale of those five acres so that the congregation could pursue relocation in a different area.

In 1977, a 6.2-acre site was purchased in a rapidly-developing residential area. Construction of the new church-school complex began on April 24, 1978. By December 10 the congregation was ready to bid farewell to its first church. In the decommissioning services prayers and tears of thanksgiving expressed appreciation for the means of grace offered at this location for 28 years. Willing hands then offered themselves for the task of moving to the new church and preparing church and school for dedication on the following Sunday, December 17, 1978. Throughout it was evident that this which we so gratefully recount was really *His-story*.

Guest speaker at the morning dedicatory service was Pastor Leroy Dobberstein of Algoma, Wisconsin, who served St. Paul's from 1962 to 1972. "What God Has Done!" was his appropriate reminder based on Psalm 127:1. The rites of dedication for the church and the school were read by Pastor Wayne I. Schulz and Principal James Holman. Prof. Wayne Ten Broek, Northwestern Lutheran Academy, first resident pastor of St. Paul's, spoke in the afternoon service of praise and

thanksgiving. He used Matthew 21:13 to exhort the congregation, "May This House Always Be a House of Prayer!"

The new structure provides 16,000 square feet of usable space. The 50 x 90 worship area has a seating capacity of 400. A 50 x 65 wing houses a two-room school and church offices. The basement provides ample space for fellowship functions, Sunday-school sessions, youth activities, and a library. Warm brown tones highlight the brick-faced structure. Native Black Hills rock lends a special accent to the worship unit.

On March 25, 1979, the congregation also dedicated an onsite parsonage at 802 Elk Street. With the pending sale of the old church, relocation is nearly complete.

We invite tourists to worship with us at our new location, 835 E. Fairmont Boulevard, at 9:00 A.M. MDT. Travel south on Mt. Rushmore Road to the brown arches at the very edge of the city, and then turn east for one and one-half miles on Fairmont Boulevard. Join us in thanking God for His divine guidance and strength which enabled us to do the task set before us.

Wayne I. Schulz



President and Mrs. Conrad Frey
Right: Professor Swantz, Miss Paap,
and Professor Schnitker



Anniversaries at DMLC and MLA

President Frey's Fortieth

The 40th anniversary of President Conrad Frey in the holy ministry was observed on April 22, 1979. Speaker at the service was Pastor Robert J. Voss, executive secretary of the Commission on Higher Education. Using Luke 24:27-35 as his text, he spoke of "Keys to a Successful Ministry," namely, training, motivation, message, and presence (of the Lord). Both the College Choir and the Chapel Choir sang during the service. Prof. B. Backer served as organist and Pastor E. Knief as liturgist.

President Frey was born in Phoenix, Arizona, two years after Arizona became a state. He attended high school on the DMLC campus and graduated from Northwestern College in 1935 and from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in 1938. Until 1940 he taught at Michigan Lutheran Seminary, also coaching and supervising a dormitory. He then became pastor of St. Bartholomew Congregation, Kawkawlin, Michigan. From 1943-49 he was pastor of the Ev. Lutheran Church of Our Savior, Detroit. At the beginning of 1950 he became president of Michigan Lutheran Seminary and served in that capacity until 1966 when he became president of Dr. Martin Luther College. In 1964-65 he served as the first friendly counselor in Hong Kong and opened the seminary in that field. In 1940 he was married to Charlotte Frey. The Freys have two children.

President Frey is a member of the

Board of Directors of the Aid Association for Lutherans, New Ulm's Citizen's State Bank, the Reformation Research Association in St. Louis, and of the American Association of Presidents of Independent Colleges and Universities.

In a 7:30 P.M. service on Sunday, November 5, 1978, Dr. Martin Luther College and Martin Luther Academy observed the anniversaries of Prof. Ralph Swantz, Prof. Heinie Schnitker, and Miss Irma Paap. Pastor E. Schulz of Hutchinson, Minnesota, preached on "Our Teaching Ministry," basing his words on Psalm 78:1-7. Pastor E. Knief of St. Paul served as liturgist. Music was provided by the DMLC and MLA choirs.

Prof. Ralph Swantz

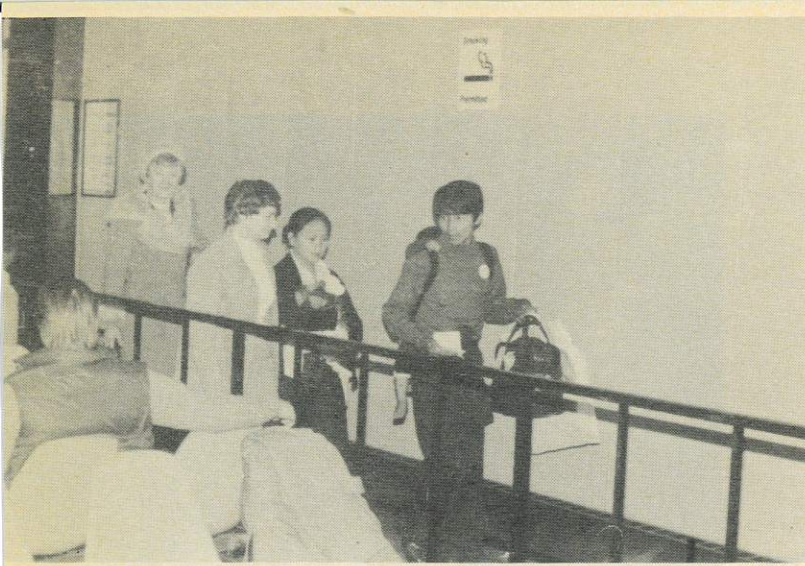
Prof. Ralph Swantz, who teaches in the area of science, has been a member of the DMLC faculty since 1956. He is a native of Hendricks, Minnesota. He attended high school and college on the Dr. Martin Luther campus, graduating from the college in 1938. Later he attended La Crosse State University and then earned BA and MA degrees in botany at Mankato State University. In 1940 Professor Swantz married Georgianna Wolf. They have five children. Prior to joining the faculty of DMLC, Professor Swantz taught at Johnson, Minnesota, and Acoma Township, Minnesota. From 1941-1956 he taught at First Lutheran in La Crosse, Wisconsin.

Prof. Heinie Schnitker

Prof. Heinie Schnitker is a New Ulm native. He attended high school and college at DMLC, graduating in 1938. He did postgraduate work at Oshkosh State and Fargo State Universities and earned an MA at Union College, Schenectady, New York. After teaching in schools in Gaylord and St. James, Minnesota, Professor Schnitker taught at Princeton, Wisconsin, from 1946-59. Until 1971 he was a member of the faculty at Manitowoc Lutheran High School, and has taught at Martin Luther Academy since then. Professor Schnitker is married to Anita Wichmann. The Schnitkers have three children.

Miss Irma Paap

Miss Irma Paap, a native of Vernon Center, Minnesota, attended Bethany Lutheran High School for one year, finished high school on the DMLC campus, and then attended DMLC. She began her teaching career in 1953. Miss Paap holds a BS degree from DMLC (1963) and has done graduate work at the University of Minnesota. After teaching in Christian day schools at Jamestown, North Dakota, and West Allis, Wisconsin, she joined the DMLC faculty in 1967 as teaching supervisor. Recently Miss Paap has spent many months during a leave of absence working for the Synod's Board for Parish Education in preparing nursery and beginners' courses for our WELS Sunday schools.



The Thors arriving at Twin Cities airport. Left to right: unidentified passenger, Project Opportunity coordinator Kathy George, Blia Yang holding five-week-old Fong Thor in her arms, Neng Thor carrying Kong Thor on his back.

Project Opportunity

Exciting! Emotional! Educational! Rewarding!

All of these adjectives apply to the sponsorship of a refugee family. Many of our WELS congregations have experienced the joys of helping Southeast Asians who have escaped from communist Viet Nam, Laos, or Cambodia. Because of fear, horrendous persecution and intolerable living conditions, people leave their homelands to escape to an unknown future. In the refugee camps of Thailand there are thousands of hungry and homeless people waiting for help. Individuals and families of all sizes and ages are eligible for sponsorship.

Last year the president of our Synod, Rev. Oscar J. Naumann, issued a request for more WELS congregations to respond to the needs of refugees. Through our Lord's guidance, Mt. Olive Ev. Lutheran Church in Shakopee, Minnesota, is one of the congregations responding to those needs by sponsoring a refugee family. Sponsorship need not be an overwhelming task, possible in only large or affluent congregations. Mt. Olive has less than 140 communicants. Its people, like those of many of our sister churches, are dealing with the maintenance and repair of a church and parsonage, internal affairs, and a tight financial situation.

God touched Mt. Olive with a special opportunity. The idea of sponsorship first started in June 1978. Lutheran

Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) was the agency that provided the information and avenue for the sponsorship project. After research and presentations to all church members, the voters on October 8, 1978, passed a resolution sanctioning the sponsorship of a refugee family. *Project Opportunity* was born! A special fund was established, separate from the church budget. A core committee of seven and a coordinator met to make plans. This committee prayed for a positive attitude and trusted the gracious Lord to provide the resources necessary. God's will was evident as he showered the project and its workers with continual blessings in all areas of need.

November 29, 1978, was cold and windy at the Minneapolis International Airport. Three members of the Mt. Olive Congregation from Shakopee, and a translator from LIRS, waited for a Laotian family of four to arrive. Neng Thor (age 23), his wife Blia Yang, and their two sons, Kong (two years) and Fong (five weeks), moved the hearts of everyone when they arrived. They were very tired and frightened. Mr. Thor carried a Bible in his Hmong language. One of his greatest concerns was the reassurance that his family's sponsors were Christian. He spoke only a few words of English, but the language barrier was minimal, which is true with most sponsorships.

The coordinator of the project has been a full-time elementary teacher for over 10 years. She had never seen so much meaningful learning take place as quickly as it did the first week the Thor family was in the United States. They were eager to learn and to please.

Mr. Thor started working only 14 days after his arrival in America. He attended free English classes through Community Education Services. His wife Blia Yang was instructed at home by a volunteer Laubach tutor. There were many other community responses offering clothing, household items and food. The Shakopee Medical Center provided free services. Members of Mt. Olive Congregation visited the family daily and donated money, food, clothing, other needed items and transportation services.

The Thor family has changed from refugees to beloved friends. They are delightful, ambitious and appreciative.



Getting acquainted (left to right): Lori Lawrenz, Blia Yang with baby Fong Thor, Neng Thor, Leng Vang of the Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, Kathy George and Kong Thor (age two).

Since their arrival they have found relatives in St. Paul, Minnesota. Maintaining cultural and family ties has made their happiness even greater in their new country.

This resettlement project has been successful in the small congregation of Mt. Olive Ev. Lutheran Church in Shakopee, Minnesota. The necessary expenditures were less than \$900. The sponsorship has been a rewarding experience in many ways. God truly blessed the members of Mt. Olive and the Thor family.

In 1 John 3:16-18 we read: "This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth" (NIV).

The story of the Good Samaritan also

sets an example in this area. He reached out to help the injured man, not knowing the extent of his needs. The Good Samaritan responded in love without hesitancy. The Bible does not report if he was even thanked. Let us pray that God will move the hearts of our WELS members to respond with love to the needs of thousands of refugees in Southeast Asia.

Kathleen Kepp George



Celebrating Neng Thor's Birthday

For more information, contact one of the following:

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800/223-7656

Rev. James Berger
Wisconsin Lutheran Child and Family Service
414/353-5000

Ms. Kathy George
Project Opportunity Coordinator
612/445-4974

Pastor Stephen Lawrenz
Mt. Olive Ev. Lutheran Church
Shakopee, Minnesota
612/445-2885

GBHM Installs Pastor L. Zwieg As Associate Executive Secretary

Over a year ago the General Board for Home Missions began calling a man for the position of associate executive secretary. This position was established by the Synod in convention at New Ulm in August 1977, chiefly because of the increasing workload of the executive secretary, Pastor Norman Berg. As the Lord continued to lead us into more and more home mission fields, it became evident that another man ought to be added to share in the duties and responsibilities of the executive secretary.

The Lord led Pastor Larry Zwieg to accept the call as associate executive secretary of the General Board for Home Missions. In an evening service held at Atonement Lutheran Church in Milwaukee on Sunday, April 29, 1979, Pastor Zwieg was installed in his new position. Pastor Daniel Gieschen, chairman of the General Board for Home Missions, delivered the sermon. Using as his text Colossians 4:17, he encouraged Pastor Zwieg to "take heed to your ministry, that you faithfully fulfill it, remembering that you have received it of the Lord." The rite of in-



Pastor Larry Zwieg

stallation was performed by Pastor Howard Kaiser, secretary of the Executive Committee of the General Board for Home Missions. The assistants were Executive Secretary Norman Berg, Chairman Daniel Gieschen and Pastor Kurt Koeplin of Atonement.

Pastor Zwieg, born in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, on November 26, 1937, received both his high school and college education at Northwestern in Wa-

tertown and later graduated from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary at Mequon in 1963. He was assigned to the dual pastorate at Friedens Lutheran Church, Bonduel, Wisconsin and St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Zachow, Wisconsin. While there, he began a mission in Shawano, Wisconsin, which is now Divine Savior Lutheran Church. In 1968 he accepted the pastorate of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Merritt Island, Florida, serving this congregation until acceptance of his present call.

He served on the South Atlantic District Mission Board since 1971 and was chairman since 1973. During his Florida missionary years he helped begin a church in Jacksonville and served vacancies in Cutler Ridge, Pompano Beach and Maitland.

Pastor Zwieg's marriage to Susan Lietzke of Watertown, Wisconsin, has been blessed with four children — Ann, 19, a junior at the U. of Florida, Gainesville; Ruth, 17, a junior in high school; Larry, Jr., 16, a sophomore, and Peter, 13, presently in eighth grade.

We pray that the Lord will bless Pastor Zwieg in the various duties and responsibilities of his new office and use his gifts and talents in the promotion and expansion of our Synod's home mission program.

Looking at the Religious World

Missouri's Upcoming Convention

The 1979 convention of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod will convene July 6-13 in St. Louis. Missouri's leaders are expecting a more peaceful convention than those of recent years. The convention Workbook suggests that it will be. The Workbook's reduced size as well as the tenor of its 330 overtures to the synod attest to the fact that the winds of controversy in Missouri are no longer blowing at gale force.

The convention item of business of particular interest and concern to us involves the future relationship of the LCMS to its wayward sister, the ALC. In 1977 the Missouri Synod declared itself to be in a "fellowship of protest" against the ALC, citing doctrinal disagreements as the basis. The disagreements involve conflicting confessions with regard to such things as the doctrine of the Word, the ordination of women to the pastoral ministry, and a Communion practices statement adopted in 1978 by the ALC.

The "fellowship of protest" implies that if the differences between the bodies are not resolved on the basis of God's Word, a parting of the ways is inevitable. However, the "fellowship of protest" is not likely to lead to a suspension of fellowship at St. Louis, even though numerous overtures call for such an action.

The convention delegates will in all probability concur with the recommendation of Missouri's Commission on Theology and Church Relations. That commission is recommending that the synod continue its protesting fellowship for two more years. Meanwhile Missouri Synod congregations are being urged to "take a closer look at the concept of fellowship and what it means." The CTCR has prepared materials for congregations to use in making that study. Synod president, J.A.O. Preus, has endorsed that recommendation.

Preus candidly acknowledges that "little if any progress has been made in reaching doctrinal agreement on the controverted issues" with the ALC. He is equally as candid when he explains why he opposes the overtures which call for a suspension of fellowship with

the ALC. "Our church body simply is not ready to make such a decision at this time," he said.

That is the real problem in Missouri. In Synodical Conference days prior to 1950, Missouri's fellowship principles were clear and scriptural. But few in Missouri still accept the principle that agreement in doctrine and practice is a prerequisite for fellowship.

We continue to hope that the proposed study of the scriptural doctrine of fellowship will lead Missouri's theologians, pastors and people to appreciate and to practice anew what their fathers taught them. Missouri's recent return to orthodox teaching on the authority and inerrancy of Scripture will be a battle fought in vain unless that synod takes the next step and also returns to scriptural fellowship principles.

Observers representing the Wisconsin Synod at St. Louis will be President O. J. Naumann and Pastors Harold Wicke and Martin Janke. At previous conventions the presidents of the several Lutheran synods have been invit-

ed to extend greetings to the delegates on behalf of their respective church bodies. President Naumann, however, has repeatedly and respectfully declined to do so at the behest of the Synod's Conference of Presidents. The COP regards such a greeting as a form of "bidding Godspeed" which in turn implies fellowship. Scripture enjoins us not to bid Godspeed to those with whom we are not in fellowship.

Russians Free Baptist Leader

The April 29 exchange of two Soviet spies for five Soviet dissidents included the Rev. Georgi Vins, leader of an evangelical group of Baptists in Russia. Vins was introduced to the readers of this column in the June 29, 1975, issue when he was first sentenced to a labor camp for "using religion to cloak illegal activities." At the time of his release, Vins was serving a second 10-year exile in a labor camp.

We have urged readers to pray for this man who forcefully demonstrated

An Open Letter

Director of Programming
WTMJ-TV
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Listener response to WTMJ-TV's airing on Saturday, April 20, of the documentary film "Scared Straight" ran more than 2-1 in favor of the presentation. I was one of the minority which opposed it. My opposition was based upon the profuse profanity employed by the Rahway State Prison "lifers" in their attempt to scare juvenile offenders straight.

Not only was I disappointed by the judgment exercised by WTMJ's program director in the decision to air the film. I was equally disappointed with WTMJ's attempt to justify its decision on the basis of the good results the film has allegedly produced. That appears to be a utilization of the slippery ethical principle that the end justifies the means.

Ten days after the airing of "Scared Straight," 81 persons were arrested for participation in a riot at the Milwaukee

Arena following a rock concert by the New Barbarians. According to *The Milwaukee Journal*, 15 of the 81 were "charged with profanity." Apparently a double standard prevails in Milwaukee. One agency employs a civil action against juveniles for using profanity. Another agency employs profanity to deter juveniles from conduct which results in civil actions. If the juveniles at the Arena were guilty of disorderly conduct, why wasn't the program director at WTMJ?

May I add that the names of God are sacred to me because God commands those who believe in him not to take his name in vain. That probably makes me a member of a minority group in Milwaukee. Why does the Journal Company encourage its readers to be appropriately sensitive to the sensitivities of some minority groups in the community, and then proceed to demonstrate such insensitivity to the sensitivities of other minority groups in the community?

Sincerely yours,
Joel C. Gerlach

the strength of his Christian convictions to his godless persecutors. Prayers answered call for prayers of grateful thanksgiving.

Vins is currently residing in the United States. We hope this man who so courageously withstood the pressures of persecution will also be able to withstand the pressure that is sure to come from religious charlatans who try to exploit him for profit. If Vins sizes up the state of the church in America the way fellow exile Alexander Solzenitsyn has, he will probably have some things to say to American Christians worth taking to heart.

Joel C. Gerlach

In His Care (continued)

for us!" (1 Thessalonians 5:25.) We can pray the Lord's protection over his laborers. We can ask that present conditions will not disturb the continuance of his blessings on the gospel work they are doing overseas. Tonight, when you close your day with prayer, don't forget to speak with your Lord about our missionaries, wherever they may be, and about those who hear them. They need your prayers now more than ever before.

James P. Westendorf

MARTIN LUTHER PREPARATORY SCHOOL Calls Accepted

Mr. Daniel Kirk of Lakeside Lutheran High School, Lake Mills, Wisconsin, has accepted the call as professor of English and religion at Martin Luther Preparatory School. Pastor Robert Krueger of Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church, Mandan, North Dakota, has accepted the call as professor of Latin and German. Both men will be installed in their respective positions at the opening of the 1979-80 school year in Prairie du Chien.

WLC PREREGISTRATION

Interested students and parents are invited to visit the Wisconsin Lutheran College campus on Thursday, June 14, 1979. Preregistration Day will be an opportunity to consult with faculty members, register for classes, apply for admission, or tour the campus. You are invited to come between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Lunch will be served at noon.

For more information contact:

Admissions Office
WISCONSIN LUTHERAN COLLEGE
8830 West Bluemound Road
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53226
(414) 774-8620

WLC CONFERENCE ANNUAL DELEGATE MEETING

The annual delegate meeting of the Wisconsin Lutheran College Conference will meet at Wisconsin Lutheran College, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on Friday, June 15, 1979. A tour of the facilities will be provided from 4:30-5:00, to be followed by a social hour with buffet from 5:00-6:30, and the delegate meeting from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Gary J. Greenfield
President

PASTORS' INSTITUTE

A Pastors' Institute will be held at Luther High School, Onalaska, Wisconsin, June 18-22, 1979. Prof. J. Gerlach will present a series of lectures on "A Review of Homiletical Theory." Prof. A. Panning will present a study entitled "A Portrait of Peter." A fee of \$15.00 is requested of each participant. The sessions will run from 9:00-11:45 a.m. daily. If you plan to attend, please send your registration to:
Pastors' Institute
Luther High School
1501 Wilson St. P.O. Box 129
Onalaska, Wisconsin 54650

CHOIR ROBES

Available to mission congregations for cost of transportation, 21 blue children's choir robes in fair condition. Call 414/854-2216, Grace Lutheran Church, Crivitz, Wisconsin 54114.

INSTALLATIONS

(Authorized by the District Presidents)

Pastors:

Enderle, Jerome L., as pastor of Christ Ev. Lutheran, Grand Island, Nebraska, on April 29, 1979, by D. Nitz (Nebr.).
Nast, Larry C., as pastor of Mt. Olive, Green Bay, Wisconsin, on April 29, 1979, by K. Kuenzel (NW).

ADDRESSES

(Submitted through the District Presidents)

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CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES

DAKOTA-MONTANA

EASTERN DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: June 12, 1979, 9:00 a.m.
Place: Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Watertown, South Dakota.
Agenda: *Book of Reports and Memorials.*
D. Schmitt, Secretary

WESTERN PASTOR-DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: June 19, 1979; 10:00 a.m. (Central Time).
Place: Communion service at Zion Lutheran and sessions at Northwestern Lutheran Academy, Moberge, South Dakota.
Agenda: *Book of Reports and Memorials.*
D. Weiser, Secretary

MINNESOTA

RED WING DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: June 19, 1979.
Place: Our Redeemer, Wabasha, Minnesota; R. Beckmann, host pastor.
Preacher: E. Carmichael; M. Doelger, alternate.
Agenda: *Book of Reports and Memorials.*
R. Kuznicki, Secretary

REDWOOD FALLS DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: June 19, 1979; 1:30 p.m.
Place: St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, rural Belview, Minnesota.
Agenda: *Book of Reports and Memorials.*
R. J. Hellmann, Secretary

SOUTHERN DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: June 19, 1979; 9:00 a.m. Communion service.
Place: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Mason City, Iowa; D. Hochmuth, host pastor.
Preacher: R. Maurice; W. Niermeier, alternate
Agenda: Prof. E. Hirsch's Presentation on Martin Luther Preparatory School; D. Hochmuth's and R. Bushaw's Presentation on the other Synodical Schools; *Book of Reports and Memorials.*
G. Sommer, Secretary

NEW ULM PASTOR-DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: June 20, 1979; 9:30 a.m.
Place: Emmanuel Ev. Lutheran Church, Fairfax, Minnesota; V. Starbuck, host pastor.
Agenda: Review of the 1979 *Book of Reports and Memorials.*
Note: Please excuse to the circuit pastor.
J. Schmidt, Secretary

ST. CROIX PASTOR-TEACHER-DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: June 26, 1979; 9:00 a.m. Communion service.
Place: Timothy Lutheran, St. Louis Park, Minnesota; M. Hanke, host pastor.
Preacher: S. Lawrenz; W. Hartmann, alternate.
Agenda: Clergy Buying Their Own Homes; M. Holck; *Book of Reports and Memorials;* dues and *Lutheran Educator* subscriptions.
J. May, Secretary

NORTHERN WISCONSIN

RHINELANDER DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: Sunday, June 24, 1979; 3:00 p.m.
Place: Redeemer, Tomahawk, Wisconsin; C. J. Siegler, host pastor.
Agenda: *Book of Reports and Memorials.*
C. Siegler, Secretary

PACIFIC NORTHWESTERN

DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: June 19-21, 1979, noon to noon.
Place: Calvary Lutheran, Bellevue, Washington; P. Siegler, host pastor.
Agenda: *Book of Reports and Memorials.*
R. Gerke, Secretary

SOUTH ATLANTIC

DISTRICT PASTOR-TEACHER CONFERENCE

Date: June 11-13, 1979
Place: Gloria Dei, Memphis, Tennessee; R. Busch, host pastor.
Preacher: F. Adrian; J. Werner, alternate.
Agenda: Laborers Together with God — In the Congregation; K. Kruck; Laborers Together with God — In the District; J. Schroeder; *Book of Reports and Memorials.*
H. Huhnerkoch, Secretary

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN

DISTRICT PASTOR-TEACHER CONFERENCE

Dates: Tuesday and Wednesday, June 12-13, 1979.
Place: St. Paul's Lutheran Church, S66 W14325 Janesville Road, Hales Corners, Wisconsin; R. J. Zink, host pastor.
Opening Service: 9:00 a.m., June 12, 1979.
Essayist: Pastor Wm. E. Fischer, Secretary of Part-time Education.
Agenda: *Book of Reports and Memorials.*
Meals: Delegates are on their own.
Registration: A \$2.00 fee for each pastor, teacher, vicar, professor and instructor, but not including retired workers.
M. Kujath, Secretary

WESTERN WISCONSIN

DISTRICT PASTOR-TEACHER CONFERENCE

Date: June 11-12, 1979.
Place: Northwestern College, Watertown, Wisconsin.
Note: Further information will be mailed to each pastor, teacher, and professor.
H. Winkel, Secretary

**THE FORTY-FIFTH BIENNIAL
CONVENTION OF THE WISCONSIN
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD**

The Forty-fifth Biennial Convention of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod will be held, God willing, August 1-8, 1979, at Northwestern College and Preparatory School, Watertown, Wisconsin.

The opening service with Holy Communion will be held Wednesday, August 1, at 10:00 a.m. in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, North Sixth and Jones Streets. President Oscar J. Naumann will preach the sermon. The closing service will be held Tuesday, August 7, at 7:30 p.m. in Trinity Lutheran Church, 601 S. Fourth Street. Professor Carl J. Lawrenz will deliver the sermon.

The opening session will be held Wednesday, August 1, at 2:00 p.m. in the gymnasium of the college. Delegates are asked to arrive early enough so 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 "I KNOW WHOM I HAVE BELIEVED." Prof. Richard Balge will read an essay entitled "I know WHOM I have believed." Prof. Armin Panning will read an essay entitled "I KNOW whom I have believed."

Housing for the delegates will be provided in the dormitories of the college. Detailed instructions regarding travel and housing will be mailed to each delegate.

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 Northwestern College, 1300 Western Avenue, Watertown, Wisconsin 53094. Delegates can be reached by telephone by calling 1-(414)-261-4352.

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

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TO THE SYNOD CONVENTION**

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NEW WELS CHURCHES

TIME AND PLACE

CLAY, NEW YORK

Cross of Christ Ev. Lutheran Church recently transferred its worship services to the Metropolitan Water Board Office Bldg., Intersection of Hwys 481 and 31, Clay, New York. Pastor of the congregation is Kenneth A. Kappel, 4276 Gemini Path, Liverpool, New York 13088; phone 315/652-7951.

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

Holy Scripture Ev. Lutheran Church of Fort Wayne, Indiana, will be conducting all of its services, year round, at 9:00 a.m. Sundays at the Southeast Family YMCA, 5125 Werling Drive. This means that the Sunday morning summer services will also begin at 9:00 a.m., and not at 8:15 as previously listed in the 1979 Yearbook. Pastor of the congregation is Donald L. Thompson, 219/747-3822.

FOLLOWING THE "LIBERTY TRAIL"

If you are vacationing in the East this summer and visit the Philadelphia area on a weekend, plan to worship the One who has won for you Christian freedom. Just two miles from Valley Forge National Park is one of our WELS churches, Peace Ev. Lutheran Church, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania; 215/337-1997; Pastor Daniel Schaller. Summer worship services begin at 9 a.m., preceded by Bible class.

GLACIER OR YELLOWSTONE

Going to Glacier or Yellowstone National Parks this summer? Planning a vacation to the West? Our churches of Good Shepherd in Wolf Point, and Salem in Circle, Montana, are here to serve you as you travel. Please drop in and worship with us. Service time at Good Shepherd is 11:00 a.m. and service time at Salem is 9:00 a.m. Pastor Timothy P. Lowry, phone 406/653-2843.

COMING TO THE MOUNTAIN STATE?

The WELS has two places to worship in West Virginia. Good Shepherd in Beckley worships at 9:00 a.m. every Sunday, with Sunday school and Bible study at 10:15 a.m., at The Rural Acres Garden Club, 512 Rural Acres Drive. Shepherd of the Valley in Charleston worships at 3:30 p.m. every Sunday, with Sunday school and Bible study at 4:30 p.m., at The University of Charleston Chapel (formerly Morris Harvey College), MacCorkle Avenue. For more information, contact Pastor Robert Hoepner, Box 601, Beckley, West Virginia 25801; phone: 304/252-5820.

EXPLORATORY

COTTAGE GROVE, WISCONSIN

Exploratory services are being held in the village hall at Cottage Grove, Wisconsin, each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Please send the names of people who should be informed about our services to: Pastor Gerhardt Haag, Rt. 2, Box 118, Waterloo, Wisconsin 53594, or call 414/648-5205.

DAYTON, OHIO

WELS exploratory services in northwest Dayton (Englewood area), Ohio, are being conducted at 309 Woodside Drive at 8:45 a.m. Sundays, with Sunday school following the service. For information call 513/849-9374 or 513/836-7819, or write to Pastor F. C. Knuempel, 1025 Cliffside Drive, New Carlisle, Ohio 45344.

TOPEKA, KANSAS

Exploratory services are being held at the Educational Reading Services Office, 3300 W. 29th St., Topeka, Kansas. The time of worship is 3:00 p.m. with Bible class and Sunday school at 4:00 p.m. Please submit names of WELS people and other interested parties in the Topeka, Lawrence, Manhattan area to Pastor Paul S. Soukup, 9530, Perry Lane, Overland Park, Kansas 66212, or phone 913/888-6293.

FALL PASTORS' INSTITUTE

The 1979 Pastors' Institute at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary will be held, God willing, on five Monday afternoons beginning October 1. The time is from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. The place is the multipurpose room in the lower level of the Seminary library. The topics will be:

An Evaluation of Walther's Theses of 1852 and 1866, Prof. Carl Lawrenz.

The Shaping of Lutheranism in America in This Century, Prof. Edward Fredrich.

The registration fee is \$7.50. Registrations are to be sent to President Armin W. Schuetze, 11831 N. Seminary Dr. 65W, Mequon, WI 53092.

Pastor Paul A. Manthey, Secretary
Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary
Board of Control

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS MICHIGAN LUTHERAN SEMINARY

Prof. Jerome Birkholz has accepted the call to serve as principal of Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School. The Board of Control of Michigan Lutheran Seminary asks the voting members of the Synod to submit nominations for the vacant professorship. From the nominees the board will select a man who will teach in the language field, primarily English and German. The education required to meet the certification standards of the state of Michigan and/or the Synod will be provided. Nominations, including pertinent information, should be in the hands of the secretary no later than June 18, 1979.

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

CAMP WHITEWATER

The Winona Area Councilmen's Conference is once again sponsoring two one-week camping sessions for the youth of the area WELS congregations.

The Teen Camp (age 12 and older) will run from July 22 — July 28 at a cost of \$35.00 per camper. The Youth Camp (ages 8-11) will be held from July 15 — July 21 at a cost of \$30.00 per camper.

A slide presentation of the camp is available to any interested congregation. For more information contact Pastor John Nolte, 810 37th Avenue, Winona, Minnesota 55987.

YOUTH COUNSELORS' WORKSHOP Michigan District

7:00 p.m. June 13 — 4:00 p.m. June 14
Michigan Lutheran Seminary — Saginaw
For information, call L. Brands 313/371-4626

HYMNAL RACKS

Available to any mission congregation, 36 pew-back hymnal racks, three-hymnal capacity. If interested, please write to Mrs. Selmer Markusen, 1704 Lincoln Street, Two Rivers, Wisconsin 54241.

AN OFFER TO PASTORS

If you would like to take a vacation in the Mountain State of West Virginia, our home is available July 8-22. Beckley and Charleston will need a pastor to conduct services and preach on July 15 and 22. If you are interested, contact Pastor Robert Hoepner, 313 Myers Avenue, Beckley, West Virginia 25801; phone: 304/252-5820.

POSITIONS OPEN

Two operators for high-pressure boilers are needed at the Martin Luther Preparatory School, Prairie du Chien. The positions are open to men over 62 in good health, although younger men may apply. Training is provided; the pay is \$3.50-\$3.75 per hour, plus Synod medical benefits. Contact Business Manager, Martin Luther Preparatory School, Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin 53821; telephone: 608/326-8480.

AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS PASTOR'S INSTITUTE CASSETTES — 1978

A PORTRAIT OF PETER

Prof. A. Panning presents Peter in 5 lectures on 4 cassette recordings. I. Period of Training (Gospel), II. Period of Prominence Following Pentecost (Acts), III. Period of Decline as Paul's Gentile Ministry Grows (Acts), IV. Peter's Correspondence (I & II Peter), and V. Peter in Tradition (Apostolic Fathers, Apocrypha, and Early Church History).

NEW TESTAMENT TEXTUAL CRITICISM

Prof. David Kuske reviews the New Testament Textual Criticism course in 5 lectures on 4 cassette recordings. Topics covered: Major Witnesses to the N.T. Text, Copying of the N.T. Text, Variant Readings, Textual Criticism, and Translations. Cassettes are accompanied with typed notes, keyed to the cassettes for easy listening.

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Treasurer's Report

PREBUDGET SUBSCRIPTION PERFORMANCE

Four months ended April 30, 1979

	Subscription Amount for 1979	1/2 of Annual Subscription	Subscription and Pension Offerings	Per Cent of Subscription
Arizona-California	\$ 520,133	\$ 173,378	\$ 164,988	95.2
Dakota-Montana	259,965	86,655	73,819	85.2
Michigan	1,378,318	459,439	408,877	89.0
Minnesota	1,485,854	495,285	494,058	99.8
Nebraska	291,629	97,210	93,325	96.0
Northern Wisconsin	1,582,426	527,475	458,368	86.9
Pacific Northwest	141,983	47,328	46,673	98.6
Southeastern Wisconsin	1,879,771	626,590	579,825	92.5
Western Wisconsin	1,780,763	593,588	579,953	97.7
South Atlantic	135,469	45,156	40,364	89.4
Total — 1979	\$9,456,311	\$3,152,104	\$2,940,250	93.3
Total — 1978	\$8,810,655	\$2,936,882	\$3,056,710	104.1

CURRENT BUDGETARY FUND

Statement of Income and Expenditures

Twelve months ended April 30, 1979 with comparative figures for 1978

Twelve months ended April 30

	1979	1978	Increase or Decrease*	
			Amount	Per Cent
Income				
Prebudget Subscription Offerings ..	\$ 8,958,989	\$8,593,421	\$ 365,568	4.2
Pension Plan Contributions	75,065	73,120	1,945	2.7
Gifts and Memorials	240,824	221,600	19,224	8.7
Bequests	153,014	100,526	52,488	52.2
Earnings from Fox Estate	67,616	63,539	4,077	6.4
Other Income	19,150	17,153	1,997	11.6
Transfers from Other Funds	118,273	129,085	10,812*	8.4*
Total Income	\$ 9,632,931	\$9,198,444	\$ 434,487	4.7
Expenditures:				
Worker-Training — Expenses	\$ 6,076,236	\$5,276,710	\$ 799,526	15.1
Worker-Training — Income	2,472,976	2,287,656	185,320	8.1
Worker-Training — Net	\$ 3,603,260	\$2,989,054	\$ 614,206	20.5
Home Missions	1,990,788	1,762,318	228,470	13.0
World Missions	1,859,231	1,405,609	453,622	32.3
Benevolences	1,083,785	1,045,184	38,601	3.7
Administration and Services	958,318	818,202	140,116	17.1
Total Operations	\$ 9,495,382	\$8,020,367	\$1,475,015	18.4
CEF — Interest Subsidy	769,310	670,999	98,311	14.7
Appropriations — Bldg. Funds	197,500	254,166	56,666*	22.3*
Total Expenditures	\$10,462,192	\$8,945,532	\$1,516,660	16.9
Operating Gain/Loss**	\$ 829,261**	\$ 252,912		

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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:
June	July 6
July	August 7
August	Sept. 7
Sept.	Oct. 5

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Requests concerning the Antigua Mission and gifts for the Aid to Antigua Fund should be directed to the South Atlantic District Mission Board, c/o Pastor R. Wendland, 266 Evergreen Road, N. Ft. Myers, Florida 33903 and/or to the General Board for Home Missions, 3512 W. North Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53208.

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