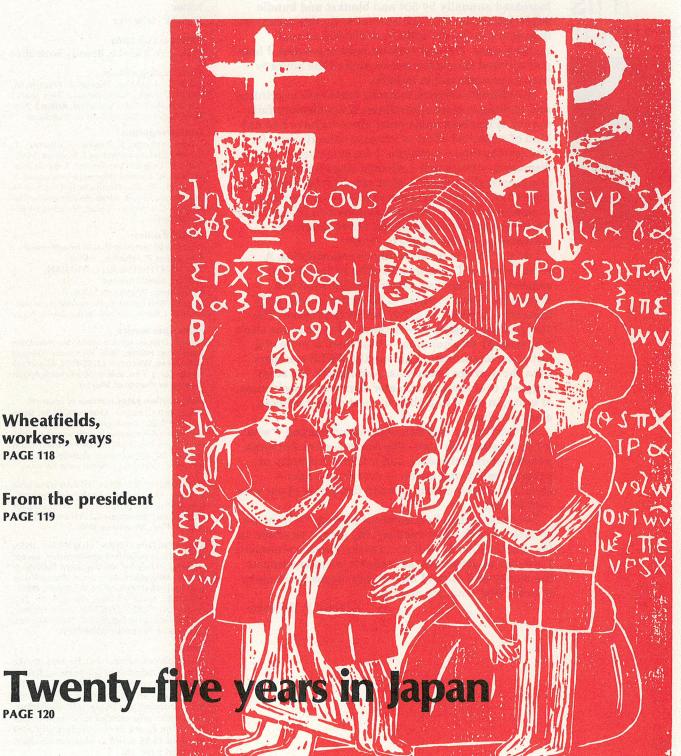
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From the president **PAGE 119** 

# from this corner



Several months ago I wrote about a second-class postal subsidy for nonprofit periodicals which was wiped out by the federal budget cuts. At that time I reported to you that we had no other alternative but to pass on to our subscribers the additional cost. It is not done with joy.

Effective May 1, individual subscriptions will be increased annually by 50¢ and blanket and bundle subscriptions by 25¢ each annually. By this means we intend to pay for the additional \$20,000 annual mailing costs. Without making light of pennies, I hope you will find the extra pennies around the house to keep your subscription in force.

The ultimate solution to rising costs both in printing and mailing is more subscribers. If my memory fails me not, it has been some years since we have had any kind of concerted effort to increase subscriptions for *The Northwestern Lutheran*. I am surprised — or is it, dismayed — that other Lutheran magazines have, comparatively, a much higher rate of subscription in their church bodies. If we were to have subscribers comparable to *The Lutheran Standard (ALC)* and *The Lutheran* (LCA), we would just about *double* our subscribers — from 42,000 to 75,000.

I do not wish to make invidious comparisons. A recent study of Lutherans (Profiles of Lutherans) suggests that there is a closer identification of a Wisconsin Synod member to his or her church body than other Lutheran church members to theirs. The study further suggests — without calling anyone else's Christianity into question — that there is more of a Lutheran identification among the WELS members than the average Lutherans. And finally, the study suggests that there is a greater degree of cohesiveness, of unity, in the WELS than in most other Lutheran church bodies.

All this means that Synodical identification ("what we do together") is high. The Northwestern Lutheran which fosters, cultivates, and informs this unity of purpose, belief, and action — every two weeks — should be a high priority item in the homes of our core membership.

But I think I can hear someone saying, "Who reads it? It is, aaaaah, unattractive." My pledge as editor: In the months ahead I will try to make *The Northwestern Lutheran* as attractive, as readable, as interesting as the money and talent I have at my disposal can make it under God. That's a promise!

James P. Schaefer

May the Lord our God be with us as he was with our fathers; may he never leave or forsake us. 1 Kings 8:57

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# Cover

A woodblock print made by Miss Yorika Nishino, a member of Atonement, Tokyo, showing Jesus blessing the children. The project was an assignment in preparation for becoming a nursery school teacher. Nishinosan also wanted to witness to her faith. The Greek in the background is of Mark 10:13-16 which relates the incident. More on page 120.

# **EDITORIALS**

# Low Sunday high

The Sunday after Easter, April 18 this year, has won for itself the designation Low Sunday. One thing is sure: church attendance that Sunday is low. Those who swelled attendance seven days before are once again back at their customary Sunday morning activities. Others conclude that the two or three church services the previous week entitle them to a Sunday morning away from church.

In our official church calendar Low Sunday has the name *Quasimodogeniti*, the opening words of the Latin introit, "Like newborn babies . . . ." An older and wiser church designated the Sunday after Easter as the time for the newly baptized to celebrate their admittance to the ranks of communicants. Then that Sunday was anything but a *Low Sunday*. It was a solemn and memorable experience, a true spiritual *high*.

Why not make the day and the week a *high* also in 1982? "Like newborn babies" we could do worse these days than show we "crave pure spiritual milk." We too could mark the day and days by the "born-again" experience that baptism fosters as it signifies that "a new man should daily come forth and arise who shall live before God in righteousness and purity forever."

Edward C. Fredrich

# When liberals march

The liberal leaders of mainline churches are on the march. Prominent spokesmen for the Methodists, Presbyterians, Episcopalians, United Church of Christ, liberal Lutherans, Catholics, and Jews are calling on Americans to join them in their campaign against nuclear arms, and in their crusade for civil rights, for services and aid to the poor and needy, and for freedom and justice for the oppressed peoples of the world. But when liberal church leaders go on the march, Christians must be on the alert.

It is not that the poor and needy, and the victims of injustice don't deserve our help. Christians know these unfortunates do deserve it, and Christian citizens and neighbors will help those in need. In fact, Christians deny their Lord and their faith if they do not assist those less fortunate than they.

Then why refuse to support liberal religious groups in their concern for the poor and downtrodden? Here are some of the reasons.

Liberal churchmen elevate the needs of the body above the needs of the soul. For them the standard of living has a higher priority than does the soul's salvation.

Liberal churchmen intermingle and confuse religion, politics, and economics. With their social gospel blind-

ers on, they do not see what Jesus meant when he said, "My kingdom is not of this world"; they would reject it if they knew.

They naively expect a millennium in an unregenerate world. Are they blind to the reality that the only political and economic choices governments usually have are between greater and lesser evils, not between simon-pure righteousness and base wickedness?

They have often been arbitrary and unjust in applying their standards of justice and mercy. Like hypocritical Jane Fondas, they largely ignore Marxist injustice and cruelty. Again and again the policies of these churchmen have delivered hapless peoples into worse bondage than they knew before.

The Lord preserve our nation, both Christians and unbelievers, from the "religion" of liberal church leaders.

Carleton Toppe

# Don't let the snobs get you

It is said that Winston Churchill's attention was once called to the fact that it is not considered by purists to be good form to conclude a sentence with a preposition. Churchill, a master of phraseology himself, is said to have responded with this classic retort: "This is a type of errant pedantry, up with which I will not put."

There is also a type of errant snobbery, up with which it is difficult to put. To begin with, no one really likes a snob for his snobbery anyway, except perhaps other snobs who are snobbish about the same thing. Snobs are likely to have an inflated evaluation of their own superiority, and that is what makes them snobs in the first place. We cannot deny them the right to express their opinions, but we don't have to like what they say either.

The type of snobbery to which we have reference is the presumed intellectual superiority of avowed disbelievers as compared with those who believe what the Bible says. Snobs of this kind, confident of the infallibility of the latest human opinions, like to depict those who accept implicitly what the Bible teaches as intellectual pygmies, who are not only far beneath their own intellectual level but unschooled as well. Their comments on literal belief in such things as the creation account, the story of the flood and biblical morality abound with such words and phrases as "antediluvian... medieval... mid-Victorian... fanatical... unworthy of serious consideration." They take delight in urging Bible-believers to abandon their antiquated views, and they condescendingly invite them into the twentieth century.

Unfortunately, there may be those who are cowed by such lofty pronouncements, especially if they emanate from individuals who invoke the name of science or hold respected positions in the academic community.

None of us who relies on the Word of God is going to appreciate such snide remarks and condescending comments, but they are less likely to shake our faith if we take into account the intellectual snobbery which is implicit in them.

Immanuel G. Frey

# David and the resurrection . . . both Christ's and ours

by Armin J. Panning

Men of Israel, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God. . . . and you . . . put him to death by nailing him to the cross. But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. David said about him: "I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will live in hope, because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence" (Acts 2:22-28).

As two disciples on that first Easter afternoon walked toward Emmaus, brooding over the death of their Master, Jesus himself joined them and rebuked them for not believing the Old Testament Scriptures. "How foolish you are," he declared, "and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken!" (Luke 24:25.) And then, beginning with Moses and the prophets, he explained to them that the Christ had to suffer these things and thus enter his glory.

We are not told on which Old Testament passages Jesus based his instruction to the disciples. There are, however, a number of New Testament passages that give us a hint. These passages make it clear that the Savior's resurrection was predicted in the Old Testament. One such Old Testament text that speaks of Easter and the open grave is Psalm 16.

# An Easter psalm

Note the use Peter makes of this psalm in his Pentecost sermon. Af-

ter charging the Jews with having crucified the Messiah, Peter adds, "But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him." Crucified people don't ordinarily come back to life. Death doesn't loosen its hold on anyone. But in this case it had to, Peter says. In support of that statement Peter quotes King David and cites Psalm 16.

# A call for help

It may be useful to recall the general line of thought in this psalm. The psalm reflects a time of stress. The opening verse sets the tone: "Keep me safe, O God, for in you I take refuge." Despite impending trouble the psalm breathes an attitude of quiet confidence. "I said to the Lord, 'You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing'" (v.2). "You have assigned me my portion and my cup; you have made my lot secure" (v.5). Hence the author can sing, "Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices" (v.9).

# Resurrection of the body

But then David continues with an amazing statement: "My body also will rest secure, because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay" (vv.9,10). That statement makes the reader draw up short and ask himself whether this can really be true of David. Peter too anticipates an objection, for he says, "Brothers, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David is dead and was buried and his tomb is here to this day" (Acts 2:29). The psalm obviously does not find its fulfillment in David.

# David spoke of Christ

Peter gives us the key when he continues, "But he (David) was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne" (v.30). The psalm is messianic. It speaks of the Greater Son who would be born of David's line and would rule forever. Prophetically David is speaking of what would come true in the life and particularly the *death* of his Savior.

We may legitimately wonder how many of the details David knew, but there can be no doubt that in its broad outline David saw God's plan of salvation clearly. Peter says categorically, "Seeing what was ahead, he (David) spoke of the resurrection of Christ, that he was not abandoned to the grave, nor did his body see decay" (v.31).

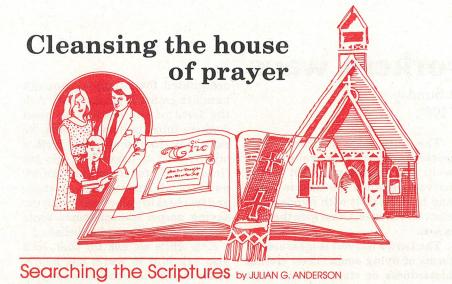
# David speaks of abiding hope

David trusted in a risen and living Savior. Though in Psalm 16 David is speaking of Christ, yet he is voicing a sure hope also about his own eternal future, for in looking to that Christ he can say, "Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken."

That is the same trust we ourselves have in view of the open tomb of Easter. We have the same object of our faith as David had, the Savior who promises, "Because I live, you also shall live." Like David we too must one day die, yet with him we can voice the cheerful confidence, "You will not abandon me to the grave." Our own resurrection and eternal bliss are sure because "you have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence."



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Our study today covers the events that took place on Monday of Passion Week. And we begin with

# Mark 11:12-14

Verse 12a connects this scene with Palm Sunday, and Matthew 21:18a tells us the time of day and what was happening. Verse 12b completes the opening scene. Verse 13a introduces the next scene. The fact that the tree had *leaves* is important, since the fig, like many tropical trees, blossoms and forms the fruit first, and then the leaves follow. This explains Jesus' action in verse 13a, since he expected to find fruit on it. But the results of his search showed that it was a barren tree (v. 13b)

The explanation which follows tells us that the tree was probably a "winter fig" variety which blossomed in the winter rather than May-June. In any case, it was a barren tree which occasioned Jesus' statement in verse 14, which was a command—"No one will ever again eat any fruit from you— never!" Note that this falls into the same category as his command in Mark 4:39. But we'll have to wait until the next day for the end of the tale.

# Now read Mark 11:15-18

Again Mark records the sequence of events (v. 15a,b), and then gives a graphic picture of Jesus' actions in the Temple grounds (v. 15c). Note that this was a repeat performance of what he did at the beginning of his public life (John 2:13-17, lesson for Feb. 3, 1980). No doubt all the merchants had moved right back in

as soon as Jesus left. Verse 16 adds an action not found in the earlier account. Then notice what Jesus began to do in verse 17a, and note that the reason he gave here is different from the earlier occasion (v. 17b, John 2:16). By calling them "robbers," he was pointing to their dishonest practices.

Luke, in his parallel account, is more general here, saying that Jesus was in the Templeyard everyday, teaching the people, as he always did on every visit to Jerusalem (Luke 19:47a).

Both Mark and Luke note the hostility of the priests and scribes (v. 18, Luke 19:47b), but only Mark gives their reason (v. 18b), implying that Jesus was too popular with the people. And only Luke records the fact that their plans were thwarted by this very popularity (Luke 19:48), because they were also afraid of the people. This last fact is a very important one to remember.

# Now turn to John 12:20-36

We insert this section here, since it seems to be the most likely place. And as you can see, here Jesus is talking about his death. The men mentioned here were some sort of gentiles (Greeks in the broad sense) who had become interested in Judaism and were in Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover. Their request was a natural one (v. 21), and it is interesting to see how it was handled (v. 22). Andrew was one of the original four apostles. What John gives of the conversation is, of course, a summary.

Notice that Jesus begins the discussion by referring to his death as a glorious thing (v. 23). (On "the Son of Man," see the lesson for January 6, 1980, John 1:51). Then note how Jesus used a little parable to explain that his death would produce great results (v. 24), a prophecy of the birth and growth of the Christian Church. Verse 25 states a cardinal principle of the kingdom of heaven. Note how the word "life" has two meanings here. Verse 26a contains another prophecy, that we, as Jesus' followers, must also die and be raised again and ascend with him into the new heavens.

Verse 26b states a wonderful promise. In verse 27 Jesus refers to his death with a little glimpse into his inner thoughts (underline v. 27b). The first phrase in verse 28 could best be translated, "Father, bring glory and honor to yourself." The Father's answer pointed first to the sending and incarnation of Jesus, and second, to Jesus' resurrection and ascension. Note Jesus' comment in verse 30.

In verse 31 Jesus speaks of the effect of his death on the world and on Satan (compare 16:11). Verse 32 is a direct reference to his crucifixion, as verse 33 makes clear. Note also the prophecy about the Church in verse 32b. In verse 34 "law" is used in the widest sense of the "Bible" (remember that the basic meaning of the word is God's teaching). As you read verse 35, remember that this was Monday, and 4 days later Jesus would be on the cross! Here Jesus refers to what he had told the Jews in John 8:12. Compare John 1:4-9, Ephesians 5:8, 1 John 1:5-7 and 2:9-11. And as you read verse 36 compare Matthew 5:14-16.

These last two verses have a great depth of meaning for us, and should be pondered over at length. Look up the words "light" and "darkness" in your lexicon, and read all he passages found there, remembering that Jesus intends that we should be the "children of light," with all its implications. And finally read Mark 11:14 remembering that "evening" was the time between 3 and 6 p.m. At this time Jesus again went back to the suburb of Bethany as he had done the day before.

# Wheatfields, workers, ways

Recruitment Sunday April 25, 1982

At last, following the frigid blasts of a winter that shattered centuryold records for subzero temperatures, spring is here. To prove it, gardeners have been at work with spade and hoe, and farmers have been plowing their fields and sowing the seed they hope will produce bumper crops of grain in August.

The return of another seedtime and the prospect of another harvest remind the Bible reader that Jesus often used agricultural pictures in his parables. In a familiar text, he said: "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field" (Luke 10:2). Of course he is speaking about the multitudes of men who don't know the way of salvation through him, and about the need for messengers to tell them that good news.

His harvest, Jesus tells us, the harvest of souls he envisions, is plentiful. Try to imagine the wheatfields in late summer when the wheat the farmers sowed in spring has ripened. How many individual wheat stalks are there in a given farmer's field — 10,000? 100,000? a million? Now multiply that by the number of wheatfields throughout the whole country. The resulting number would no doubt be almost past calculation.

So Jesus impresses on us the countless numbers of individual souls ready to be harvested for him. In fact, since he first spoke those words, the number of souls ripe for salvation has been constantly increasing. In our day there are millions, even billions, of lost souls dying in unbelief because they haven't heard of Jesus and his salvation.

Have our mission endeavors increased to meet this increasing harvest ready to be garnered? Last year as a Synod we were forced to cut back (for lack of funds) on new mission openings from 25 to 10. Twenty-five new missions a year aren't many for reaching, say, a billion souls. Ten are a lot less.

The Lord says further: "The workers are few." Ripe grain doesn't wait. The farmer must get at the harvesting when the time is right, and he must do it with hands sufficient for the task. Otherwise the crop is lost.

The Lord's harvest is measured in terms of dying souls. Their eternal blessedness or eternal doom is at stake. Haste is imperative. But without a sufficient number of workers, haste is precluded. So the Lord's harvest requires workers, large numbers of workers, or else the work won't get done and immortal souls will be eternally lost.

That's why the Lord commands his Church to use the ways he has

designated for supplying enough hands to gather in his harvest: "Ask the Lord of the harvest to send workers into his harvest." Ask, he says. Ask that he will send forth a mighty host of harvesters into his fields. Ask for ever-increasing numbers of missionaries, pastors, and teachers to preach and teach the saving gospel to condemned souls floundering in sin and unbelief.

And while we ask for that, let's also ask him to warm our hearts anew with his love so that we supply a way through our material means for these workers to go out in our name and reap a bounteous soulharvest to his glory. Let our fervent special prayers ascend to heaven on Recruitment Sunday, April 25. And may the Lord pour out his harvest blessing in answer to our prayer!

James A. Fricke

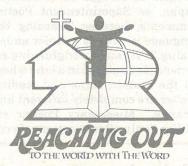


When three young ladies from Trinity of Kiel, Wisconsin, expressed an interest in the teaching ministry, their pastor, Rev. Richard Warnke, was able to use his avocation to arrange a visit to Dr. Martin Luther College. Instead of driving the 325 miles, which would have taken some eight hours one way, the girls recently enjoyed a 2½-hour airplane hop from Sheboygan County Airport to New Ulm in a rented light plane piloted by their pastor. Prof. D. Brick, recruitment officer at DMLC,

met the visitors at the airport and hosted a special recruitment day, giving the young people a tour of the campus, a description of the town, and worthwhile information about the teaching ministry and preparation for it. A safe return flight brought the travelers home by 5:30 that same evening. Pictured being greeted by Professor Brick at the DMLC airport are (left to right) Kiersten Scholz, Bonnie Zoellner, Jayne Warnke and Pastor Warnke.

# From the President

One of the exciting things that is happening in our Synod during this biennium is the Reaching Out Offering. Authorized by the 1981 convention, the offering is now in its early organizational phase and will be completed in all of our congregations by the middle of 1983. Rev. Daniel Malchow has been issued a limited call by the Conference of Presidents to serve as the offering director. Pursuant to the convention resolution that "all prudent help and counsel be engaged to plan, organize, and program" the offering, the Coordinating Committee appointed by the Conference of Presidents has engaged Community Counseling Service to assist Pastor Malchow with the mechanics of the offering.



It's exciting, because
Reaching Out will give every
member of our Synod the
opportunity to become involved
in a spiritual activity. The
response of faith to the Savior
who "loved us and gave himself
for us," a response that results
in the giving of God's dollars
which he has entrusted to our

management so that we may reach out with the gospel —this is always a highly spiritual activity.

It's exciting, because Reaching Out will not be a matter of simply dividing the minimum goal of \$10 million by the number of communicant members to demonstrate how easy it will be, how little it will require from each one of us. It will rather be an offering that will emphasize God's rich blessings to us, spiritually and materially, coupled with the Savior's reminder, "Unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required." So then whether our gift to Reaching Out is 1 dollar or 1 million dollars — or somewhere in between — it will be the joyous response of faith given in proportion to God's blessings to us.

It's exciting, because the Reaching Out money will be used for the two things our Synod does best, training pastors and teachers (half of the offering) and sending them out into the world's vast harvest field (the other half).

It's exciting, because Reaching Out has the potential not only to reach but to exceed our goal. In his grace — and there's no other explanation for it — God has kept us united in his Word and in our faith and confession drawn from his Word. He has preserved for us a clear understanding of the church's mission — to proclaim Christ as the Savior from sin. And he has not bypassed our Synod in his distribution of material goods, money, if you will.

It's hard not to be excited. I'm convinced that every member of our Synod will share that excitement in the year ahead.

Carl H. Mischke

# With the Lord

Pastor Raymond O. Frey 1916 - 1982

On February 23, 1982, God in his mercy called to his eternal home the soul of Pastor Raymond O. Frey of Battle Creek, Michigan, who had been suffering from cancer.

Pastor Frey was born in Saginaw, Michigan, on November 27, 1916, the son of Pastor and Mrs. Oscar Frey. He attended Michigan Lutheran Seminary and Northwestern College. He graduated from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in 1941.

Pastor Frey's first call was as tutor at Northwestern Lutheran Academy, Mobridge, South Dakota. He was ordained into the holy ministry at Immanual Church, Findlay, Chio, on July 26, 1942. In 1945 he accepted a call to St. John's Church, Hemlock, Michigan, and in 1954 he began serving St. Luke's Church of Vassar, Michigan. In 1959 he began serving St. John's Church, Northfield, Michigan, and in 1968 went to Mt. Calvary Church in Kimberly, Wisconsin. In 1971 he was installed at St. John's Lutheran Church, Battle Creek. He retired from the ministry on December 31, 1981.

During his ministry Pastor Frey served as secretary of the Michigan District and was a member of the Fox Valley Lutheran High School Board and of the board of the Memorial Lutheran Home of South Lyon, Michigan.

In 1950 he married Ethel Rose Zimmerman of Flint, Michigan. They have one daughter, Linda Sperbeck, and two granddaughters. He is also survived by his brothers, Pastor George Frey, Pastor Edwin Frey and Pastor Theodore Frey, and two sisters, Mrs. Conrad Frey (Charlotte), and Marjorie Frey.

Funeral services were held at St. John's Lutheran Church, Battle Creek, on February 26, 1982. Pastor Daniel Westendorf of Hopkins, Michigan, preached the sermon, Pastor Ronald Raddatz, vacancy pastor, served as liturgist and President Waldemar Zarling spoke on behalf of the Michigan District.



# Praising His Grace 25 years in Japan

by Ernst H. Wendland

This year another of our Synod's world mission fields is celebrating 25 years of the Lord's gracious guidance and blessing; 1982 has been designated as Japan's year of "Praising His Grace." Special services will be held in our stateside churches on September 12 commemorating this happy occasion, and in Japan the Lutheran Evangelical Christian Church (LECC) will culminate its celebration on September 15. With this report we begin a series of articles in The Northwestern Lutheran which will highlight the work of the LECC in its anniversary year.

# The early years

Our Synod's decision to enter the Japan field actually began 30 years ago with the sending of a missionary to Tokyo in 1952. Four years later, however, the missionary and his congregation left our Synod. A fresh start was made in 1957 with the sending of seminary graduate Richard Seeger to Tokyo.

Not long after Missionary Seeger's arrival Pastor Richard Poetter, a man well acquainted with the language and customs of the Japanese people, accepted our Synod's call to serve in Mito City, located about 50 miles north of Tokyo. With Pastor Poetter came another blessing in the person of Mr. Ryuichi Igarashi, a scholar of several languages, a dedicated Christian and a man well versed in Japanese law.

The 1959 WELS Convention authorized a third missionary, and in 1962 sufficient progress had been made in a number of areas north of Tokyo so that the LECC could organize its own Delegate Church Council and incorporate as a new church body. With the dedication of a chapel-parsonage at Tsuchiura in 1963 came another important step, the installation of the LECC's first national pastor, Tatsushino Yamada.

# The ensuing years

In the years which followed there

The early missionaries to Japan were (back row, left to right) Richard A. Poetter, Richard M. Seeger and Luther T. Weindorf shown with their families.

were quite a few changes in expatriate manpower. This can bring on difficulties in foreign fields such as Japan, as Superintendent Poetter comments, because "learning the language is with us a major undertaking." "It can be a frightening experience to be placed in a land where all the sounds, signs and reading matter are completely different and strange," Missionary Poetter explains, "only after two years of very

Only after two years of very diligent study is a missionary able to undertake church work in the Japanese language.

diligent study is a missionary able to undertake church work in the Japanese language."

Attention was therefore increasingly directed toward the training of Japanese nationals for the Christian ministry. In 1969 Pastor Harold Johne was called to head a seminary program, which has produced four Japanese pastors. In addition to his work in developing a worker-training program, Missionary Johne has served extensively in various congregations.

In 1971 funds were made available from the WELS World Mission Building Fund to construct and dedicate a multipurpose church facility at Tsuchiura. This center of LECC activity now houses a church for the Nozomi congregation, seminary classrooms, a library, an elementary school for missionaries' children and a print shop. The latter facility



Kuniko Igarashi, the first infant baptized in the Japan mission in 1959.

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Standing at the birthplace of the Wisconsin Synod mission in Japan are the late Rev. Harry Shiley (left), former chairman of the Japan executive committee and former executive secretary of the Board for World Missions, Edgar Hoenecke, now retired and living in San Diego. Assisting is Hilda Poetter Jasperson.

serves as a valuable tool in the production of all necessary church materials in the Japanese language.

# After 25 years

At present there are eight Japanese congregations in the LECC with adequate chapels and parsonages. Two others use rooms provided by Japanese church members, and another congregation worships in rented facilities. . . . Radio work was initiated by Pastor Poetter in 1963. Today two broadcasts reach out with the gospel every week to a potential listening audience of over three million people. . . . Expatriate missionaries in Japan now number seven, with Richard Poetter serving as superintendent, Kermit Habben as assistant superintendent, Harold Johne as seminary head, and Roger Falk, David Haberkorn, John Boehringer and Elwood Fromm completing the staff. Other WELS pastors who have served in Japan during its



Expatriate missionaries presently in Japan are (front row, left to right) H. Johne, R. Poetter, D. Falk and (standing, left to right) K. Habben, J. Boehringer, E. Fromm and D. Haberkorn.

25 years include Richard Seeger, Luther Weindorf, Norbert Meier and Herbert Winterstein. . . . National pastors presently serving are Fukuichi Oshino, Tadashi Yoshida, Menuhide Nakamoto and Wakichi Akagami. Deacon Igarashi continues his literary work.

Although church growth in the LECC is slow, there has been a steady increase in membership in spite of the difficulties connected with reaching out to a people with an ancient culture and a long heritage of religious beliefs. In this connection Pastor Poetter reminds us: "It is hard for us to realize that the great Buddha of Nara was being worshiped 750 years before America was discovered. To this day any Japanese who embraces Christ as his Savior runs the risk of creating serious problems within the family, often to the extent of becoming an outcast in the community. After much spiritual wrestling, however,



The national staff is (seated, left to right) Munehide Nakamoto, Tadashi Yoshida, Fukuichi Oshino and (standing, left to right) Wakichi Akagami and Deacon Ryuichi Igarashi.



First adult baptism in 1959. Missionary Poetter is officiating.

our converts deeply appreciate that peace found in Christ which they have never known before."

# A plea

Pastor Poetter closes his report on the 25 years of work in Japan with the following plea: "Remember our dedicated workers in your prayers. They are confronted with a most challenging assignment. The total area of Japan may seem small to you in America, only about half the size of Montana. Yet it is teeming with a population one-half that of the entire United States - and how few of these believe that Christ is their Savior! Yes, remember also the several hundred fellow communicant Japanese members in your prayers. They are a consecrated group of believers." □



Bob Jones, president of Bob Jones University in Greenville, South Carolina, described as a religious fundamentalist, in a speech in the Midwest recently said President Reagan became "a traitor to God's people" when he selected George Bush as his vice-president. "I believe Mr. Reagan came to his office with good intentions, but he broke his promise to us when he took on Mr. Bush, a devil," Jones said. Jones, who has been threatened with withdrawal of his tax-exempt status because of alleged racial discrimination, told a rally that critics of the university's tax-exempt status "hate God, his church and his people." He said opposition to the school stemmed from homosexuals and minorities. "This is fast becoming a God-hating, devilistic country," Jones said. "Take Wisconsin. They just passed a law there that says you can't fire a person, even from your own church, because he's a homosexual . . . . (That's) the work of the anti-Christ." (For further news about Bob Jones University see NWL, 3/1/82, page 67).

A new \$2.5 million chapel and religious education center was dedicated recently at Bethesda Lutheran Home in Watertown, Wisconsin. According to the Home the chapel is "one of the few structures in the United States designed to make worship more meaningful to mentally retarded and physically handicapped persons." The chapel was made possible by a gift from Edna, Meta, Alvin, and Walter Schujahn of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. Extra wide aisles and a large open area at the front of the nave enable people in wheelchairs and carts to be close to the center of worship. Religious art which can easily be interpreted by persons who are mentally handicapped has been designed for the chapel by nationally known artists. The church seats 350, including choir and wheelchair space. The worship center also includes six classrooms, a music room, a Christian resource room, and four offices.

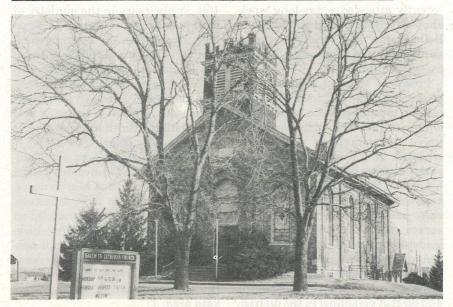
Willmar L. Thorkelson, a Lutheran journalist on the staff of the *Minneapolis Star*, visited China recently and reported that in a Sunday mass in Peking's Immaculate Conception Cathedral you are experiencing a Catholicism largely unchanged from the days of the French missionaries who brought Christianity to China. The priests officiate silently at the altar with their backs to the congregation, the liturgy is chanted in Latin, and worshipers use 50-year-old missals. Chinese Catholicism,

he points out, did not participate in the Second Vatican Council and has adopted none of its reforms. In the mid-1950s the government forced China's Catholics to break their ties with the Vatican as a condition of survival. A report last spring, Thorkelson said, indicated that of the 41 Catholic bishops functioning in China only eight had been appointed by the Vatican. The country once had more than 120 Catholic dioceses, but most of them are believed still to be without bishops. When John Paul II sought a new beginning in relations, three government-sanctioned Catholic groups issued a joint statement charging that the pope's "move rudely interfered in the sovereign affairs of the Chinese church. This cannot be tolerated." There were 3 million Catholics in China before the communist takeover. The present total is not known.

Rev. Donald Wildmon and his Coalition for Better Television named NBC and its parent company, RCA, as targets of a consumer boycott recently. Wildmon, who claims broad support nationally, urged "Christians and fair-minded people" not to watch NBC programs and to refrain from purchasing RCA electronic equipment. Wildmon has been sharply critical of commercial network programming for five years over what his group perceives to be excessive sex and violence and scorn for religious values. Last spring he called a boycott, then canceled it. He is reinstating it, he said, because the networks had interpreted the cancellation as weakness. "What is at stake in all of this is much more than sex and violence on television," Wildmon said. "At stake is whether our country will turn its back on more than 200 years of Judeo-Christian values as the foundation for law and justice. The make-it-up-as-you-go value system advocated by RCA-NBC as a replacement for Judeo-Christian values is a road to chaos and confusion and a detrimental doctrine destructive to the human race." An NBC spokesman said that the boycott was an "obvious attempt at intimidation. We fully intend to resist it, and we will let the American people judge the fairness of the tactic."

According to a report from the Alan Guttmacher Institute there were 1.55 million abortions in 1980, or one in every four pregnancies twice the number performed in 1973, the first year abortions were legal. The institute's seventh annual abortion survey said one reason for the increase in abortions was women's disenchantment for health reasons with the more effective birth control methods including the pill. Between 1975 and 1978, the proportion of women using the pill fell by as much as 25%. It is likely to have declined further since, the report said. The survey said that 1980 abortions in Wisconsin totaled 21,800. Nearly one-third of the 1980 abortions took place in three states - California, 250,380; New York, 187,460; and Texas, 102,000. Bulgaria, Cuba, Hungary, and Czechoslovakia have higher abortion rates than the United States. Countries with lower abortion rates include Scotland, Canada, England, Finland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Singapore. The report was based on information from hospitals, clinics, and private physicians providing abortions.

# News from the WELS



Salem Lutheran Landmark Church

# WELS Historical Institute to meet

A landmark church will be the site of the second meeting of the WELS Historical Institute — Wednesday, May 5, 6:30-9:00 P.M. Mr. Thomas Ziebell of Fox Valley Lutheran High School will offer a topic of historical interest: "The Michigan Synod and Its 'School of the Prophets' in 1889." (The Michigan Synod later became part of the Wisconsin Synod). A constitution and a schedule of membership dues will also be presented for approval by the institute. This meeting is open to all who are interested.

The landmark church is Salem of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, which occupies a historic site symbolic of the growth of the Wisconsin Synod. Twenty families formed the Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church in Granville Township, Milwaukee County, on December 25, 1847. Plans were immediately laid for the building of a church, and this was dedicated in June 1849. In the same year, feeling the need to spread the precious gospel of Christ, the members of Salem joined hands with other congregations to organize Die erste deutsch-evangelisch-lutherische Synode von Wisconsin, now called the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

The Synod's constituting convention met at Salem Church in 1850. Five pastors representing eighteen congregations were present. Since the first official meeting of the Synod was held at Salem, a meeting in which the constitution was adopted and the Synod officially came into being, Salem became known as the "Birthplace of the Wisconsin Synod."

As Salem Church experienced rapid and steady growth, it soon became evident that the congregation's original structure would not long be adequate. Steps therefore were taken to erect a second church building on a donated plot of land just across the street from the original structure. Dedication of this "new" church, built of yellow brick, took place on October 28, 1863. This church building, dating back to Civil War days, was used by Salem Congregation until 1977 when new facilities were constructed. In 1977 the common council of the City of Milwaukee designated it as a Milwaukee landmark.

Salem Landmark Church is located at 6814 North 107th Street. □

# A long wait

Thirty-seven months is a long time to wait, especially when it takes that long before a pastor who has accepted a call can move to his new field of work.

It did take that long for Rev. Robert L. Sawall to receive visa clearance to enter Indonesia. It was in January 1979 that he requested his congregation in Lubbock, Texas, for his release so that he could become part of our Indonesia missionary



Missionary Sawall and his wife Charlene

team. Before his application to enter the country was fully processed, the Indonesian government placed a moratorium on the granting of visas to missionaries of all denominations. A few weeks ago the moratorium was lifted very slightly, but enough so that Missionary Sawall and his wife, Charlene, can be on their way.

A commissioning service was held March 7, 1982, in Shepherd of the Plains Church in Lubbock. The distance from other WELS churches prevented the usual number of visitors from coming and made this a very personal service for the Sawalls, their family, and the members of his congregation. Rev. Theodore A. Sauer, executive secretary of the Board for World Missions, preached and conducted the commissioning service. Basing his message on Jesus' words in John 9:4, he pointed both to the nature and the urgency of the work in Indonesia.

"A recent tabulation," he said, "shows that only seven percent of

the people in this fourth most populous country in the world are Christians. A book just off the press lists 335 distinct groups in Indonesia, some with only a few hundred people, others numbering in the millions who are presently not being reached with the gospel. Such is the great urgency for the work our missionaries have been called to do. The Savior's words apply with special force, 'We must do the work of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work.'"

The Sawalls are not new to our world mission program. From 1961 to 1967 they served in Zambia, first at Mwembezhi and then in Lusaka. Roger Plath, their son-in-law and their daughter, Rebecca, have just recently joined our missionary team in Hong Kong. Five other children, three of them married, are remaining in the United States.

In addition to his service in Africa, Rev. Sawall has been pastor of congregations in Lincoln and Mio, Michigan; Manitowoc, Wisconsin, and Lubbock, Texas.

The Sawalls' arrival in Indonesia will bring our work force there to its presently authorized strength of three missionaries. Working with them are an Indonesian pastor and an evangelist. □

# **MINNESOTA**

# Fortieth anniversary

The members of Bloomington Lutheran Church in Bloomington, Minnesota, together with pastors and friends from the Minnesota District, honored Rev. William Wiedenmeyer in a service of praise to God for his 40 years in the ministry. Rev. Martin Petermann, chairman of the Minnesota District Mission Board, served as liturgist in this evening service. Rev. Mark Liesener, the pastor of Bloomington Lutheran Church, delivered the sermon.

Since 1965, Rev. Wiedenmeyer has served as the institutional missionary in the Twin Cities. Since 1968 he has also been instrumental in starting or organizing congregations in Excelsior and Forest Lake, Minnesota, and in River Falls and Hudson, Wisconsin.

# Councilmen's workshop

More than 325 pastors and councilmen from the Minnesota District recently attended a day-long workshop at Trinity Lutheran Church in Belle Plaine. The workshop was organized by the Minnesota District Stewardship Board.

President Mischke addressed the leadership of the district in the morning on the importance of stewardship in the 80s. His address was followed by workshops which were repeated in the afternoon so that each participant could attend two of his choice. Separate workshops were conducted for evangelism, stewardship, pastors, trustees, elders, treasurers, financial secretaries and leadership. Rev. G. Birkholz, president of the district, addressed the assembly at the end of the day about the functions of the various boards and elected personnel in the district.

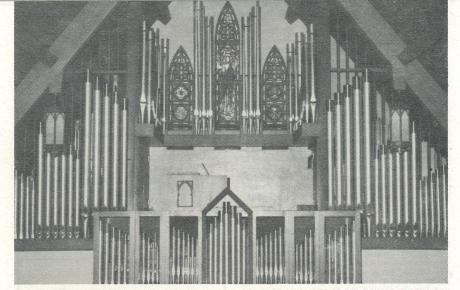
# Fortieth anniversary

St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Mankato, Minnesota, celebrated the 40th anniversary in the ministry of their pastor, Rev. Martin C. Birkholz, recently. In the morning services, Rev. Marcus Birkholz, a son of the jubilarian, addressed the worshipers. In an afternoon service, Rev. Donald W. Lindloff of St. Clair, Minnesota, served as liturgist, and Rev. Gerhard Birkholz, president of the Minnesota District, preached.

After graduation from the seminary in 1941, the Minnesota District Mission Board called him to do exploratory work in West Mankato. The congregation was organized on June 28, 1942. Since 1951, Rev. Birkholz has also served as campus pastor for Mankato State University. He has been active as the head of the Bible camp program for the Mankato area.



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION — Mrs. Margaret Hill recently celebrated her 105th birthday at the Wisconsin Lutheran Child and Family Service, Milwaukee. Alert and witty, she is a member of Atonement of Milwaukee, where her daughter, Mrs. Nora Schmitz, 82, also belongs. One of her 25 great-great-grandchildren, Paul W. Schulz, attends Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary.



**ANNIVERSARY AND DEDICATION**— Martin Luther, Neenah, Wisconsin, recently celebrated its 40th anniversary and at the same time dedicated its new pipe organ.

# NORTHERN WISCONSIN Reporter Harlyn Kuschel

# Organ dedication

The members of Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church of Kiel, Wisconsin, dedicated their completely rebuilt pipe organ to the glory of God with a special service and concert on Nov. 15, 1981. Guest artist for the occasion was Miss Mary Prange, teacher and organist at Atonement Lutheran Church in Milwaukee. Pastor Henry Koch of Cleveland brought the dedication message, "Sing Unto the Lord a New Song." Trinity's pastor, Rev. Richard Warnke, conducted the service and read the rite of dedication. Organ selections in the preservice musicale, ranging from Buxtehude and Bach to Manz and Bender, gave the worshipers an opportunity to appreciate the capabilities of the rebuilt instrument.

# PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Reporter Jim Oldfield

# Mrs. Clara Baur 1888 — 1982

After 93 years on earth, the Lord granted the greatest wish in Mrs. Baur's life by taking her to heaven on January 12, 1982. Born Clara Theodora Hinderer, daughter of the late Pastor and Mrs. Paul Hinderer, on September 16, 1888, in LaCrescent, Minnesota, the deceased became Mrs. Clara Baur through her marriage to Pastor Alfred Baur on

April 26, 1917. In 1927 Pastor Baur was taken to heaven. The Lord granted one child to the couple, Pastor Ralph Baur, Edmonds, Washington. He and his family took care of Mrs. Baur in their home for more than 30 years.

Mrs. Baur's interest in serving her Lord never waned during her long life. During her younger years, she taught school among the Apaches in Arizona under the late Pastor Gustav Harders. Many women reading this article will remember Mrs. Baur as their "mother away from home." She served two years as matron of Centennial Hall, Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota, during the 1950's. In his book, Dear Mr. Missionary, Prof. E. Wendland writes of Mrs. Baur's active interest in mission work at the age of 89. "After reading in The Northwestern Lutheran an appeal for relief work among the people in the Cameroon, Mrs. Baur and her friends decided to gather U.S. state commemorative stamps which they were able to sell at nine cents apiece. In this way the tidy sum of several hundred dollars was sent to our Synod for the Cameroon Aid Fund."

Funeral services were conducted on January 16, 1982, at Salem Lutheran Church, Edmonds, Washington, by Pastor David Bode.

Surviving Mrs. Baur are her son, Pastor Ralph Baur; daughter-in-law, Lyla; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

David E. Bode

# JAPAN MISSION 25TH ANNIVERSARY

On September 12, 1982, our Synod will observe the 25th anniversary of our present mission effort in Japan. For congregations and schools as well as organizations which would like to plan ahead, the following items are available.

- An anniversary filmstrip (17 minutes) entitled PRAISING HIS GRACE. Order from:
   Audio Visual Aids
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   3624 West North Avenue
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Additional items will become available as the anniversary day approaches.

The Executive Committee for Japan Missions Pastor Ronald F. Freier, Chairman

# **AUDIOVISUAL MATERIALS**

# SUCCESSFUL TEACHING SERIES II

This is a remake of the popular "Successful Teaching Series" originally produced in 1963. The new series covers the same basic territory as the original, but the treatment is quite different. This is recommended not only for Sunday-school teachers, but pastors and Christian-day-school teachers could also use these filmstrips to sharpen their pedagogical skills. The presentation of these filmstrips should include time for thorough discussion of the material covered in the filmstrip. It is not necessary to show the filmstrips in the order given here.

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# PASTOR'S INSTITUTE

A Pastor's Institute will be held at Luther High School, Onalaska, Wisconsin, on June 14-15, 1982. Prof. E. Fredrich will present a series of lectures on "The Wisconsin Synod's Relations with Other Church Bodies" and Prof. D. Kuske will present a series of lectures on "The New Testament Manuscripts and Variant Readings in Modern Translations." A fee of \$15.00 is requested of each participant. The sessions will run from 9:00-12:00 a.m., 1:00-4:00 p.m., and 6:00-9:00 p.m. on June 14 and 9:00-12:00 a.m. and 1:00-4:00 p.m. on June 15.

# NOMINATIONS WISCONSIN LUTHERAN SEMINARY Professorship of Old Testament and Homiletics

The following have been nominated for the professorship in Old Testament and Homiletics at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, Wis-

Pastor Walter F. Beckmann, Annandale, VA Prof. John F. Brug, New Ulm, MN Santa Barbara, CA Prof. Daniel M. Deutschlander, Milwaukee, WI Pastor Roland Cap Ehlke, Prof. Paul E. Eickmann, Pastor Larry G. Ellenberger, Manitowoc, WI Pastor Keith R. Haag, Pastor Keith R. Haag, Pastor Martin P. Janke, Pastor Harlyn J. Kuschel, Pastor Harlyn J. Kuschel, Pastor Hichard E. Lauersdorf, Jefferson, WI Pastor Richard E. Lauersdorf, Jefferson, WI Pastor Richard E. Lauersdorf, Jefferson, WI Manitowoc, WI Jackson, WI Tsuchiura City, Japan Pastor Harlyn J. Kuscnel, Heedsville, WI Pastor Richard E. Lauersdorf, Jefferson, WI Prof. John C. Lawrenz, Saginaw, MI Prof. Roderick G. Luebchow, St. Paul, MN Pastor William A. Meier, Phoenix, AZ Pastor John R. Mittelstaedt, Largo, MD Pastor Rent E. Schroeder, Oconomowoc, WI Pastor Paul I. Schulz, Oshkosh, WI Pastor Reuel J. Schulz, Pastor Alan H. Siggelkow, Prof. Cyril W. Spaude, Pastor Roger E. Vomhof, Pastor James J. Westendorf, Brookfield, WI

The Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Board of Control will meet on April 22, 1982, to call a man from the above list of candidates. Any correspondence regarding the nominees should be in the hands of the undersigned by April 21, 1982.

Pastor Paul A. Manthey, Secretary

WLS Board of Control

8419 W. Melvina Street Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53222

# CALL FOR NOMINATIONS MICHIGAN LUTHERAN SEMINARY LANGUAGES DIVISION

The Board of Control of Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Saginaw, Michigan, with the concurrence of the Commission on Higher Education has decided to resume calling for a professor in the Languages Division to teach German. Calling was suspended in the winter of 1981 in an effort to cooperate with the call for budget stringencies. Because the original list of nominations is partly the years old the Board of Control selection. nearly two years old, the Board of Control asks the voting membership of the Synod to submit nominees for a new list. Nominees are sought who have sufficient language experience and/or aptitude to work towards the goal of teaching German as a spoken as well as a literary language. Michigan Lutheran Seminary provides the necessary additional education to meet the certification standards of the Synod and/or the state of Michigan.

Nominations, including pertinent information, should be in the hands of the secretary no later than April 24, 1982. Pastor Lynn Schroeder, Secretary

MLS Board of Control 5105 McCarty Road Saginaw, Michigan 48603

# ST. JOHN'S, WAUWATOSA, WISCONSIN

St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, is celebrating 100 years of the Lord's Grace during 1982. Past members, or those knowing the current addresses of past members, are encouraged to write St. John's for a Centennial Calendar of Events. The coming months will focus on the many different ways our Centennial Heritage applies to our lives as a congregation and as individuals. A reunion Sunday of Thanks and Rededication is planned for May 23, 1982. Please write or call St. John's at 7809 Harwood Avenue, Wauwatosa, WI 53213 (414/258-7813).

# **CHURCH PEWS WANTED**

If you are remodeling or rebuilding and wish to donate or sell your old pews to a new mission, please contact St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 1303 — 1st Avenue, S.W., Grand Rapids, Minnesota 55744 or call Pastor Daniel Nitz, 218/326-9345.

### **CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION**

Salem Ev. Lutheran Church, Stillwater, Minnesota, is celebrating its Centennial Year during 1982. Past members or those knowing of current addresses of past members are encouraged to contact Salem for information regarding special events planned during the coming months as we are reminded that "we are bought with a price." All persons having been confirmed at Salem and their families are encouraged to attend a confir-mation reunion service and dinner on August 8. The service on September 12, 1982, will be one of thanks and rededication. For information please write Salem Ev. Lutheran Church, 14940 62nd Street North, Stillwater, Minnesota 55082.

# 125 ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Hales Corners Muskego), Wisconsin, is in the process of a year-long celebration of its 125th anniversary. We would like to publish 3 celebration dates which may be of interest to our former members and friends around the Synod. July 11 is our "Workers-In-The-Vineyard" Sunday on which we hope many of our former vicars and children of the congregation in the Lord's full-time work will return. August 1 is our church picnic and confirmation classes reunion day. One service will be held at 10 a.m. followed by an entire afternoon of festivities. September 19 is our offiafternoon of festivities. September 191s our official anniversary Sunday. Both morning services (8:30 & 10:15) as well as a special afternoon service (2:30) will joyfully resound our theme "To God Be The Glory". If you desire further information on this year-long celebration, please write to: St. Paul's 125th Anniversary Committee, S66 W14325 Janesville Rd., Hales Corners, Wisconsin 53130. Phone 414/422-0320.

# SPECIAL SERVICE AVAILABLE

A special Ascension Day Worship Service, to include the children of the congregation, is available from the Evangelism Bookshop. includes favorite hymns to be sung by the congregation, the Scripture lesson from Acts, The Great Commission presented by a narrator and many responses all presented with evangelism as the theme. A wonderful way of motivating the members of your congregation to do the work of evangelism. Price: 100 for \$7.00 plus handling.

Order from: THE EVANGELISM BOOKSHOP 2537 W. Oakwood Road Oak Creek, Wisconsin 53154 Phone (414) 761-1288 Ask for Mrs. Meyer.

# 1982 WELS INTERNATIONAL YOUTH RALLY

The 9th annual WELS International Youth Rally will be held from Tuesday, July 5, through Friday, July 9, in Stevens Point, Wisconsin, at the University of Wisconsin Campus. The rally is open to all Wisconsin Synod youth, youth coun-

selors and interested adults.

The theme of the rally is: FOR THE TIME OF YOUR LIFE. The theme is based on Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 and will be broken down into the following points: 1. A Time to be Born; 2. A Time to Grow; 3. A Time to Die. Ten WELS laymen and clergy will make the various presentations, all of which will deal with vital issues which confront Christian youth in their life today, issues such as abortion, alcohol abuse, preserving faith in the college years, living the life of Christian love, using life rather than abusing it, death and heaven.

The rally will also offer various activities such as swimming, roller skating, bowling, a barbecue, all designed to provide Christian fellow-

ship and fun.

Detailed information is being sent to all the

congregations of the Synod.

If you are interested in joining 400 WELS youth and counselors FOR THE TIME OF YOUR LIFE, see your pastor or youth counselors. Or you may contact:

1982 WELS International Youth Rally Pastor Craig Weber, Coordinator 1702 Magnolia St. Plover, Wisconsin 54467 Phone: 715/344-8185

### WANTED

Copies of the following out-of-print Northwest-ern books: J. P. Meyer, Studies in The Augsburg Confession; Eugene P. Kauffeld, editor, God the Holy Spirit (1972); Siegbert W. Becker, editor, His Pardoning Grace (1966). Warren R. Malach 3814 Arlington Ave., Fort Wayne, Indiana 46807.

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# CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES

# ARIZONA-CALIFORNIA

### NORTHERN CALIFORNIA **DELEGATE CONFERENCE**

Date: Saturday, April 24, 1982; with an opening service and communion at 9:00 a.m. and registration at 8:30 a m

Place: St. Mark's, 7869 Kingswood Drive, Citrus Heights.

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Agenda: California State Nursing Requirements for Our Northern California Tree of Life Bible Camp: Archer Frey; and Starting and Supporting a Conference-Sponsored Pregnancy Counseling Center in Northern California: Pastor Gene Durfey.

D. W. Tews, Secretary

# TEXAS MISSION DISTRICT PASTORAL STUDY CONFERENCE

Date: April 20-21, 1982.

Place: Glory Lutheran Church, Desoto, Texas.

Preacher: W. Diehl; D. Belter, alternate.

Agenda: The Marks and the Meaning of a Parable: V. Glaeske; A Scriptural Study of Marriage, Divorce and Remarriage: D. Stuppy; An Ascension Sermon Study on Acts 1:1-11: R. Neumann; The Difference Between the Terms Murder and Kill: M. Wagenknecht.

D. Stuppy, Secretary

# **DAKOTA-MONTANA**

# **DISTRICT PASTORAL CONFERENCE**

Date: April 20-22, 1982.

Place: Shining Mountains Ev. Lutheran Church, Bozeman, Montana; D. Neumann, host pastor.

Opening: Communion service April 20, 1982 at 10:00 a.m. MST.

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Preacher: L. Schroeder; A. Schulz, alternate.

Agenda: Isagogical Study of Hebrews: G. Blobaum; Confession and Absolution vs. the Practice of Psychologists in the Attainment of Superior Mental Health: M. Johnston; The Proper Use of the Law and Gospel in Our Sermons: R. Beyer; 2 Timothy 4: L. Fager; History of Lutheranism in Canada: W. Heiges; The Role of the Circuit Pastors in Matters of Discipline Especially Concerning His Relationship to 1) the Synod, 2) Congregation, and 3) Pastor: J. Engel; Breakout Group — Pastor's Role as Husband and Father: D. Hayes, E. Werner, P. Heiderick, D. Linn, D. Neumann, P. Stuebs.

D. Hayes, Secretary

# MICHIGAN

# NORTHERN PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: April 19, 1982.

Place: Hope, Swartz Creek, D. Krueger, host pastor.

Time: 9:00 a.m. Communion service, R. Zindler, preacher; J. Behringer, alternate.

Agenda: Conference and District Reports; Exegesis of Ephesians 4:1-16: G. Struck; Special reports concerning Delegate Distribution and Redistricting of the Synod.

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J. C. Seifert, Secretary

# OHIO PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: April 19-20, 1982; 10:00 a.m. Communion service. Place: Immanuel, Findlay, Ohio; K. Fuhlbrigge, host

Place: Immanuel, Findlay, Ohio; K. Fuhlbrigge, host pastor.

Preacher: J. Rimmert; T. Heyn, alternate.

Agenda: Amos 3-4: R. Haakenson; Amos: 5: R. Semro, alternate; Acts 3: F. Knueppel; Acts 4: M. Ahlborn, alternate; The Holy Spirit Sanctifies Me: M. Schroeder; The Role of the Christian Man: W. Laitinen; Is Our Synod Stretching Itself Too Thin?: G. Griep, alternate. Conference business, reports, castistry. casuistry.

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M. Ahlborn, Secretary

# SOUTHEASTERN PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: April 19-20, 1982; Communion service 7:00 p.m.,

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Place: Divine Grace, Lake Orion, Michigan; G. Richmond, host pastor.
Preacher: J. Vogt; alternate, F. Zimmerman.
Agenda: Major Paper - "The Pharisees: the Oldest Religious Fraternity": W. Koelpin (both days); Conference business, District and Synodical Reports.

Note: Please excuse to the host pastor.

C. Holub, Secretary

SOUTHWESTERN MICHIGAN PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: April 20, 1982, 9:00 a.m. Communion service.

Place: St. Paul's Lutheran Church, South Haven, Michigan; W. Balza, host pastor.

Preacher: G. Kionka; alternate, S. Otto.

Agenda: Exegesis of the principle passages of the New Testament relating to Church Fellowship: G. Hieb; Audio-Visual presentation: Planning A Christian Wedding Service; Conducting discussion of "Shall We Sing a New Song Unto the Lord" with a review of Lutheran Worship: P. Bell, discussion leader; Conference business, reports, and casuistry.

D. Valleau, Secretary

# **MINNESOTA**

# DISTRICT PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: April 20-21, 1982; opening session at 9:30 a.m.; Communion service on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Place: St. John Ev. Lutheran Church, 610 Broadway St. NE, Minneapolis, Minnesota; D. Grummert, host

pastor

pastor.

Preacher: D. Miller; alternate, R. Polzin.

Agenda: The Relationship Between Science and the Bible: M. Sponholz; A Critique on Mormonism: W. Wagner; Exegesis of 1 Timothy 6: D. Arndt; How Do We Implement the Universal Priesthood?: D. Koolin. Koeplin.

Note: Excuses are to be sent to the circuit pastor.

W. J. Henrich, Secretary

# **NORTHERN WISCONSIN**

### FOX RIVER VALLEY PASTOR-TEACHER CONFERENCE

Date: April 26, 1982; 9:00 a.m. Communion service. Place: Service at Mt. Olive and conference sessions in FVL cafeteria.

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Preacher: C. Klein; L. Koenig, alternate.

Agenda: The Challenge of Education for the 80s: J. Parcher; Sectionals: Christian Wedding Music, Steven Rhode; Pro-life Presentation, N. Paul; and Using the Intermediate Catechism, R. Grunze.

Note: Excuse to secretary. Principals, please share this information with your teachers.

J. Suhr, Secretary

# LAKE SUPERIOR PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: April 20-21, 1982; 9:30 a.m. Communion service. Place: Calvary Lutheran, Abrams, Wisconsin; A. Klessig, host pastor.

Preacher: P. Baldauf; alternate, R. Frohmader.
Agenda: Exegesis of 1 Peter 4: M. Hannemann; Introduction to "Lutheran Worship": The Liturgy: A. Klessig; Introduction to "Lutheran Worship": The Hymns: D. Hein; Conducting the Sunday School Teachers' Meeting: P. Kuckhahn; Augsburg Confession, Article XV: T. Meier; Community Groups We Can and Cannot Join: W. Steffenhagen; Isagogical Study of Micah: E. Lindquist; Reports and Conference Business.

M. Hannemann, Secretary

# MANITOWOC PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Monday, April 19, 1982.

Place: St. John & St. James, Reedsville, Wisconsin; H. Kuschel, host pastor.

Time: Opening Communion service at 9:00 a.m.

Preacher: K. Haberkorn; alternate, H. Juroff.

Agenda: Exegesis of 2 Peter 3: G. Unke; Insurance: R. Warnke; After Dinner Speaker: W. Loescher; alternate: H. Kuschel; The Doctrine of the Call: (essayist to be assigned).

Note: Please excuse to the host pastor or the conference secretary.

secretary.

K. Kuenzel, Secretary

# SPECIAL DISTRICT PASTORAL CONVENTION

Date: May 4, 1982; 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Place: St. Mark, Green Bay, Wisconsin, Corner of S. Oneida and Kenwood.

Agenda: "Reaching Out" Capital Fund Offering David Worqull, Secretary

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### WINNEBAGO PASTOR-TEACHER CONFERENCE

Date: April 19, 1982; 9:00 a.m. Communion service at Redeemer Lutheran Church, D. Kastenschmidt,

preacher.

Place: Winnebago Lutheran Academy, Fond du Lac,
Wisconsin.

Wisconsin.

Agenda: An Evaluation of Our Confirmation Practices:
D. Schulz; An Evaluation of Popular American
Youth Organizations From A Confessional Lutheran Perspective: Prof. M. Westerhaus.

Note: Please excuse to the secretary.

D. Jensen, Secretary

# PACIFIC NORTHWEST

# DISTRICT PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: April 20-22, 1982

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Place: Our Savior Lutheran Church, East Wenatchee, Washington; P. Fetzer, host pastor.
Preacher: P. Lemke.
Agenda: Homiletical Workshop: J. Gerlach; Exegetical Study, 1 John 5:4-10: J. Kilcrease; Homiletical Study, Isaiah 52:7-10: D. Scherschel.
Note: Please excuse to the host pastor.
C. Sulze, Secretary

# **SOUTH ATLANTIC**

### FLORIDA-SOUTH CENTRAL PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: April 19-20, 1982: Communion service 7:00 p.m.,

Monday.

Place: Ascension Lutheran, Sarasota, Florida; J. Hueb-

ner, host pastor.

Preacher: R. Wendland; alternate R. Wiechmann Agenda: Monday, Rev. Dan Malchow: "Reaching Out" Offering.

Tuesday, Exegesis of 1 John 2, 7-17: G. Schmiege; Creationism; Article VII — Formula of Concord: R. Kuerth.

H. Hunnerkoch, Secretary

# SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN

### CHICAGO PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: May 11, 1982; 9:00 a.m. CDT.

Place: St. Paul's Lutheran, 4½ miles NE of Grant Park,
Illinois, on Road E 1600N; J. Zickuhr, host pastor.

Preacher: M. Plagenz; alternate, G. Schwanke.

Agenda: Exegesis of Ephesians 4: R. Mueller (alternate:
Ephesians 5: H. Bartels); The History of and the
Current Practices for Receiving Adults into Baptized Communicant Membership: P. Prange (alternate: A Study of the Moral Majority Movement:
W. Meier). W. Meier).

Note: Please excuse to the secretary. R. W. Pasbrig, Secretary

# DODGE-WASHINGTON PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: April 20, 1982; 9:00 a.m.

Place: Crown of Life Lutheran Church, Hubertus, Wisconsin; P. Pankow, host pastor.

Preacher: E. Schewe; M. Volkmann, alternate.

Agenda: Man and Woman: Point #4: N. Retzlaff; Man and Woman: Point #5: A. Zenker; Conveying the Doctrine of Fellowship So Members Live It: G. Enderle.

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M. Bater, Secretary

# **WESTERN WISCONSIN**

# CHIPPEWA RIVER VALLEY-WISCONSIN RIVER VALLEY JOINT PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: May 4, 1982, 9:00 a.m.

Place: Trinity, Town of Berlin, Wisconsin.

Preacher: N. Hansen; V. Headrick, alternate.

Agenda: Hebrews 8: V. Headrick; Synergism; R. Kogler;

Stewardship: D. Weber; Reports. Note: Elections and dues.

H. Prahl, Secretary

# DISTRICT TEACHERS' CONFERENCE

Date: April 29-30, 1982. Place: St. Paul Lutheran School, Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin.

consin.

Agenda: Thursday: Opening service at 9:00; Dangers of Humanism: J. Liggett; Business Meeting; BPE Report; Sectionals and Workshops; Reports; Closing Devotion at 3:30. — Friday: Opening Devotion at 9:00; Goverment Aid — Help or Hindrance: S. Thiesfeldt; Sectionals and Workshops; Business Meeting; Closing Worship Service at 3:15.

J. Lanphear

# JOINT SOUTHWESTERN AND MISSISSIPPI RIVER VALLEY PASTORAL CONFERENCE

RIVER VALLEY PASTORIAE

Date: April 20, 1982.

Place: First Lutheran, La Crosse, Wisconsin; R. Sachs and D. Eckert, host pastors.

Preacher: M. Birkholz, E. Breiling (alternate)

Agenda: Isagogical-exegetical study of 1 Peter: D. Tollefson; Paul's use of the term "ev Christo": E. Klumb; The Christian's response to Biblical Eschatology: C. Nommensen.

D. Tollefson, Secretary

# WISILLOWA PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: April 26-27, 1982, noon to noon.

Place: Our Savior, Freeport, Illinois.

Preacher: R. Krueger.

Agenda: Chemical Abuse: W.L.C.F.S. speakers; Exegesis of Psalm 82: H. Schewe; Three Views of the Atonement: R. Jordan; Study of New LCMS Hymnol: I. Kutil

J. Kutil, Secretary



# **EXPLORATORY**

# **GREEN VALLEY, ARIZONA**

The WELS has begun holding exploratory services in Green Valley, Arizona, located about 30 mile south of Tucson, Arizona. Services are being held at 8:00 a.m. on Sundays at the Social Center East located at the intersection of Esperanza Boulevard and Abrego Drive. Please send the names of people who might be interested in these services to Pastor Mark L. Hallemeyer, 830 N. First Ave, Tucson, Arizona 85719 — Phone 602/623-6633 or 2613.

# RED DEER, ALBERTA, CANADA

Exploratory work is now being conducted in Red Deer, Alberta (Canada), under the auspices of the Wisconsin Synod. Worship services are being held every Sunday at 3 p.m. at the G. H. Dawe Community Center, 56 Holt Street, room 401. Sunday school and a Bible class are held following the service. Please send names and addresses of WELS and ELS members and of any other interested parties living in the Red Deer area to Pastor John J. Sullivan, 5514 55th Street, Wetaskiwin, Alberta, Canada T9A 1A7. Phone: 403/352-5726. For more information in Red Deer, call Bob Thrun at 403/343-3390 (evenings: 342-0442).

### DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA

The WELS exploratory group in Daytona Beach is currently worshiping at Tomoka Elementary School, located just south of S.R. 40 about a half-mile west of Nova Road in Ormond Beach, Florida. We worship at 9:00 a.m.; Sunday school and Bible class begin at 10:15. If you know of anyone who might be interested in our services, please contact Pastor Steven Steiner, 1160 Orange Ave., Daytona Beach, Florida 32014; phone: 904/255-5293.

# PORTLAND, MAINE

The WELS has now begun exploratory work in the Portland, Maine, area. Services are being held every Sunday at 3:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, Depot Room, 81 Riverside St., Portland (Exit 8 off the Maine Turnpike). Sunday school and Bible class sessions follow the service.

Please send names and addresses of any interested people in Maine to Pastor Richard H. Schleicher, Naticook Road, Merrimack, NH 03054 or call 603/889-3027.

# TRAVERSE CITY, MICHIGAN

Exploratory work was recently begun in Traverse City, Michigan. Services are being conducted every Sunday at 7:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn on highway 31 in Traverse City. Please send the names of all who are interested to: Pastor John M. Brenner, 606 Bjornson K-8, Big Rapids, Michigan 49307, phone 616/796-0227.

# HAYWARD (SAWYER COUNTY) WISCONSIN

WELS members in Sawyer County are served with church services twice a month. We worship at the Hayward Town Hall on the second Sunday of the month at 7:00 p.m. and at the Ojibwa Town Hall on the last Sunday of the month at 7:00 p.m. For more information or to submit names of interested WELS and ELS members, please contact Pastor Robert M. Edwards, 332 S. Wisconsin Ave., Rice Lake, Wisconsin 54868; phone 715/234-2412.

# **NAMES WANTED**

# BOISE, IDAHO

Survey work is currently being conducted in Boise, Idaho. Please forward names and addresses of all interested people to Pastor Mark Cares, 534 W. Iowa Ave., Nampa, Idaho 83651.

# **BRYAN/COLLEGE STATION AREA**

Survey work is currently being conducted in the Bryan/College Station area in Texas. Please forward names and addresses of all interested people to Dr. Robert Harmel, 3301 Providence Ave., Apt. 1702, Bryan, Texas 77801, phone: 713/779-0655 (home) or 713/845-5124 (office); or to Pastor Loren Fritz, 1202 Pine Drive, Killeen, Texas 76541, phone: 817/526-8125.

# THE WORLD IS COMING TO KNOXVILLE

If you are planning to attend the 1982 World's Fair (May to October) in Knoxville, Tennessee, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church (12 mi. west of the Fair site on the Pellissippi Parkway) invites you to join us for Sunday worship at 10:00 a.m. and Sunday school at 11:15 a.m. For more information, contact Pastor Scott J. Stone, 8631 Peppertree Lane, Knoxville, TN, 37923; phone: 615/693-7494.

# **NEW YORK PREACHING VACATION**

Our WELS mission on Long Island needs a pastor, professor, or seminary student for preaching on June 13, 20 and perhaps 27. We offer the use of the parsonage plus \$100. We are 35 miles from New York City and surrounded by beaches and historic sites. Contact Pastor Paul Schweppe, Grace of God Ev. Lutheran Church, 45 Talisman Dr., South Huntington, NY 11746; phone 516/499-6425.

# OFFER TO PASTORS

Enjoy the beautiful early blossom-clad spring of Pennsylvania while exploring many of the most famous early American (not to mention American Lutheran) sites, undisturbed by summer crowds. Our home is open to any guest preacher who would be willing to conduct services April 18 & 25. If you are interested and able call Pastor Roger Huffman, King of Prussia, PA (near Valley Forge) collect 215/337-9075.

# PREACHING VACATION

The members of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Manassas, Virginia, are offering the use of their parsonage for two weeks in July or August to a vacationing WELS pastor and his family in exchange for conducting their worship services on those two Sundays.

The parsonage is located about 25 minutes from Washington D.C. and the same distance from the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Those interested should contact: Rev. P. Ziemer, 4013 Greenville, Dr., Haymarket, Virginia 22069, phone: 703/754-2935.

# NOTICE

The next regular plenary session of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for

April 27-28, 1982

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.

James J. Westendorf, Secretary Board of Trustees

# **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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Alaska Arizona Arkansas California Colorado Florida	Kenai Green Valley* Russellville* Rancho Cucamonga S. Denver* Coral Springs Daytona Beach* Lehigh Acres
Georgia	Warner/Robbins/Perry Portland* Novi
Mississippi	Traverse City* Columbus* St. Charles County* Springfield*
Montana New York	Miles City* Poughkeepsie* Rochester Springville*
North Carolina	Charlotte Minot* Dublin/Worthington* Medford Pendleton*
Texas	Killeen/Ft. Hood* Lewisville* S.W. Ft. Worth* Tyler*
Vermont	Barre Manassas Chippewa Falls* Merrill

\*Denotes exploratory services

Calgary Red Deer

# **INSTALLATIONS**

# (Authorized by the District Presidents)

# Pastors:

Wyoming .....

Alberta .....

Schroeder, Joel B., as pastor of Mt. Olive, Overland Park, Kansas, on February 28, 1982, by E. Stroh (NF)

(NE).

Werner, Frederick A., as pastor of Christ the King, Washington, Kansas, on March 7, 1982, by W. Wietzke (NE).

# **ADDRESSES**

# (Submitted through the District Presidents)

# **Pastors**

Schroeder, Joel B. 9530 Perry Lane Overland Park, Kansas 66212 Phone: 913/888-6293 Werner, Frederick A. 305 West Fifth St. Washington, Kansas 66968 Phone: 913/325-2657