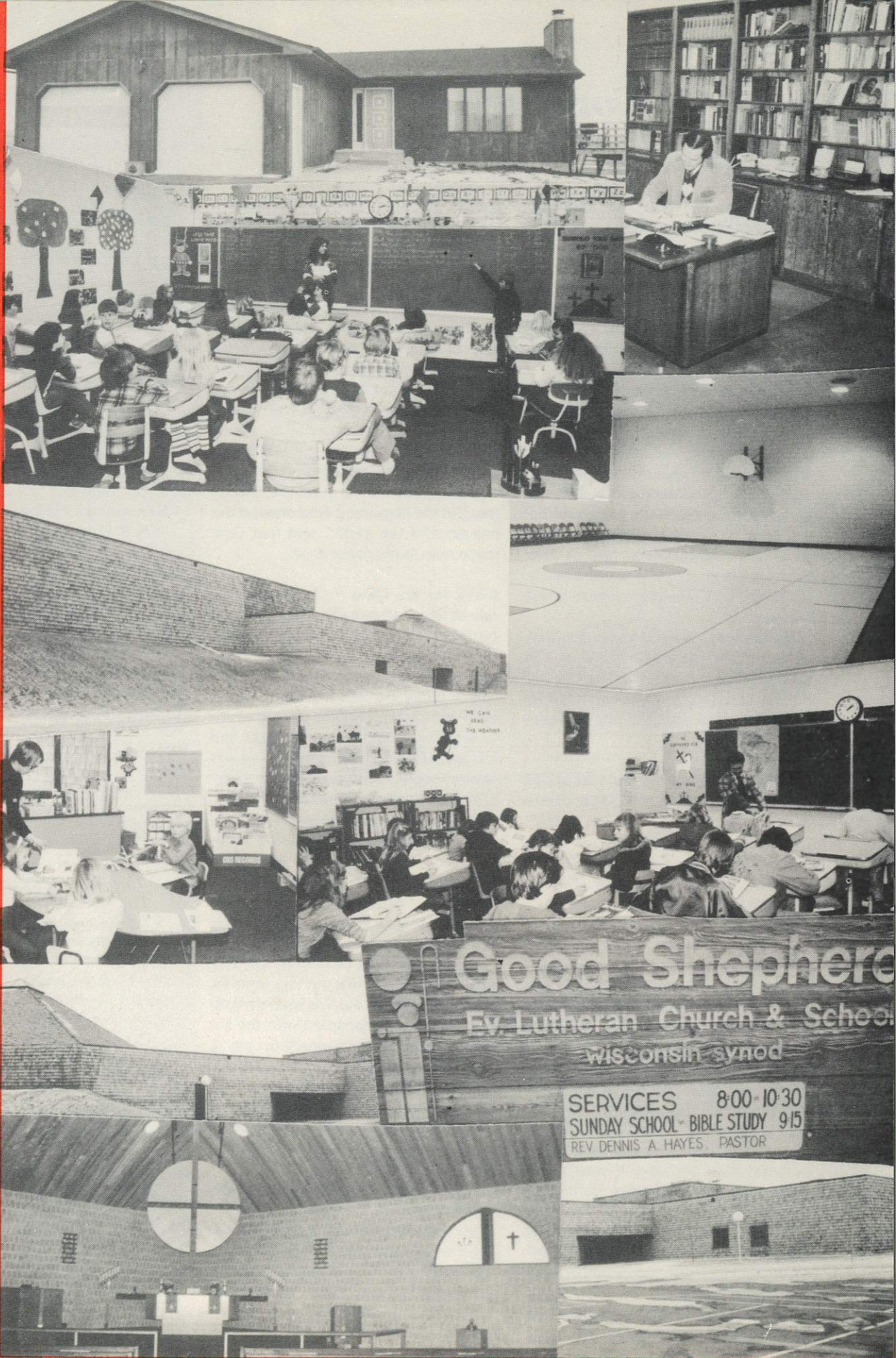


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# Comments by the Editor

**Manpower** — With the follow-up meeting of the Assignment Committee on July 15, all June graduates and summer graduates of Dr. Martin Luther College have been placed in the classrooms of our Christian day schools. In fact, vacancies still exist for 17 men, nine in elementary schools and eight in secondary schools.

The situation is similar as regards pastoral manpower. Although a large class graduated from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, as of July 31 there were already 34 vacancies in the Synod. According to President Carl Mische, 23 of these are in the parish ministry, four in worker-training schools, three in world missions, two in area Lutheran high schools, one at Wisconsin Lutheran College, and one in home missions.

By the way, did you know that 51% of our parish pastors have been in the ministry for 10 years or less? That makes for a comparatively young ministry in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

**No Joke** — During the first half of this century a French Jesuit priest, Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, who died in 1955, was frequently at odds with his ecclesiastical superiors in the Roman Church. Teilhard was particularly avid in promoting the theory of evolution.

Now, in 1980, he is again the center of a hassle, some claiming that he was involved in perpetrating one of the greatest scientific hoaxes in history, others stating that this would have been completely out of character for this priest who was also a scientist.

Back in 1912, Charles Dawson, a lawyer turned scientist, "unearthed" two skulls near Piltdown, England. The "Piltdown Man," as the bones became known, was hailed as the missing link between man and ape. It wasn't until 1953 that the hoax was unmasked. Chemical tests proved the bones to be of recent origin, simply stained to give the appearance of being old, and with the molars filed down to resemble those of a human being.

Stephen Jay Gould, in *Natural History*, suggests that Teilhard, then a stu-

dent in England, more or less master-minded the hoax. He calls it a youthful joke.

We are in no position to decide whether Teilhard was involved in this hoax or not, but we do want to call attention to the hoax itself. It's not a joke! There is no way of knowing how many persons were confirmed in their unbelief by this hoax, casting doubt as it did on the account of creation in Genesis 1. Any theory that needs to be supported by manufactured evidence is just that — a theory and nothing else, certainly not a fact!

On our part we will continue to confess: "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth," and that God made man in his own image.

**Bibles for the Blind** — A recent news release informs the reader that the American Bible Society has established a special fund to provide Scriptures for the blind and the visually handicapped. The fund will be called the "Helen Keller Centennial Fund" in honor of the famous woman who was born on June 27, 1880, and lost her sight and hearing when she was 18 months old. The story of how she overcame her handicap is well known.

Perhaps less well known is her long association with the American Bible Society, which in 1921 furnished her with a Bible in the New York Point System, a raised-dot method of reading for the blind that was a forerunner of the Braille System.

Perhaps also not as well known as it might be is the fact that our Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod through its Special Ministries Board in cooperation with the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society is also deeply involved in work for the blind, the visually impaired and the hearing impaired. The materials offered by our Synod range from hymnals to devotional booklets to tracts to copies of *The Northwestern Lutheran*.

A complete list of materials available and information on how to get them from the workshop in St. Paul can be received by writing to the Special Ministries Board, 3512 West North Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53208. Materials are available in Braille, large-print, and on cassettes.

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

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## The Cover

The collage, prepared by Pastor Dennis Hayes, introduces you to the "Million Dollar Miracle" in his congregation at Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The details of the story of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church are given on page 284.

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## Editorials

### Sincerity in Religion

"People do strange and serious things," said Judge Robert Zarick setting bail for a couple accused of murdering their daughter's boyfriend. The judge might have added, "Especially when the motivation is religious."

The Moslem couple were irate because their religion, Islam, calls for strict separation of unmarried males and females and they found the victim in their daughter's room. They enforced their religious code by pumping several dozen bullets into the back of the violator of that code.

The same issue of the metropolitan daily which reported that shocking incident ran a piece on a cancer patient refusing operations involving the blood transfusions that are taboo according to her Jehovah's Witnesses cult. At the same time she had to refuse other treatments because of pregnancy risks. A too-late non-transfusion operation was not successful. The mother died; the infant lived.

In both cases, there were heroic demonstrations of religious sincerity, sincerity that reached all the way to the ultimate issues of life and death. How are we to evaluate such sincerity?

In both cases the sincerity was misdirected. In the one case, a well-known commandment was disregarded. In the other case, an extra commandment was added to the established list. The conclusion is this: not all religious sincerity is a manifestation of true religion.

That should not be the final word. The final word to all of us should be the other side of the same coin. It bears the inscription: all true religion is sincere. Is ours the kind of religion that will be sincere even when it is a matter of life and death?

Those who lay claim to the true religion dare not fall short in such sincerity.

Edward Fredrich

**A Window on the LCA** One hesitates to evaluate a church body on the basis of a single issue of its official periodical, but when certain aspects and attitudes of that church body are stated clearly and even repeatedly in that issue, one is justified in drawing a large conclusion about the spiritual character of that body. A March issue of *The Lutheran*, the official magazine of the Lutheran Church in America, is an open window through which to view the LCA.

The unconditional grace of God received by faith in Christ Jesus is proclaimed in "The justifying word," a chapter in the year-long series on the Augsburg Confession and the *Book of Concord*. That Luther would have approved of.

But the message that much of the rest of the magazine communicates is un-Lutheran. The LCA approves of

ecumenism, for example. A feature article on a Manitoba congregation commends its LCA pastor for conducting his ministry to the Anglicans, Lutherans, Presbyterians, and United Church of Canada members in his "community of faith." A news item reports that an LCA seminary professor is taking part in an ecumenical continuing education series.

Women's ordination is taken for granted. A story and a picture feature two women ministering to a Philadelphia church. The editor of the column "My question is . . ." answers a question about women becoming bishops as follows: "All of the references to the office of bishop are male in [1 Timothy 3] because that's the way it was when the words were written. Now that women are ordained, they may become synod presidents and bishops. With a simple grammatical adjustment in the interpretation of 1 Timothy 3, all of the references clearly apply." So cavalierly the LCA adjusts Scripture.

*The Lutheran* is also committed to the social gospel. A feature article, "Christians Carry Clout," explains how church bodies can influence corporations to halt doing business in South Africa. [Doing business with faith- and church-destroying communists doesn't seem to disturb these churches!] The LCA's Division for Missions in North America has issued a social statement on economic justice. Another item approves a synod's concern for Indian treaty rights. The editor of *The Lutheran* thinks of Lent also in terms of energy conservation, reduced purchases of consumer items, and inflation fighting. "The topics seem worldly or even political," he writes, "and many church people want religion to stay out of politics. Even though the issues are complex, church savvy in dealing with economic and social issues is improving."

"Church savvy in dealing with economic and social issues" may be "improving" in the LCA, but Scripture-based and confessional Lutheranism is not.

Carleton Toppe

### How Come?

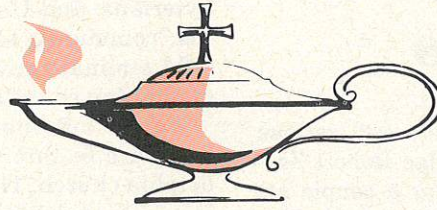
Recent decades have seen some radical changes in the area of morality. New views of morality have been widely adopted, and new standards are commonly being employed for measuring it.

The effects are very visible. Abortion, formerly outlawed, has been legalized. Homosexuality has been elevated from the repugnance of a perversion to the status of a sexual preference. Premarital and extramarital sex have been removed from the list of prohibited practices. "Living together" has become socially and morally acceptable, especially when it involves "a meaningful relationship" (whatever that is). Pornography has become almost indefinable. All of these things reflect changes in moral views and values.

"Enlightened" is what these views are commonly termed by those who hold them, and that includes a significant proportion of the populace, judging by published opinion polls touching on these areas. These views tend to be looked upon as signs of progress and improvement on the part of the human race.

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## *Studies in God's Word*

### God Thwarts the Sins of Men

#### Read Genesis 37:1-11

God never causes the sins of men. To accuse him of such is to make him less than holy. He does, however, at times twist and turn those sins to accomplish his own gracious purposes. Nowhere do we see this more plainly than in Christ's crucifixion. Behind the cupidity, cowardice, and cruelty which nailed God's Son to the cross were the devil, the world, and man's flesh, but from that cross God has brought greatest blessing to the world.

In Joseph's life, too, we see how the sinless God thwarts the sins of men and makes them serve his gracious plans.

#### The Sins of Men

Seventeen years earlier in Mesopotamia a son had been born. A happy mother named him Joseph, which means either "may he add," indicating her desire that God give her more sons after this one for whom she had waited so long, or "he takes away" referring to God's goodness in removing her stigma of being childless. Because this boy was the son of Rachel, the favorite wife, his father Jacob loved him dearly. Also because this son was born when Jacob was 91 years old (cf. 37:2; 41:46; 45:11; 47:9), he was loved more than any of the other sons. Was it here already that the seeds of strife and envy were sown among Jacob's brethren?

The coals of envy were stirred into hatred when Jacob showed his favor-

itism for this son. Had Jacob himself forgotten how earlier in his own life 20 years of separation from home and family had resulted for him because his mother Rebekah had favored him and his father Isaac had favored Esau? Yet with a sad lack of prudence Jacob gave his son "a richly ornamental robe" such as royalty wore (2 Samuel 13:18). The brothers, instead of asking whether Joseph had earned the preference and instead of fighting against their evil thoughts, allowed envy's irritation to grow into hatred's bitterness until peaceful words could no longer be exchanged with their brother.

The hatred was fanned to still brighter flames when Joseph came with his dreams. The meaning of the brothers' bundles of grain bowing down to Joseph's bundle in the first dream was so transparent that the brothers caught it at once, with the result that they hated him still more. Was it secret pride in Joseph that caused him to tell the second dream to his brothers and even to his father? Hating brothers became even more hateful when told that they like the "eleven stars" would bow down to Joseph. Jacob, when told that he would bow down like "the sun" to his son, rebuked him sharply, though at the same time resolving to keep watch and observe what the future would bring.

Such were the sins which ripened in Jacob's home and later almost caused the murder of Joseph.

What can we learn from the sad event in Jacob's family circle? From the bitter bickering among Jacob's four wives and their children comes the warning of what can happen when men disregard God's monogamous plan for marriage. From the grief that followed Jacob's partiality for one son comes the lesson for parents to love all their children equally as God loves all his. From the reactions to Joseph's dreams and words comes the warning not to parade one's talents and achievements. Above all, from the whole account comes the warning about envy. "Envy rots the bones," Proverbs 14:30 warns us. "Where you have envy . . . there you find disorder and every evil practice," James 3:16 remarks. The rankling resentment aroused by another's success and the despicable delight caused by another's failure have their roots in envy. And envy leads only to evil deeds. When people turn green with envy, they're ripe for trouble. Envy and Christian love are incompatible. Love produced by the Spirit in the hearts of men, "does not envy, does not boast, is not proud" (1 Corinthians 13:4) and those who strive to follow the Savior's footprints in faith know how "no deceit was found in his mouth" (1 Peter 2:22).

#### The Plans of God

Many times in the next 13 years Joseph must have wondered as nothing but trouble seemed to follow the telling of his dreams. Yet God with his providential needle was at work stitching a clear design in the fabric of Joseph's life. The time would come when Joseph would recognize part of that loving design himself. Raised to peaks of success and glory in Egypt, Joseph would tell his brothers who had come seeking life-sustaining grain, "Ye thought evil against me, but God meant it unto good to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive" (50:20). In Egypt, Joseph would be God's instrument in keeping his chosen people alive.

In our lives, too, not all that crosses our path is good in itself, but when our God of grace takes hold of it and bends it for his own purposes, only good can result for us. Faith does not ask to see, but trusts that though God never causes sin, yet he can thwart it and make it serve his gracious plans.

Richard E. Lauersdorf



# Mining the Treasure of God's Word

Matthew 13:1-23

Mark 4:1-21

Luke 8:4-18



JULIAN G. ANDERSON

## The Parable of the Sower

According to Matthew, the incident we're going to study today took place on the same day as Jesus' clash with the Pharisees which we studied last time (see Matthew 13:1); but now Jesus had left the house and gone down to Lake Galilee again. But first we'll follow Mark.

### Read Mark 4:1-9

Remember that when Jesus was "teaching" (v. 1), he was explaining the Scriptures to the people. His popularity at this time is indicated by verse 1b (compare Luke 5:3, lesson for March 30, 1980). A "parable" (v. 2) was a little story that teaches a spiritual lesson about the *kingdom of heaven*; and parables were one of Jesus' favorite ways of teaching. Remember that each parable was told to teach *one* primary lesson about the kingdom of heaven. Sometimes the lesson is obvious, as here, and sometimes not. Notice also that all of Jesus' parables were simple stories taken from everyday life, and the opening line generally summarizes the story itself, as here in verse 3. The *key word* in this story is the word "seed" (hi-lite it wherever it occurs); and the story tells how the seed fell in four different places around the farm, only one of which was a *good* place (v. 8) Note why this was a good place (v. 8, underline). Verse 9 was Jesus' warning to his hearers, that they must pay

attention to this story (use their ears and minds).

### Now Read Matthew 13:10-17

Mark 4:10a tells us that this scene took place when Jesus and his apostles were alone. And their question led Jesus to explain why he was using stories like this (Matthew 13:10). His reply was that in his daily teaching he was revealing to them the secrets (the Greek word is "mysteries") of the kingdom of heaven. A "mystery" was a secret which had now been *revealed* to someone. But, of course, the crowds of people hadn't had the opportunity to learn such secrets. And therefore stories of this kind would help to make these secrets clear to them, since they told about things they understood from everyday life. The "that" beginning Mark 4:12 should be understood as meaning, "But the *results* will be that. . . ." Jesus' description of the crowds fills our hearts with pity and sadness as we realize that it describes the vast majority of people in our day just as perfectly. They have eyes and ears and minds, but they don't use them. The prophecy quoted here is Isaiah 6:9,10, and it gives us a vivid picture of natural man and the spiritual darkness in which he lives. Verses 16 and 17 of Matthew 13, in contrast, speak of the blessedness (the word means spiritual *happiness*) of Jesus' followers, whose hearts have been en-

lightened by the work of the Holy Spirit (see Luther's explanation of the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed in the Small Catechism). And we are numbered among those blessed, happy people! Now turn back and

### Read Mark 4:13-20

This was Jesus' explanation of the parable, along with his comment that this will tell us *how* to interpret all the parables. Therefore study this section until you thoroughly understand the method involved here. The opening line (v. 14) gives the parallel *key word* of the story, what the seed represents (underline the verse and hi-lite the word). Remember that a parable always teaches something about the *kingdom of heaven*. Verses 15-20 then tell us what the four places represent (the NIV makes this specific). Really it isn't four different kinds of people, but people with four different kinds of *hearts* or *minds*, because the Word falls into our hearts or minds. With this much help you can now understand the whole story. Some people's hearts are as hard as concrete, and the Word never even sprouts there. Others have a shallow layer of interest or curiosity which is quickly satisfied, but underneath is the same hard heart. Others are interested, and the Word takes root and grows in their hearts, but their hearts are much too full of cares, worries and concern about the material things of this life, and the Word is choked and never produces any fruit. And that is the second *key word* (hi-lite it in v. 20). This is the key word which teaches the lesson of this story, that God, like a farmer, sows his Word to *produce fruit*. And the only useful people in the kingdom of heaven are those who do bear spiritual fruit. Here see Galatians 5:22,23. Notice, in closing, the little practical observation that all Christians do not produce the same amount of fruit. This is something which depends on many other factors, such as the talents and abilities the Lord has given to each one. For further study here, read 1 Corinthians 12:4-26, underlining verses 7 and 11. You may then want to read Paul's continuing discussion on this from 12:27-14:25. Note, then, the one lesson taught here, namely, that God sows his Word in our hearts so that every Christian will *bear fruit* (compare John 15:1-8).



## Districts in Action

*This past summer the Ten Districts of our Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod met in convention to advise the Synod in the carrying out of its mission and to grapple with the specific problems and opportunities facing the districts themselves. Unlike at synodical conventions, at district meetings every congregation is represented by delegates and every pastor and male teacher is expected to attend. These are the grass-roots assemblies of our church body.*

### Arizona-California

The 14th biennial convention of the Arizona-California District was held on June 17-19 at Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church, Tucson, Arizona. Present were 219 voting delegates. Pastor Charles Found was the preacher for the opening Communion service.

#### Elections

All incumbents were reelected to the district praesidium: Pastor Immanuel Frey, president; Pastor Markus Nitz, first vice-president; Pastor David Vallesky, secretary.

Mr. Donald Zimmerman of the Synod's Board for Parish Education reported on the new Sunday-school materials. It was decided by the convention to give the offering of \$422.18 to the Parish Education Publishing Fund to assist in the publication of the new Sunday-school course. Mr. Ronald Meier of the WELS fiscal office introduced a new book entitled, "A Standard Accounting System for Lutheran Congregations."

Convention essayist was Pastor Winfred A. Koelpin of Livonia, Michigan, who spoke on "The Pharisees — An Old Religious Fraternity."

The convention concurred with the request of the Texas Conference for district status, providing that minimum constitutional requirements have been met by the time of the 1981 Synod Convention. — Support was expressed for the calling of a mission counselor to serve in California. — The district resolved to establish a permanent Special Ministries Board, replacing the interim board. — The convention decided to memorialize the Synod to clarify *Whereas #3* of the Synodical Resolution on Abortion and to substantiate

it with Scripture references. — Encouragement was voted for a synod-wide thank offering to mark the 15th anniversary of the Lutheran Evangelical Christian Church in Japan.

#### "The Role of Man and Woman"

Considerable time was spent in discussing "The Role of Man and Woman According to the Scriptures." Two resolutions were adopted by the convention. The first one rejected the essay as a position paper, feeling that a deeper study of many Scripture passages was needed. The second resolution asked that the matter be further studied in our congregations and in pastoral conferences.

Thanks were often expressed to the Lord for his many blessings in all areas of kingdom work and strong encouragement was given to members to support the Kingdom Loan Plan and the Building His House Program.

William Meier  
James Humann

### Dakota-Montana

Pastors, teachers, and delegates of the Dakota-Montana District met in convention at St. Martin's Ev. Lutheran Church, Watertown, South Dakota, on June 17-19, 1980. The convention theme was the word of Peter in Matthew 16:16: "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Change was the subject of retiring Pastor Arthur P. C. Kell's final presidential report. "The last biennium," he stated, "has brought some bitter disappointments to the members of the Dakota-Montana District, in that the Synod found it necessary on August 1, 1979, to close our beloved school, Northwestern Lutheran Academy. . . . And

since that time, a certain spirit of gloom has become noticeable in the district. . . . But isn't that a rather human reaction? Is it all that bad? If you think it is, what do you think the apostle meant when he said, 'All things work together for good to them that love God'? Does he not mean to say that all things, even those which are highly disagreeable to us, under God will turn out to be the greatest blessings we may have experienced?" Pastor Kell also called attention to other changes in the district: "Scientific farming methods and procedures have raised the standard of living of our people. Some of the country congregations have relocated to the larger cities. New missions have been planted in other cities where there is a future for them. Many of the small-town schools have been consolidated. Christian day schools are being opened in ever greater numbers. The average length of the pastorates in the congregations of the district is being extended. Not only do pastors stay longer, they even accept calls back into the Dakota-Montana District."



Retiring President Kell and Professor Hartwig

#### Change in Praesidium

Since Pastor Arthur P. C. Kell is retiring after 45 years in the parish ministry, 14 of which were combined with the presidency of the Dakota-Montana District, the district's praesidium experienced a change at this convention. Pastor Wayne I. Schulz of Rapid City, South Dakota, was elected president. Pastor John Engel of Great Falls, Montana, was elected first vice-president and Pastor Edward Werner of South Shore, South Dakota, second vice-president. Pastor Dennis Hayes of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, was elected secretary.





**New Praesidium (left to right): Secretary Dennis Hayes, Second Vice-President Edward Werner, President Wayne Schulz and First Vice-President Jon Engel**

### Offer of Former NLA Campus Declined

The Synod in its 1979 convention resolved to offer the facilities of the former Northwestern Lutheran Academy to the constituency of the Dakota-Montana District for use as an area Lutheran high school. But since the district did not feel in a position to assume responsibility for the former NLA property, and since there had been an unsolicited inquiry regarding the purchase of the former campus, the district in convention resolved to free the hands of the Synod's Board of Trustees making it possible for them to negotiate with the interested parties. The district, however, is actively promoting Christian secondary education in its midst through an association called the Dakota-Montana Lutheran High School, Inc.

### Theological Matters

Lively discussions were evoked by the reading of the convention essay, "The Book of Concord: A Beacon for the Way of Christian Confessionalism," presented by Prof. T. J. Hartwig, and the consideration of the theses, "The Role of Man and Woman According to Holy Scriptures," submitted by the Synod's Commission on Higher Education. Both papers placed before the delegates issues of great significance in the contemporary theological and social atmosphere. It was resolved that the theses, "The Role of Man and Woman According to Holy Scriptures," receive further study in the fall pastoral conferences of the district.

### Missions

It was evident that the Lord had showered his blessings on the mission

efforts of this district during the last biennium. Survey and exploratory work were conducted at Hot Springs, South Dakota; Jamestown, North Dakota; and Missoula and Helena, Montana. Mission status was granted to three of these: Mt. Zion, Missoula; Grace, Hot Springs; and James Valley, Jamestown. Official exploratory status with manpower was also recently granted to Calgary, Alberta, Canada. The Lord also blessed a number of the district's missions with facilities. In 1979 existing buildings were purchased to serve as chapels at Jamestown, North Dakota, and Bozeman, Montana. The cost of both buildings and lots was under \$100,000, a real saving for the Church Extension Fund and for both congregations. We praise the Lord for his grace and guidance.

William H. Russow

## Nebraska

The 32nd biennial convention of the Nebraska District was held on June 17-19 at Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church in Winner, South Dakota. The theme of the convention was "Stand Firm in One Spirit." Prof. Theodore Hartwig of Dr. Martin Luther College preached the opening sermon on Luke 18:4,5.

In his report to the convention, President Gerald E. Free reminded those in attendance that "we are laborers together with God . . ." (1 Corinthians 3:9), and pointed out that we have an earnest responsibility to diligently preach the gospel, a responsibility which comes with the privilege of performing the Lord's work. He noted that cooperation is essential for our work as laborers in God's kingdom.

Pastor Joel Frank, chairman of the Nebraska District Mission Board, and Pastor Harold Hagedorn, chairman of the Colorado Mission District Board, reported increases in the number of new missions, in manpower and property.

Four new pastors, three new teachers and two new congregations were welcomed into membership with the Nebraska District.

Pastor Philip Zarling, chairman of the District Special Ministries Board, presented a reference manual to all district pastors. It contains the various objectives and suggestions concerning

the special ministry activities of the Synod.

The Committee on Relief noted that \$15,000 was sent to help the victims of tornadoes in Grand Island, Nebraska.

Professor Theodore Hartwig presented the convention paper, *The Book of Concord: A Beacon for the Way of Christian Confessionalism*. A lively discussion followed.

### Visitors

Various synodical officials presented reports to the convention. World Mission Chairman R. H. Zimmermann reported that our world mission program has two distinctly different types of activities. Either we are working directly through expatriate missionaries, or we are supporting young overseas confessional churches. We are presently active in 14 countries outside the U.S.A.

Mr. Richard Grunze, Secretary of Publications for our Synod, presented and explained the new Sunday-school course for nursery and kindergarten.

Rev. Larry Zwiig, assistant executive secretary of the General Board for Home Missions, presented the reasons behind the decrease in new mission openings. He described the new CEF program and fielded various questions from the convention delegates.

### Elections

Elected to the district praesidium were: Rev. Gerald Free, president; Rev. Douglas Bode, first vice-president; Rev. Paul Soukup, second vice-president; Rev. William Goehring, secretary.

Missionaries Charles Flunker of Puerto Rico and David Haberkorn of Japan told of the joys and blessings in their respective fields.

### Resolutions

There were notable reactions and resolutions concerning the information contained in the *Report to the Ten Districts*. The convention passed a resolution to request the Synod to create the position of evangelism co-ordinator as soon as funds are available. — A resolution was passed to inform all our congregations of the plight of the Lutheran Confessional Church of Sweden in the hope of building up the Sweden Conference and Aid Fund. — A motion to halt the creation of new

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synodical and teaching positions and the inauguration of new programs until the deficit be overcome was defeated by a vote of 51 to 46. — After a discussion of the paper, "The Role of Man and Woman According to Holy Scripture," the convention resolved to ask for further study. — Concern was expressed over declining Sunday-school enrollment. Congregations were urged to make use of the Synod's *Twig and Branches* program. — All parents and congregations were encouraged to make full use of *The Junior Northwestern*.

There was a special recognition by the delegates of President's Free's 25th anniversary in the preaching ministry. We thank God for his faithful service among us.

T. Bauer

## Southeastern Wisconsin

The Southeastern Wisconsin District met in convention at Wisconsin Lutheran High School, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, June 10-11, 1980. The theme of the convention and the theme of the inspiring sermon at its opening service was "Hold Fast To Our Faith — Share It With Others." The convention preacher, Prof. Joel Gerlach of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, pointed out the motive for and the purpose of holding fast to our Christian faith.

Convention business opened with Pastor George Boldt's presidential report. He reminded all present that before Jesus ascended into heaven he gave a command to his church, saying, "Go ye, therefore, and teach (make disciples of) all nations. . . ." The disciples and subsequent followers of Christ no doubt desired and do desire to do just that. It is not possible to enjoy blessings at home if we are not concerned about the Lord's overall command to preach the Gospel to every creature, to every nation. The truth of God faces opposition not only from without, but even from within, yes, from our own set ideas and our own flesh. He strongly restated the convention theme: "Hold Fast To Our Faith."

Reports were presented and studied on all district activity as well as all phases of synodical work. One eve-

ning was set aside for the special consideration of the CHE report, "The Role of Man and Woman According to the Scriptures." President Armin Schuetze of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary led the discussion.

### District Mission Work

The District Mission Board reported that in spite of the temporary problems besetting our church because of the economy, the glory of God and the blessings of God are still very much in evidence in our district's mission fields. There is an increasing number of adult confirmands, giving evidence of the outreach of our missions. The only sad note was sounded when the delegates were told that throughout our Synod only 15 new missions (the annual goal is 20) were opened in 1979. Increased building costs have also had an effect. How important, therefore, is that vital resource for funding mission chapels, the BUILDING HIS HOUSE program! Among the visible blessings which our gracious Lord bestowed upon our district mission endeavors is the fact that six congregations were enabled in the past biennium to become fully self-supporting.

Pastor Robert James Voss of St. John's Lutheran Church, Libertyville, Illinois, read the convention essay. In keeping with the convention theme the essay was titled, "Is the Book of Concord the Last Word?" The title question was answered in three sections as follows: I. The authority and status of our confessions; II. The doctrinal and practical issues facing the confessional church today; and III. The prospects of formulating additional confessions.

Election results: Pastor George Boldt, Morton Grove, Illinois, president; Pastor Winfred Nommensen, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, first vice-president; Pastor Robert Zink, Hales Corners, Wisconsin, second vice-president; Pastor Mentor Kujath, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, secretary.

In closing the delegates were thanked for their faithful and efficient work. More important, however, was the oneness of spirit shown by this convention, giving us all cause to thank our gracious and loving God. May we, who are so richly blessed, open our hearts to do the Lord's work, sharing these blessings with all people

everywhere as soon as possible! That was our convention and our convention theme: "Hold Fast To Our Faith — And Share It With Others."

Charles Kirst, Delegate  
St. James Lutheran Church  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

## Pacific Northwest

Grace Ev. Lutheran Church of Seattle, Washington, hosted the 32nd biennial convention of the Pacific Northwest District. Some 65 pastors, teachers, and lay delegates, representing WELS congregations from Alaska to Idaho, met there from June 17 to 19, 1980.

Reelected to serve the district for another two years were Pastor George W. Frey, president; Pastor Melvin F. Teske, first vice-president, Pastor Gerald G. Ditter, second vice-president. Pastor Lloyd Lambert was elected secretary.

### Visitors

"A Look at Our WELS World Missions: Principles, Policies, and Programs" was the theme of the essay presented by Rev. Theodore Sauer, executive secretary of the Board for World Missions. The convention also welcomed Mr. Ronald Meier, the Synod's assistant treasurer, who presented the new standard accounting system for congregations. Another special visitor was Mr. Donald Zimmerman, BPE executive secretary, who gave us a look at the new Sunday-school nursery and kindergarten courses.

### Convention Actions

During the course of the convention, it was our joy to welcome three congregations into membership, all in Alaska: Grace in Sitka, Peace in Eagle River, and Grace in Kenai. Wednesday evening was set aside to study "The Role of Man and Woman According to Holy Scripture." The resolution adopted regarding this essay reads in part: "The thesis of the paper was accepted as informative, practical, and Scriptural."

As our chaplain pointed out on closing day, the convention was not marked by the kind of excitement

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## How Far Will They go Among So Many?

Andrew saw the masses of people, about 5000 men besides women and children. Then he looked at those five small barley loaves and two small fish and asked, "How far will they go among so many?" (John 6:9.)

We may be inclined to express that same skeptical opinion after the ordination last September of two national pastors for the work of the ministry in the Lutheran Church of Central Africa (LCCA). After all, there are over 10 million people living in the countries of Zambia and Malawi. How far will they go among so many? Humanly speaking, we are spread rather thin. One more pastor has been assigned to Zambia and one more for Malawi. But our God has his own way of making much out of little. As the Lord blessed the gifts at the feeding of the 5000, so we are sure he will bless the gifts given in these two new pastors.

Having successfully completed their theological training consisting of three years at our Lutheran Seminary and two years of vicarageship, Lackson Lozi and Timothy Mulando were ordained into the public ministry. Their task is to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ to the peoples of Malawi and Zambia. It is not the Peters and Pauls or the Lozis or Mulandos who

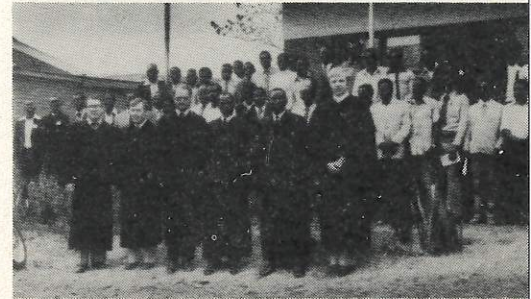
are going to turn the world "upside down," but the gospel will!

Lackson Lozi was assigned to serve the Mzuzu area of northern Malawi. He is our first resident pastor in that entire northern region. What a thrill it was for this writer to be at the conference service in which Lackson Lozi was ordained. We remembered how it was back in 1963 when the work in Malawi had just begun. Then two Lutheran missionaries met with a handful of people. Sixteen years later we could take part in a service at which six pastors from Malawi were present, two national pastors and four expatriates. Pastor Ntambo, our first African pastor in Malawi, performed the rite of ordination and was joined by pastors J. M. Janosek, J. Kurth, M. Hintz, N. Kuske and R. G. Cox. Those men are serving 35 congregations with a baptized membership of 2,698.

The setting for Timothy Mulando's ordination was rather humble. On a Sunday in July we met Pastors Hartzell and Mavika at an ancient baobob tree 100 kilometers out of Lusaka. From there we drove down a dusty road to Kabasunga village. There were enough chairs for the special guests; the rest of the congregation sat on the ground or on reed mats. The "walls"



**D. Ntambo ordains Lackson Lozi**



**Conference at Lilongwe, Malawi**

were of grass. The "roof" was the Zambian sky with a blazing sun beating down. Pastor S. Hachibamba preached the sermon and Pastor B. Mavika served as liturgist. Pastor E. Hartzell performed the rite of ordination. Before studying at our Lutheran Bible Institute and Seminary, Pastor Mulando used to be a fisherman. Now he joins the other fishers of men in our LCCA — five national pastors and nine expatriate missionaries.

We thank God for giving us laborers for the harvest. We also want to say "Thank You!" to the members of the WELS for supporting the work of the LCCA. Thanks for the missionaries sent to Zambia and Malawi, for the LCCA training facilities where these men sat at Jesus' feet, for the homes and churches built in which the Word is proclaimed, for the money to subsidize salaries, and for your prayers which never cease.

Remember also these newly ordained pastors in your prayers. A skeptical world might say, "What are they among so many?" But with St. Paul and with all the saints we can confidently proclaim, "If God is for us, who can be against us?"

R. G. Cox  
Superintendent — LCCA



**Left to right: R. G. Cox, E. Hartzell, S. Hachibamba and B. Mavika join in ordaining Timothy Mulando**



## DMLC Summer School Graduation and Assignments

Seven students were granted the Bachelor of Science in Education degree at the close of the summer session at Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota. They were Janet Marie Becker, Michael J. Colla, Larry W. Klukas, Jean Marie Pape, Dawn Rae Parks, Beth Ann Slater, and Lynn E. Stuertz. The degrees were conferred in a closing service on July 17, 1980. The sermon for the occasion, based on Ephesians 1:13,14, was preached by President Lloyd O. Huebner. A reception followed the service in the college cafeteria.

The following were also recommended for Synod certification. As elementary teachers: Bernice S. Fenner of Helenville, Wisconsin, and Carlotta L. Ohm of Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota. As secondary teachers:

Kirsten M. Bergholz of Appleton, Wisconsin; Richard G. Everts of Waco, Nebraska; and Kenric F. Peterson of Garden Grove, California.

On July 15, 1980, the Assignment Committee met in connection with the Vicarship Supervision Seminar at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, Wisconsin, and assigned the graduates of the summer quarter and those still remaining of the spring graduates. The assignments are as follows.

Janet M. Becker of Wonevot, Wisconsin, was assigned to St. John's School at Lannon, Wisconsin. Mark E. Birsching of Watertown, Wisconsin, and Douglas W. Stubalt of Benton Harbor, Michigan, were assigned to Apostles, San Jose, California. Trinity at Crete, Illinois, received Michael J. Colla of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. Scott

E. Jungen of Sterling, Virginia, received a call to the one-room school of Resurrection Congregation in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Larry W. Klukas of Balaton, Minnesota, will teach business education at the Winnebago Lutheran Academy, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. Apostles at Billings, Montana, also a one-room school, was assigned Dale M. Marquardt of Kewaskum, Wisconsin. Dawn R. Parks of Athens, Wisconsin, will be teaching at Bay Pines Lutheran, Seminole, Florida. Randall L. Pelischek of Green Bay, Wisconsin, was assigned to Bethany, Kenosha, Wisconsin. St. John's at Two Rivers, Wisconsin, will have Beth A. Slater of Burton, Michigan, as its teacher. The East Fork Mission at Whiteriver, Arizona, was assigned Larry M. Sellnow of Belle Plaine, Minnesota. Lynn E. Stuertz of Glenview, Illinois, received a call to St. Paul's, Stevensville, Michigan.

May our Lord graciously bless all of them as they share his Word with his lambs!

### *"My Word shall not return unto Me void!"*



**Worshippers at recent Sunday service in Humacao,  
Pablo Quinones at right rear.**

How does a congregation form? Where does it start? It can begin in the heart of one man when he puts his trust in Jesus as his Savior. And when that person begins to share Christ with

his friends and relatives, the Holy Spirit will ignite the spark of faith in more hearts. Gradually a group of believers in Christ gathers. That's a congregation.

Sounds good. Does it really happen? Certainly! An example is the story of Pablo Quinones in Humacao, a small city on the east coast of Puerto Rico. Missioner Martens, in describing the results of his limited, once-a-week efforts in Humacao, once remarked, "We seem to be gathering eggs where we don't have any chickens."

Despite limited time available to our missionaries, Pablo kept asking questions about Christ and his Word. And he didn't stop there. He confessed his faith and expressed it to his wife, his children, his mother, his brothers and others. Soon Luis wanted his baby girl baptized, then Carmen wanted her daughter baptized, and then others. Last year 11 children were baptized as a result of the witnessing done by Pablo.

That kind of commitment deserves more intensive follow-up. In February of this year one of the missionaries, Paul Hartman, moved to Humacao.

Is a congregation forming there? The Lord knows the future. This much is clear: the Lord continues to keep his promise that his Word will not return unto him void. Won't you pray that Pablo keeps on confessing Christ!



## Missing on the DMLC Campus

There comes a time in the history of every institution when persons who have been identified with it retire and make room for new faces. But though no longer present, they are not forgotten. Their memory lingers on in the hearts of those with whom they came in contact and in the institution itself. When this happens to be a Christian institution such as Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota, there is a word in Hebrews 13:7 which applies. It reads: "Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith."

The new school year at DMLC will mark the absence of the names of Conrad Frey, Arthur Glende, and Cornelius Trapp on the list of faculty members. Together they have given the Lord a total of 60 years of service at our Synod's teacher-training institution.

Prof. Conrad Frey served Dr. Frey Martin Luther College as president from 1966 to 1980. His tenure at New Ulm witnessed a remarkable growth in the number of students attending the school and in the size of the faculty. During this same period of time the campus also underwent many physical changes. Among the new buildings erected are Luther Memorial Union (1968), Highland Hall (1970), and the Library (1971). Many of the older buildings also were remodeled and updated.

Prior to coming to DMLC, President Frey was president of Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Saginaw, Michigan. Before that he had served as pastor of congregations in Kawkawlin and Detroit, Michigan. During his stay at Michigan Lutheran Seminary, he spent a year's leave of absence to help organize the seminary of the Chinese Christian Lutheran Church at Hong Kong. At present Professor Frey serves as chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Aid Association for Lutherans and as a member of various community projects.

Prof. Arthur Glende retired from the DMLC faculty at the close of the 1979-1980 school year. He had been a member of



President Conrad Frey



Prof. Arthur Glende

that faculty since 1965. During this time he taught various courses in the Education Division and served as traveling supervisor for the student teaching program.

Prior to coming to DMLC, Professor Glende taught at St. Paul's School, New Ulm; St. Paul's, Arlington; and St. John's, Corvuso, all in Minnesota; and Immanuel Lutheran in La Crosse, Wisconsin.

Prof. Cornelius J. Trapp retired at the close of the 1978-1979 school year, but spent another semester teaching in the English division.

Unlike that of many other seminary graduates, Professor Trapp's entire



Prof. Cornelius Trapp

ministry has been spent in the teaching field. From 1937-47 he taught at Wisconsin Lutheran High School in Milwaukee and since 1947 has been teaching English, Latin, and English composition at Dr. Martin Luther College. For many years he was also the editor of *The Junior Northwestern* and advisor to the DMLC school paper, *The Messenger*. He is to be credited with the attractive and practical appearance of the New Ulm campus since during most of his years at DMLC he had been the chairman of the building and planning committee.

We ask the Lord to bless these three men and their spouses during their retirement years. All of them are continuing to reside in New Ulm.



## Fellowship and Boycott

The United States boycott of the 1980 Summer Olympics in Moscow finds an exact parallel in the doctrine of church fellowship as it is observed in the Wisconsin Synod. Consider the following comparisons which may be of some help to individuals who do not truly appreciate the importance of a correct practice of church fellowship.

The Soviet invasion of Afghanistan was seen by peace-loving nations as being contrary to the Olympic ideal of nonviolent competition between nations in sporting events. Likewise, the doctrine or practice of any denomination that would call itself Christian is found to be contrary to the truth of God when it stands in opposition to the clear teaching of the Word of God.

A boycott of the Moscow Olympics does not call into question the athletic

abilities of individual Soviet participants. Nor is it right for anyone to conclude that the faith of individual members of heterodox denominations is being questioned when an orthodox denomination recognizes the impossibility of church fellowship between its membership and the members of any heterodox denomination.

An Olympic boycott, it is hoped, may persuade the Soviets to change their foreign policy of military expansionism. A boycott gets the message to "the man on the street." The refusal of orthodox believers to practice church fellowship with members of heterodox denominations is meant to alert the people involved to the necessity of doing something about the false doctrines taught or tolerated in their denominations.

An Olympic boycott would end as soon as the Russians leave Afghanistan. Likewise, the intent of a correct application of the doctrine of church fellowship is to make fellowship possible when two denominations reach agreement in the interpretation and application of every Christian doctrine.

The Olympic boycott, while important, is still a matter of earthly importance only. Not so the practice of church fellowship. It serves to lead people to an appreciation of the saving truths of God. That is of eternal consequence.

When it becomes impossible to compromise our national principles, and when we dare not speak anything less than "the whole counsel of God" to a world deluded by Satan, let us not be found lacking in resolve.

Gerhold Lemke

### *Direct from the Districts*

DAKOTA-MONTANA  
Reporter Thomas Schmidt

#### A Million Dollar Miracle

Dollar signs always attract people's attention. Sometimes those signs are comforting, sometimes frightening. Members of Good Shepherd Lutheran in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, perhaps like many other congregations facing a decision to build, were frightened at first as the facts kept adding up to a larger and larger dollar figure, a million dollar figure! But the Lord provided this amount!

What were those facts? The story starts with the Lord Jesus Christ using Pastor Dennis Hayes and dedicated laymen to establish a Christian day school at Good Shepherd in 1977, using the fellowship facilities of the church. Back in 1975, when the congregation started looking into a school, members of Good Shepherd, with vision, decided that a new building would probably have to be built. As more and more parents of Good Shepherd and a sister congregation became convinced that the education of their children's hearts under the daily influence of a Chris-

tian teacher was the best possible education, the one-room school was soon bulging with redeemed hearts and hands. At the end of two years, the building committee was called upon to look into ways of remedying the crowded situation. They found that there simply was not enough land at the former site for a school addition large enough to accommodate anticipated growth plus a playground area. Their conclusion? After much prayer and study the committee recommended complete relocation including the building of a new church, a school, and a new parsonage. Congregational approval was given to drawing up a master plan.

It seemed impossible. With careful planning, however, and trusting that the Lord God would open the right doors at the right time, land search was begun, and land was found. Plans for the church and school were drawn up, rejected, revised, expanded, and approved. The parsonage went the same route. Borrowing the amount of money needed seemed impossible after visiting several banks in town. The answer always was: "You are too small and money is too tight." But again the Lord opened a door and provided a

means for private funding. And the million dollar project began.

Fourteen months later, on October 28, 1979, after more than normal construction delays and even a small fire, members of Good Shepherd were permitted to dedicate their new facilities to the Lord Jesus. In the morning service their pastor reminded them of the words of Jacob in Genesis 32:10: "I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies and of all the truth, which thou hast showed unto thy servant." In the special afternoon thanksgiving service, Pastor Thomas Zarling pointed out that God who "built all things" (Hebrews 3:6) was the actual builder of these new facilities and the preserver of them.

The new church is the third that Good Shepherd has been blessed with in its 27-year history. The new church and five-room school contains 18,545 square feet, including an 80 x 60 gym-fellowship area. The church can seat 300, and another 150 in the narthex. The parsonage is a four-bedroom home. The new church, school, and parsonage are located on a 5¼-acre site in a nicely developing residential area only three miles south and east of the former location.

"Impossible!" was the first reaction of many. But God honors faith and his Word, telling us that "with God all things are possible" (Matthew 19:26).



Members of Good Shepherd invite you to come and join them in praising God for a "million dollar miracle."

## NORTHERN WISCONSIN

Reporter Harlyn Kuschel

### A Heart's Desire Granted

Our times are in the hands of him who gave us life. To those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, the Lord makes striking promises of protection, deliverance, honor — even long life. "With long life will I satisfy him and show him my salvation" (Psalm 91:16).

Mr. Alex O. Benz, member of Mount Olive, Appleton, Wisconsin, expressed the desire for years to reach age 100. The Lord granted that desire on July 17, 1980. Mr. Benz was born in Mayville, Wisconsin, the son of a Lutheran parochial school teacher. He attended Northwestern College, Watertown, Wisconsin, and later graduated from Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota, in 1902. For 16 years he taught in Lutheran schools in Milwaukee and Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. He then left the classroom to enter the field of business as treasurer and later general manager of a wholesale grocery firm in Fond du Lac.

His skills in business were utilized already in 1912 as a member of the Board of Directors of the Aid Association for Lutherans, then a small fraternal life insurance organization. He assumed full-time duties as vice-president of AAL in charge of claims and field operations in 1929.

Mr. Benz served as president of the AAL from 1934-1953 and chairman of the Board of Directors from 1953-1962, retiring after over 50 years of service with the firm. He was also very active in church-related activities, locally and in the wider fellowship.

Mount Olive Congregation remembered Mr. Benz on his one-hundredth birthday with a card shower and with an appropriate observance at its worship hours on July 20, 1980.

The richest treasure Mr. Benz possesses is the grace of God in Christ who is the strength of his life and his portion forever. July 17, 1980, brought into focus the fact that our Lord in his mercy, not only guards, protects and preserves his own, but is pleased to

grant their heart's desire for his praise and honor.

Richard K. Pankow

## SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN

Reporter Robert Kleist

### Betty Anne Wendland 1922-1980

On June 23, 1980, the Lord in his grace took to himself the soul of Betty Anne Wendland, the wife of Prof. Ernst H. Wendland of Mequon, Wisconsin, after a lingering illness. A gifted child of God, she had served her Lord faithfully in the home, the parsonage, the parish, the mission in Zambia, the professorage, and as secretary to Pastor T. A. Sauer, executive secretary of the Board for World Missions. Remembering her, we ask the Lord to bless us with like faithfulness.

Mrs. Wendland was born on March 27, 1922, in Fort Wayne, Indiana, the daughter of Otto and Clara (nee Lange) Jungkuntz. Her youth was spent in Jefferson, Wisconsin, where her father served as principal of St. John's Lutheran School.

On Thanksgiving Day, 1942, she was united in marriage with Pastor Ernst H. Wendland. She served with him in parishes in Washington, Iowa; Janesville, Wisconsin; and Benton Harbor, Michigan. From Benton Harbor she and her husband followed the Lord's call into the mission field in Central Africa, specifically Chelston-Lusaka, Zambia. After 16 years of blessed labor there, they returned to the United States when the Lord led Missionary Wendland to accept a professorship at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon.

Mrs. Wendland is survived by her husband; three sons: Dr. Ernst R., Rev. Mark T., and Rev. Paul D.; two daughters: Anne (Mrs. Donald) Whitlock and Claire (Mrs. James) Rayford; and 10 grandchildren. A son, John D., preceded his mother into glory. Also surviving are her father; one sister, Mrs. Robert Schumann; and three brothers, Dr. Richard, Dr. Theodore, and Dr. Daniel Jungkuntz.

The funeral service was conducted in Atonement Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on June 26, 1980. Pastor Kurt Koeplin comforted her family, friends, and coworkers with the words of Isaiah 43:1, assuring them that the Lord had said to Betty

Wendland, "You are mine!" Her body was interred at Christberg Cemetery, Jefferson, Wisconsin. Pastor Richard Lauersdorf of Jefferson was the graveside officiant.

Our sister in Christ attained an age of 58 years, two months, and 23 days. Her soul is with her Lord, and her body awaits the sure and certain resurrection in Christ Jesus at the end of days.

## WESTERN WISCONSIN

Reporter Harold Sturm

### Clara Mehlberg Heier 1911-1980

Clara Greta Marie Heier was the daughter of William Mehlberg and his wife Helen, nee Balster. She was born on June 2, 1911, at Raymond, South Dakota. Preparing for the teaching ministry, she attended Dr. Martin Luther College, graduating in 1932. She taught at Bowdle, South Dakota, from 1932-33; at Gaylord, Minnesota, from 1933-35; and at First German, Manitowoc, Wisconsin, from 1935-37. From 1962-63 she also taught the sixth grade in St. Paul's Christian Day School in Tomah, Wisconsin.

On June 29, 1937, she was united in marriage with Pastor Otto Heier. Since September 1958 she and her husband made their home in Tomah, where he is pastor of St. Paul's Congregation. Their marriage was blessed with three children.

Though Mrs. Heier had hypertension problems for a long time, she was in reasonably good health when she and her husband started out on a tour that was to include the Lutherlands and the Oberammergau Passion Play. However, the Lord of life and death suddenly called her to himself at Prague, Czechoslovakia, on July 12. By the grace of God she had reached an age of 69 years, one month, and 10 days.

She is survived by her husband; her three children: Marilyn (Mrs. William) Godfrey, Suzanne (Mrs. Joseph) Banholzer, and Lynda (Mrs. Roger) Demig; also eight grandchildren, one sister, and three brothers.

A memorial service was conducted at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Tomah on Friday, July 18. Pastor Kenneth Gast brought the comfort of the gospel to the sorrowing family and congregation, speaking on "We are blessed in the Lord."



## With the Lord

### Pastor Reinhardt Ziese­mer 1889-1980

Pastor emeritus Reinhardt Emil Paul Ziese­mer was born on December 24, 1889, in Kenosha, Wisconsin, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Ziese­mer.



In preparation for the holy ministry he attended Northwestern Preparatory School and Northwestern College, graduat­ing in 1910. He received his theo­logical training at the Theological Seminary in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin. His seminary years were interrupted for one year to serve as emergency teacher in his home church, Friedens of Kenosha. He graduated from the seminary in 1914.

The Lord of the church called Pastor Ziese­mer to establish a mission congrega­tion on the west side of the city of Appleton. In November 1914 he helped organize St. Matthew's Congregation. In May 1915, Mount Olive Ev. Lutheran Church was organized by a group of families who earnestly desired to be

served with the gospel in the English language. Pastor Ziese­mer was called to serve them as their spiritual shep­herd. His service to Mount Olive extended over 53 years.

On June 26, 1918, Pastor Ziese­mer was united in marriage with Hilda Schulz. She preceded him in death in 1965.

The deceased was granted the privi­lege to serve the wider fellowship as a long-term member of the Board of Directors of Bethesda Lutheran Home, Watertown, Wisconsin, and as a mem­ber of the WELS Board of Support.

Following his retirement in 1968, Pastor Ziese­mer continued to live in Appleton until December 1977, at which time he took up residence at the Home for Aged Lutherans, Milwau­kee, Wisconsin. He was called to his eternal rest on July 11 at the age of 90 years, 6 months and 17 days. He is survived by his three children: the Rev. Richard Ziese­mer of Mequon, Wiscon­sin; Charlotte (Mrs. Elroy) Spitzer of Denver, Colorado; and Paul Ziese­mer of Kenosha, Wisconsin. Also by 10 grandchildren and two great-grand­children.

A service of praise and thanksgiv­ing celebrating the rich grace of God to Pastor Ziese­mer was conducted at Mount Olive, Appleton, on July 13, 1980. The undersigned addressed the family and assembly on the basis of the confident petition with which John concludes the New Testament book of prophecy: "Amen. Come, Lord Jesus." Interment took place in Riverside Cemetery, Appleton.

Richard K. Pankow

## ORDINATIONS AND INSTALLATIONS

(Authorized by the District Presidents)

### Ordained and Installed

#### Pastors:

**Casmer, Frederick W.**, as pastor of St. John's, Gladwin, Michigan, and of Good Shepherd, Beaverton, Michigan, on July 20, 1980, by R. Waterstradt (Mich.).

**Grube, Curt L.**, as pastor of Our Savior, Perry, Michigan, on July 13, 1980, by E. Schultz (Mich.).

**Gumm, Alan W.**, as pastor of St. Paul's, Hazelton, North Dakota, on July 13, 1980, by R. Pope (Dak.-Mont.).

**Heyn, Thomas A.**, as pastor of King of Kings, Willoughby, Ohio, on July 13, 1980, by D. Schultz (Mich.).

**Hieb, Glen R.**, as pastor of St. John's, Dowagiac, Michi­gan, on July 6, 1980, by P. Bell (Mich.).

**Lindner, Mark P.**, as pastor of Zion, Moberge, South Dakota, on July 13, 1980, by M. Johnston (Dak.-Mont.).

**Meyer, Timm O.**, as pastor of Zion, Zeeland, North Dakota, and of St. Paul's, Mound City, South Dakota, on July 13, 1980, by G. Geiger (Dak.-Mont.).

**Myers, Daniel**, as pastor of the Exploratory Mission at Barre, Vermont, on July 13, 1980, by E. Waldek (Mich.).

#### Teacher:

**Janke, Steven J.**, as teacher at Holy Trinity, Wyoming, Michigan, on July 6, 1980, by F. Adrian (Mich.).

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(Submitted through the District Presidents)

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## Seminary Auxiliary

The eighth annual meeting of the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Auxiliary will be held on Saturday, October 4, 1980, at the seminary at Mequon, Wisconsin. All women of WELS congregations, or of other congregations in fellow­ship with WELS, are hereby cordially invited. Registration and a coffee hour are scheduled from 9:00 to 10:00 A.M. The worship service begins at 10:00 A.M. A freewill offering will be taken. Memorials or donations from individuals, congregations, or their organizations will also be gratefully received.

The agenda of the business meeting will include a report on the work accomplished the past year. The ladies will also vote on projects proposed for the coming year. During the noon break, a dinner will be served in the dining hall, tours of the seminary will be available, and a film will be shown.

Later an informal program will be presented by a seminary professor and two students. The day's activities will con­clude about 4:00 P.M.

Reservations should be made no later than September 22. Fill in the form below, and send it together with the fee of \$5.50 (\$1.00 for registration and \$4.50 for the dinner) to the corresponding secretary, Mrs. Phyllis Henrich, W132 S6680 Fennimore Lane, Hales Corners, Wisconsin 53130.

### Please make reservations for

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Pastoral Conference \_\_\_\_\_  
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## CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES

### MINNESOTA

#### CROW RIVER PASTORAL CONFERENCE

**Date:** September 16, 1980; 9:30 a.m. Communion service.  
**Place:** St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran, Alexandria, Minnesota; D. Schaffer, host pastor.

**Preacher:** P. Naumann; W. Oelhafen, alternate.  
**Agenda:** Exegesis of Titus 1: M. Grubbs; Principles for New Testament Criticism: P. Reid; Avoiding Liturgical Monotony: M. Lopahs; Conference Business.

**Note:** Please excuse to the host pastor.  
S. Smith, Secretary

#### NEW ULM PASTOR-DELEGATE CONFERENCE

**Date:** September 21, 1980; 2:30 p.m.  
**Place:** Zion Lutheran, Morgan, Minnesota; James Schmidt, pastor.

**Agenda:** To be announced.  
**Note:** Send excuses to circuit pastor.  
J. Schmidt, Secretary

### NORTHERN WISCONSIN

#### WINNEBAGO PASTORAL CONFERENCE

**Date:** September 15, 1980; 9:00 a.m. Communion service.

**Place:** Bethlehem Lutheran, Oshkosh, Wisconsin.  
**Preacher:** K. Gurgel; D. Habeck, alternate.  
**Agenda:** Exegesis of James 3: F. Brand; *Smalcald Articles: Power and Primacy of the Pope*: M. Putz; *Shepherd Under Christ*, chapter 4: D. Hallemeier.  
S. Stern, Secretary

### SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN

#### DODGE-WASHINGTON PASTORAL CONFERENCE

**Date:** September 9, 1980; Communion service at 9:00 a.m.

**Place:** Immanuel Ev. Lutheran, Town Herman, Wisconsin.

**Preacher:** D. Kuehl; H. Lemke, alternate.  
**Agenda:** Exegesis of 2 Timothy 3:1-9; P. Kante; *Formula of Concord*, Article XI, Of God's Eternal Foreknowledge and Election: P. Pankow; N.W.C. and N.W.P. Reports and WLC&FS Filmstrip "Diana."  
J. Castillo, Secretary

### CHICAGO PASTORAL CONFERENCE

**Date:** September 15-16, 1980  
**Place:** Beautiful Savior Ev. Lutheran, Fort Wayne, Indiana; H. Bartels, host pastor.

**Preacher:** J. Zickuhr; N. Paul, alternate.  
**Agenda:** Exegesis of Habakkuk 1: G. Schaumberg (Habakkuk 2: G. Boldt, alternate); The Threat of the Charismatic Movement to Christianity, D. Thompson; When Can a Pastor Retire In Good Conscience, L. Hieber; (alternates: Who May Serve As Organists and Soloists In Our Worship Services?, C. Papenfuss; The Relationship of the Old Testament Sacrifice to the New Testament Means of Grace, E. Meier).  
R. W. Pasbrig, Secretary

### WESTERN WISCONSIN

#### SOUTHWESTERN PASTORAL CONFERENCE

**Date:** September 23, 1980; 9:30 a.m.  
**Place:** Faith Lutheran, Reedsburg, Wisconsin.

**Preacher:** L. Wendland; F. Werner, alternate.  
**Agenda:** Exegesis of 1 Timothy 3: E. Toepel; The Principles and Practice of Soul Conservation: D. Tollefson; Tax Laws and Clergy: G. Johnson; Blessings Protected by the Ten Commandments: R. Siegler (alternate: What Is the Sin Against the Holy Ghost? R. Kloehn).  
R. W. Kloehn, Secretary

#### LAKE SUPERIOR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS' CONVENTION

The 51st annual Lake Superior Sunday School Teachers' Convention will be held at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Hyde, Michigan, on September 21, 1980, at 2:30 p.m. EDT. The host pastor is the Rev. Philip Kuckhahn.

Mrs. Richard H. Berth, Jr.  
Secretary

### FALL PASTORS' INSTITUTE

God willing, the 1980 Pastors' Institute at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary will be held on five Monday afternoons beginning September 29. 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:

The Use of the Old Testament in the New: Prof. Paul Nitz.

The Significance of the Reformation for Our Ministry Today: President Armin Schuetze. 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

## EXPLORATORY

### FORT HOOD, TEXAS

WELS exploratory services are being conducted on Sunday mornings at 8:00 a.m. in Killeen, Texas, at the Harper-Talasek Funeral Home, 506 N 38th St. Please send names of persons living in the area of Killeen, Copperas Cove, Harker Heights or stationed at Fort Hood to Rev. James W. Naumann, 2020 Marlandwood Road, Temple, Texas 76501 or call 817/778-3009.

### HENDERSONVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

WELS exploratory services continue to be held in the Asheville-Hendersonville area at its own church located at 1201 Oakland Street, Hendersonville, North Carolina. Services are held every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. with Sunday school and Bible class at 9:30. Please forward the names and addresses of WELS and ELS people living or vacationing in the western North Carolina mountains to: Our Savior Ev. Lutheran Church, 1201 Oakland Street, Hendersonville, North Carolina 28739. Or call Pastor Jon Guenther: 704/697-1261.

### BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

The Baton Rouge exploratory group is now meeting at Millerville Academy (Tiny Town), 1615 Millerville Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. If you are visiting the capital city of Louisiana, you are cordially invited to worship with us. Names of potential members are also requested. Please contact Pastor Gregory D. Gibbons, 11888 Longridge #1007, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70816, or phone 504/292-2276.

### CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE

The South Atlantic District Mission Board is exploring the possibility of beginning a WELS mission congregation in the Chattanooga, Tennessee, area. Please send the names of all WELS members and other interested parties to Mr. Tim Galbreth, 221 Stratford Way, Signal Mountain, Tennessee 37377; phone: 615/886-5483.

## NAMES WANTED

### KENAI, ALASKA

The "Great Land" gives birth to a new WELS congregation! Services are being held every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. in the Seventh-Day Adventist Church on the Kenai Spur Road, Mile 8.3. If you know of any WELS or ELS members up here in Kenai, Soldotna, Kasilof, Nikishka, or any other town on the Kenai Peninsula, please contact Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 1683, Kenai, AK 99611, or call 907/283-3977 or 907/344-2600.

### CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

Please forward the names and addresses of WELS and ELS people living or vacationing in the Charlotte, North Carolina area to Pastor Jon Guenther, 1201 Oakland Street, Hendersonville, North Carolina 28739. Services are held every other week in the Charlotte area, with taped services the remaining Sundays.

### SERVING SOUTHERN WEST VIRGINIA AND SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Beckley, West Virginia, worships at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays at the Rural Acres Garden Club, 512 Rural Acres Drive, Beckley. If you know of anyone living in the area, write in care of Good Shepherd, P.O. Box 601, Beckley, West Virginia 25801 or call 304/252-5820.

### FT. DIX, NEW JERSEY

Monthly services are held in the main chapel lounge at Ft. Dix, New Jersey, for the military personnel at Ft. Dix and McGuire Air Force Base and civilians living in the area. The service is conducted at 3:00 p.m. on the fourth Sunday of each month. For further information contact Sgt. Donald Davis at 609/723-3332. To submit names, contact Pastor James Tauscher, 151 Milltown Road, East Brunswick, N.J. 08816; phone: 201/254-1207.

## TIME AND PLACE

### TIPLER, WISCONSIN

Vacationers to Wisconsin's north woods (spring, summer, fall or winter) are always welcome to worship at St. Paul's, our log cabin church at Tipler, Wisconsin. Tipler is on Highway 70, about 35 miles east of Eagle River and 18 miles west of Florence, Wisconsin. The time of service is 11:00 a.m. C.S.T.

### NOMINATIONS NORTHWESTERN COLLEGE

The following have been nominated for the position of Recruitment Director at Northwestern College, Watertown, Wisconsin:

Prof. Gary Baumber	Watertown, WI
Prof. Wayne Borgwardt	Waukesha, WI
Rev. John Chworowsky	Kowloon, Hong Kong
Prof. James Fricke	Watertown, WI
Rev. Vilas Glaeske	Houston, TX
Rev. Karl R. Gurgel	Lake Mills, WI
Prof. Paul Kelm	Wauwatosa, WI
Rev. Alan Klessig	Marquette, MI
Rev. Keith Kruck	Clearwater, FL
Prof. Daniel Malchow	Prairie du Chien, WI
Rev. Ralph Martens	Guayama, PR
Rev. Norbert Meier	Fairbanks, AK
Rev. William Meier	Phoenix, AZ
Rev. Robert Mueller	Owosso, MI
Rev. Carl Otto	Milwaukee, WI
Rev. Theodore Olsen	Gainesville, FL
Rev. Herbert Prah	Eau Claire, WI
Rev. Erhardt Schultz	Durand, MI
Prof. Robert Sievert	West St. Paul, MN
Rev. Ronald Uhlhorn	Pardeeville, WI
Rev. Wernor Wagner	Owatonna, MN
Rev. Daniel Westendorf	Hopkins, MI
Prof. Richard Wischmann	Tacoma, WA
Rev. Paul Wilde	Escanaba, MI

All correspondence concerning the above nominees should be in the hands of the undersigned no later than September 15, 1980.

W. A. Schumann  
612 So. 5 St.  
Watertown, Wis. 53094

### CALL FOR NOMINATIONS MICHIGAN LUTHERAN SEMINARY LANGUAGES DIVISION

The Board of Control of Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Saginaw, Michigan, requests the voting members of the Synod to submit nominations for a professorship in the Languages Division left vacant when Prof. Paul Kuske accepted the call to serve Michigan Lutheran Seminary as its Dean of Students. The professor is to teach Latin. Aptitude in the area of arts and crafts would be appreciated, although not required. Michigan Lutheran Seminary provides the necessary education to meet the certification standards of the Synod and/or the State of Michigan.

Nominations, including pertinent information, should be in the hands of the secretary no later than September 6, 1980.

Pastor Lynn Schroeder, Secretary  
MLS Board of Control  
5105 McCarty Road  
Saginaw, Michigan 48603



## How Come? (continued)

It can hardly escape notice, however, that along with the onrush of enlightenment, city sidewalks are no longer safe for citizens, particularly at night; only sophisticated security systems can be trusted to safeguard your home; family problems have become epidemic; complaints multiply about the inadequacies of the educational system; drug abuse menaces the health and welfare of the country; and there is widespread hand-wringing over the future on the part of sober-minded people in responsible positions.

An impish putdown seen on placards and bumper-stickers reads: "If you're so smart, how come you ain't rich?" This piece of impertinence persists in coming to mind as we hear about all the great enlightenment society is supposed to be experiencing at this stage of history.

Immanuel Frey

## Districts In Action (continued)

caused by heated disagreement, disunity or discord. We praise the God of grace that he has preserved among us the harmony in Christ that was sought by the formulators of the Lutheran Confessions. Pastor John Henning, preaching in the convention service Tuesday evening, also stressed the blessed harmony that is ours not only in the district but throughout the Synod, the harmony preserved, protected, and furthered by the Book of Concord.

James H. Oldfield

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### SUNDAY SCHOOL COURSE DISPLAYS

Displays have been prepared for the new nursery and kindergarten Sunday-school materials. In addition to the displays, sample teachers guides, pupils' leaflet packets and project booklets are available to those conducting Sunday-school teachers' conferences and institutes. To receive these materials, please write to Pastor William Fischer, 3614 W. North Ave., Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53208. When making your request, please be sure to give the date when the material will be needed and the place to which it is to be sent.

### HYMNALS NEEDED

Beautiful Savior Ev. Lutheran Church, Topeka, Kansas, is in need of two dozen used hymnals for choir rehearsal and Saturday school. We will pay the cost of shipping. If you can help, please contact Pastor Curtiss Seefeldt, 2412 W. 29th Terrace, Topeka, Kansas 66611; phone: 913/267-4802.

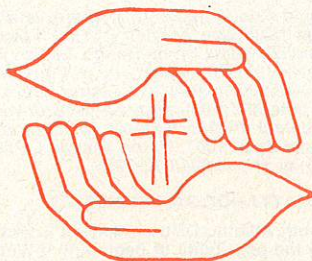
### WORKSHOP FOR TEACHING THE MENTALLY RETARDED

The Southeastern Wisconsin District Special Ministries Board is sponsoring a workshop for teaching the mentally retarded. It will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church, Park and Garfield, Libertyville, Illinois, on Saturday, September 13, 1980, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The workshop is for all those interested in teaching the mentally retarded both in the home and church. There will be a registration fee of \$2.00. Lunch will be provided.

Roland R. Schultz, Secretary

### GOODHUE SCHOOL CENTENNIAL

St. John's Ev. Lutheran School, Goodhue, Minnesota, will observe its centennial on September 7, 1980. Former members, graduates, and teachers are cordially invited. Worship services are planned for 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. There will be a noon meal. Throughout the day the school will be open and there will be various displays in the rooms. Two sons of the congregation will be guest speakers, Pastor Ervine Vomhof and Pastor Roger Vomhof.



## HOW SHALL THEY HEAR?

(An awareness seminar for hearing impairment)

Saturday, October 11, 1980  
9 A.M. — 3 P.M.

At: The Academic Center of  
Dr. Martin Luther College  
New Ulm, Minnesota

- \* *Interpreters will sign the entire seminar*
- \* *Learn from the experiences of the hearing impaired and their families*
- \* *Gain valuable information from pastors and lay people who are presently working with the hearing impaired*
- \* *Share information and ideas that you may have with other interested Christians*

TO REGISTER for this interesting seminar, please call or write:

Pastor Carl W. Ziemer  
545 N. Apollo Road  
River Falls, Wisconsin 54022  
Phone: 715/425-6598