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Comments by the Editor

Changes — Not too many of the members of our Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod remember the 1959 convention when the assembled delegates changed the name of our Synod to that which it presently bears. Before that is was known as "The Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Wisconsin and Other States." And before that it had a number of other names, the first being "Die erste deutsch=ev.=luth. Synode von Wisconsin," soon changed to "Die deutsche ev.=luth. Synode von Wisconsin." A German name was retained until about 1931. During the early thirties the synodical proceedings were printed in both German and English. The first time the proceedings appeared just in English was in 1935.

Our brothers and sisters in Sweden have gone through a name change much earlier in their history. In their seventh annual convention, held this year, they changed their name from "The Lutheran Confessional Church in Sweden" to "The Lutheran Confessional Church." The reason? The church body no longer has congregations only in Sweden. At this year's convention it received into membership its second Norwegian congregation, St. Luke's Ev. Lutheran Congregation of Stavanger.

St. Luke's Congregation has been very active in defending the truth of God's Word in Norway. Recently it began publishing a church paper all its own, named *Bibel og Bekjennelse* (Bible and Confession). The editorial board consists of four laymen, Per Arne Drabløs, a medical doctor in Stavanger, Sigmund Hjorthaug, a music teacher from Sandnes, Kjell Petter Bakken, and Sverre Brandal.

In addition to articles defending the inspiration and inerrancy of the Scriptures, the first issue announced a series of Biblicum lectures to be held in Stavanger and printed a list of contact people for the church in eight cities of Norway from Knapstad to Namsos. The issue also included a series of articles translating sections of the Formula of Concord into Norwegian. This is

of special interest because the State Church of Norway has never adopted the Formula.

Bibel og Bekjennelse will serve to acquaint many people in Norway with the doctrinal position of The Confessional Lutheran Church. May God bless the continuing efforts of St. Luke's Congregation!

A Home to Lend? — Recently the editor received a letter from the wife of one of our long-time missionaries in Africa. It went like this:

"Greetings from Africa. We would like to 'advertise for space' in *The Northwestern Lutheran*. We would like the use of a home during the weeks of. . . Perhaps persons going on vacation would allow us to use their house. There will be five of us. . . My folks are getting older and it's very difficult for my mother to adjust to all the extra people. She has had a heart attack since our last furlough. . . Thank you very much. We appreciate the help."

Some phone calls took care of their need. But what about other missionaries coming home on furlough? It's true the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society has equipped a furlough home in Milwaukee, but it isn't always available and it isn't always in the right part of the country. Members of our church body thus have an opportunity to put into practice the words of the Apostle Peter written shortly after the middle of the first century: "Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms" (1 Peter 4:9,10).

Should you be in a position to offer the use of your home for this purpose, please inform Pastor T. Sauer, executive secretary of the Board for World Missions. He may be contacted at 3512 W. North Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53208; phone: 414/445-4030. A list of available places would be a welcome supplement to the Milwaukee furlough home.

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

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The Cover

The campus program carried on in Mil-
waukee under the supervision of the district
mission board and special ministries board
is headed part-time by Pastor Jim Witt and
Vicar Mark Wagner. An interesting ac-
count of the work is given on pages 230-231.

THE NORTHWESTERN LUTHERAN

Editorials

Venerable Anniversary This month brought us to the sixteen-hundredth anniversary of the Nicene Creed. On July 9, 381, the Council of Constantinople, which gave us the present form of the Nicene Creed, held its final session.

The first form of the Creed had been adopted at Nicaea in 325. But the Arian error, which the Council of Nicaea condemned, continued to plague the church and undermine faith in the full deity of Jesus Christ. Eastern bishops assembled at Constantinople for the Second General Council and confirmed the truths confessed at Nicaea by adopting the Creed formulated there in slightly altered form. The result had always been popularly known as the Nicene Creed, although sticklers for accuracy maintain it should be called the Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed. In view of the subsequent addition of the word *Filioque* ("and the Son") at the Council of Toledo in 589 they might even want the name to be Niceno-Constantinopolitan-Toledan Creed.

What is important is the ancient truth confessed in the Creed, the truth of the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God and three Persons, with the Second Person, the God-Man, our Savior. When we recite the Nicene Creed we declare our faith in that saving truth.

What was confessed 1,600 years ago at Constantinople is still relevant. This year's assembly of the United Presbyterians had to deal with the same issues that confronted the bishops at Nicaea and Constantinople. In the effort at Houston to cope with modern Arians the Presbyterians did not fare as well as the fathers did 16 centuries ago.

The really important and relevant issues at church assemblies are the doctrinal issues. That was true in 325 and 381; it is still true in 1981.

Edward Fredrich

In Favor of Children In a day when children are in many cases unwanted, if not openly resented, by a significant segment of the population, even terminated in the womb before they ever see the light of day, it is refreshing to read the comments of a mother who dares to say in print, "I beg to differ."

Peggy Cameron King, writing in the *Christian Monitor*, feels that her life has been enriched through her children. Speaking for herself and her husband, she admits that "not all the accompaniments of parenthood have been pleasurable." "But," she adds, "we have survived and become stronger and warmer in the process." She acknowledges the inconveniences and the sacrifices which are an integral part of parenthood. "But," she says, "we've enjoyed infinitely greater returns." Among them she lists a greater interest in the government and

the community and the schools, refresher courses in education, an awareness of trends in music and literature, pleasure in the accomplishments of the children, learning forbearance and relative freedom from boredom and loneliness.

She is not the first to cite the privilege of parenthood. Centuries ago the inspired Psalmist wrote: "Children are an heritage of the Lord."

Thousands of parents will say amen to that, despite the work, sacrifice and even grief involved in rearing children. Children may not be an unmixed blessing, but a blessing they are, and countless parents give thanks every day that the Lord has chosen them for that role.

Immanuel Frey

Russian Atheism Keeps Christians Honest One often hears of Soviet Communism's rejection of the Bible and of Christianity; but what is the average Soviet citizen taught about the Bible?

The Official Soviet Encyclopedia states (in part): "The Christian and Hebrew theologians teach a divine origin of the Bible as if it were written by the inspiration of god: The Old Testament written by Moses and the prophets; the New Testament, according to Christian teaching, by the disciples of Jesus.

"In reality, both Moses and Jesus are mythical personalities. Scientific criticism of the Bible has revealed how fully unsound all the church teachings are about it. Like all other 'sacred writings' the Bible contains naive tales about the creation of the world and man, religiously colored traditions concerning the ancient history of the Jews and other peoples. . . .

"The variety of sources out of which the Bible was composed is seen in particular by the many repetitions, contradictions, and gaps in the account and in the differences of styles.

"In the book of the New Testament there are also contradicting stories concerning the birth, life, and the preaching of Jesus."

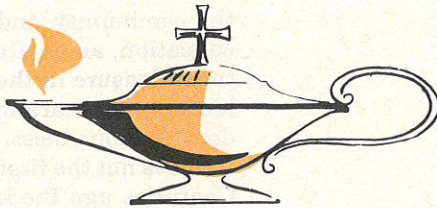
That's not very sophisticated. In fact, it is a simplistic parroting of Western historical criticism. Jesus is dismissed as being only a myth, and Christianity as a fabrication based on a myth, recorded in a book that is a concoction of legends and folklore that no intelligent person will respect.

There is something to be said for this type of atheism. The alternative to Christianity is clear and distinct. In Russia you are either a believer or you are an unbeliever. You are not deceived into thinking that you can compromise between Christianity and atheism, between belief and unbelief. Christians in Russia and in Iron Curtain countries know their enemy and know that they must resist him or forfeit their right to be called Christians.

Unbelief in America often passes itself off as enlightened Christianity. Here the ravaging wolf frequently appears in sheep's clothing. In "Christian" and in "Lutheran" churches, colleges, and seminaries in America there

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Studies in God's Word



Gospel Gems from The Revelation to John

I saw in heaven another great and marvelous sign: seven angels with the seven last plagues — last, because with them God's wrath is completed. And I saw what looked like a sea of glass mixed with fire and, standing beside the sea, those who had been victorious over the beast and his image and over the number of his name. They held harps given them by God and sang the song of Moses the servant of God and the song of the Lamb:

"Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty.

Just and true are your ways, King of the ages.

Who will not fear you, O Lord, and bring glory to your name?

For you alone are holy.

All nations will come and worship before you, for your righteous acts have been revealed" (Revelation 15:1-4).

If chapters 15 and 16 are read together, as indeed they should be, then it will become apparent that we have in the words of today's *Study* another beautiful "interlude," a gospel gem, set in the midst of what otherwise is a grim picture of judgment on the unbelieving world.

Just Retribution

John is permitted to see another sign in heaven: seven angels with seven golden bowls pouring out the seven last plagues — "last, because with them God's wrath is completed." Keep in mind what has been mentioned repeatedly, namely, that the things pictured to John in the various visions

do not follow in chronological sequence, but they treat of God's dealings with the world during the whole of the New Testament time. Thus in the vision of the seven seals (chapters 5-7), there were pictured trials and tribulations that affect also the believers. Note, for example, the statement that "a fourth of the earth" is affected by the "pale horse" (6:8). In the next set of visions, that of the seven trumpets (chapters 8-11), the fraction of those affected is increased to one-third (8:7-12). God's plagues are still partial and are intended to warn men and call them to repentance.

But where God's grace is stubbornly resisted, there God in his good time withdraws it. The person who *will not* repent eventually *cannot* repent. His time of grace is then over, withdrawn by a just and holy God, even though physically that person may continue to live for years in the world. It is this finality that makes the seven bowls of God's wrath the "last plagues," not that they necessarily occur later than the other things spoken of in the *Revelation*.

Gracious Deliverance

But John's attention is drawn to yet another feature, namely, that the very things that a just and holy God sends as judgments on the wicked serve also as a merciful and gracious deliverance for God's own. Perhaps nothing illustrates that more clearly than God's historic dealings at the Red Sea. The miraculous manipulation of the waters that provided an avenue of escape for Moses and the children of Israel was at the same time also a tool of destruction that drowned all of Pharaoh's followers who arrogantly tried to pursue.

So it is with all of God's judgments, his "bowls of wrath," as chapter 16

calls them. They are a just and righteous retribution falling not only on a fraction but on *all* those who "had the mark of the beast and worshiped his image" (16:2) and "who cursed the God of heaven . . . [and] refused to repent" (16:11).

And at the same time these mighty acts are also God's gracious and undeserved deliverance to those who by faith in the Lamb "had been victorious over the beast and his image and over the number of his name" (15:2). Like the delivered children of Israel, the redeemed stand beside the sea of glass mixed with fire, and holding the harps given them by God, they sing the song of Moses and the song of the Lamb:

"Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are your ways, King of the ages."

To that the redeemed can imagine only one response. They ask, "Who will not fear (revere) you, O Lord, and bring glory to your name?" Actually, there can be only one proper response to that question, and that is the one the redeemed supply: "All the nations will come and worship before you, for your righteous acts have been revealed." Those who do not acknowledge him in faith during their lifetime will have to acknowledge him in terror on Judgment Day.

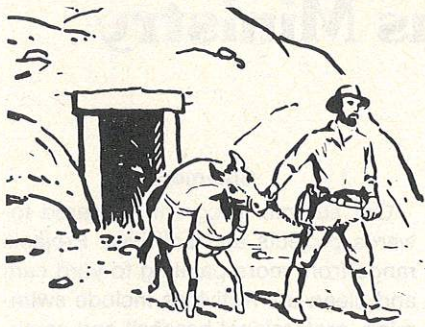
Unfailing Love

There are many things in the world that seem terribly wrong. But John gives us eyes to see these things aright. It is not that God has lost control, or that these evils are running unattended. No, they are rather the dealings of a *just* God visiting his wrath on unbelievers and the dealings of a *gracious* God thereby providing deliverance for his people. With our physical eyes we often cannot see God's workings in all of these things, but John in his *Revelation* makes them visible to eyes of faith. In doing so he gives us strength and courage, amid all the trials that still beset us, to join with Moses and the children of Israel at the Red Sea in saying to God, "In your unfailing love you will lead the people you have redeemed. In your strength you will guide them to your holy dwelling" (Exodus 15:13).

Armin J. Panning

Mining the Treasure of God's Word

John 10:22-42



BY JULIAN G. ANDERSON

The Festival of Rededication

At the close of our last lesson we left Jesus in the home of Martha, Mary and Lazarus in Bethany, a suburb of Jerusalem, suggesting that Jesus had come to attend another festival there. Thus it is likely that Jesus stayed at this house for the entire eight days of the festival, spending the days in Jerusalem. Now then, read

John 10:22-39

Notice the information John gives in verse 22, and hi-lite the name of this festival. You won't find any references to the history of this event in your Bible, but if you have or can find a Catholic Bible, you will find the account of the institution of this festival in the apocryphal book of 1 Maccabees 4:52-61. The festival celebrated perhaps the greatest military victory in Jewish history, the defeat of the Syrian armies of Emperor Antiochus Epiphanes in 164 B.C. by the Jews under Judas Maccabaeus, and the reestablishment of an independent Jewish state, which lasted for 100 years, until the Romans took over Israel in 63 B.C.

The incident which touched off the Jewish revolt under Judas' father Mattathias was the desecration of the Temple and the altar by Antiochus in 167, when he sacrificed a pig on the altar and wrecked the Temple (see 1 Maccabees 1:16-67, followed by a brief account of the Syrian attack and war in 2:1-4:51; compare also 2 Maccabees 4-10).

The rededication of the Temple, after it had been cleaned up and rebuilt, took place on the 25th of Chislev (December), 164 B.C., and the festival lasted for the usual eight days. It resembled closely the Tent Festival in its emphasis on light, with great lampstands illuminating the Temple grounds each night, and all the homes in Jerusalem also lit up at night. Naturally it was not only a religious festival, but also a patriotic event. It is still celebrated as Hannukah during our Christmas season.

John's account of Jesus' activities at this festival is much shorter than those of the other festivals, consisting of only 18 verses. It describes Jesus' run-in with the Jewish leaders on one of those days. Note where Jesus was at the time (v. 23). This "porch" or "colonnade" ran along the entire east wall of the Temple (see a sketch or map of the Temple in your maps or in your Bible dictionary). It was just a low roof projecting out from the wall and supported by a row of pillars, about 10-12 feet out from the wall. It was a fine shady place for people to gather and talk, and the rabbis and Jesus used it to lecture to their students.

Again notice John's peculiar use of the word "Jews" in verses 24, 31 and 33, meaning the Jewish leaders, the Pharisees and Sadducees. Notice their request in verse 24, remembering that "Christ" is the Greek word for the Hebrew "Messiah," the title the Jews

gave to the promised Savior. As verse 33b tells us, the leaders were trying to get Jesus to admit that he was the Messiah, so that they could charge him with blasphemy, punishable by death.

Now note Jesus' reply in verse 25 and underline 25b, referring to his miracles as his credentials. But he knew that their minds were already closed (v. 26a), and that they would never become his followers (v. 26b).

Next underline verses 27 and 28, which is one of the great nuggets in the Bible, giving us a fine description of Jesus' followers in verse 27, and pointing out in verse 28 the wonderful benefits and the confident assurances all such followers enjoy. Then observe what Jesus had to say about his Father in verses 29 and 30 (underline the last phrase). Now observe the reaction of the Jews (v. 31), and Jesus' masterful question in verse 32, which caused them to blurt out the charge they had already decided to bring against him (v. 33).

In such a heated scene Jesus' calmness and patience is amazing as he quotes Psalm 82:6 to prove that God himself calls his human creatures "sons of God" (vv. 34 and 35), but then in verse 36 he sets himself apart as someone greater than just a man, thereby admitting that he was, indeed, the Messiah. And at the same time he showed that they could not charge him with blasphemy. And then he again referred them to his miracles which give indisputable proof of his identity (v. 38). As usual, the reaction of the Jews was frustrated, blind rage (v. 39).

Now Read Verses 40-42

Since nothing more could be accomplished now in Jerusalem, Jesus wisely withdrew into Perea (locate on your map), the same area where Jesus had been baptized by John. And we notice that he was still a popular figure among the common people (v. 41). And since these people obviously lived in that area, they remembered John and what he had said and done. Note their perceptive and correct comments about John and their open-minded reaction to Jesus, in contrast with the leaders in Jerusalem (vv. 41 and 42). As we leave Jesus there, we know that he was now not more than 3½ months away from the cross.



Milwaukee WELS Campus Ministry

The energy and excitement of young people can be contagious. Our small group of dedicated young Christians bears that out. Let me give you just one example: she shares her faith in Christ like it was a magnet . . . indeed it is! Active as she is in her home congregation, she gives her campus ministry likewise a high priority. She has brought friends and family to devotional services; she helps type the newsletter LIFELINE; she interviewed all the pastors of the Metro conferences for a statistical survey on young people; she recruited help to paint the Campus House; and . . . without being prodded she individually invited all of the young adults in her own congregation to join in on one of our summer activities. Why? When I asked her, she simply said, "I want them to share in the fun too!"

That positive attitude of an active young lady exemplifies the contagious motivation that comes through the force of the gospel message. One might think that these college students should be tired of hearing the same old story — how Christ died and rose again — but as each of them learns more and more that this sacrifice was prompted by love for *them*, their energy is channeled toward a new goal: sharing that great love with others. Some, like the girl mentioned, find this so rewarding that they mistake it for fun. Can it be possible for our young people to work (and we work them hard) in a WELS Campus Ministry and enjoy themselves? We only wish that more of our own WELS young adults would come and see.

The Past Year

Efforts were made during the school year 1980-81 mainly to stabilize the group. Pastor Jim Witt of St. Philip's Ev. Lutheran Church served as part-time pastor, with assistance from his vicar.

Initial steps in organizing the students to work together toward realistic short- and long-range goals proved more than worthwhile since some of those goals have already been accomplished.

First, a nine-man council was established that combines the abilities and insights of the pastor, the students and area laymen, as well as a representative from the District Mission Board. Mr. Archie Broitzman, an enthusiastic financial coordinator from MSOE, was elected as president in charge of meetings. Along with the secretary (Mr. Mark Bergeman) and the treasurer (Mr. Don Janke) five committees participate in decision making through their student directors, who are members of the council. For each of the monthly meetings the committee directors submit written information on their needs or requests. The council has been blessed with men who are devoted in their ministry to college students.

Another goal-accomplished came with the publication of our newsletter, LIFELINE. Beginning in January, we have distributed four issues, with a projected schedule for 10 annually. Comments with constructive feedback have helped us refine the layout and produce a fairly professional letter. Our mailing of 700 includes many of the pastors and youth leaders in the Milwaukee Metro area. Since many of our students travel a long way and can't make all our services, we find that our mail ministry is an indispensable tool for information and outreach.

Perhaps the most visible change during this past year can be seen by entering the Campus House itself. Several students manned paint brushes and rollers to give the first floor a face-lift. With the advice of an interior decorator we have already made noticeable progress in the overall appearance of our student "House of the Lord."

Summer

Our summer program is geared towards projects and activities. Projects range from more painting to yard care and clean-up. Activities include swimming, professional baseball and camping. Committees continue to arrange for the fall return. Pastor Witt embarked on a trial run on sermonic Bible studies.

Vicar Wagner and his wife Rhonda moved into the upstairs flat of the Campus House. He will be serving part-time while he attends his final year at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary.

New Year and Beyond

With the potential and the need for a fruitful Campus Ministry in the area, there is much to consider for the future. In a continuing effort to improve the Campus House atmosphere — and make this a student-involved project — we have initiated a stewardship drive called "Support a Project." This puts figures and needs before the eyes of our members, giving them a chance to respond to the grace of God by working toward personal goals. We hope that this will bring with it a unifying effect as our group together pitches in with hearts, hands and funds. Already we see this happening.

Our primary goal for the new school year will be to raise awareness among our congregations and campus communities. We are researching the use of local newspaper ads, registration booths and a new brochure to do this on the various campuses under our Milwaukee Area Campus Ministry umbrella: UWM, MSOE, MATC, Marquette, Cardinal Strich, various nursing schools and even Carroll College in Waukesha. A large and ripe field!

Our public relations committee will seek speaking engagements at area high schools and congregations that might be interested. We want to show



Bible Study

that we serve in our role as part of the body of Christ not to supplant our congregations in their ministries, but to supplement them.

Part of our task then, will be to locate the names of individuals who are on campus in Milwaukee, whether they are commuting or living in dorms or apartments. One recourse is to follow leads from the religious preference cards gathered at registration. But since this is tedious and time-consuming, we will be asking more and more that congregations forward this information to the Synod's Special Ministries Board or to us.

Training will be offered during 1981-82 to encourage personal Bible study. As the Lord blesses the use of his Word, founding our WELS students firmly on Christ, we will be better prepared for reaching out to the hundreds and thousands of young adults in Milwaukee who are looking but have not yet discovered *their* Savior.

We have a positive attitude about our work because Christ's love compels us to live for HIM. We need the support of your prayers, your encouragement and your gifts so that we may help others "share in the fun too!"

Vicar Mark Wagner

August 1977 and May 1981

The two dates — August 1977 and May 1981 — to the uninitiated seem totally unrelated. Four years lie between, but they are important historical dates in our Wisconsin Synod.

In August 1977 an event took place at Dr. Martin Luther College in New Ulm, Minnesota, which led directly to the event that took place in Taiwan in May 1981. It was in early August that the Forty-fourth Biennial Convention of our Synod passed resolution number nine in the World Mission section of the business that came before the convention. The resolution read, in part: "WHEREAS God has blessed our beginning work in Taiwan; WHEREAS this work in a land of sixteen million people is carried on by one national pastor; WHEREAS experience has demonstrated the importance of at least a three-man mission team; therefore be it resolved, that the Synod authorize the calling of three expatriate missionaries to Taiwan."

To man this mission team, the Executive Committee for Southeast Asian Missions began calling pastors in the summer of 1978. With the acceptance of calls by two pastors, the first expatriate missionaries of our Synod arrived on Taiwan in May 1979. One of these missionaries was Pastor Robert W. Meister.



Missionary Robert Meister reading Chinese liturgy, February, 1981.

Shortly after his arrival, Pastor Meister began the difficult task of learning the Chinese language. His study of Chinese will continue until the time the Lord calls him to other work in his kingdom. As difficult as the Chinese language is, there are still times when major events take place that point out the strides that are being made. One such took place on Mother's Day, May 10, 1981. What Pastor Meister did on that May day was a direct result of the convention's work almost four years earlier.

The May 1981 historical event took place at Peace Lutheran Church in Taipei, far removed from the DMLC gym where the process began. Those present numbered less than 30, a far cry from the hundreds that filled the field house in 1977. But Pastor Meister and all present will long remember the first time an expatriate Wisconsin Synod missionary was able, by the grace of God, to preach the truths of the gospel in the native language of the Chinese people without the use of a translator.

Pastor Meister's message, delivered in Mandarin Chinese, was based on the standard Gospel for the third Sunday after Easter, John 16:16-32. Using this text, Pastor Meister reminded the congregation that our sorrow is turned into joy. In his message he also recalled the many blessings the Lord has given to and through mothers and called attention to the special Jubilate

offering being gathered by the members of our Synod stateside on that very day.

May 10, 1981, is a long way in time from August 1977. At times the way has been paved with difficulties. However, a major milestone has been crossed and, with the Lord's continued blessings, other similar milestones will be crossed as the second and third mis-

sionaries progress toward the same historical day in their Taiwan work. As this work continues — work that is being done in your name — we ask that you will continue to support our efforts and to remember us in your daily prayers.

Pastor Charles D. Found

Arizona Celebrates 80 Years of Service

In 1912 Arizona became America's 48th state. Since that time, God has provided his church in Arizona with an extraordinary number of servants who have dedicated their lives to the gospel of Christ in the Grand Canyon State. Men like Guenther, Sitz, Rosin and Uplegger alone total well over 200 years of ministry since statehood.



Four years after Arizona was created a state Immanuel G. Frey was born in Phoenix, where his father served as pastor of Zion Lutheran Church. In 1968 he followed in his father's footsteps and also became pastor of Zion Congregation, serving this congregation together with Good Shepherd (1952).

On October 12, 1980, the members of Good Shepherd and Zion Congregations honored their pastor on the occasion of his 40th anniversary of ordination. The year also marked the 40th anniversary of the marriage of Pastor Frey and the former Dorothy Schlegel. There are eight children.

Pastor Frey graduated from the Seminary in 1939 and first served as tutor at Northwestern Lutheran Academy for one year before becoming pastor of Faith at Platte, South Dakota. In 1943 he started a mission at Council Bluffs, Iowa, also serving a preaching station in Hamburg. He came west in 1950 to serve St. Paul's of Douglass and Grace of Warren. In 1952 he accepted the call to Good Shepherd, adding Zion in 1968. As of September 1, 1981, he will resign from Good Shepherd and continue to serve Zion as full-time pastor.

Pastor Frey has served the Arizona-California District as president since 1966. Prior to that he served terms on the District Praesidium, Mission Board, Stewardship Board, and the District Board for Parish Education. Readers of *The Northwestern Lutheran* will recognize him as a contributor to the editorial page, a post he has filled since 1964.

All of the Southwest gives thanks to God for the leadership, counsel and gospel vision of President Frey. May our Lord continue to bless him richly!

Fifty years in the ministry, and all of them in Arizona! On May 17, 1981, Grace Lutheran of Glendale celebrated this milestone in the ministry of Raymond H. Zimmermann.



Pastor Zimmermann was born on July 18, 1907, at Schickley, Nebraska, and grew up in parsonages in Kendall, West Salem and Cochrane, Wisconsin. He was a 1931 graduate of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary.

Pastor Zimmermann was ordained at Cochrane, Wisconsin, on his 24th birthday and went west to Grace Lutheran of Tucson, Arizona, in August 1931. For four years he served there as assistant pastor and Christian-day-school teacher (grades 1-8). In 1935 he followed a call to Prescott, Arizona, and organized First Ev. Lutheran. He also served the mining communities of Jerome, Clarkdale and Cottonwood. In 1936 he was married to Ina Nelson. God blessed their marriage with one son, Nelson, who has taught at East Fork Lutheran High School for the past 17 years. Since June 6, 1947, Pastor Zimmermann has served Grace Church of Glendale.

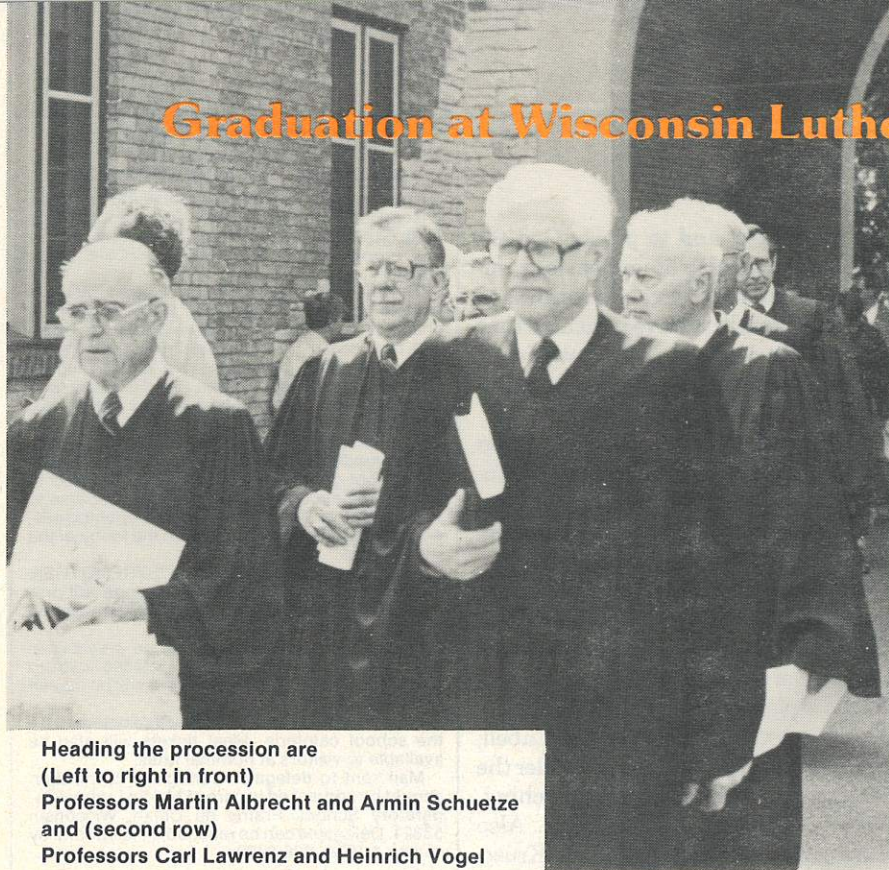
During his 50-year ministry, the Arizona Conference of the Southeastern Wisconsin District has grown into the present Arizona-California District which includes Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada, Texas and California.

Pastor Zimmermann served on the District Mission Board from 1943 to 1956, and has been field secretary of the Apache Mission since 1957. From 1958 to 1964 he was a member of the District Praesidium. Since 1963 he has been serving as chairman of the Synod's Board for World Missions. Wisconsin Synod missionaries the world over have grown to treasure his Christmas letters.

Guest speaker for the anniversary service was Pastor H. E. Hartzell of the East Fork Lutheran Mission. Liturgist was Pastor F. H. Nitz, chairman of the Executive Committee of the Lutheran Apache Mission.

Arizona and the great Southwest give thanks to God for the leadership, counsel and gospel vision of Pastor Zimmermann. May our Lord continue to bless him richly!

Graduation at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary



Heading the procession are
(Left to right in front)
Professors Martin Albrecht and Armin Schuetze
and (second row)
Professors Carl Lawrenz and Heinrich Vogel

Under clear skies, Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary held its traditional outdoor graduation at 10:00 A.M. on Friday, May 29, 1981. More than 1,500 relatives and friends were present to observe the graduation of 55 seniors.

Basing his remarks on John 17:14-18, President Armin W. Schuetze assured the graduates, "Jesus, your High Priest, is deeply concerned about your ministry." He noted that this concern shows itself first of all in that the Savior is fully aware of the implications involved in putting men into the public ministry and asking them to serve in a hostile world, for as High Priest he declared to his heavenly Father, "As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world."

But our Lord does not send men out into the world unequipped. Rather, he shows his concern by giving them his holy Word, that Word of truth which they are to proclaim fearlessly and with the realization that it will not return void but will always win some.

Finally, the Savior shows his concern by promising protection against Satan and all his allies, for he states, "My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one." Hence, on the basis of Christ's concern for them, President Schuetze urged the graduates confidently and courageously to

pursue their ministry in the areas to which they had been assigned.

President Schuetze also noted with gratitude the 10 years of faithful service rendered by Prof. Joel Gerlach, who has accepted the call as Mission Counselor for the California Mission District.

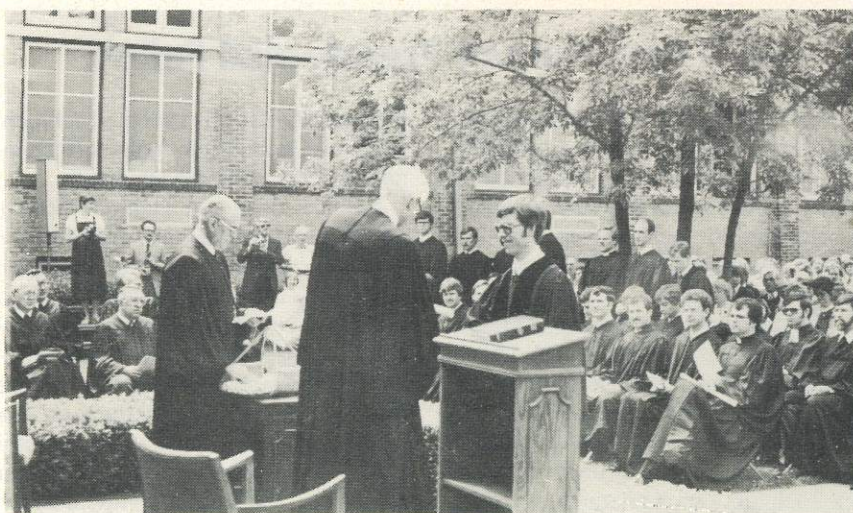
The Master of Divinity degree was conferred on the 55 graduating seniors. In addition, three men were awarded degrees upon successful completion of their program of summer-quarter graduate and supplemental studies. Professor Mark F. Bartling of Onalaska, Wisconsin, and Pastor

Keith A. Haberkorn of Manitowoc, Wisconsin, received the degree of Master of Sacred Theology; and Professor John H. Schibbelhut of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, was awarded the Master of Arts in Religion degree.

In addition to the 54 seniors who were assigned on call day, six graduates from the classes of 1978 and 1979 who had served as tutors and instructors were available for assignment to the parish ministry. A graduate from the 1980 class was reassigned to a second year of teaching at a Lutheran High School, and one member of the present graduating class, who had been given a leave of absence to complete his theological training, returned to the Lutheran High School where he had been teaching.

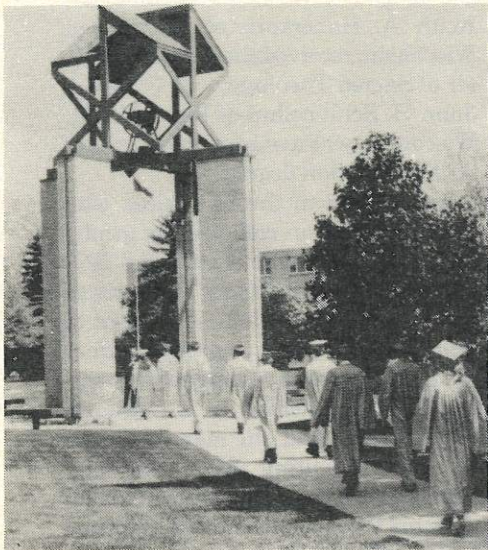
Only two men were assigned to fields of labor outside the United States. One was assigned to Ontario, Canada, while the other received a two-year call as Civilian Chaplain to Europe. Fifty-two men were assigned to congregations within the United States, including one in Kenai, Alaska. Twenty-nine assignments were to self-supporting parishes and 24 to mission congregations. Six will serve as graduate tutors at Synodical schools. Trusting in the continuing concern of Christ, our great High Priest, we wish these graduates and Professor Gerlach a rich measure of joy and success in their new fields of labor.

Armin J. Panning



Receiving the Master of Divinity degree

NPS Graduates Largest Class



On a beautiful sunny afternoon on May 20, 1981, a Tertia Class of 77 twelfth graders graduated from Northwestern Preparatory School, Watertown Wisconsin. Thereby they became the largest class ever to receive diplomas on the Northwestern campus. It would appear that for the prep school, with its present assignment, the 1981 class will remain indefinitely its largest graduating class.

In keeping with the size of the class, attendance at the special service was also the largest ever. Approximately 1,100 people assembled to thank God for the gifts and graces bestowed upon

the graduates, and to praise God for the blessings which he in them is granting to his church. At least two-thirds of the class members have indicated that they will be continuing their studies in preparation for either the pastoral ministry or the teaching ministry.

During the service Pastor Myron Kell of Watertown, Wisconsin, member of the Northwestern Board of Control, delivered the graduation sermon. Scott Mews, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl T. Mews of Flagstaff, Arizona, spoke for the class. Prof. William Zell, president of Northwestern Preparatory School, served as liturgist and awarded the diplomas. The Prep Mixed Chorus, directed by Prof. Franklin Zabell, and the Northwestern band, under the direction of Prof. William Birsching, both contributed to the service. Also during the service Prof. Jerome Kruse, coach at NPS for the past seven years and athletic director since 1979, was thanked for his services to the preparatory school. Beginning with the 1981-82 school year Coach Kruse will be serving Northwestern College as a member of its Athletic Department.

It is with sincere confidence in the Lord's unfailing kindness toward them that we commend the 1981 NPS graduates to the Savior who served them even unto the death of the cross. We pray that they all may become faithful witnesses of his grace, as pastors, as

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.

teachers and as lay members in the congregations of his saints.

May God continue to bless Northwestern Preparatory School, its students and its faculty, and all others associated with it! May he in grace make it an effective instrument of the church for the training of future workers in the gospel ministry of Jesus Christ, servants of the Good Shepherd who are able and eager to feed the sheep and lambs of his flock!

President William G. Zell

H. Vogel Named Presidential Fellow

Prof. Heinrich J. Vogel of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary has been selected to receive the Oscar J. Naumann fellowship. The announcement was made May 21 at the senior-faculty seminary dinner sponsored annually by the Aid of Association for Lutherans.

The presidential fellowship, a \$12,500 annual grant, is funded by the Aid Association for Lutherans to "recognize gratefully the power of the grace of God in the life and person" of the late President Oscar J. Naumann. The award provides the recipient "an academic year to engage in a program of study, scholarly

productivity, or professional enrichment which will benefit the recipient's seminary and the Lutheran Church."

At the same dinner, Henry F. Scheig, president of the fraternal benefit society, presented a bronze bust of President Naumann, the work of Don Gregory, professor emeritus at Gustavus Adolphus College. Each recipient of the presidential fellowship receives a bronze medallion with a profile of the bust. The Naumann family, represented by Pastor Paul S. Naumann, received a pewter medallion. The bust is temporarily on display at the seminary library.

During the next academic year, Professor Vogel will translate the first volume of Prof. Adolf Hoenecke's *Dogmatik*, written in German. The first volume is divided into two parts. The first part contains a history of Lutheran dogmatics (doctrine) from the time of the Reformation to about 1900. The second part develops the basic concepts of theology and treats of the Holy Scriptures. Both parts will be updated in an appendix.

Professor Hoenecke served as president of the Wisconsin Synod seminary from 1878 to his death in 1908. A graduate of the University of Halle in Germany, Hoenecke taught dogmatics at the seminary and the four-volume *Dogmatik* was the fruit of his teaching career spanning over a generation of students.

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

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 Mr. William E. Hughes, incumbent, Jefferson, WI (WW)
 Mr. Quintin Sulzle, Aberdeen, SD (D-M)

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	Barlesville*
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.

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

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.

HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

Ascension Ev. Lutheran Church, the WELS mission in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, is now worshipping at Capitol Travel Lodge, 4646 Jonestown

Road, East shore, on Hwy. 22, one block east of Colonial Park Plaza. Service is held at 9:00 a.m. Please submit names of WELS members or prospects to Pastor Daniel Luetke, 6231 Warren Ave., Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17112; phone: 717/652-8285.

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.

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.

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.

ADDRESSES

(Submitted through the District Presidents)

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INSTALLATIONS

(Authorized by the District Presidents)

Pastors:

Kutz, Thomas C., as associate pastor of St. Paul Lutheran, North Mankato, Minnesota, on May 3, 1981, by R. Reimer (Minn.).

Pavia, George R., as pastor of St. Peter's, Globe, Arizona, on May 24, 1981, by D. Meier (Ariz.-Cal.).

Rose, Roy H., as pastor of St. Paul Lutheran, Green Bay, Wisconsin, on June 14, 1981, by T. Liesener (NW).

Editorial

(Continued)

There are many so-called Christians who believe that they are still Christians, although the Jesus and the Bible they believe in are as hollow as the Soviets make them out to be. Russian Christians are not as likely to be deluded. Russian atheism keeps Russian Christians more honest.

Carleton Toppe

Floor Committees

(Continued)

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No. 19 CONVENTION TRAVEL

Prof. David Worgull, Chairman
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Rev. Robert T. Beckmann

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

NOMINATIONS FOR EDITOR OF THE NORTHWESTERN LUTHERAN

The following have been nominated for the position of Editor-in-chief of *The Northwestern Lutheran*, to replace Pastor Harold E. Wicke who will retire at the end of this year:

Pastor G. Jerome Albrecht	Neenah, WI
Pastor Roland Cap Ehke	Elm Grove, WI
Pastor Thomas B. Franzmann	Fair Oaks, CA
Prof. Edward C. Fredrich III	Saginaw, MI
Pastor Kenneth A. Gast	Tomah, WI
Pastor John M. Graf	Hustisford, WI
Pastor Keith R. Haag	Manitowoc, WI
Pastor Martin P. Janke	Jackson, WI
Pastor Richard E. Lauersdorf	Jefferson, WI
Pastor Wayne A. Meier	Granger, IN
Pastor Marcus C. Nitz	Garden Grove, CA
Prof. Armin J. Panning	Mequon, WI
Pastor Victor H. Prange	Janesville, WI
Pastor James P. Schaefer	Milwaukee, WI
Pastor Lynn Schroeder	Saginaw, MI
Pastor Neal Schroeder	La Crosse, WI
Pastor Robert A. Sievert	West St. Paul, MN
Pastor Richard H. Stadler	West St. Paul, MN
Pastor Frederick Toppe	Kimberly, WI
Pastor James Westendorf	Brookfield, WI
Prof. William G. Zell	Watertown, WI

All correspondence concerning the above nominees should be in the hands of the undersigned no later than July 29, 1981.

Heinrich J. Vogel, Secretary
11757 N. Seminary Drive 65W
Mequon, Wis. 53092

Controller's Report

PREBUDGET SUBSCRIPTION PERFORMANCE

January 8, 1981 thru May 31, 1981

	Subscription Amount for 1981	5/12 of Annual Subscription	Subscription and Pension Offerings	Per Cent of Subscription
Arizona-California	\$ 753,501	\$ 313,959	\$ 270,539	86.2
Dakota-Montana	334,551	139,396	111,130	79.7
Michigan	1,773,777	739,074	585,280	79.2
Minnesota	1,934,877	806,199	704,909	87.4
Nebraska	410,583	171,076	138,478	80.9
Northern Wisconsin	1,954,604	814,418	658,431	80.8
Pacific Northwest	187,921	78,300	66,401	84.8
Southeastern Wisconsin	2,412,965	1,005,402	819,319	81.5
Western Wisconsin	2,283,714	951,548	792,260	83.3
South Atlantic	186,949	77,895	67,711	86.9
Total — 1981	\$12,233,442	\$5,097,267	\$4,214,458	82.7
Total — 1980	\$10,969,543	\$4,570,643	\$4,054,401	88.7

CURRENT BUDGETARY FUND

Statement of Income and Expenditures

Twelve months ended May 31, 1981 with comparative figures for 1980

Twelve months ended May 31,

	1981	1980	Increase or (Decrease)	
			Amount	Per Cent
Income:				
Prebudget Subscription Offerings	\$11,212,741	\$10,051,957	\$1,160,784	11.5
Pension Plan Contributions	73,654	72,621	1,033	1.4
Gifts and Memorials	644,153	309,220	334,933	—
Bequests and Deferred Giving	419,452	322,248	97,204	30.2
Earnings from Fox Trust	81,785	78,084	3,701	4.7
Other Income	64	779	(715)	(91.8)
Transfers from Other Funds	190,153	52,351	137,802	—
Total Income	\$12,622,002	\$10,887,260	\$1,734,742	15.9
Expenditures:				
Worker-Training	\$ 4,458,683	\$ 4,128,034	\$ 330,649	8.0
Home Missions	2,269,821	2,218,677	51,144	2.3
World Missions	2,108,701	1,910,026	198,675	10.4
Benevolences	1,228,972	1,135,216	93,756	8.3
Administration and Services	1,344,657	1,199,277	145,380	12.1
Total Operations	\$11,410,834	\$10,591,230	\$819,604	7.7
CEF — Interest Subsidy	865,205	796,014	69,191	8.7
Appropriations — Bldg. Funds	698,568	637,675	60,893	9.5
Total Expenditures	\$12,974,607	\$12,024,919	\$ 949,688	7.9
Operating Gain/(Loss)	\$ (352,605)	\$ (1,137,659)		

Norris Koopmann, Controller
 Norbert M. Manthe, Assistant Controller
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Note: Future cutoff dates of PBS receipts in the Synod's Post Office Lock Box are as follows:

For the Month of	Cutoff Date
July	July 31
August	August 31
September	September 30

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CHILDREN'S ASCENSION SERVICES

For the past several years, St. Paul's of North Mankato, Minnesota, has observed Ascension Day by means of a children's service. St. Paul's asks others who have produced their own Children's Ascension Services to share them with St. Paul's and is willing to share with others the two it has produced. Please write to Pastor Reuben Reimers, 809 Range Street, North Mankato, Minnesota 56001.

AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS

PROFILE — A MISSION GROWS (FS-83-PMG)
 1981 C & M 16 min. color

This filmstrip is a sequel to the earlier production entitled "Beginnings." The first filmstrip tells how a new mission is organized. The second tells how the new mission grows. Three areas of activity are emphasized. There is the Christian fellowship that draws the young congregation together. There is the Christian stewardship that develops the congregation's resources. And there is the informal and organized evangelism that reaches out to the community. Therefore this filmstrip not only describes the growth of a new mission, but also challenges established congregations to employ similar methods in achieving the goals that our Lord has set before us. This filmstrip should be viewed by every Wisconsin Synod congregation!

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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 parts 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.

NEW LONDON MISSION RALLY

1981 Mission Rally — Theme: "Love Gives — Love, under grace, can't help but give!" Date: August 2, 1981. Place: Hatten Park, New London, Wisconsin. Speaker: Pastor Karl A. Gurgel, past district president and pastor at St. Peter's, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. Time: Pre-service instrumental music at 10:30 a.m., followed by the worship service at 11:00 a.m. Collection designated for home missions. Service followed by family picnics and games. All in the area are invited to join in the '81 Mission Rally!

Ronald J. Rieck
'81 Rally Co-Chairman

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 OPENINGS

There are openings available for children from grades 3-7 during the week of August 2-8 at Son-Shine Camp, Brothertown, Wisconsin. The camp is run for WELS children by the Milwaukee Federation of WELS Churches. If interested, please contact: Son-Shine Camp, 2599 S. 89th Street, West Allis, Wisconsin 53227; phone: 414/541-5139.

CHOIR ROBES

Thirty-three black choir robes available to any WELS congregation for the cost of shipping. Offered by St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, S. 68th St., Milwaukee. If interested, please call James Schierenbeck at 414/327-5522.

HYMNALS WANTED

The WELS mission congregation in Antigua is in need of hymnals for its worship services. Fifty used hymnals (in good condition), or any portion of that number, would be appreciated. The congregation is willing to pay the cost of shipping. Contact: Mr. Emmanuel Gordon, GPO 968, St. John's, Antigua, West Indies.