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Comments by the Editor

Translating, a God-pleasing Task — No matter which denomination may be doing mission work in foreign countries, sooner or later it faces involvement in the task of translating. Our own missions in Africa, in Latin America, in Japan, in Indonesia, and in Taiwan and Hong Kong are also faced with it.

We have no mission in Israel, but a group of Christians in Norway do conduct and support a mission there — the Lutheran Church in Israel. Recently they announced that Luther's *Small Catechism* has been translated into Hebrew and that shortly the *Augsburg Confession* will also be available in that language.

Two reasons are given for producing these translations — both good. The *Small Catechism* will be used in instruction classes preparing for baptism and confirmation. It is, indeed, one of the best tools known to us for that purpose.

The other reason for translating both documents is that they will be helpful in achieving the incorporation of the mission as a legal church body in Israel. We can understand this, since that is also a matter of concern in some of the world areas where our Synod conducts missions. If translating the Lutheran confessions into the local language can help achieve that, the time and effort are well spent. The main point, however, still is that these confessions represent the Scriptural truths which we confess at home and which we must confess abroad if we are to do the Lord's work.

May the Holy Spirit bless and guide all those who are involved in translating the truths of God's Word into other languages! It is a God-pleasing task!

Is Our Bible Complete? — There are groups in the outward church that insist that the Bible as we have it is incomplete. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints accepts the Book of Mormon as inspired and insists that it is on par with the Bible. (A recent issue of *Reader's Digest* included a section that promoted that thought very cleverly.) The Seventh-Day Adventists likewise

teach that the writings of Ellen White were inspired by God in the same way the writings of the Scripture were inspired.

Recently members in high standing in both groups have questioned the official positions of their church bodies. Some Mormon theologians have insisted that the Book of Mormon is a plagiarism. Naturally, these men were put out of their church body. And last fall, and again this summer, church officials in the Seventh-Day Adventist denomination disciplined some prominent professors for not agreeing with them that Ellen White was inspired.

In case you were thinking that the only areas in which the Seventh-Day Adventists depart from the Scripture is that of insisting that Saturday is the divinely appointed day of worship for New Testament Christians, you will do well to study the following paragraph quoted from *Christianity Today* (June 12, 1981, page 35):

"Adventists believe that in 1844, in the words of church founder and prophets Ellen White, Christ entered 'the most holy place of the heavenly sanctuary.' At that time, Christ began evaluating the lives of believers and blotting out the sins of those who are worthy, and therefore, salvation cannot be assured in this life. Said Van Rooyen [one of the dissidents]: 'I believe Christ made all the provision necessary for salvation in A.D. 31' at his death on the cross, and thus salvation for believers is certain."

Are the Mormons and the Seventh-Day Adventists right in accepting such writings as on par with the Bible? We answer: In reading the Book of Mormon and the writings of Ellen White we find ever so many teachings that totally disagree with what the Scriptures of the Apostles and Prophets teach. They therefore cannot be inspired by the Holy Spirit. God the Holy Spirit cannot disagree with himself, since he is the Spirit of Truth.

We agree totally with the action of the church of the first centuries which for that reason rejected ever so many books that purported to be the Word of God. For the same reason we reject the Book of Mormon and the writings of Ellen White.

*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

Missioner Philip B. Strackbein was commissioned for Colombia at Gibbon, Minnesota, on April 26, 1981. Taking part in the commissioning (left to right) were Pastors Richard Kuckhahn, John Strackbein, Theodore A. Sauer and Roger Vomhof. For the story turn to page 214.

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Editorials

Certainties About Right and Wrong

Alarmed by a rising groundswell of resistance to the "secular humanism" of American public schools, *The New York Times* published a "truly scary story" about parent groups springing up across the country to rid schools of such humanism. As quoted in *The Milwaukee Journal*, the *Times* deplores the attempt of these groups to ban certain books, creative writing, and "the new math"; and to require that reading instruction focus on phonics, and that history texts promote patriotism. "Most of all, they apparently want schools to permit children no uncertainty about what is right and what is wrong. In short, children should not be encouraged to challenge, to think for themselves." That, the *Times* maintains, is a scary "assault on the inquiring mind."

We can hardly approve of all of the concerns and tactics of such groups, but their demand for certainty about right and wrong must be defended.

There are absolute rights and wrongs. There are moral and spiritual certainties. Premarital sex is wrong; to commit an abortion is to kill a child; perpetrating divorce is sinful; homosexuality is perversion. Furthermore, legitimate taxes must be paid; children owe their parents honor and obedience; the aged must be cared for; the government has the right to require military service. "Secular humanists" are wrong when they call such God-ordained and also basic social principles arbitrary and debatable.

"Secular humanists" are also guilty of folly when they rely on children to decide moral standards by themselves. They are naive to expect sound judgment from children. Children may be relatively innocent, honest and teachable; but they are also perverse and selfish, inexperienced and irrational, prejudiced and vindictive. Or humanists are dishonest when they stage and manipulate children's thinking and then maintain that the children have decided by themselves what is right and what is wrong.

Are "secular humanists" with their provisional and undetermined morals even good Americans? Our nation was founded on truths our founding fathers considered "self evident," not ambiguous and debatable. Without certainty about right and wrong, they could not have established the Articles of our nation's constitution. They may not have derived their certainties from Scripture, but they were convinced that "nature and nature's God" did not leave moral principles in doubt.

Where the uncertainty and relativism of "secular humanists" control public-school instruction, parents have reason to be bewildered, frightened and angry.

Carleton Toppe

Defining Church On the national birthday those with religious concerns give thanks for God's blessings channeled to us through this country's commitment to religious liberty and separation of church and state. The unending effort on behalf of this commitment can take strange twists and turnings. None more strange than a recent Pennsylvania state government agency's definition of a congregation! To qualify as a church, says that state's Bureau of Motor Vehicles, a congregation must meet three absolute standards and six more from a list of nine.

The three absolutes require a congregation to have:

- 1) at least 25 members;
- 2) a nonprofit status;
- 3) the aim of promoting belief in a deity or supreme being.

The nine, of which at least six must be met, require the congregation to have:

- 1) a legal entity;
- 2) a definite ecclesiastical government;
- 3) a formal code of doctrine and discipline;
- 4) a membership not associated with any other church;
- 5) an established place of worship;
- 6) a regular congregation;
- 7) regular religious services;
- 8) church schools for religious instruction of the young;
- 9) schools for the preparation of clergy.

This attempt at defining church may be well-intentioned. Pennsylvania desires to give a cut-rate \$10 license for church vehicles, very likely as a result of some ecclesiastical arm-twisting.

Whatever the purpose, such efforts of the state to specify what is and isn't church have no place on the American scene. Any self-respecting church body would much rather pay the few extra dollars than risk jeopardizing the precious liberty and separation commemorated on July 4.

Edward C. Fredrich

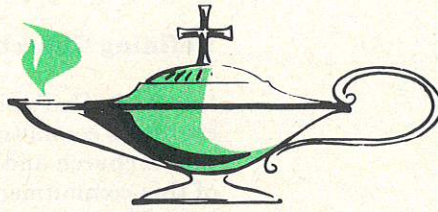
A Good Point

President Carl Mischke made a good point in the June issue of *The President's Newsletter*, which is sent to all pastors and teachers. In discussing the words of our Lord in Matthew 9:38, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth laborers into his harvest," he pointed out that God normally answers prayers through natural means and human agents.

He stated: "So it's not just a matter of asking the Lord to improve the 'sending' part of it and then sitting back and waiting for it to happen. You must have heard the story of the man of some means who regularly and devoutly prayed for more laborers [in the Lord's kingdom]. One day his little son said to him: 'Dad, I wish I had your money.' 'Why?' the father asked. 'I'd help answer your prayer.'"

A budget crunch suggests recruiting fewer students, training fewer pastors and teachers, reducing faculties, possibly closing another school, and thus balancing the

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Studies in God's Word

Gospel Gems from The Revelation to John

Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth — to every nation, tribe, language and people. He said in a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water.” ... Then I heard a voice from heaven say, “Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.” “Yes,” says the Spirit, “they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them” (Revelation 14:6,7,13).

We have noted repeatedly that the individual visions granted to John and recorded in the *Revelation* picture the whole New Testament era. They are not isolated incidents that follow one another chronologically, as though John were recording in sequence the various things that must happen according to God's schedule, and after that Judgment Day will come. The *Revelation* is not some sort of divine “count-down” enabling us to check off what events have already happened, and by noting what events are still in the future, to determine how soon Judgment Day will be coming. No, the pictures in the *Revelation* deal rather with the church's trials and tribulations during the whole New Testament era, which will then be followed by the joys of heaven, where the “church militant” has become the “church triumphant.”

That the visions of the *Revelation* are not in chronological sequence is indicated clearly in chapter 14. On the

basis of 14:1-5 we last time spoke of the 144,000 in heaven. We noted that this is not a mathematical but a symbolical number representing the sum total of the believers, not one of whom has been snatched out of the Savior's hand. There on Mount Zion with the Lamb (14:1) we saw them confirmed in bliss and expressing their joy by playing on harps and singing a new song of salvation before God's throne (14:3).

The Eternal Gospel

From that heady, mountaintop experience we today return once more to the plain, where in 14:6f. we are given the answer to the question: How do sinful men in a troubled world come to share in the bliss of those 144,000 in heaven? The answer, of course, is: by accepting the gospel that is proclaimed in all the world during the New Testament era. John shares his vision in the words, “Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth — to every nation, tribe, language and people” (14:6).

This verse is familiar to us as the epistle for the Festival of the Reformation. And to be sure, it is a fitting reading for that occasion. But perhaps we do well not to restrict it to just that one historical event, as though that were the *sole* fulfillment of what is pictured here. It is, after all, an *eternal* gospel. Hence it is pictured as being displayed “in midair” for all to see and hear. And no less important, it is totally inaccessible to Satan and his henchmen, bent as they are on pulling it down and destroying it. The gospel will be proclaimed throughout the New Testament era, because a gracious God wills to make his salvation known to a sinful world.

Fear God

And what is the content of that gospel? John heard a voice telling him, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come.” It has been noted that in the final analysis, the battle depicted in the *Revelation* is a personal confrontation between God and Satan. Satan, the prince of this world, seeks to gain men for his kingdom, to have them accept his mark, to look to him for a life of present ease and pleasure — and to forget all about the future. The saving alternative is to “fear God and give him glory.” And there is an urgency about this, for “the hour of his judgment has come.”

It is no mark of kindness to let a motorist speed on toward a washed-out bridge, or to allow a child to play heedlessly at the brink of a dangerous cliff. Love and concern demand that they be warned. So too, it is gospel, “good news” in the wider sense, to warn sinners that judgment is coming and to invite them, while there is still time, to worship him who not only “made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water,” but who also sent his Son Jesus Christ to save sinners from their lost and erring condition.

Blessed Result

And what are the results of heeding this warning and accepting the gospel? John heard a voice from heaven say, “Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.” “Yes,” says the Spirit, “they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them” (14:13).

All around us we hear, “Where there's *life*, there's *hope*.” St. John shares with us an infinitely greater truth. “Blessed are the *dead*,” he writes. But it is not just any dead who are called blessed. It is rather those “who die in the Lord.” Death comes also to the believer, but for him who trusts in the Lord it is no tragedy. Death is rather a blessed rest from toil and labor here, and the portal to the perfect bliss of heaven. Who would not gladly make such an exchange! Only let us not grow weary as we wait for the day. Out of love to our Savior let us always heed the angel's call, “Fear God and give him glory.” Let us “worship him who made the heavens and the earth.”

Armin J. Panning

Mining the Treasure of God's Word

Matthew 19:1,2
Mark 10:1
Luke 9:52-56;
10:25-42



BY JULIAN G. ANDERSON

Jesus Says Good-Bye to Galilee

Before you begin your work today it would be well to glance quickly over the past two lessons, which covered Jesus' activities during his last days in southern Galilee after he left Capernaum for the last time. It was a quiet time, devoted to preparing things for his trip through Samaria and his later travels in Judea and Perea. Now he is about to say good-bye to Galilee, the land where he had been raised and where he had now spent two years presenting himself to the people as the Messiah. Thus we must try to imagine the many memories which must have flashed through his mind as he prepared to leave for the last time. Now read and compare

Matthew 19:1,2 & Mark 10:1

See how these two accounts follow naturally the events described above, and how they briefly summarize Jesus' activities in Samaria, Judea and Perea during the last five months of his life. For this period, Luke and John become our chief guides. Thus we turn to

Luke 9:52-56

Notice that this records another rejection, following a similar rejection by many of Jesus' followers in Galilee (John 6:66, lesson for December 21, 1980), and then his rejection by the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem (lessons for March 29 and April 12). The reason for the actions of the Samaritans (v. 53) is explained by John 4:9 (see the

discussion in the lesson for March 16, 1980). And the words of James and John explain Mark's comments about them in 3:17 of his Gospel. Jesus' reactions to all this (vv. 55 and 56) were typical and remind us of Peter's comments in 1 Peter 2:23. Perhaps it was this reminder of the hatred existing between the Samaritans and the Jews which caused Jesus to tell the following story, which may have taken place right after Jesus' arrival in Judea after this trip through Samaria, as recorded in

Luke 10:25-37

The man who asked the question in verse 25 was a "scribe," a man trained to copy the sacred books of the Old Testament on new rolls. Originally they were Sadducees, or Levites, but in time some of the Pharisees also took up this profession (Mark 2:16). As such they often acted as teachers for the children and common people. The man's purpose — to "test" Jesus (NIV), or "tempt" him (KJV) — was actually to "trap" Jesus, since it is the same word used of the devil's aim in the temptation of Jesus (Luke 4:1). Note the contradiction in the man's words "do" and "inherit," since one doesn't do anything to inherit property from one's parents. And the word "law" in Jesus' reply means simply "the Scriptures," God's Word. The man's answer reflected the common misunderstanding of all men, that salvation is some-

thing we *earn* by our good conduct, reflecting a shameful ignorance in a supposed student of the Scriptures.

Jesus' story of the good Samaritan, which was his reply, was a shocking and amazing revelation to that self-righteous "pious" Jew of 1) *who* our "neighbor" is; 2) *what* is meant by Christian love; and 3) the proper interpretation of the second half of the law, which could only serve to prove to that benighted "expert" in the law that he could never hope to do anything "good" enough to win eternal life (compare Matthew 19:16). The Jerusalem-Jericho road was a particularly dangerous road to travel. Next we'll read

Luke 10:38-42

See John 11:1 for the name of the village in verse 38, and your map will show that it was a suburb of Jerusalem, telling us that Jesus was heading for Jerusalem at this time to attend another festival. John 11:1 gives the name of the brother, and the fact that it was Martha's house suggests that she was a married woman or a widow, and that Mary, who was living with her, was unmarried. See how Luke directs our attention first to Mary's actions (v. 39), a wonderful example of what Jesus said in Matthew 6:33. Verse 40a would best be rendered into simple English by saying that "Martha was at her wits' end because of all the work they had to do." And it wasn't that the work she was doing was wrong, for she was the hostess, and she was expected to honor her guest with a good dinner. The lesson is simply that Mary had chosen the *better* thing, the only really *necessary* thing (v. 42a). For there is really only *one* truly necessary thing for our eternal health and welfare and salvation, as Jesus pointed out in Luke 11:28.

Martha, who wasn't doing anything really wrong, is a good example to us of someone who is just too much concerned with worldly things (see 1 John 2:15, Colossians 3:2, and the parable of the weeds, Matthew 13:7 and 22). As such, she serves as a timely warning to all of us, who live in a truly materialistic world. This is also the only scene we have which gives us a picture of any kind of intimate relationship existing between Jesus and any family group, and it pictures him in a very *human* way.

Philip Strackbein Commissioned

At times we are able to send out new missionaries who already have learned from personal experience what life is like in a world mission field.

Missioner Philip B. Strackbein's first contact with overseas mission work came in early childhood when his father accepted a call to serve as missionary in a remote area of New Guinea. His second mission experience came after his second year at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary when he was assigned to serve as vicar in our Synod's Latin American mission in Puerto Rico. While in Puerto Rico he met his wife, Kathryn, a graduate of Lakeside Lutheran High School, Lake Mills, Wisconsin, who at the time was serving the mission as secretary.

Missioner Strackbein comes to our mission in Medellin, Colombia, after a year and a half as pastor of a home mission congregation in Greenville, South Carolina. In Medellin he will become part of a five-man team which is serving three congregations and two preaching stations. Together with his fellow missionaries he will also be in-

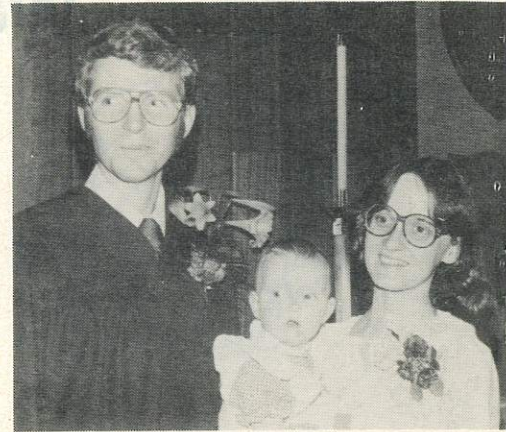
involved in training Colombians for work in the church as evangelists and pastors.

The commissioning service was held April 26, 1981, in Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church, Gibbon, Minnesota. Rev. Richard J. Kuckhahn, pastor of Immanuel, preached the sermon. Using 2 Thessalonians 2:16 to 3:3 as his text, Pastor Kuckhahn drew parallels between the ministry of the Apostle Paul and that of our pastors serving in our world mission fields. Pointing out that the gospel work, particularly in world mission fields, often faces overwhelming odds, he reminded all present of the need for prayer that the gospel might have free course, a prayer which the Lord has promised to hear and answer. "Our confidence, like Paul's," he stated, "must be grounded in our faithful God, the Lord of the church."

The rite of commissioning was read by Rev. Theodore A. Sauer, executive secretary of the Board for World Missions. Assisting in the commissioning besides Pastor Kuckhahn were the

Pastors John Strackbein and Roger Vomhof.

Missioner Strackbein, his wife, and their one-year-old daughter, Cherith, left for Medellin on May 6. Because of



The Strackbein Family

their previous experience in Puerto Rico, they were able to omit the usual six-month Spanish language course usually given to our Latin American missionaries before they begin their new work. We wish them much joy and blessing as they bring to the people of Colombia the hope we have in Christ!

T. A. Sauer

U.S. Supreme Court Decision Favorable

In a major ruling affecting all churches that operate parochial schools, the Supreme Court of the United States ruled unanimously on May 26, 1981, that the elementary Christian day school operated by St. Martin Ev. Lutheran Church in South Dakota, a member church of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, and Northwestern Lutheran Academy, formerly a secondary school preparatory for entrance into one of the Synod's colleges in preparation for the ministry, were exempt from unemployment compensation taxes, reversing a decision by the South Dakota Supreme Court.

The issue before the Supreme Court involved a 1976 repeal of a federal law exempting elementary and secondary schools from the tax. E. Thomas Schilling, of the law firm of von Briesen & Redmond, the Synod's attorneys, had argued before the Supreme Court that Synod schools continued to be exempt

under other provisions of the law exempting services performed in the employ of a church or convention or association of churches or because Synod schools were organizations operated primarily for religious purposes; and that, if the Court would find that such schools were not exempt under these provisions of the law, coverage would violate the Religion Clauses of the Constitution.

Justice Blackmun noted the finding of the South Dakota Labor Department Appeals Referee that Synod schools are operated in accordance with the belief that training of its youth involves both education and religion and that the two are so closely interwoven they cannot be separated, and the ruling by a South Dakota Circuit Court that the primary purpose of these schools was the propagation of the Synod's faith, a religious concern, and that statutes should be construed, if possible, to avoid raising

doubts of constitutionality. With this background, he limited the application of the court's decision to church schools that have no legal identity separate from the church, thus finding that services in church schools were services performed for the church and leaving the issue of statutory exemption of "primarily religious" organizations for the future. Because the Court agreed with the Synod's attorneys on their interpretation of the statute, it found it unnecessary to consider the First Amendment issues raised.

The issue was originally raised when the Secretary of Labor, Ray Marshall, in 1976 ordered all states to alter their laws to include church schools under unemployment compensation tax liability. This order was based on a 1976 amendment to the unemployment compensation laws by the congress and upon an incorrect assumption that church

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1980-81 Schoolyear Closes at DMLC

Since Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota, had gone to the early semester for the 1980-81 school year, the final week of the year came at mid-May. Hundreds of people from many states came to New Ulm for many of the events of the final week.

Among the early visitors to campus were the praesidium and ten district presidents of the WELS. They arrived on Tuesday May 12, for a two-day meeting in which they would assign the 1981 graduates to the calls which had been placed into their hands at this date. The Assignment Committee met on Wednesday and Thursday. Its members had an opportunity to meet the graduates at the annual Faculty-Graduate Banquet, held at the Orchid Inn in Sleepy Eye, Minnesota.

Call Night

The Call Night service was held on Thursday, May 14, in the Luther Memorial Gymnasium. Pastor Thomas Zarling, DMLC Dean of Students, conducted the service and preached the sermon. More than 1,500 persons listened attentively as Pastor Lloyd Huebner, DMLC President, read off the list of assignments. Since Call Night fell at an earlier date than usual, not all graduates received their assignments at this time. Those not assigned will receive their calls through a

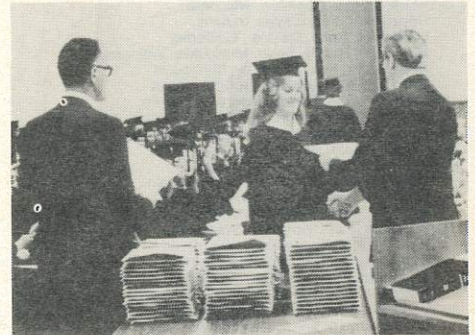
second meeting of the Assignment Committee in July.

On Friday the meeting the Alumni and Friends of DMLC was held in Luther Memorial Union. During the business meeting graduates of classes from 1931, 1941 and 1956 were recognized. Also introduced were any graduates from before 1931. Among these was Prof. emeritus Herbert Sitz who had graduated with the class of 1916. When the honored graduates were recognized at the concert later that evening, Prof. H. Sitz received a standing ovation. It was a fitting honor for a man who had served in the Lord's kingdom in New Ulm for many years as principal at St. Paul's Lutheran School, as a member of DMLC's Board of Control, and then as DMLC faculty member and librarian for many years.

Closing Concert

An audience of around 2,000 was in attendance for the final concert which began at 7:30 p.m. with a group of selections by the College Wind Ensemble. This was the group which had made a very successful spring tour, under its director Prof. R. Hermanson, into Wisconsin, Michigan and Minnesota. The choral portion of the concert began at 8:00. The five college choirs participated and presented an excellent variety of secular music, featuring

many soloists and instrumentalists. The combined choirs sang the DMLC Alma Mater, America, and Sing Your Way Home. The audience joined the choirs in the first two numbers. The Jazz Ensemble played two numbers at the midpoint of the program.



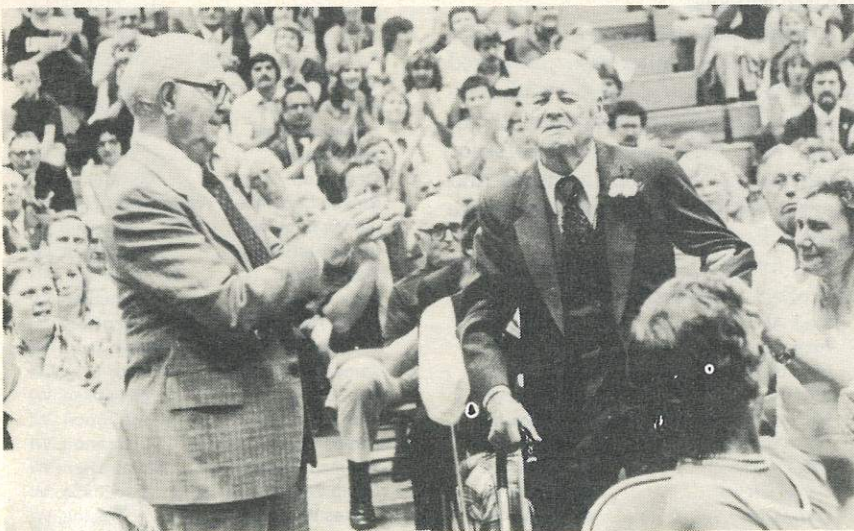
Linda Dietze receives her diploma

Graduation

The graduation service began at 10:00 A.M. Dean Thomas Zarling served as the liturgist and his father, Pastor Waldemar Zarling of Benton Harbor, Michigan, president of the Michigan District, delivered the commencement address. He based his remarks on the class' motto, "I can do all things through Christ, which strengtheneth me" (Philippians 4:13). The college choir sang F. Reuter's "Be Thou Faithful." The class hymn, "O Lord, You Taught Our Fathers," was written by Miss Deborah Tetzlaff and directed by Mr. Kurt Heyer. During the service President Lloyd Huebner, assisted by Dean Arthur Schulz, conferred degrees on the following persons:

Bachelor of Science In Education

Abraham, Pamela, Hazel, South Dakota
Arndt, Paula, Combined Locks, Wisconsin
Bauer, Karen, Zealand, North Dakota
Bauer, Mary, Two Rivers, Wisconsin
Becker, Barbara, Flint, Michigan
Becker, Doris, Maribel, Wisconsin
Becker, Raetta, Phoenix, Arizona
Beckmann, Deborah, Annandale, Virginia
Berger, Joel, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Bethke, Ruth, Loretto, Minnesota
Birkholz, Sharon, New Ulm, Minnesota
Block, Michelle, Saginaw, Michigan
Boeder, Julie, Wilton, Wisconsin
Brandt, Rebecca, Readfield, Wisconsin
Brostrom, Sharon, Nodine, Minnesota
Capek, Donna, Campbellsport, Wisconsin
Carmichael, Lisa, Dakota, Minnesota
Covache, David, Plymouth, Michigan
Dahlke, Karen, Montello, Wisconsin
Danker, Denise, Red Wing, Minnesota
Dietze, Linda, Medford, Wisconsin
Dorn, Wendy, Winona, Minnesota



Professor emeritus Herbert Sitz receives ovation

Douglas, Jill, Neenah, Wisconsin
 Duhlmeyer, Linda, Hayfield, Minnesota
 Eckelberg, Audrey, Kendall, Wisconsin
 Enderle, Margaret, Slinger, Wisconsin
 Felsing, Catherine, Saginaw, Michigan
 Fickau, Sharon, Hartland, Wisconsin
 Freier, Rachel, St. Joseph, Michigan
 Fritz, Janice, Waukesha, Wisconsin
 Gehl, Elizabeth, New Ulm, Minnesota
 Geiger, Cynthia, Marathon City, Wisconsin
 Geisert, Elizabeth, Ogallala, Nebraska
 Giese, Nancy, Pompano Beach, Florida
 Grambow, Helene, Melvin, Michigan
 Groening, Steven, Columbus, Wisconsin
 Grosinske, Steven, Baraboo, Wisconsin
 Grosse, Amanda, Morton Grove, Illinois
 Haaning, Jill, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
 Hadler, Tamara, Bylas, Arizona
 Hagen, David, Manitowoc, Wisconsin
 Hammer, Cynthia, Southgate, Michigan
 Hampton, Brian, Pigeon, Wisconsin
 Hartman, Stacie, Pigeon, Michigan
 Hass, Brenda, Genoa, Wisconsin
 Headrick, Kellie, Saginaw, Michigan
 Henke, Rebecca, Montello, Wisconsin
 Heup, Donna, Appleton, Wisconsin
 Heyer, Kurt, Fort Wayne, Indiana
 Hoenecke, Anna, Del Mar, California
 Hoffmann, Randy, South Milwaukee, Wisconsin
 Hohenstein, Ann, Lake City, Minnesota
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 Koltz, Kristin, Beaver Dam, Wisconsin
 Kuehl, Daniel, Hartford, Wisconsin
 Kuhlmann, Kathy, Hokah, Minnesota
 Kurbis, Jeffrey, Benton Harbor, Michigan
 Landry, Laurie, South Haven, Michigan
 Lange, John, Watertown, Wisconsin
 Leitzke, Debra, Manitowoc, Wisconsin
 Lemke, Elaine, Cudahy, Wisconsin

Lewis, Debra, Lewiston, Minnesota
 Lohmiller, Beth, Henry, South Dakota
 Luedtke, Luann, Jefferson, Wisconsin
 Luetke, Rachel, New Ulm, Minnesota
 Lutze, Joni, Manitowoc, Wisconsin
 Maertz, Laurel, Marshall, Minnesota
 Malchow, Helen, Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin
 Manthe, Susan, Benton Harbor, Michigan
 Martin, Becky, Midland, Michigan
 Martin, Darcy, Mequon, Wisconsin
 Melcher, Carrie, Amherst, Wisconsin
 Micketti, Deborah, Seattle, Washington
 Miller, Jeffrey, Oshkosh, Wisconsin
 Moll, Phillip, Oshkosh, Wisconsin
 Moore, Cheryl, Kenosha, Wisconsin
 Most, Cynthia, Prescott, Wisconsin
 Nass, Jill, Watertown, Wisconsin
 Nell, Sandra, Green Bay, Wisconsin
 Oechler, Marie, Kenosha, Wisconsin
 Pahl, Randall, Brillion, Wisconsin
 Paustian, David, Watertown, Wisconsin
 Pfeifer, Gene, Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin
 Pfeifer, Michael, Helenville, Wisconsin
 Pingel, Edith, Lansing, Michigan
 Popp, David, Appleton, Wisconsin
 Press, Anne, Pigeon, Michigan
 Priour, Natalie, Edna, Texas
 Proeber, Kevin, Cudahy, Wisconsin
 Punke, Lana, Brookfield, Wisconsin
 Ray, John, Carlsbad, California
 Reiter, Connie, Willmar, Minnesota
 Rhoades, Giselle, Fort Lupton, Colorado
 Richgruber, Rhonda, Rhineland, Wisconsin
 Ristow, Randy, Goodrich, Michigan
 Roemhildt, Cynthia, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
 Root, Brian, Pontiac, Michigan
 Rugen, Vivian, North Massapequa, New York
 Schlawin, Matthew, Kirkwood, Missouri
 Schmelzer, Karleen, Remus, Michigan
 Schmidt, Kim, Wausau, Wisconsin
 Schneidereit, Reniece, Brewster, Nebraska
 Schroeder, Rebecca, New Ulm, Minnesota
 Schultz, Debra, Montello, Wisconsin
 Schultz, Janis, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
 Schultz, Mark, Durand, Michigan
 Schultz, Natalie, Wausau, Wisconsin
 Schulz, Cindy, Oshkosh, Wisconsin
 Schulz, Cynthia, Akaska, South Dakota

Sickmann, Peggy, Arlington, Minnesota
 Smith, Rebecca, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
 Sorenson, Julie, Climax, Minnesota
 Spaude, Lois, Watertown, Wisconsin
 Steinbach, Paul, Tucson, Arizona
 Stellick, Douglas, Monroe, Michigan
 Stelljes, Wendy, New Ulm, Minnesota
 Tacke, Lin, New Ulm, Minnesota
 Tessin, Sandra, St. Charles, Michigan
 Tetzlaff, Deborah, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
 Thierfelder, Ruth, West Palm Beach, Florida
 Toll, Sheila, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin
 Turany, Rachel, Phoenix, Arizona
 Ulrich, Timothy, Burnsville, Minnesota
 Ungemach, Margaret, Kenosha, Wisconsin
 Vance, Vicki, Hales Corners, Wisconsin
 Vetter, Susan, Eau Claire, Wisconsin
 Waedekin, Robert, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
 Ware, Danette, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
 Wastrack, Donna, Green Lake, Wisconsin
 Welke, Joel, Watertown, Wisconsin
 Wendorf, Susan, LaCrosse, Wisconsin
 Whitby, Laurie, Oak Creek, Wisconsin
 Wilde, Michael, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
 Will, Mary, Ann Arbor, Michigan
 Will, Suzanne, St. Paul, Minnesota
 Wood, Kristen, Kenosha, Minnesota
 Yanz, Susan, New Ulm, Minnesota
 Zink, Susan, Hales Corners, Wisconsin

**Bachelor of Science
 in Education in Absentia**

Sauer, Sandra, Citrus Heights, California

**Recommended for
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Elementary
 Harris, Lisa, Shelby, Michigan

Secondary
 Helke, John, Oconomowoc, Wisconsin
 Hildebrandt, Janine, Oshkosh, Wisconsin
 Lehninger, Robert, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin
 Luedke, Kenneth, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin
 Sullwold, Mrs. Patricia, West Allis, Wisconsin
 Treuden, Terry, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Graduation at NWC

On May 20 Northwestern College, Watertown, Wisconsin, held its commencement exercises in sunny weather that the Seminary could covet for its outdoor graduation service. On this most pleasant day 50 seniors completed their preseminary years at Northwestern. More than 90 percent have declared their intention of enrolling at the Seminary in the fall.

Pastor Martin Janke, of Jackson, Wisconsin, the father of one of the graduates, spoke the invocation prayer. President Carleton Toppe based his address on the class graduation memory verse: "Be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 15:58).

Mark Albrecht, a 1981 graduate, made Lutheran church music the subject of his presentation, "Songs of Praise from Age to Age." John Eich, the other class speaker, compared his education at the University of Washington with the education he received at Northwestern College. In answer to his question, "Why Northwestern?" he presented the spiritual, moral, and

academic advantages of attending Northwestern.

Prof. Edgar Pieper marched in the graduation procession for the last time as he concluded 21 years of devoted service to the college as teacher and coach. Throughout these years he taught mathematics in both the preparatory school and the college. He was the last of the "crossover" teachers in the two schools.

At this graduation tutors David Kehl and David Kipfmiller also completed two years of faithful service to the college, together with instructor Brian Dose, who took over for Professor Quam during the second semester and likewise rendered commendable service to the college.

The following are the members of the college graduating class:

Mark Albrecht Sparta, WI
 Randy Bader Valentine, NE
 Michael Barlow Milwaukee, WI
 John Beck Balsam Lake, WI
 Michael Biedenbender Benton Harbor, MI
 David Cooper Houston, TX
 Joseph Dietrich Saginaw, MI
 Daniel Drews Oak Creek, WI
 Leroy Dux Neillsville, WI
 Kurt Ebert Milwaukee, WI
 Timothy Ehlers Sterling Heights, MI

John Eich Lake Stevens, WA
 Kenneth Frey Grand Junction, CO
 David Furno Largo, FL
 Philip Gieschen Adrian, MI
 Charles Gumm Milwaukee, WI
 Richard Gurgel Fond du Lac, WI
 David Haag Waterloo, WI
 Kevin Hanke St. Louis Park, MN
 Kevin Hastings So. Milwaukee, WI
 Stephen Hein Muskegon, MI
 Philip Henselin Stewartville, MN
 Gregory Hermanson Sun Prairie, WI
 James Hoff Brownsville, WI
 Randy Hunter St. Paul Park, MN
 James Janke Jackson, WI
 John Kehl Weyauwega, WI
 John Kenyon Seminole, FL
 Raymond Kimbrough Milwaukee, WI
 Mark Kipfmiller Bay City, MI
 Mark Kolander Montello, WI
 Daniel Krause Brookfield, WI
 John Kuske Saginaw, MI
 David Lau Milwaukee, WI
 Steven Lockman White Bear Lake, MN
 James Pankow Hubertus, WI
 Joel Petermann Appleton, WI
 David Plath St. Paul Park, MN
 Jack Radloff Pewaukee, WI
 David Rosenbaum Saginaw, MI
 Thomas Rothe Brown Deer, WI
 James Schmeling Harbor City, CA
 Paul Schulz Milwaukee, WI
 Paul Stern New London, WI
 James Weiland Lannon, WI
 Thomas Westra Beaver Dam, WI
 Philip Wilde Escanaba, MI
 James Winterle Racine, WI
 Steven Witte South Haven, MI
 Peter Zietlow Anchorage, AK

With the Lord

Prof. Rudolph A. Sievert 1904-1981

Prof. Rudolph A. Sievert was called to his eternal home on Tuesday, May 19, 1981, after a brief illness. The funeral service was conducted at Trinity Lutheran Church, Watertown, Wisconsin, May 22.

Professor Sievert was born March 1, 1904, in New Ulm, Minnesota, the son

of Louis and Emily Sievert. On June 4, 1930, he married the former Alice Atkin in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. He attended Northwestern College, graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, taught at Oostburg High School, Winnebago Lutheran Academy in Fond du Lac, was principal of Waldo High School, and taught at Northwestern College and Northwestern Preparatory School from 1947 to 1974.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Pastor David of Janesville and Peter of

Silver Spring, Maryland; five grandchildren; four sisters, Mrs. Alma Schwenzen and the Misses Ada, Hertha, and Gertrude, all of Watertown; two brothers, Richard of Fort Atkinson and Professor Erich of New Ulm, Minnesota; and other relatives.

Pastor Walter A. Schumann conducted the funeral service and comforted the survivors with the Lord's beautiful assurance in John 16: 19-22: "And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you."

Direct from the Districts

CALIFORNIA

Reporter James Humann

Mrs. Elva Habben Asleep in Jesus

On Thursday, April 30, 1981, funeral services were held for Mrs. Elva (Susie) Habben, widow of the late Pastor A. B. Habben, at St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church in Riverside, California. Mrs. Habben was born October 16, 1913, the daughter of John and Flora Blank. In June of 1943 she was united in marriage to Pastor A. B. Habben at Zebaoth Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Pastor and Mrs. Habben together served their Lord in both the home and foreign mission fields of the Wisconsin Synod. In 1943 the Habbens accepted a call to begin a mission congregation in Hastings, Nebraska. They remained in Hastings until 1952 when our Synod asked them to begin its work in Northern Rhodesia, Africa. Mrs. Habben and her husband labored faithfully for the Lord in Africa until 1960, when they accepted a call to begin a new mission in Portland, Oregon.

In 1971 they were once again called on to enter the foreign mission field. This time the couple went to Indonesia to begin our Synod's work in that country. The Habbens left Indonesia in 1972 to begin yet another new mission congregation, this one in Riverside, California, their final field of labor.

Pastor Habben was called to his eternal rest in September 1980. Our Lord called Mrs. Habben home on April 26, 1981. Her days of grace numbered 67 years, 5 months and 10 days. The funeral service was conducted by Pastor R. C. Van Norstrand of Yucaipa. Pastor Milton Burk preached the sermon. Mrs. Habben is survived by three brothers and one sister.

MINNESOTA

Reporter Del Begalka

Mrs. Richard Janke Laid to Rest

Mrs. Richard Janke was called to her eternal rest on March 2, 1981. She was born Lisette Saxmann on December 20, 1896, in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. She became a child of God through holy baptism on January 3, 1897, and she spoke her confirmation vows on March 20, 1910, in St. Peter's Lutheran Church at Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

Her marriage to the Reverend Richard Janke took place on August 25, 1923. She then took up residence in Clarkston, Washington, where her husband was pastor of two parishes. In 1924 they moved to New Ulm, Minnesota, where her husband was a professor at Dr. Martin Luther College until his death on February 10, 1955. After his death she worked as a registered nurse at Union Hospital until 1961.

Mrs. Janke is survived by two sons, the Reverend Professor Philip Janke of Manitowoc, Wisconsin, and the Rever-

end Martin Janke of Jackson, Wisconsin, thirteen grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and three sisters.

The funeral service was conducted at St. John's Lutheran Church, New Ulm, Minnesota, by Pastor Norval Kock on March 5. His message of comfort was based on Psalm 16:11.

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN

Reporter Robert Kleist

A Faithful Servant of the Lord

On February 23, 1981, Mr. Robert O. Dahinden, a faithful servant of the Lord in the Administration Office of our Wisconsin Synod, died suddenly of heart failure. Although he had experienced a number of episodes before, his death was unexpected and came after a full day's work in the office. Our brother thus had the privilege of serving his Lord until the very last.

Mr. Dahinden entered the employment of the Synod on August 1, 1968, and first worked in the office of the Treasurer/Controller. In 1973 he became Loan Supervisor in the Real Estate Office and five years later returned to his former position. He was a self-effacing, diligent and faithful worker, whom his co-workers miss greatly.

Robert Dahinden was born on May 5, 1917. He is survived by his wife La Verne, a son John, and his mother, Mrs. Nellie Johnson.

The funeral service was conducted at Faith Lutheran Church, Sussex, Wisconsin, of which Mr. Dahinden was a charter member. Pastor Charles P. Clarey officiated.

**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. Zaring, 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.

NOMINATIONS

NOMINATIONS BY THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

of the WELS for the

Forty-sixth Convention, August 3-8, 1981

Commission on Higher Education, Chairman

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Pastor Victor H. Prange, Janesville, WI (WW)
Pastor Reuel J. Schulz, West Allis, WI (SEW)

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Pastor Carl S. Leyrer, incumbent, Milwaukee, WI (SEW)
Pastor David M. Ponath, North St. Paul, MN (Minn.)

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Pastor Walter F. Beckmann, Annandale, VA (Mich.)
Pastor Daniel M. Gieschen, incumbent, Adrian MI (Mich.)
Pastor Robert H. Hochmuth, Sacramento, CA (A-C)

Board for World Missions, Chairman

Pastor Leonard J. Koeninger, Plymouth, MI (Mich.)
Pastor William A. Meier, Phoenix, AZ (A-C)
Pastor Raymond H. Zimmermann, incumbent, Glendale, AZ (A-C)

Executive Committee for Latin American Missions, Pastor

Pastor Richard E. Lauersdorf, incumbent, Jefferson, WI (WW)
Pastor Jon M. Mahnke, Carlsbad, CA (A-C)
Pastor Richard C. Paustian, Tucson, AZ (A-C)

Executive Committee for

the Lutheran Apache Mission, Layman

Mr. Karl F. Krauss, Jr., incumbent, El Paso, TX (A-C)
Mr. Carl A. Popke, Phoenix, AZ (A-C)
Mr. Roy A. Schneider, Scottsdale, AZ (A-C)

Executive Committee for

the Lutheran Church in Central Africa, Pastor

Pastor Roger L. Sachs, La Crosse, WI (WW)
Pastor Lowell K. Smith, San Diego, CA (A-C)
Pastor Duane K. Tomhave, Genesee Depot, WI (WW)

Executive Committee for

the Lutheran Ev. Christian Church in Japan, Layman

Mr. Robert Giebelhaus, Libertyville, IL (SEW)
Mr. Clarence H. Krause, incumbent, Pardeeville, WI (WW)
Mr. Kenneth H. Westlund, Davenport, IA (WW)

Executive Committee for

Southeast Asian Missions, Pastor

Pastor Kenneth A. Gast, Tomah, WI (WW)
Pastor Kurt F. Koepf, incumbent, Milwaukee, WI (SEW)
Pastor Joel W. Prange, Redding, CA (A-C)

Coordinating Council, Layman

Mr. Alvin G. Haferman, incumbent, Wisconsin Rapids, WI (WW)
Mr. Mel A. Koch, Birmingham, AL (SA)
Mr. Rae H. Schumacher, Milwaukee, WI (SEW)

Coordinating Council, Layman

Mr. Robert F. Dill, Manitowoc, WI (NW)
Mr. Robert P. Raasch, incumbent, Omaha, NB (Neb.)
Mr. Gene H. Williams, Milwaukee, WI (SEW)

Northwestern Publishing House Board, Pastor

Pastor David E. Priebe, Juneau, WI (WW)
Pastor Gordon J. Snyder, incumbent, West Allis, WI (SEW)
Pastor Fred J. Toppe, Kimberly, WI (NW)

Northwestern Publishing House Board, Teacher

Mr. Elwood H. Lutze, incumbent, Manitowoc, WI (NW)
Mr. Martin A. Moldenhauer, Lake Mills, WI (WW)
Mr. Kenneth A. Proeber, Milwaukee, WI (SEW)

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Pastor Walter H. Moll, Oshkosh, WI (NW)

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Pastor Ernst F. Lehninger, incumbent, Milwaukee, WI (SEW)
Pastor Kenneth F. Lenz, Colgate, WI (SEW)
Pastor Keith C. Kruck, Clearwater, FL (SA)

Special Ministries Board, Layman

Dr. Harry P. Grossert, Hales Corners, WI (SEW)
Mr. William E. Hughes, incumbent, Jefferson, WI (WW)
Mr. Quintin Sulzle, Aberdeen, SD (D-M)

NOMINATIONS BY THE DISTRICTS

For Offices to be Filled by Election at the 1981 Convention

(The order is determined by the Districts and at times expresses preference.)

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SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT

1 Layman

Mr. Kurt Kneiske, incumbent, Sussex, Wisconsin
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Mr. Frank Voss, Burlington, Wisconsin

1 Pastor

Rev. Paul Manthey, incumbent, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Rev. Wayne Mueller, Waukesha, Wisconsin
Rev. Carl Otto, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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WESTERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT

1 Layman

Mr. Mark Henkel, Wausau, Wisconsin
Mr. Kenneth Beyer, Watertown, Wisconsin
Mr. Donald Adam, Columbus, Wisconsin

1 Pastor

Rev. Walter Schumann, incumbent, Watertown, Wisconsin
Rev. Harold Sturm, Arlington, Wisconsin
Rev. Ronald Uhlhorn, Pardeeville, Wisconsin

1 Teacher

Mr. Ferdinand Schultz, incumbent, Juneau, Wisconsin
Mr. Carl Bartels, Watertown, Wisconsin
Mr. Gerald Kastens, Lake Mills, Wisconsin

NORTHERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT

1 Pastor

Rev. Paul Wilde, Escanaba, Michigan
Rev. Karl A. Gurgel, incumbent, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin
Rev. Arno Wolfram, Manitowoc, Wisconsin

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MINNESOTA DISTRICT

1 Layman

Mr. Melvin G. Werth, Fairfax, Minnesota
Mr. Bruce M. Schmidt, Nicollet, Minnesota
Mr. John H. Schwertfeger, Mankato, Minnesota

WESTERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT

1 Teacher

Mr. Howard Dorn, incumbent, Winona, Minnesota
Mr. Daniel Feuerstahler, Menomonie, Wisconsin
Mr. Earl Brassow, Woneoc, Wisconsin

MARTIN LUTHER PREPARATORY SCHOOL

MINNESOTA DISTRICT

1 Pastor

Rev. Edmund O. Schulz, incumbent, Hutchinson, Minnesota
Rev. Larry E. Cross, Rochester, Minnesota
Rev. Lloyd A. Hohenstein, Lake City, Minnesota

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1 Pastor

Rev. Carl Pagel, incumbent, Hortonville, Wisconsin
Rev. Richard Warnke, Kiel, Wisconsin
Rev. Frederick Toppe, Kimberly, Wisconsin

WESTERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT

- 1 Layman
 Mr. David Zahn, incumbent, Genoa, Wisconsin
 Mr. Robert Schneider, Ridgeland, Wisconsin
 Mr. John Berg, Winona, Minnesota

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- 1 Pastor
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August 3-8, 1981

Martin Luther Preparatory School
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No. 9	Terry Klick	Christ, Brady, MI	Erhardt G. Schultz	
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MINNESOTA DISTRICT

Conference	Lay Delegates	Congregations	Pastors	Teachers
Crow River	Donald Kremin Victor Hoffman Otto Engel	Calvary, Glenwood, MN Mt. Olive, Graceville, MN St. John, New Ulm, MN	Richard A. Winters Peter J. Naumann James A. Schmidt LeRoy Boerneke LaVern N. Holz Arnold E. Ruddat Gerhard A. Horn Waldemar R. Hoyer	Steven R. Rutschow Gerald Steffenhagen Winfred Vatthauer Arden W. Wenzel Jerome P. Birkholz Gary L. Dallmann LeRoy N. Leverson Arthur J. Schulz Frederick H. Wulff Arthur L. Hackbarth
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Conference	Lay Delegates	Congregations	Pastors	Teachers
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Southern	Wayne E. Schroeder Alfred Schleusener		Joel G. Frank

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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 Gueldner 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, WI 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 A. Dast Douglas A. Enter Patrik A. Johnson Vernon McClelland Donald F. Potthast

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Conference	Lay Delegates	Congregations	Pastors	Teachers
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Conference	Lay Delegates	Congregations	Pastors	Teachers
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Editorial (Continued)

budget. Sensible, perhaps — but not the answer of the new man! It doesn't come to grips with the Savior's word, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few." The number of those in the world in 1981 who do not accept Jesus as their Savior from sin is staggering. What, then, is the answer?

The answer, as President Mischke pointed out, doesn't lie "in training fewer; the solution lies in sending more." "May we, therefore," he concluded, "accelerate our prayers for more reapers. And may God mightily use each of us and every member of our Synod to answer them." Remember what the little boy said!

H. Wicke

Court Decision (Continued)

schools are primarily educational and henot part of "church."

Church bodies throughout the nation opposed Secretary Marshall's ruling. The Board of Trustees in behalf of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod congregations appealed because this ruling improperly restricted the definition of "church" and militated against the principle of separation of church and state. Appeals were filed and hearings were held in several states. The cost of litigating this issue is in excess of \$113,000 to date. Nonetheless, the decision by the U.S. Supreme Court not only exempts our church schools from unemployment compensation liability but also confirms the principle that the church school is part of "church."

INSTALLATIONS

(Authorized by the District Presidents)

Pastors:

- Cares, Mark J.**, as pastor of Messiah, Nampa, Idaho, on May 24, 1981, by G. Peters (PNW).
Raether, Dale L., as associate pastor of St. Paul's, Tomah, Wisconsin, on March 1, 1981, by K. Gast (WW).
Wahl, Roger D., as pastor of St. Paul's, Broken Bow, Nebraska, on May 24, 1981, by M. Weishahn (NE).

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(Submitted through the District Presidents)

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NOMINATIONS

NORTHWESTERN PREPARATORY SCHOOL

The following have been nominated for the professorship in athletics and mathematics at Northwestern Preparatory School vacated by Prof. J. Kruse's acceptance of the call to Northwestern College:

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Mr. Paul Bertolus	Milwaukee, WI
Mr. Leon Brands	Detroit, MI
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Mr. David Toepel	Saginaw, MI
Rev. Mark Toepel	Woodbury, MN
Mr. David Umms	Appleton, WI
Mr. Dale Walz	Lake Mills, WI
Mr. Richard Winter	Manitowoc, WI

All correspondence concerning the nominees should be in the hands of the undersigned no later than July 15, 1981.

W. A. Schumann, Secretary
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NOTICE

The next regular plenary session of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Prairie du Chien August 4-5, 1981

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

Richard K. Pankow, Secretary
Board of Trustees

SYNODICAL CERTIFICATION COURSE

Dr. Martin Luther College has arranged to offer an extension course, Rel. 1E Old Testament History, at Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Saginaw, Michigan, on Saturday mornings beginning September 12, 1981, running from 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Omitting special holidays and some busy weekends, the course would be conducted in three weeks with five consecutive Saturdays in each cycle. The final exam may be given on February 20. Prof. John Lawrenz of Michigan Lutheran Seminary has consented to teach the course.

All enrollees taking the course for Synodical Certification must have been accepted into the program before registration. Anyone interested in merely taking the course for academic credit or audit is also invited. All applications should be sent before August 14, 1981.

If you are interested, please contact Prof. George Heckmann, Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, MN 56073; phone: 507/354-8221, Ext. 231.

INVITATION TO FAIRFAX

On August 16, 1981, Emanuel Ev. Lutheran Church of Wellington Township, Fairfax, Minnesota, will be celebrating the 75th Anniversary of her Christian day school. Prof. Thomas Zarling, Dean of Students at DMLC, will preach for the 3:00 P.M. service. A potluck and program will follow the service. Prof. Michael Butterfield, Admissions Director for Bethany College, will be the main speaker for the program. All former teachers, graduates, former members and friends are invited to attend.

Pastor James Ruppel

CAMP

Camp Willerup has been renamed "SONSHINE YOUTH CAMP" and moved to Brotherhood, 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.

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NEW WELS CHURCHES

Names Requested

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

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

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

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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.

MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO, CANADA

The WELS exploratory group in the Toronto, Canada, area, which has taken the name Divine Peace, is holding services at 10:30 a.m., Bible class and Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. We meet at 4340 Old Creditview Road in Mississauga, Ontario. Please submit names of WELS people and other interested parties in the Toronto area to Pastor R. W. Hefti, 4340 Old Creditview Road, R.R. 6, Mississauga, Ontario L5M 2B5, or call 416/826-0968.

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.

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.

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Date: July 21, 1981; 10:00 a.m. Communion service.
Place: Faith Ev. Lutheran, Russell, Kansas; J. Strackbein, host pastor.

Preacher: M. Frey; D. Bode, alternate.

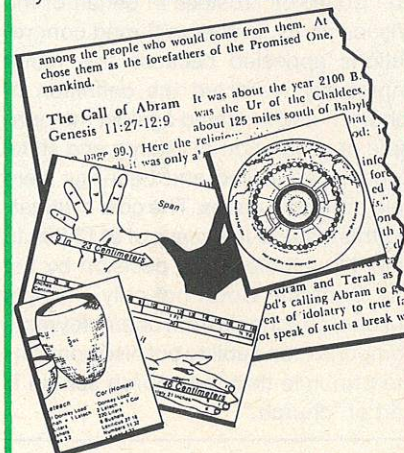
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