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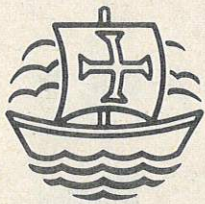


**Rejoicing
at East Fork!**



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Comments by the Editor

Rejoicing in East Fork — A great need was met when the new girls' dormitory was dedicated at East Fork on March 29, 1981. We quote Pastor William A. Meier's account here in order to highlight how God richly blessed the cooperation of the members of the Apache Mission, of the architect member of the mission's executive committee, of the Synod's Board for World Missions, and of a congregation as far away as Frankenmuth, Michigan. Such cooperation is needed in the church if it is to do the work of passing the gospel of Jesus Christ on to the next generation and to those still outside the fold of the Good Shepherd. The building of the dormitory at East Fork is an outstanding example of such cooperation. Now follows Pastor Meier's account.

"Unsafe! A fire hazard! Dangerous! Recent evaluations and inspections of the 52-year-old girls' dormitory at East Fork produced such conclusions. Cost projections to bring the wood-frame structure up to current safety and fire codes exceeded \$80,000. Because of dangers inherent in the three-story design, remodeling was rejected as an alternative to the problem. But if East Fork Lutheran High School was to continue to serve the Apache teenagers of the San Carlos Reservation, dormitory housing for about 25 girls was essential. How could this pressing need be met in the face of expanding world mission programs in other parts of the world?"

"To answer the need, Mr. Karl Krauss, A.I.A., a member of the Executive Committee for Apache Indian Missions, offered to provide plans and specifications for a one-story dormitory. The Board for World Missions then approved an allocation of \$140,000 for the proposed project. The initial bid approached \$225,000. The Board for World Missions increased the allocation by \$10,000, and negotiations with the contractor resulted in reductions which placed the contract price at \$151,000. Construction began in August 1980, and the dormitory was

ready for dedication on March 29, 1981.

"Pastor Dennis Meier of the Peridot Mission preached the dedication sermon based on Proverbs 14:4. Pastor Lyle Sonntag of the Bylas Mission read the rite of dedication. The Christian day schools at Peridot and Bylas are the "primary" feeders of dormitory students for East Fork Lutheran High School. Pastor H. E. Hartzell of East Fork served as liturgist.

"The dormitory, completed within the terms of the contract, consists of 12 bedrooms, each designated for two students. If necessary, three students could be housed in each room. In addition to a spacious lounge, a very adequate bath-and-shower area, and laundry facilities, the building also includes an apartment for the supervisor.

"The Apaches reduced the amount needed to fund the project by \$6,000 through their own thankofferings. St. John's Congregation of Frankenmuth, Michigan, provided a portion of the furnishings with a gift of \$5,000. Our Apache Christians expressed gratitude to the WELS for funding the project, but it was our God and Savior who received the thanks and praise of all who participated in the dedication of this fine facility."

Mission Scholarships — Beginning in 1963, the Aid Association for Lutherans, Appleton, Wisconsin, has annually awarded continuing education scholarships to WELS foreign missionaries, their wives and lay personnel. In 1979 the grants totalled \$19,000 and last year, \$10,446.

What are these grants being used for? The majority of the recipients use them in order to study the language of the country in which they are serving. The cost of language programs varies, but often is in excess of \$15,000 by the time a person has acquired sufficient ability to preach and teach in the respective language.

The Synod deeply appreciates the help the AAL has been giving that program. Language study is essential if work is to be done on foreign fields.

*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

Pictured are the dedication of the recently completed girls' Dormitory at East Fork, Arizona, and the subsequent festivities. See the account on this page.

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Editorials

Commendable Zeal Boarding students are generally not flush with cash at the close of the school year. Many must clear their school accounts before they leave. Others have dues to pay. Unexpected bills and assessments also deplete their funds.

The last Wednesday evening of the school year was, therefore, not an auspicious time to hold a Jubilate service in the Northwestern College chapel. But the collection gathered at that service exceeded \$2,000. Before the end of the week additional contributions brought the total above \$2,500.

Young people are often self-indulgent with their money, but these dormitory students at Northwestern College and Northwestern Preparatory School acknowledged a higher claim on their limited means. They recognized the needs of their Synod and rallied to its support. The gifts they brought were a heartwarming expression of their Jubilate faith and love.

One thinks of the Corinthian Christians whom the Apostle Paul commended for responding generously to the needs of their brethren in Jerusalem. "Your zeal hath provoked [stimulated] very many," Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 9. May the concern of these students for the work of our risen and ascended Lord serve as a latter-day example and as an encouragement to us all!

Carleton Toppe

Statistics Can Be Edifying

We are very much aware that statistics can be misused. Figures can be manipulated to pat oneself on the back and to put others in a bad light. When used that way, they are an offense to God.

Statistics can also be used to take a good look at ourselves, to recognize the undeserved blessings sent our way by the Lord, and to amend our shortcomings. It is with this in mind that we want to share with you a May 5 News Release from the office of Pastor James P. Schaefer, the Synod's Director of Public Relations. It is entitled "Growth Trend Continues." We quote the release in full:

"The 408,000-member Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod in 1980 continued its fifteen-year record of no losses in either baptized or confirmed membership.

"The Synod showed a growth of 2,475 in baptized membership and a growth of 2,347 in confirmed membership. The total confirmed membership was 309,342. All statistics are as of December 31, 1980.

"Congregations increased in 1980 by eleven to 1,146. With an opening of a mission in Barre, Vermont, the Synod now has congregations in 48 of the 50 states. The only states in which it has no congregations are Mississippi and Maine.

"Seven new parish elementary schools were opened bringing to 366 the number of elementary schools operated

by parishes of the Synod. For the past four years enrollments in the schools has stabilized at about 30,000.

"With the opening of the West Lutheran High School in St. Louis Park, Minnesota, in the fall of 1979, congregations of the Synod now operate 19 area high schools with a total enrollment of 4,157, a figure which has remained relatively constant for the last four years.

"Average per communicant all purpose giving rose from \$226 to \$248, an increase of 9.8%. Congregations contributed 20.9% of their offerings for outside purposes: charities, Lutheran high schools and the Wisconsin Synod. Contributions to the Synod increased from \$10 million to \$11.2 million, an increase of 12.4%.

"On an average Sunday 47% of its baptized membership attended church, a record number. Since 1974, the first year the statistic was gathered, the percentage has risen gradually from 45.4%.

"The Synod retains its strong Wisconsin roots with 58% of its baptized membership living in Wisconsin. Fifteen percent of the membership lives in Minnesota with thirteen percent residing in Michigan." So far the News Release. Now it's up to us to study it and act on it!

H. Wicke

Home and School

The widely heralded "Un-churched American" survey, researching the attitudes of some 60 million people in our country without church affiliation, presents a wealth of interesting findings. None are more striking than those that compare the unchurched with their "churched" counterparts, in the area of early religious training.

Only one percentage point separates the unchurched and churched in such categories as Sunday-school training and courses on religion in public or private schools.

A significant difference of almost 10 percentage points sets off the churched from the unchurched in the category of religious or parochial-school training. What was found to be of greatest importance was the factor of religious instruction at home.

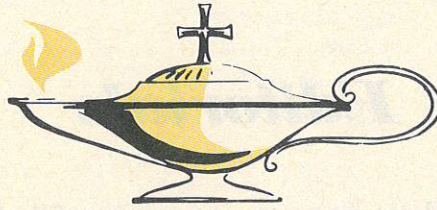
Surveys cannot explain single instances. When millions are researched, however, such surveys can make an important point.

The point is not to put down any endeavor at training the young in issues of eternal importance. The point is to emphasize those with the greatest potential.

Summer vacation is a good time to thank God for the blessings bestowed upon the youth through the congregation's school and to increase efforts to promote and improve that school.

Summer vacation is the best time for the home to carry on its endeavor as the single most important human agency in keeping its own out of the "Unchurched American" category.

Edward C. Fredrich



Studies in God's Word

Gospel Gems from The Revelation to John

Then I looked, and there before me was the Lamb, standing on Mount Zion, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads. . . . The sound I heard was like that of harpists playing their harps. And they sang a new song before the throne. . . . (Revelations 14:1-3).

As we noted last time in beginning the second half of *The Revelation of St. John* (chapters 12-22), the subject matter treated there is the same as that of the first half of the book, namely, the church's struggle throughout the New Testament era. But now the emphasis is changed a bit. It has been reduced to a more personal struggle. In the final analysis, the fate of men's souls hinges on the outcome of the battle between Christ and Satan.

In our previous *Study* the life-and-death nature of this struggle was pictured to us in John's vision of the great red dragon, poised and waiting to pounce on Christ, the Child born of the woman (12:1f.). When the dragon, "that ancient serpent called the devil and Satan, who leads the whole world astray" (12:9), was foiled in his attempt to destroy the Savior, he "was enraged at the woman and went off to make war against the rest of her offspring — those who obey God's commandments and hold to the testimony of Jesus" (12:17).

That obviously is bad news for the church — for you and me — for all who "hold to the testimony of Jesus." In two grim visions John is allowed to see Satan's onslaught on mankind. Satan

works through both open, obvious *unchristian* forces, and also through less evident but equally dangerous *antichristian* forces.

The Beast Out of the Sea

John reports: "And I saw a beast coming out of the sea. He had ten horns and seven heads, with ten crowns on his horns, and on each head a blasphemous name. The beast I saw resembled a leopard, but had feet like those of a bear and a mouth like that of a lion. The dragon gave the beast his power and his throne and great authority" (13:1,2).

As in Daniel 7, where the leopard, bear, and lion represent world kingdoms, so here secular power under the control of Satan seems to be represented as openly hostile to the believers. John says: "The beast was given a mouth to utter proud words and blasphemies and to exercise his authority for forty-two months [the New Testament era]. He opened his mouth to blaspheme God, and to slander his name and his dwelling place and those who live in heaven" (13:5,6).

The Beast Out of the Earth

But Satan uses not only open and obvious opposition to the church. There are not only blatantly *unchristian* forces at work but also much subtler *antichristian* forces. John is granted yet another vision to illustrate that point. "Then I saw another beast, coming out of the earth. He had two horns like a lamb, but he spoke like a dragon. He exercised all the authority of the first beast on his behalf, and made the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast" (13:11,12).

The second beast looks harmless enough. In fact, he takes on the form of the Lamb himself. But his voice is a dead giveaway. He speaks like a dragon. From the fact that this beast is later referred to as "the false prophet" (16:13), we may infer that John here sees forces operating in the name of religion, but which in reality are perverting the truth of the gospel and are subjecting mankind to Satan, for this beast "forced everyone, small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on his right hand or on his forehead" (13:16).

The Lamb and His 144,000

Satan is indeed a formidable foe. "Deep guile and great might are his dread arms in fight. On earth is not his equal." But it is not earthly help to which our attention is drawn. It is rather heavenly, divine help that comes to our aid. John is permitted to see yet a third vision. "Then I looked, and there before me was the Lamb, standing on Mount Zion, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads" (14:1).

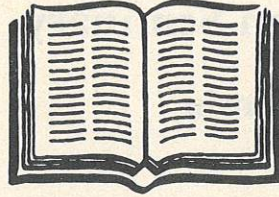
The setting for this scene is "on Mount Zion," that is, in heaven. Surrounding the victorious Lamb are his 144,000, all those who have put their faith and trust in his saving blood and merit. Instead of having accepted Satan's mark, they bear rather the Lamb and the Father's name on their foreheads, and they now enjoy the bliss of heaven where John hears them playing their harps and singing a new song of worship and praise to the Savior God who had delivered them out of every evil.

But note especially their number. In *The Revelation* multiples of twelve have to do with the church, and multiples of ten signify completeness. Thus 12 x 12 x 1000 is the *complete* church, not a single member of which has been lost to Satan's wiles. The imagery of *The Revelation* may be elaborate and the language figurative, but the basic thought it conveys is perfectly plain to everyone who has heard and accepted the Good Shepherd's comforting assurance: "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand" — not even Satan himself!

Armin J. Panning

Mining the Treasure of God's Word

Matthew 11:25-30;
13:16,17
Luke 9:17-24



BY JULIAN G. ANDERSON

How Happy We Should Be

At the close of our last lesson Jesus had just sent out 72 men to travel through Samaria, Judea and Perea to prepare the people there for Jesus' coming, since he was now ready to leave Galilee. Now we continue with

Luke 10:17-20

Read this in one of the modern versions if possible. Notice that Luke gives no indication of how long the men were gone, but it must have been at least a week. During this time Jesus seems to have enjoyed a period of rest and quiet with the Twelve somewhere in southern Galilee, possibly near Mt. Tabor (see your map).

When the 72 returned, their remarks (v. 17) show that they were in high spirits, which suggests that their trip had been successful. One special fact which they reported pleased them very much because they had failed in a similar situation just a few weeks earlier (see Mark 9:14-29, especially the last two verses, and the discussion in the lesson for March 15). Note and hi-lite the last three words of verse 17, which give the reason for their success, and observe how Jesus underlines this thought in the opening phrase of verse 19 (hi-lite "authority", the key word. You may wish to look back at the discussion of this in the lesson for April 13, 1980).

Verse 18 is more interesting, for it is one of but two passages in Scripture which speak of this subject. The other is Isaiah 14:12-20. As you read this one,

hi-lite the six first-person pronouns in verses 13 and 14. Note how they are used here, for they suggest the reason for Satan's fall (see Solomon's remarks on this subject in Proverbs 16:18). You might also keep in mind the misuse of verse 19a (in Luke) by the snake-handling charismatic sects. In verse 20 Jesus states a very important truth (underline and compare Philippians 4:3, Revelation 13:8 and 20:15). Next read

Luke 10:21-24

Note how this section follows immediately the preceding one (v. 21a). In this song of praise that Jesus sings to his heavenly Father "these things" must refer to the things concerning the kingdom of heaven which his followers had been advertising throughout their travels. And notice how the TEV translates the words for "little children" (KJ, NIV) as "the unlearned," since in the world of that day Jesus' followers were like little children because none of them had any "higher education" in the Scriptures as had the rabbis and scribes among the Pharisees and Sadducees, who are referred to here as "the wise and learned (educated)." This is one of the remarkable things about God's plan of salvation; it is intended for the plain, simple people of the world. Then note well the great claim Jesus makes in verse 22a (underline), and the fact that the truth of verse 22b had already been amply demonstrated by the blindness of the "learned" Jewish leaders. Mark also

how the last phrase of verse 22 perfectly describes Jesus' work as *the* Prophet foretold in Deuteronomy 18:15. Compare here Paul's statement in 1 Timothy 2:5 (hi-lite "mediator"). And observe that Jesus' revelation was basically for the simple "little children," because it is to be received only by *faith*.

Verse 23 is a continuation of the previous two. Jesus had opened the spiritual "eyes," or minds, of his followers, and also their ears (v. 24b), for his revelation of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven were much fuller than that given through the Old Testament prophets (v. 24a). And Jesus' Spirit does the same for us, using his Word — the cause of our happiness (blessedness). Next, let's read

Matthew 11:28-30

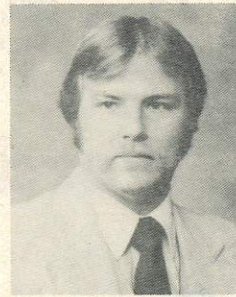
Underline this entire section, noting that it follows Matthew's parallel account of the section above. But this one has no parallel in Luke. It is clear that here Jesus is using the words "weary" and "burdened" (NIV) or "tired" and "heavy loads" (TEV) in a spiritual sense to refer to all mankind in our natural fallen state, laboring under the heavy yoke of the law and carrying the awful burden of guilt and troubles caused by our many sins. Hi-lite Jesus' gracious invitation in the opening phrase (v. 28a), and also the word "all," which is one of the most wonderful *little* words in the Scripture. Think about what it says? Next hi-lite the word "rest" in two places here. The Hebrew words for "rest" would be better translated as "safety and peace," including peace of mind, which is the essence of *salvation*. And this is exactly what Jesus has to offer us — salvation from the law (Galatians 5:1), sin (Romans 6:14), eternal death (Romans 8:1) and the devil (Hebrews 2:14,15). And he is the *only* one who can offer us such salvation (Acts 4:12).

Note also the word "yoke," which symbolizes servitude. Here Jesus reminds us that those who come to him must be willing to *serve* him as their Master. But he adds that his yoke is *easy* compared to the grievous yoke of sin, for he is a master who *loves us*. *And the burden he asks us to carry is a light one* compared with our former burden of sin. Oh how *happy* we should be!

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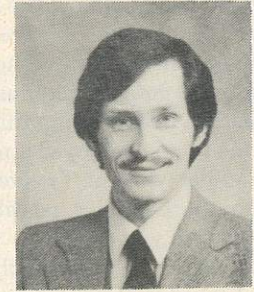
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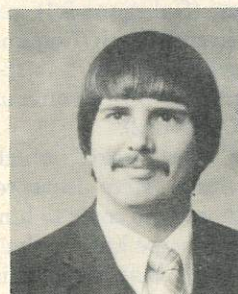
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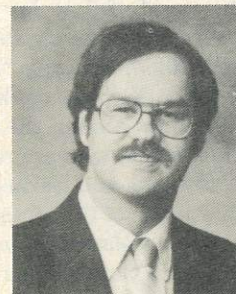
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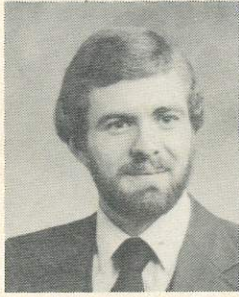
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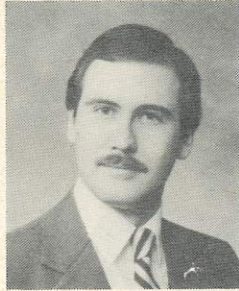
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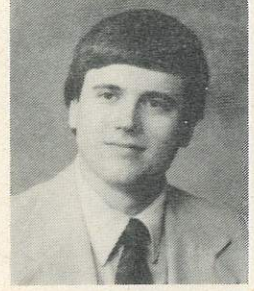
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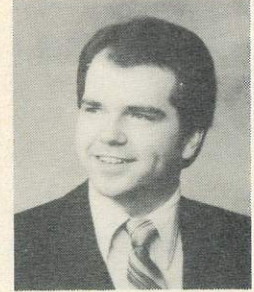
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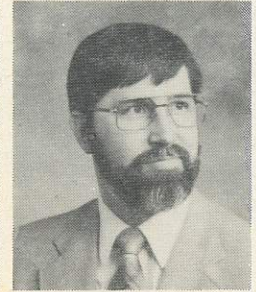
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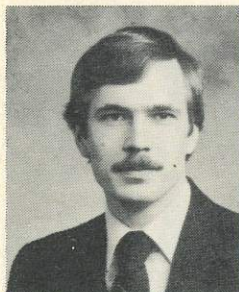
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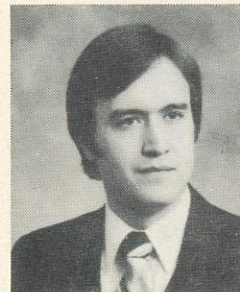
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WELS Evangelism

Past, Present and Future

Part II (Conclusion)

The Future — A few weeks ago a young man came to my door offering me two temptingly succulent chocolate bars in exchange for my donation to support some sort of Christian youth work. After I repeatedly insisted that he show me an identification card and that he be more specific about the organization for which he was soliciting funds, he, with great reluctance, admitted that he belonged to the Unification Church. Yes, he was a Moonie! I didn't make a contribution, but I did call upon this serious and seemingly sincere young man to be more honest, to cease calling his cause and church

Christian since Moonies teach that Jesus was a failure. Though the Savior, said, "It is finished," Moonies believe that their Messiah, the Reverend Sun Myung Moon, has come to complete the work of salvation which Jesus "botched."

The visit of that Moonie reminded me of how successful Satan has been in taking a page from the Bible to accomplish his evil ends. Who are the most persistent and seemingly successful door-to-door canvassers and religious solicitors in America and abroad? They are the Jehovah's Witnesses, the Mormons, and more recent-

ly the Moonies — all of them known for their aggressive, persistent zeal to propagate their devilish doctrines. Obviously, we cannot approve of their teachings or their many deceitful tactics. Yet the overall technique of eager, tireless outreach is a solidly Scriptural concept that we Lutheran Christians must not neglect. We dare not abandon the field to false prophets just because they give visitation evangelism a bad name and make that kind of church work more difficult.

Again, what U.S. religious group has increased threefold in the past quarter of a century? It's the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS) or Mormons. In the mid-fifties the Mormons numbered about 1,180,000, living mostly in Utah and adjoining Western states. Now, in the 1980s, there are more than 3.3 million Mormons and their churches or "wards"

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are in every state and in numerous foreign lands as well. Their growth continues to be most impressive thanks to the thousands of young missionaries (more than 25,000 a year) they are able to mobilize and deploy so effectively.

The following show business news item which appeared in the 8/16/79 *Milwaukee Journal* helps to explain the spectacular spread of non-Christian Mormon errors: "Actor Johnny Whitaker, 19, best known as Jody in the long running TV series, 'A Family Affair,' is putting aside his show business career and studies to go on a two-year mission for the Mormon Church, starting in Portugal. Whitaker is a student at the church-owned Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah."

Actor Whitaker was following a long-standing Mormon tradition. It is customary for 19-year-old Mormon men (and 21-year-old unmarried Mormon women) to give two years of their life to the mission of spreading Mormon dogma — and they pay their own way. The Mormon church does not support them or pay a salary. Here is another example of Satan promoting a false faith by using tactics which were recommended and utilized by Jesus. Indeed, this deeply ingrained Mormon methodology sounds very similar to the mission strategy the Savior employed in Luke 10:1: "After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go."

In recent years a fair number of our WELS young people have participated in travel-canvass-witness programs for a few weeks or months during their vacation periods. I'm confident that our youth would be willing to devote a year or two of their lives (just as a majority of young Mormons do) to personal evangelism efforts, if such an opportunity to proclaim the gospel of Christ were well publicized, well organized, and given a chance to become a God-pleasing tradition in our church body. Retirees in good health could also be recruited, as the Mormons also do, for that kind of continuous outreach effort.

In Acts 8:4 St. Luke reveals the secret of the early Christian Church's spectacular mission success. We're told that "those (all except the apostles) who had been scattered preached

the Word wherever they went." Even in the face of fierce persecution the Christian laypeople of the first century were eager witnesses for Christ, sharing the gospel with as many people as possible. The results speak for themselves. The Holy Spirit worked through the gospel witnessing of those laypeople and Luke reports that "the Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord" (Acts 11:21).

What blessings would result for our church body and for untold thousands of precious souls here in the U.S. and abroad if only we could recapture that spirit and practice of the early Christians! The Lord already has abundantly blessed us. He has given us hundreds of Christian day schools and a solid core of Lutheran high schools to highlight a Synod-wide interest in solid, Scripturally sound, Christ centered education. Our Wisconsin Synod is also vitally concerned about purity of doctrine, ever on the alert for deviations from God's Word or a watering down of Christian teaching and principles. Those are strong points of WELS which are sadly lacking in most other churches, non-Lutheran and Lutheran alike.

Now is the time, I contend, to redouble our efforts to share our blessings with others. Now is the time to recruit, to motivate, to train and to mobilize our WELS laity to reach out with the gospel as the early Christians did. I dream of a time in the not too distant future when WELS lay witnesses will be as well known as Jehovah's Witnesses, with a key difference. Instead of spreading idolatrous, Christ denying false doctrines and employing deceitful, obnoxious, never-take-no-for-an-answer tactics, as the Jehovah's Witnesses do, WELS witnesses, in the wonderful future I envision and pray for, would go out, by the hundreds and thousands, in their respective communities, eager to make disciples, inviting the millions of unchurched people around us to send their children to our Christian schools, to learn the true gospel of Jesus Christ in our instruction classes and to share our concern for pure doctrine. Lord, increase our faith and give us greater zeal to make our synod a potent force for personal lay evangelism in the future!

Reuel J. Schulz



"A New Song: the Living Heritage of Lutheran Worship" was the theme of the Spring 1981 National Rally for young adults, sponsored by Lutheran Collegians and the Synod's New Campus Ministry Committee. Held at the Gruenhagen Conference Center on the campus of the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, the event was hosted by the UW-O campus ministry the weekend after Easter, April 24-26.

The weekend was designed to develop an appreciation of the heritage that is Lutheran worship, while also looking at our own generation's contribution to that heritage and at where the church's worship life may be in the coming years.

Two lectures formed the core of the study. Pastor Kurt Eggert of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, a member of the Synod's Commission on Worship, presented "What is *Lutheran* Worship?" and Vicar Stanjr Espedal of Honolulu, Hawaii, presented a Scripture study entitled, "The Word of God on Worship."

Five Saturday-afternoon workshops presented a kaleidoscopic explosion of ideas for singing new songs to God. Walter Tesch presented a sometimes startling look at the future of church architecture, especially in view of the energy crisis. Robert Koepke showed how banners can enhance the worship

“A New Song”

service and presented many dramatically innovative ways to use them. Pastor Norman Barenz presented a fascinating story on the use of colored glass in worship. The use of music in personal and corporate worship was demonstrated by Pastor William Stuebs. And Vicars Philip Heyer and Jack Beck led rally participants to a fuller appreciation of the traditional communion liturgy through a most interesting presentation.

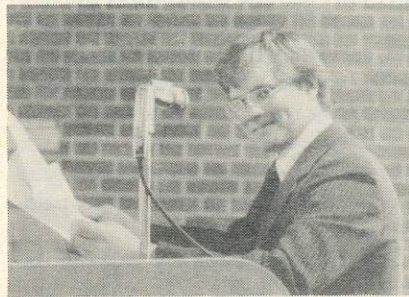
The highlight of the weekend, however, in the minds of many who attended, were the new songs sung at the Friday night concert in the acoustically perfect music hall on the UW-O campus. Twenty-one new hymns, all composed by WELS members, were performed by three of the composers, Mary Lippert, Melva Prah and Stanjr Espedal, and three area choirs: the Junior Choir of Grace, Oshkosh; the Academy Kids of Winnebago Lutheran Academy, Fond du Lac; and the Winnebago Lutheran Chorale. The music varied from congregation hymn to campfire song, from songs appropriate in a church setting to ones usable in family devotions. Those who attended knew that they had witnessed a very special moment, and many immediately requested copies of the tape recording made of the concert.*

The response to the entire “study-and-song” part of the rally was so positive and so strong that a committee is being formed to insure that a similar event will be offered on an annual basis.

Campus Ministry Committee

The 1981 rally also was “a new song” for campus ministry itself, as students were introduced for the first time to the new Campus Ministry Committee of the General Board for Home Missions. The CMC was organized as a result of meetings begun in September 1979 which revealed serious ad-

ministrative problems in our Synod’s campus ministry program as well as a rich, virtually untapped mission field, the contemporary college campus. The CMC was organized in July 1980 to meet the need for a coherent, co-ordinated program of campus ministry, one that works to preserve the faith of those already Christian, while at the same time reaching out to the un-



Peter Johnson, president of Lutheran Collegians, addressing rally

churched on campus with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

The Campus Ministry Committee introduced itself to the students at the first National Student Forum. CMC chairman, Pastor Daniel Gieschen of Adrian, Michigan, presented the other nine members of the CMC to the forum, and the members of the CMC then outlined the program of campus

ministry for our Synod during the next biennium. Students were encouraged to offer their input and to participate in one of the many new programs to be undertaken.

The rally participants elected four students to a new Student Advisory Board, that will meet with the CMC on a regular basis to maintain an ongoing student input into the total program. The four students elected represent a fine cross section of the kinds and locations of ministries the CMC is seeking to serve. The members of the first SAB are: Cindy Gutermann, Brownsville, Wisconsin (UW-Madison); Jonathan Lindberg, Bloomington, Minnesota (Mankato State); Robert Romick, Wayne, Michigan (Michigan Tech, Houghton); and Mark White, Kennewick, Washington (New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology).

The essential work that all in campus ministry undertake, be they students, pastors, advisors or synodical officials, was eloquently brought out in an address by Pastor Carl Mischke, president of the Synod, at the closing banquet. He pointed to the dual need of preserving the faith and of sharing it with others as the continuing priority of the church in the eighties — on campus and in the world at large.

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Pastor James Witt speaking on behalf of Campus Ministry

A stereo cassette recording of the concert is available for \$7.50 from Wisconsin Lutheran Campus House, 634 Wisconsin Street, Oshkosh, Wisconsin 54901.

Campus Ministry (Continued)

Lutheran Collegians to Merge

At the Oshkosh rally, Lutheran Collegians, the national organization of Lutheran students, approved a plan to merge its program into the synodical campus ministry program, with final ratification set for the 1982 rally. It was the feeling of the majority of local chapters present that a single, unified program of campus ministry was preferable to a continuing, dual existence. A new, single name for the campus ministry program is presently also under discussion. During the interim, groups are urged to continue using whatever identity they currently employ on campus, while the national program will be called simply "WELS Campus Ministry."

All of those in campus ministry recognize the vital part that Lutheran Collegians played from its inception in 1964 in the development of campus

ministry in our Synod. We are also grateful that our Lord gave his church people vitally interested in college students and their spiritual needs, who assisted Lutheran Collegians in the development of its program. One of them, Pastor Martin Birkholz of Mankato, Minnesota, was recognized at the closing banquet on the occasion of his 30th anniversary in student work.

The closing service on Sunday morning at Grace Lutheran Church brought the rally to a fitting and beautiful close. An entirely new service, with four completely new hymns, really sang a new song to the Lord. A choir made up of 73 rally participants sang two of the new hymns. Following a continental breakfast, served by the ladies of Grace Circle, the students began what for many was a long trip home. It is hoped that many will return next year, when the rally will be hosted by the campus ministry at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

The rally no doubt left varying impressions on those who came, and

each went home with his/her own special memories. Perhaps the impact of "A New Song" was expressed best by Pastor Kurt Eggert in the closing remarks of his Saturday-morning lecture. Speaking of the difficult choice our church soon will face in regard to the book it uses in worship, either beginning the long, difficult process of developing our own new hymnal or adopting one already prepared by others, Pastor Eggert said:

"Either way, the church will be in dire need of members who are concerned about worship, knowledgeable, and imbued with the desire to use God-given talents to make our worship ever more and more a 'joyful and blessed concern with God.' The 'New Song' of the gospel will be the inner fire that warms us to gladly offer this vital service — for the honor of his name and the upbuilding of his saints. To this goal this conference already makes a sizeable contribution."

Pastor Robert Diener



THE FORTY-SIXTH BIENNIAL CONVENTION OF THE WISCONSIN EV. LUTHERAN SYNOD

The Forty-sixth Biennial Convention of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod will be held, God willing, August 3-8, 1981, at Martin Luther Preparatory School, Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin.

The opening service with Holy Communion will be held on Monday, August 3, at 9:00 a.m. in the chapel on the campus. The Rev. Waldemar J. Zarling, president of the Michigan District, will preach the sermon. The closing service will be held on Friday, August 6, at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. James P. Schaefer, Stewardship Counselor of the Synod, will preach the sermon.

The opening session of the convention will be held immediately following the opening service in the school gymnasium. Delegates are asked to arrive early enough so that they will have time to register before the beginning of the opening session. Registration will be made in the lobby of the gymnasium.

The theme of the convention is "STRENGTHEN THE STAKES." The Rev. Victor Prange will present three Bible studies relating to the convention theme.

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

Meals will be served to all bona fide delegates in the school 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 Martin Luther Preparatory School, Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin 53821. Delegates can be reached by telephone by calling 1-(608)-326-8480.

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NEBRASKA DISTRICT

Conference	Lay Delegates	Congregations	Pastors	Teachers
Central Colorado	Robert Dunker Kenneth W. Engelbrecht Elroy Spitzer	Gethsemane, Omaha, NE Grace, Pueblo, CO Zion, Denver CO	Wesley G. Bruss Philip J. Schwerin Roger J. Sprain Donald D. Laude David W. Waeger	Earl R. Heidtke John R. Baenz
Mid-America Rosebud	Joel Henry Nitz Frank Stanec Neal Larson	King of Kings, Alexandria, LA Our Redeemer, Martin SD Zion, Mission, SD	Joel G. Frank	
Southern	Wayne E. Schroeder Alfred Schleusener	Christ, Beatrice, NE St. Paul, Stockton, KS		

NORTHERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT

Conference	Lay Delegates	Congregations	Pastors	Teachers
Fox River Valley	Clarence Goltermann Gary DeNamur Ray Pamperin Karl R. Seiltz Franklin Gruetzmacher Mark M. Matzke Lloyd Carl Witt Raymond Burmeister Walter Boye Norman Dahl John Wiegand Gilbert Valentine Terry Guedner Wenzel Knier James Cricks, Sr. Arnold Baganz, Sr. Marvin Martin Raymond Schuette Julius Prillwitz Edwin Peppler Theodore Bartels Wilbert Wegner Daniel Miller	St. John, Kaukauna, WI Zion, Egg Harbor, WI Emanuel, New London, WI Immanuel, Black Creek, WI Bethlehem, Hortonville, WI Emanuel, Forestville, WI St. John, Appleton, WI Immanuel, Kewaunee, WI Holy Cross, Daggett, MI Trinity, Marinette, WI St. John — St. Peter, Cleveland, WI Emanuel, Denmark, WI Immanuel, Manitowoc, WI Rockwood, Manitowoc, WI St. Paul, Hurley, WI St. Paul, Mt. Calvary, WI St. Lucas, Kewaskum, WI Martin Luther, Neenah, WI Grace, Neenah, WI Grace, Pickett, WI Grace, Oshkosh, WI Emmanuel, Montello, WI St. John, Salemville, WI	Kenneth Seim LeRoy A. Dobberstein Paul F. Seiltz Ronald Gorske Carl M. Klein Johannes S. Hering Paul H. Wilde David Worgull Carl R. Rosenow Percy J. Damrow Carl J. Siegler Donald P. Nimmer Jackson Petrie Donald Johnson Paul H. Kolander	John E. Lippert Donald H. Diersen Elroy J. Schroeder Walter W. Vater Hilbert A. Wilde Grant E. Barthel David K. Brown James F. Oblinger Richard Slattery George L. Traucht Douglas J. Dast Douglas A. Enter Patrik A. Johnson Vernon McClelland Donald F. Potthast

PACIFIC NORTHWEST DISTRICT

Lay Delegates	Congregations	Pastors	Teachers
Scott Hamilton Milton R. Gibbs Darrel Hickman	St. Paul, Tacoma, WA Salem, Edmonds, WA Trinity, Omak, WA	Theodore D. Lambert Lloyd L. Lambert Arthur J. Valerio	Werner E. Lemke J. Lance Hartzell

SOUTH ATLANTIC DISTRICT

Conference	Lay Delegates	Congregations	Pastors	Teachers
Florida	William F. Musgrave Fred Schuster Charles Johnson Harold Willenberg	Our Savior, Jacksonville, FL Peace, Holiday, FL Redeemer, Merritt Island, FL Redeemer, Huntsville, AL	John J. Baumgart Roger Kobleske James E. Werner Wayne L. Fisher	Dennis L. Needham

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT

Conference	Lay Delegates	Congregations	Pastors	Teachers
Chicago	Gary L. Knuth Herbert Delker Joseph C. Elias, Sr. Olaf Zietlow Franklin Woldt Quinton Buechner Clarence Geier Al Albrecht Marv Koepke Gerald D. Davis Bertrum Shelvik Marvin Rosenau James Richardson Ambrose Feuerstahler Robert Konkel David Feare Wayne Kneser Paul Kaiser Chester Cordts Christopher Stuhr Raymond Heisler William Sekeres Lloyd Wiegert Elmer Knorr	Resurrection, Aurora, IL Zion, Crete, IL Peace, Granger, IN St. John, Woodland, WI St. John, Lomira, WI Trinity, W. Mequon, WI St. John, E. Mequon, WI Salem, 107th St., Milwaukee, WI Faith, Sussex, WI Atonement, Milwaukee, WI Mt. Lebanon, Milwaukee, WI Zebaoth, Milwaukee, WI St. Philip, Milwaukee, WI Christ, Milwaukee, WI Divine Peace, Milwaukee, WI Fairview, Milwaukee, WI Gethsemane, Milwaukee, WI Good Shepherd, West Allis, WI Grace, Milwaukee, WI Grace, Waukesha, WI Jordan, West Allis, WI First, Elkhorn, WI St. Luke, Kenosha, WI Epiphany, Racine, WI	H. Curtis Lyon David B. Dolan Orval H. Cullen Eugene C. Kitzerow Dietrich H. Kuehl Robert P. Krause Carl T. Otto Erhard C. Pankow James P. Schaefer Carl J. Lawrenz Wilbert R. Gawrisch David R. Seager Paul G. Eckert David A. Tetzlaff Harvey A. Witte Ralph E. Scharf Norman A. Engel Duane K. Tomhave Martin R. Hahm David A. Witte	James A. Behmer Theodore Zuberbier George P. DeNoyer Leonard G. Heckmann Leonard L. Collyard Myron R. Flugge Melvin F. Gibson Frederick O. Mahnke Carl E. Natzke David L. Nelson Gary L. Saatkamp Carleton H. Sitz Harold W. Goede Alfons Woldt Marcus F. Buch Steven W. Dankert Lloyd L. Esmann Siefried Feuerpeil

WESTERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT

Conference	Lay Delegates	Congregations	Pastors	Teachers
Central	Steven Leistico David Schumacher Robert Wolfe, Sr. Raymond A. Miller	St. John, Waterloo, WI St. John, Beaver Dam, WI St. John, Milton, WI St. Peter, Brodhead, WI St. Stephen, Fall River, WI St. John, Ixonia, WI St. Mark, Ixonia, WI Our Redeemer, Madison, WI St. Matthew, Janesville, WI St. John, Jefferson, WI St. Peter, Elmwood, WI	Ronald N. Tischer Harold W. Sturm Eugene P. Kauffeld Kenneth J. Weber Kent E. Schroeder	Russell A. Wilke Gene A. Gronholz Edward O. Kionka Craig V. Schwartz Roger A. Fenner Robert Landvatrer Eugene A. Kirst Daniel L. Kunz David W. Menges Roger D. Wolff Thomas R. Mellon
Chippewa River Valley	Arlan K. Miller Edward Rindfleisch Alfred J. Wohler		Herbert H. Prael	

Mississippi River Valley

Clarence C. Smith
Donald Groth
David Zahn
Lester Pralle
William Grimm, Jr.
Victor Westdot
Edwin Lanier
Oscar Laper
Gregory K. Werner
Edwin Petersen

Martin Luther, Buffalo, WI
Grace, Ridgeway (Dakota), MN
St. Matthew, Stoddard, WI
St. Paul, Onalaska, WI
St. Paul, N. Freedom, WI
Faith, Reedsburg, WI
St. John, Ridgeville, WI
St. John, Rock Springs, WI
Prince of Peace, Dubuque, IA
Gethsemane, Davenport IA

Arnold L. Mennicke
Mark F. Bartling

Frederick Manthey

Southwestern

Russell W. Kloehn
Daniel R. Falck

Wisillowa

Gerald C. Hintz
Jeffrey L. Kutil
Harold A. Schewe
Burton E. Stensberg
Raymond A. Schultz
Paul E. Eickmann
Gerhard W. Franzmann

Wisconsin River Valley

St. Paul, Stratford, WI
St. Peter, Marshfield, WI

Central
Northwestern College

NEW WELS CHURCHES

Names Requested

In recent months the Wisconsin Synod began work in the states and cities listed below. Please send all names of members who moved into the general area of these cities, as well as names of people who may be interested in a Wisconsin Synod mission, to:

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

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

Alaska	Kenai
Arizona	Deer Valley (Northwest Phoenix)
California	Rancho Cucamonga*
Florida	Coral Springs* Daytona Beach* Keystone Heights Lehigh Acres* Melbourne Warner/Robbins/Perry*
Georgia	Warner/Robbins/Perry*
Illinois	Sandwich/Plano*
Kansas	Topeka
Michigan	Novi Perry
Missouri	Jefferson County*
Montana	Helena Miles City*
New York	Rochester*
North Carolina	Charlotte* Hendersonville
Ohio	Englewood
Oklahoma	Bartlesville*
Oregon	Medford* Pendleton*
Texas	Fredricksburg* Killeen/Ft. Hood* Tyler* Barre*
Vermont	Barre*
Virginia	Manassas*
Wisconsin	Chippewa Falls* Cottage Grove* Merrill* Port Washington
Wyoming	Casper
Alberta	Calgary*
Ontario	Toronto*

*Denotes exploratory services.

TIME AND PLACE

SOUTH CENTRAL 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 for civilians living in the area. The service is conducted at 3:30 on the fourth Sunday of each month. For local information, contact Donald Davis at 609/723-7448. Please submit referrals to Pastor James Tauscher, 151 Milltown Road, East Brunswick, New Jersey 08816; phone: 201/254-1207.

FLORIDA PANHANDLE

Weekly services are conducted at Tyndall Air Force Base — Chapel 1 in the Panama City, Florida area, and at a private residence in Fort Walton Beach, Florida. The services are for military personnel as well as any interested civilians. For further information contact Pastor David Beckman, 5895 Grelot Road, Mobile, Alabama 36609; phone: 205/342-4048.

DAYTON, OHIO

Resurrection Ev. Lutheran Church recently transferred its worship site to downtown Centerville at 11 North Main, just north of the intersection of Highways 48 and 725. The time of service is 10:00 a.m. with Sunday school and Bible class at 9:00 a.m. For more information contact Pastor Jonathan Rimmert, 5500 Red Coach Road, Centerville, Ohio 45429; phone: (513) 434-8355.

DEER VALLEY, PHOENIX, ARIZONA

WELS services are being held at Deer Valley Junior High School, 27th Avenue and Deer Valley Rd., on the northwest side of Phoenix, the Deer Valley area. Sunday services begin at 9:00 a.m., Sunday school and Bible class at 10:15 a.m. Please send names and information to Pastor John Berg, 1954 W. Topeka Dr., Phoenix, Arizona 85027, or call 602/869-0726.

EXPLORATORY

GILLETTE, WYOMING

Exploratory services are now being held in Gillette, Wyoming, every second, fourth, and fifth Mondays of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Eagle Lodge Building, 108 E. 2nd St. Contacts concerning this mission effort may be made with Mr. Robert Hoffman (307/682-4022); Mr. Marco Schlomer (307/682-9168); or Pastor David Russow (307/235-2770), 416 S. 5th Ave., Casper, Wyoming 82601.

CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES

WESTERN WISCONSIN

CENTRAL PASTOR-DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: July 7, 1981; 9:00 a.m.
Place: St. John, 409 E. Lafollette St., Pardeeville, Wisconsin; R. Uhlhorn, host pastor.
Agenda: Book of Reports and Memorials; Conference Business.
Note: Please excuse to host pastor.
S. Ehlike, Secretary

ADDRESSES

(Submitted through the District Presidents)

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INSTALLATIONS

(Authorized by the District Presidents)

Pastors:

Johnston, Robert G., as pastor of St. Paul's, Beverly Hills, Florida, on May 3, 1981, by T. Olsen (SA).
Klessig, Alan R., as pastor of Calvary, Abrams, Wisconsin, on May 3, 1981, by L. Nast (NW).
Meier, Timothy A., as pastor of Zion, Peshtigo, Wisconsin, on May 3, 1981, by K. Wenzel (NW).
Strackbein, Philip B., as missionary to Colombia, South America, on April 26, 1981, at Immanuel Lutheran, Gibbon, Minnesota, by T. Sauer (SA).
Valleau, Dennis J., as pastor of Christ Church, Holland Michigan (an additional charge), on May 17, 1981, S. Otto (Mich.).

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary

The Board of Control of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, Wisconsin, requests the voting constituency of the Synod to place in nomination the names of men qualified to assume the position of professor in the field of Dogmatics and Homiletics.

This request is made because Prof. Joel Gerlach has accepted the call to be Mission Counselor or extended by the California Mission District.

Letters of nomination together with pertinent information should be in the hands of the secretary no later than June 27.

Paul A. Manthey, Secretary
WLS Board of Control
8419 W. Melvina Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53222

FALL PASTORS' INSTITUTE

God willing, the 1981 Pastors' Institute at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary will take place on five Monday afternoons, the first of which is September 28. Sessions will be held from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the multipurpose room in the lower level of the Seminary library. The following topics will be presented:

The Message of Job, an Isagogical-Exegetical Study — Professor John Jeske.
First John — Professor Armin Panning.

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

Pastor Paul A. Manthey, Secretary,
WLS Board of Control

CAMP

Camp Willerup has been renamed "SON-SHINE YOUTH CAMP" and moved to Brotherstown, Wisconsin. The camp is run for WELS children, ages 8-12, by the Milwaukee Federation of WELS Churches. Capacity has been doubled so that 160 can attend per week. Two weeks of camp are planned: July 26 to August 1 and August 2-8. Adult staff is needed in all areas of activity. Please contact: Pastor D. Baumler, 2599 S. 89th Street, West Allis, Wisconsin 53227; phone: 414/541-5139.

INTERMOUNTAIN WEST CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT

The fourth annual Intermountain West Congregational Retreat will be held June 25-28, 1981, at Camp Perkins in the Sawtooth Mountains of Central Idaho. Topics for discussion will be: "How Do I Answer the Evolutionist?" and "Everything You Wanted to Know About the Teenage Transition and Were Afraid to Ask." Other activities will include volleyball, hiking, visiting a ghost town and loafing. For more information contact Pastor Gordon Peters, 1748 S. Von Elm, Pocatello, Idaho 83201, phone: 208/233-2471.

Controller's Report

PREBUDGET SUBSCRIPTION PERFORMANCE

January 8, 1981 thru April 30, 1981

	Subscription Amount for 1981	4/12 of Annual Subscription	Subscription and Pension Offerings	Per Cent of Subscription
Arizona-California	\$ 753,501	\$ 251,167	\$ 218,679	87.1
Dakota-Montana	334,551	111,517	85,181	76.4
Michigan	1,773,777	591,259	456,861	77.3
Minnesota	1,934,877	644,959	550,792	85.3
Nebraska	410,583	136,861	109,260	79.8
Northern Wisconsin	1,954,604	651,535	506,795	77.8
Pacific Northwest	187,921	62,640	49,507	79.0
Southeastern Wisconsin	2,412,965	804,322	619,519	77.0
Western Wisconsin	2,283,714	761,238	605,915	79.6
South Atlantic	186,949	62,316	52,515	84.3
Total — 1981	\$12,233,442	\$4,077,814	\$3,255,024	79.8
Total — 1980	\$10,969,543	\$3,656,514	\$3,177,744	86.9

CURRENT BUDGETARY FUND

Statement of Income and Expenditures

Twelve months ended April 30, 1981 with comparative figures for 1980

	Twelve months ended April 30,			
	1981	1980	Increase or (Decrease) Amount	Per Cent
Income:				
Prebudget Subscription Offerings	\$11,130,707	\$ 9,953,301	\$1,177,406	11.8
Pension Plan Contributions	72,910	73,960	(1,050)	(1.4)
Gifts and Memorials	596,652	203,134	393,518	—
Bequests	419,394	322,305	97,089	30.1
Earnings from Fox Trust	84,090	76,800	7,290	9.5
Other Income	2,024	1,797	227	12.6
Transfers from Other Funds	110,273	54,424	55,849	—
Total Income	\$12,416,050	\$10,685,721	\$1,730,329	16.2
Expenditures:				
Worker-Training	\$ 4,490,737	\$ 4,034,978	\$ 455,759	11.3
Home Missions	2,274,191	2,198,628	75,563	3.4
World Missions	2,042,372	1,932,967	109,405	5.7
Benevolences	1,219,682	1,129,074	90,608	8.0
Administration and Services	1,334,174	1,173,226	160,948	13.7
Total Operations	\$11,361,156	\$10,468,873	\$892,283	8.5
CEF — Interest Subsidy	859,351	798,638	60,713	7.6
Appropriations — Bldg. Funds	696,491	599,706	96,785	16.1
Total Expenditures	\$12,916,998	\$11,867,217	\$1,049,781	8.8
Operating Gain/(Loss)	\$ (500,948)	\$ (1,181,496)		

Norris Koopmann, Controller
Norbert M. Manthe, Assistant Controller
3512 W. North Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53208

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	June 30
July	July 31
August	August 31

REQUEST FOR COLLOQUY WITHDRAWN

Pastor Edward Marcotte of Waverly, Illinois, a pastor of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, who previously requested a colloquy with a view to entering the preaching ministry of the WELS, has withdrawn the request and is no longer under consideration for entry into the ministry of the WELS.

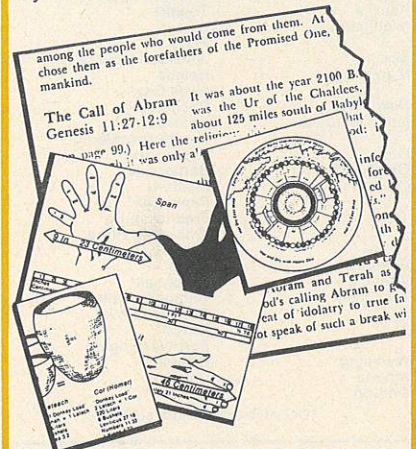
President D. F. Bitter
Western Wisconsin District

CHURCH ORGAN

Used Wurlitzer organ (with speakers) available to any WELS congregation at no charge, offered by Resurrection Ev. Lutheran Church, Aurora, Illinois. If interested, please contact Mr. Bob W. Reichert by phoning 312/892-5935.

BIBLE HISTORY COMMENTARY — Old Testament

By Werner H. Franzmann



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