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or forsake us. 1 Kings 8:57

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# Needed: Fathers like Abraham

Consider Abraham: "He believed God and it was credited to him as righteousness." Understand, then, that those who believe are children of Abraham (Galatians 3:6,7).

What's a father anyway? Some might merely answer, "A necessary part to an important biological function." Others, tongue in cheek, might respond, "Someone whose wallet is filled with pictures, but emptied of money." Regardless how we slice it, we can't escape the feeling that fathers just aren't regarded the way they once were. Could this be because many fathers aren't what they ought to be?

A brief look at the most famous father in Scripture might benefit all of us. It might show us how much we need more fathers like Abraham.

## Pardoned

What a high example Abraham sets for us on the pages of Holy Scripture. Three times he's called by that honorable and highly desirable title "friend of God." A number of times both testaments go so far as to couple his name with God's name and to speak of "the God of Abraham." All of this alerts us to the fact that Abraham is a tough act to follow and that perhaps his example might seem too high for us to imitate.

Then it's time to consider Abraham more closely. This hero of faith walked heavenward, but with feet of clay. Moments of weakness and times of transgression were sadly visible in his life, too. Like the time he journeyed to Egypt with his beautiful wife Sarah to escape the famine in Canaan. Men in Egypt had roving eyes and covetous hearts and husbands who stood in the way could be quickly eliminated. So Abraham in order to protect himself asked his wife to tell the half-lie that she was his sister. Where, we ask, was his trust in God's promises? Though Abraham faltered, God's promises did not fail. Even though Sarah was taken into

Pharaoh's court itself, God took care of her, allowing no harm to befall her. And in his grace he brought Abraham back to Canaan as a penitent sinner, a wiser Christian, a firmer believer in his promises.

And there's the lesson we need! We need the sight of a gracious God who picks up his children when they fall, dusts them off with his pardon, and helps them walk forward again. We who fail many times as fathers and even more often as Christians need the reminder of a God who will "welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve" just as with Abraham.

## Pointed

For years Abraham had to be content with tenting across the land of Canaan, having no real home to call his own. He didn't even own the deed to a single acre of the land which was promised to him and his descendants, except for the cave in which he buried his beloved Sarah. In this way he was reminded daily that he was a stranger here and that heaven was his home. And the lesson took. Hebrews 11:10 says of him, "He was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God."

As fathers, what do we want for our children? If we were permitted to pass on just one thing to them, what would it be? Of course, we would answer, "Jesus the Savior and his heaven." But is that priority clearly visible in our day-to-day lives? God forgive us for the times we put fun before family, gold before God, time for everything else before God's word. God help us be pointed heavenward all the way — like Father Abraham.

## Pleading

Most of us remember how Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed because of the people's sins. How many of us remember, though, how Abraham pleaded for those cities before

the brimstone fell? Genesis 18 records how he wrestled in prayer with God, getting him to agree to spare the cities if only ten righteous could be found in them. Even the welfare of the wicked concerned him and compelled him to prayer.

What a lesson for us from the "father of the faithful." How often don't we pray for our own narrow needs and in our narrow circles? Where are our prayers for all the children of men? Where are our prayers for the weak and worried, the straying and stubborn in our congregations? For the heathen in our community and world? For God's kingdom and those who serve in it? How can our children ever learn to plead for others unless we teach them by word and deed?

## Powered

Above all, from Abraham comes the example of faith. Hebrews 11, that biblical "Hall of Faith," reminds us how Abraham followed God's call to a strange land, awaited God's gift of a son from a barren wife, obeyed God's command to offer up that son, and looked forward to heaven through the Savior whom God promised from his seed. All this he did "by faith" in God's promises, as powered by the Spirit.

Yes, we do well to "consider Abraham." We do even better to pray, "Lord, give us such a faith as this." Only as the Spirit anchors our hearts in the rich promises of the word can we grow in faith as God's children and help our children grow also.

Wouldn't you agree that what we need are more fathers like Abraham?



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# The best sex education

In the wake of the sex revolution, teenage pregnancy has developed into a major national problem. It has been reported that the rate of illegitimate births in the country has risen by 600 percent during the last 20 years. Last year it cost the public \$17 billion to look after illegitimate children.

In an effort to combat this problem, which has the aspects of an epidemic, society in general has turned to sex education, chiefly among children in the schools. Parents who have resisted its introduction in specific localities have been loudly denounced as prudish, and they have been accused of contributing through their opposition to the rise in the rate of illegitimacy.

Two writers recently devoted their newspaper columns to this subject. The general tone of both columns was the same. Their consensus: Sex education isn't working. Noted columnist William Buckley wrote that studies have shown that children who have taken the sex courses have borne, and continue to bear, children. Richard Lessner, an editorialist for the Arizona Republic, cites a study, soon to be published, which asserts, "Sex education and ready availability of contraceptives may not cause an increased pregnancy rate; neither do they decrease it." The same study, he writes, "reveals that states with the highest expenditures on family planning and sex education also have the highest pregnancy rates." He further cites the minority report of the House Select Committee on Children, Youth and Families in noting that "pregnancy rates among sexually active teenagers have remained virtually constant or increased slightly despite the millions of federal dollars thrown at the problem."

Sex education programs usually focus on the danger of sexually active teenagers becoming pregnant and the problems resulting therefrom. "But," notes Lessner, "little effort has gone into preventing teenagers from becoming sexually active." He concludes, "This is not a crisis of information, sex education, or availability of contraceptives, but a crisis in values, ethics, and morals."

Buckley sees it the same way. He attributes the failure of currently popular sex education programs to their inability to prevent, or at least to curtail, sex activity among the youth. He points to instruction in religion as an effective way of dealing with the problem. He writes, "If a child is taught to believe that premarital sex is 'wrong,' and if the conscience is cultivated and trained, illicit sexual activity is by no means eliminated, but it is reasonable to suppose that it diminishes."

It is not the business of Christ's church on earth to solve the problems of society, but it is its business to teach God's word. So long as human society exists on earth, teenage pregnancy will continue to be a problem. It will continue to be a problem, at least to a degree, also to the church since it, too, is made up of sinful human beings. As to the matter of sexual activity outside of marriage, Holy Scripture is clear and specific. It says no, and it tells why, and it instills a motive for following it.

As a form of sex education, this is effective, and coming from God, it is the best.

Immanuel G. Frey



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by Cheryl Diener

**H**andbells have existed for centuries, far before the formation of the Wisconsin Synod. Hundreds of years ago church carillon ringers practiced their "changes" with handheld bells. Handbells first entered the American scene in the 1800s, though not for sacred use. Rather, vaudevilles and circuses employed ringers as special musical attractions. It wasn't until the early years of this present century that handbells began to be used in American churches. The churches which used them, however, were mostly of English extraction — Methodist, Presbyterian, Anglican. They really have not been a part of our German heritage.

In the 1970s a few WELS congregations began exploring the use of handbells in their worship. Siloah of Milwaukee made use of its handbell choir to demonstrate to other WELS congregations successful integration in a multi-racial neighborhood.

In the spring of 1979 a handful of handbell choirs met at St. James in West St. Paul, Minnesota to hold an informal "festival." The result of that get-together generated a desire to hold formal handbell festivals in which choirs could join in Christian worship and fellowship.

By 1980 there were at least 10 handbell choirs in the synod and in May of that year five of these choirs assembled at Siloah for the first formal festival, organized by Pastor Rolfe Westendorf. The pleasure and excitement of that sort of unique festival has brought together an increasing number of WELS ringers every year. Currently there are 33 churches and schools which use handbells in their worship and experience a special dimension which handbell music adds to a church's worship.

This year's WELS festival, under the theme *Oh, Come, Let Us Ring Unto the Lord*, brought together at Fox Valley Lutheran High School in Appleton, Wisconsin about one-half of all the churches and schools which own handbells. The 23 choirs from 15 congregations and Dr. Martin Luther College came from Wisconsin, Minnesota and South Dakota. The total



## Bells in the WELS

number of adults and children joining forces was about 250 — the largest festival yet. On Saturday the choirs rehearsed and attended workshops conducted by professional clinicians on technique and bell maintenance. Sharing sessions in which individual choirs rang selections gave an opportunity for the choirs to glean ideas from each other.

**O**n Sunday, April 6, the festival climaxed in a service of praise. The entire ensemble was subdivided into two smaller ensembles, the Jubilate and Exaltate Choirs. Each of these smaller ensembles (about 125 each) rang three selections. But they also joined forces in leading the assembly of 1100 people in three hymns as well as in performing four selections.

A string quartet from Milwaukee and a brass ensemble of Fox Valley Lutheran High School students accompanied the massed ensemble in several selections, thus adding a special texture to the sound of handbells and illustrating how handbells can be used in many ways in our churches. Perhaps the two pieces enhanced the most by these added instruments were *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* and *All Creatures of Our God and King*.

Several of the "veteran" directors assisted in conducting various numbers on the program as did the festival cochairmen, Prof. Richard Lehmann of Wisconsin Lutheran College (handbell director at St. Paul, Muskego) and Mrs. Cheryl Diener (handbell director at Immanuel, Waupaca).

"I think," said one who attended the festival service, "this was a little bit of what heaven will be like." Next year's site has not yet been determined. If the current explosion of handbell popularity in our synod continues, it may top this past one, not only in numbers but also in enthusiasm and worshipful praise.

If you have just begun a handbell choir and are not on the current mailing list of handbell choirs in our synod, make sure you write to Prof. Richard Lehmann, Wisconsin Lutheran College, 8830 W. Bluemound Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53226. That way you can be kept informed of the plans for next year's festival. □



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# MANY IN NEED

## THE CAMPUS AS A MISSION FIELD

by Robert Harmel

**B**y one estimate, more than 7,000,000 of the 12,000,000 students on this nation's college campuses are unchurched. That means seven million of God's children to be reached, seven million souls to be saved.

Seven million — when we see a number that large it is easy to forget that it is made up of seven million *individuals*, each with his own story, each with her special needs. In an earlier article in this series (April 15), we heard the story of a student named Ann. Ann was one of the seven million. Ann had not been raised in a Christian home. She had not been taught the correct answers to some of the most basic questions about life and death. What's more, she had never been taught to *ask* some of the most vital questions. But Ann's life was changed — dramatically, and clearly for the better — while she was in college.

Ann found, as all students eventually do, that college is a place designed for asking questions. She found that textbooks could answer most of the "little" questions, but there were some big questions that were more problematic. What was the purpose for her life? Why was there so much pain and suffering around her? What would happen to her after death? She wanted the answers. She desperately needed to know.

By God's grace and Christian love she found the answers. Some Christian friends and their campus pastor guided Ann to the knowledge of God's word. She was baptized and confirmed. Ann would not be just one of the terrible statistics. She would be remembered as a success story. The WELS Lutheran Campus Ministry was given an opportunity, under God, to participate in the joyous set of events that led to Ann's becoming "one who was won."

Opportunities for witnessing to unchurched students like Ann are not rare. In fact, such opportunities are especially prevalent on the campus because of the very nature of colleges, a place for asking questions. And while the questioning process may be hazardous for those Christian students who forget that God's word has the answers (for instance, see Pastor Prah's article in this series, May 15), the questioning by unbelievers presents a magnificent *opportunity* for Christians to evangelize.

**B**ut we are deeply saddened when we think of so many opportunities that have been missed. That, too, is part of the story of campus ministry. It is, most sadly, the story of millions of unchurched people who have never found the only true and saving answers.

It is the story of a synod sincerely trying to find within its budget the resources that it feels it *must* find so that it can expand its mission work on campus. There are now more than 3000 institutions of higher learning in the United States; WELS campus ministries, full- or part-time, are found in 43 locations in 14 states. It is the story of two full-time campus pastors striving to more adequately meet the special and ever changing needs of perpetually transient congregations on two university campuses with concentrations of WELS members. It is the story of 41 part-time campus pastors who long for the hours necessary to serve their own congregations' needs while also ministering to the campus.

It is the story of individual congregations in university communities and individual Christian professors and staff members who know that they should do more and who are trying to find the way. It is the story of many dedicated servants who know that more needs to be done, who are striving to find the means to do it, and who — please God — will find the way.

For a Christian, a college is more than just a place where degrees are earned. The campus is also a great mission field, where souls are won — and many, regrettably, are lost — every year. WELS Lutheran Campus Ministry is a vitally important ministry, striving to win new souls while conserving the souls of WELS students on college campuses. We thank God for this opportunity to serve him and pray that we don't neglect it. □



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# Funding the Lutheran elementary school



by LeDell D. Plath

Of our 1189 congregations, 406 support 378 elementary schools. The 406 congregations represent 58 percent of our communicant membership. These congregations spend \$27.5 million annually to educate 30,585 students. The Board for Parish Education surveyed the principals of the elementary schools to determine for the first time the source of this money.

## Congregational support

The survey showed that in 98 percent of the congregations the salaries and benefits for their elementary school teachers are part of the budget. The funding for these budgets comes from the regular offerings of the members. This is not surprising. Traditionally that is the way it has been done by the great majority of our congregations with elementary schools. This means the congregation as a whole views Christian elementary education as its task, much as the community as a whole supports public education.

Congregations equip their schools in more than one way. Most of our elementary schools are equipped with desks, maps and pianos primarily through the congregations' budgets. In addition, at least 85 percent of the congregations use special gifts to purchase equipment. Some congregations publish a wish list of needed equipment and encourage members to make special gifts. This money, too, comes largely from within the congregation.

## Tuition

Only 36 of the congregations which operate Lutheran elementary schools charge tuition of parents who are members of the congregation. Compared to other church bodies which

support elementary schools, this percentage is extremely low. In Christian Schools International, an organization of conservative Reformed churches, most schools charge tuition for all children, as do schools in the Catholic Church.

Nine out of ten WELS schools, however, charge tuition for children who are not members of the congregation or who are mission prospects.

Our survey indicated that 206 of our elementary schools accept children who are members of Christian churches not affiliated with WELS. Of this number, only a very few schools enroll more than 10 of this kind of student. It is evident that most congregations do not depend on this non-member tuition for operating their schools.

## Other sources of income

With but few exceptions, our elementary schools charge a registration fee for all students. This fee paid by parents helps replace textbooks, supply workbooks, buy paper and purchase supplies used in art, science and physical education.

About 35 of the 378 WELS schools receive more than 10 percent of their income from sources outside the congregation. One source of such income is from the state or federal government. As is evident, our schools generally do not accept government aid. This funding is not accepted for two reasons: government entanglement can cause problems, for with funding comes control; and acceptance of government funds may cause members to rely on that money and thus undermine their own stewardship responsibilities.

## Auxiliary services

Volunteer teachers — those with

professional training — provide free services in 60 of the 378 elementary schools. These teachers conduct art and physical education classes, help gifted and slow learners, teach creative writing, or handle other teaching responsibilities.

Volunteer helpers, 773 of them, assist teachers and principals as they type and duplicate learning materials, put up bulletin boards, help plan entertainment, work with students who need extra help, or help with secretarial tasks. These dedicated lay persons give of their time, effort and expertise in at least 290 of WELS schools.

We do not know the number of hours which volunteer teachers and helpers have given to assist with the Christian training of our children, but we do know that these selfless helpers are a vital part of the WELS elementary school system.

After considering the various sources of funding for our Lutheran elementary schools, one fact is striking: WELS members support WELS elementary schools. This support comes primarily in two ways: members bring their offerings to the congregations' budgets, and they volunteer their time and talents. WELS members support elementary schools because they believe it their privilege and responsibility to provide a sound spiritual training for their children. □



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The new chapel/auditorium/gymnasium at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, was the site of the graduation service on May 30.

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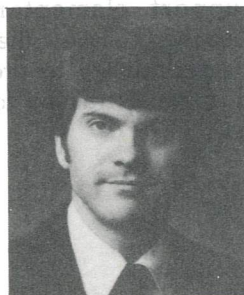
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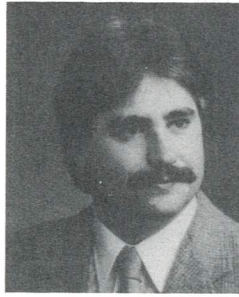


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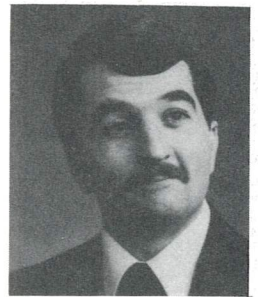
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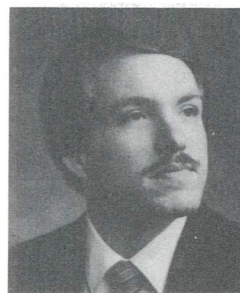
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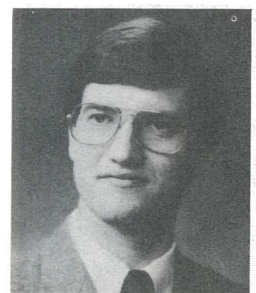
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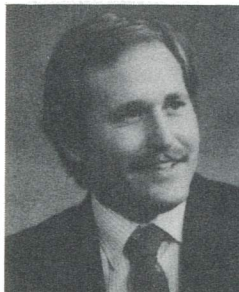
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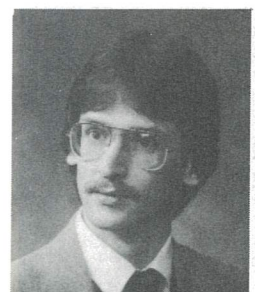
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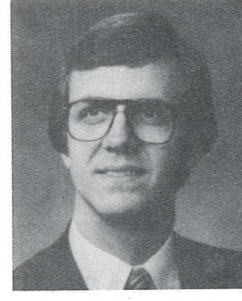
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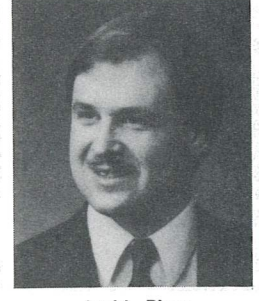
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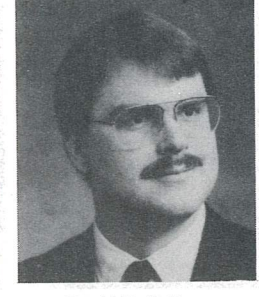
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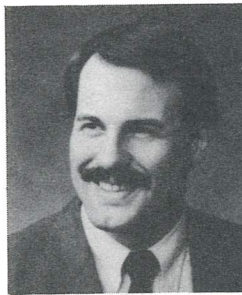
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Big Rapids, MI



**David D. Sellnow**  
Watertown, WI  
Tutor  
Michigan  
Lutheran Seminary  
Saginaw, MI



**Stephen P. Soukup**  
Madison, WI  
Exploratory  
Everett, WA



**Martin P. Spaude**  
Watertown, WI  
West Lutheran  
High School  
Hopkins, MN



**Loren E. Steele**  
Watertown, WI  
Associate  
Emanuel  
St. Paul MN



**Jon E. Tesch**  
Fond du Lac, WI  
Emanuel Stratford, WI  
St. Peter, Marshfield, WI



**Paul W. Vander Gallen**  
Randolph WI  
Exploratory  
Spokane, WA



**Rodney W. Warnecke**  
Hokah, MN  
Messiah  
Shiocton, WI



**David R. Wenzel**  
Menasha, WI  
Tutor  
Martin Luther  
Preparatory School  
Prairie du Chien, WI



**Mark W. Wessel**  
New Ulm, MN  
St. John  
Dowagiac, MI



**Paul M. Workentine**  
Grafton, NE  
Cross of Glory  
Washington, MI



**Tim F. Zarling**  
Mequon, WI  
Sola Gratia  
Perry, GA



## Additional assignments

### 1985 Graduates

**Kevin R. Hastings**, South Milwaukee, WI  
St. John, 8th and Vliet  
Milwaukee, WI

**John R. Kenyon**, Seminole, FL  
Exploratory  
Bothell, WA

**John D. Kuske**, Grove City, OH  
Exploratory  
Beaumont, TX

**Thomas P. Rothe**, Brown Deer, WI  
Faith  
Oshkosh, WI

**Gary D. Tryggstad**, Milwaukee, WI  
Assistant, Zion  
Monroe, MI

### 1984 Graduates

**Norman F. Burger**, Sleepy Eye, MN  
Shepherd of the Hills  
Grand Ledge, MI

**Mark A. Cordes**, Bend, OR  
Exploratory  
Vadnais Heights, MN

**Thomas J. Jeske**, Mequon, WI  
Abiding Word  
Littleton, CO

**Gregory A. Otterstatter**, Milwaukee, WI  
Associate, Trinity  
Neeah, WI

**Thomas K. Pankow**, Appleton, WI  
Exploratory  
Bucks County, PA

**Winfried Schroeder**, South Africa  
Good Shepherd, Wolf Point, MT  
Salem Circle, MT

**Richard Warnecke**, Hokah, MN  
Exploratory  
Panama City, FL

**Mark Wilde**, Escanaba, MI  
Associate, Christ  
West Salem, WI

### Reassigned

**Daniel Balge**, Mequon, WI  
Tutor, Northwestern College  
Watertown, WI

**Lloyd Schlomer**, Mobridge, SD  
Tutor, Northwestern  
Preparatory School  
Watertown, WI

**Philip Wilde**, Escanaba, MI  
Tutor, Northwestern  
Preparatory School  
Watertown, WI

**Daniel Drews**, Milwaukee, WI  
Tutor, Michigan  
Lutheran Seminary  
Saginaw, MI

### Senior Vicars

**Brian Adams**, Brown Deer, WI  
St. Matthew, Oconomowoc, WI

**Mark Anderson**, West Allis, WI  
Grace, South St. Paul, MN

**James Bartz**, Waterloo, WI  
Zion, Denver, CO

**Martin Bentz**, New Ulm, MN  
Latin American Mission, Puerto Rico

**Kenneth Brokmeier**, Fort Atkinson, WI  
St. Mark, Green Bay, WI

**Roger Carter**, East Jordan, MI  
Martin Luther, Neenah, WI

**Kenneth Cherney, Jr.**, Brookfield, WI  
St. Paul, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

**Michael Foley**, Garden Grove, CA  
Mt. Lebanon, Milwaukee, WI

**Mark Gass**, Appleton, WI  
St. Peter, Sturgeon Bay, WI

**Kevin Hanke**, St. Louis Park, MN  
St. Peter, Savanna, IL  
Trinity, Mt. Carroll, IL

**Robert Hankwitz**, Fond du Lac, WI  
St. John, Waterloo, WI

**Alan Horn**, Omaha, NE  
Grace, St. Joseph, MI

**Randall Hughes**, Jefferson, WI  
Christ, North St. Paul, MN

**Thomas Johnston**, Beverly Hills, FL  
St. Paul First, North Hollywood, CA

**Dennis Klatt**, Menomonie, WI  
St. Paul, Norfolk, NE

**Henry Koch**, Cleveland, WI  
St. John, Baraboo, WI

**Jud Krohn**, Wausau  
St. Thomas, Phoenix, AZ

**Jonathan Kuske**, Mequon, WI  
Grace, Falls Church, VA

**Peter Leyrer**, Milwaukee, WI  
Christ, Eagle River, WI  
St. John, Phelps, WI

**Paul Lindhorst**, Sturgeon Bay, WI  
St. Paul, Columbus, OH

**Keven Lisk**, Appleton, WI  
Trinity, Bay City, MI

**Randy Loux**, Mazomanie, WI  
Woodlawn, West Allis, WI

**Jeffrey Luplow**, Zilwaukee, MI  
St. Paul, Green Bay, WI

**Kenley Mann**, Wayne, NE  
St. Paul, Cudahy, WI

**Larry Mose**, Chesaning, MI  
St. Luke, Vassar, MI

**Scott Mosher**, Webberville, MI  
St. John, Wauwatosa, WI

**Mark Paustian**, Watertown, WI  
Mt. Olive, Delano, MN

**Timothy Poetter**, Mito, Japan  
Riverview, Appleton, WI

**Paul Prange**, Janesville, WI  
Christ the Lord, Houston, TX

**Charles Raasch**, West Allis, WI  
Immanuel, Medford, WI

**Joel Rakos**, Milwaukee, WI  
Trinity, Brillion, WI

**Roger Rockhoff**, Tawas City, MI  
Bethlehem, Hortonville, WI

**Daniel Sargent**, Green Bay, WI  
Our Savior, South Shore, SD

**Paul Schaefer**, Chesterfield, MO  
Emmaus, Phoenix, AZ

**Timothy Schoeneck**, Rhinelander, WI  
Beautiful Savior, Marietta, GA

**William Schuerman**, Albany, OR  
St. Matthew, Benton Harbor, MI

**Kevin Schultz**, Milwaukee, WI  
St. John, Burlington, WI

**Ronald Siemers**, Des Moines, IA  
First German, Manitowoc, WI

**Jeffrey Smith**, N. Massapequa, NY  
Trinity, Caledonia, WI

**Timothy Soukup**, Madison WI  
St. Matthew, Appleton, WI

**John Sprain**, Madison, WI  
St. Paul, Algoma, WI

**Martin Spriggs**, Loomis, CA  
St. Paul, St. James, MN

**Anthony Straseske**, Reeseville, WI  
St. Lucas, Kewaskum, WI

**Allen Tetzlaff**, Milwaukee, WI  
St. John, Juneau, WI

**Joel Thomford**, Zumbrota, MN  
St. Paul, Litchfield, MN

**Robert Timmermann**, Wauwatosa, WI  
Trinity, Jenera, OH

**Kelly Voigt**, Sun Prairie, WI  
North Trinity, Milwaukee, WI

**Joel Voss**, Green Bay, WI  
St. Stephen, Adrian, MI

**Gregg Warning**, Fond du Lac, WI  
Trinity, Waukesha, WI

**Mark Wenzel**, West Allis, WI  
St. John, Westland, MI

**Charles Westra**, Beaver Dam, WI  
Good Shepherd, Omaha, NE



# Cradled In His Arms

by Lynn Groth

“Hi, Carrie! I’m glad you had time to stop by for coffee. Come in.”

“Midge, I just had to make sure you and Bill are ready for the little munchkin soon to enter your lives. My two can’t wait to find out whether it’s a boy or a girl.”

“Well, Carrie, I think we have things under control right now. Ask me again in a few weeks! Let me show you the nursery. We first bought a used crib but found out the wooden bars were too far apart to be safe, so we bought a new one. It’s amazing how safety conscious Bill and I are becoming. Bill even put his bowling trophies away so the baby won’t pull them down on himself. Really! The baby isn’t even here yet!”

“Ladies and gentlemen. Presenting another first-time mother and father: Bill and Midge!”

“Cute, Carrie, cute. But this is so exciting! Oh, we bought the car seat you suggested. It does seem easy to use, yet safe. Thanks for the information.”

“Oh, you’re welcome. Speaking of information. . . . As soon as your baby is baptized you’ll be getting some materials from church about raising children in God’s way. You and your child will receive special gifts too. These things are all a part of our cradle roll program. As soon as a baby becomes a baptized member of our church, he and his parents receive mailings about three times a year until the child enters our church school. My boys have received Christian storybooks, pictures to put in their rooms, and prayer books. They are so excited about the gifts they receive. All the materials are bright, colorful, interesting, and, most important, based on

God’s word. I’m excited about the materials I receive, too.

“Scott and I can use all the help we can get in raising children in God’s way. We receive materials with tips on disciplining and letters which encourage us and teach us to be God-pleasing parents. The materials stress how we need God’s word to guide our lives and the lives of our children.”

“Great! I’ll look forward to those cradle roll materials, Carrie. As you were talking it dawned on me that Bill and I have overlooked the most important part of our child’s life — his spiritual training. We’ve planned and provided for the physical things our baby will need. But we have given little thought to his *real* need — his need to learn about the Savior.”

“Oh, Midge, be prepared to make many more mistakes as a parent. Just be happy to have God and his word to guide you to do the right things.”

“The cradle roll materials sound like they also will be helpful, Carrie. And so are you! Thanks! Now, how about that coffee I promised you?” □



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## LETTERS

### Our aging population

As an employee of a WELS-supported nursing home I was interested in Prof. Toppe's editorial comments (April 1). It was an upbeat and positive view of people of retirement age.

However, our synod should recognize two things that will be happening in the next 20 years. As the aging population increases, more people will have needs that the church would do well to address. Now is when we should be looking at options open to us as Christians serving other Christians. There are studies being done by our Special Ministries Board at the present time but these studies must be followed by far-sighted and progressive action before the need is so acute that we are overwhelmed by it.

Secondly, people who are presently retired made their money when they were able to keep it. As we near the 21st century there will be more people over 65 but fewer of them will have the financial security many of our present retirees enjoy. As a synod and as individual congregations we will have to gear ourselves to these changes.

Finally, while it is true that the majority of people over 65 are healthy and active we should be aware that loneliness, depression and the suicide rate are greater in this age group than in any other. As Christian laypeople, as pastors and congregations and as a synod we must be cognizant of the great emotional, spiritual and physical needs of our precious aging population.

*Jan Mosher  
Webberville, Michigan*

### A good series

"They serve behind the scenes" is a good series. The shortage of such servants is severe in every church and in a number of ways more critical than the impending shortage of those who serve in front of the scenes. In view of that, how about a synodwide behind-the-scenes-worker recruitment Sunday each year? Churches with inadequate behind-the-scenes servants are not really functioning well no matter how many pastors and teachers they have.

*Thomas Haar  
Westland, Michigan*

### WELS Pioneers

As children growing up in the WELS, we didn't really understand why we couldn't join Boy or Girl Scouts but we knew our church was against it. By the time we reached adulthood we were thankful that our church took the stand as explained by Pastor Mark Braun in his article in the May 1 issue of *The Northwestern Lutheran*.

There is something besides scouting for our youth. It doesn't just replace scouting, it improves on it. Lutheran Pioneers (boys) and Lutheran Girl Pioneers lead our youth to the proper motivation for all they learn, do and say. The motivation that comes from knowing only through the gifts God has given each of us can we do anything and out of thankfulness we serve him.

If your congregation does not have a Lutheran Pioneer Train or Lutheran Girl Pioneer Caravan why not talk to your pastor or contact the national offices of these organizations. Their addresses are in the synod's *Yearbook*.

*Dale Lorfeld, national commander  
Lutheran Pioneers*

*Barbara Wolff, national counselor  
Lutheran Girl Pioneers*

### Church organists

I enjoyed Thomas Franzmann's well-expressed article on church organists (March 15). I agree, few people realize the work, nerves and time involved being a good church organist. With 31 years as organist behind me I can easily recall the many stresses and nightmares I've had.

I am grateful to the pastors who encouraged me; bought music at conferences or suggested what good liturgical church music to use; plus a workshop at DMLC and one locally, sponsored by them. Also the support of my many friends and family through the years.

Yes, music is truly a gift of God, and I pray he will give me many more years to serve him until that great day when I join the heavenly musicians in praise to him eternally.

*Lois Sisson Washkuhn  
Woodinville, Washington*

Pastor Franzmann did an excellent job of describing the steps most of us take to become church organists (March 15). I didn't bite my piano but I gave it a hard and swift kick now and then. My mother used to ask, "Why don't you quit?" But a stubborn streak kept me forging ahead.

Finally came the opportunity to study the organ. This was a tremendous thrill that has stayed with me all through the years. Pastor Franzmann was right about how nice it is to receive a compliment. It also helps an organist to "grow" when someone offers a suggestion on how he or she can improve.

As to being paid, I've been at churches that do pay and churches that do not. Either way is fine with me. Just let me serve my Lord: let me play.

*D'Anne Thompson  
DeSoto, Texas*

The message here is "if you are not paying your church organist you better, because they have put in years of frustrated practice and deserve to be paid."

Do you really believe paying an organist will improve the performance of that individual? Hardly!

If you choose to pay an organist, why not the choir director, soloist and other individuals who have musical abilities? They also have put in practice time and sacrifice, as well as discipline. Why not pay other laymembers who put in one, two or three nights a week and use their vacation days to do work for the church?

If a church wishes to have music during the worship service and does not have a member who is willing to contribute his or her organ abilities to further the effectiveness of the church, then it's time to be creative and look for other alternatives, such as tapes.

*Eugene and Beth Hammerson  
San Jose, California*

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## NEWS around the world



**Missionaries reentering China . . .** China was the first and largest mission field of the Maryknollers, the Roman Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America. When the communists seized control of China, they, like all foreign missionaries, were forced to leave. Today five members of the order — three nuns and two priests — are back in China, but not as missionaries. They are teaching English at different universities. Dr. Donald E. MacInnis, director of research for the Maryknoll Fathers, said that the five Maryknollers now in China keep a low profile and are “super careful about making any public witness to their faith.” He said some of the five, whose names were not made public, don’t even go to public services in local Catholic churches except on Christmas and Easter because they feel they should not identify so closely with the Catholic community. Why then, he asked, would priests and nuns want to go to China to teach English “when they are not allowed even to have a Bible study class and when they don’t even feel free enough to really talk about their own faith?” MacInnis quoted a statement by a Maryknoll sister: “My desire to work in China was, I think, to witness to Christ’s goodness and love and to be part of his redemptive reality among his people there . . . I have become convinced that it’s through our person that we bring Christ to others.”

**Parolee sentenced to church and ACLU objects . . .** An official of the American Civil Liberties Union says a local judge is violating the First Amendment by sentencing criminals to church rather than jail. Judge Gifford S. Cappellini, a lector at St. Theresa’s Roman Catholic Church in South Wilkes-Barre, Pa., recently paroled a 23-year-old man who had pleaded guilty to receiving stolen property on the condition that he attend church every Sunday. The judge had originally sentenced Richard Brill to eight to 23 months in prison, but Brill sought a reduction on the ground that he has a newborn child with heart problems and plans to marry the child’s mother. In sentencing Brill to attend church each week, the judge ordered him confined to his home for four months with some exceptions, such as the church attendance. Stefan Presser, legal director of the state ACLU, said he had never heard of a judge requiring church attendance. “If any of these individuals seek out this office, I’m sure they will secure our counsel,” he said.

**The Supreme Court rules . . .** Rev. Theodore R. Little, Jr., has lost his effort to have the courts review his dismissal as pastor of First Baptist Church, Crestwood, of Chesapeake, Va. In April the Supreme Court of the United States refused to intervene. In his written appeal to the Supreme Court, Little’s attorney compared his client’s situation to that of a corporate executive with a valid contract who is fired by stockholders at an extraordinary meeting in which the question of those who qualify as stockholders entitled to vote is in dispute. Lawyers for the church argued that if Little was granted the kind of trial he sought, it “would have amounted to the state determining who the pastor of the church should be. . . . A congregation’s determination as to who shall preach from the church pulpit is at the very heart of free exercise of religion.”

**High court will review creation-science law . . .** In May the Supreme Court of the United States announced that it will review a Louisiana law requiring “balanced treatment” in teaching “creation-science” and evolution in the state’s public schools. Last year both a U.S. district court and the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals agreed the law violates the Constitution’s ban on an establishment of religion. But the appellate court split 8-7 in its ruling, a vote that might have encouraged the Supreme Court to take on the case. The law, “The Balanced Treatment for Creation-Science and Evolution-Science Act,” was enacted five years ago by the Louisiana legislature with the stated purpose of “protecting academic freedom.” It defines creation-science as “scientific evidences for creation and inferences from these scientific evidences.” Louisiana Attorney General William J. Guste, Jr. argued in a brief to the court that creation-science “can be taught in public schools without religious concepts” and therefore does not violate the establishment clause. Guste noted numerous references in national documents and practices referring to God and his creative activity, including the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, the national anthem, the Pledge of Allegiance and the national motto, “In God We Trust.” He pointed out that such references amount to a “historical test” to be applied in such cases and reminded the justices of their 6-3 decision three years ago using such a test in upholding Nebraska’s practice of paying a chaplain who serves the state legislature. In addition, Guste maintained the Louisiana law differs markedly from an Arkansas creation-science statute struck down earlier. That law, he noted, would have forbidden the teaching of evolution in favor of teaching the account of creation in the book of Genesis. Against the high court’s taking up the controversy was a battery of lawyers from Louisiana and New York City who stated that the purpose of the law was “to promote a religious belief,” a key consideration in the lower courts’ decisions to strike it down. □

News items appearing in *News around the world* represent current events of general interest to the readers of *The Northwestern Lutheran* and should not be interpreted as representing the views of the editors.



The jubilarians at Dr. Martin Luther College (left to right), Professors Paul Boehlke, Arlen Koestler, A. Kurt Grams, Waldemar Nolte, Clara Wichmann, James Engel, Ames Anderson, Robert Krueger and Gerald Jacobson.

## Anniversaries at DMLC

A special service of thanksgiving was held April 20 in the Dr. Martin Luther College chapel-auditorium recognizing the years of service to the church by nine instructors.

Completing 50 years of service were Professors A. Kurt Grams and Waldemar Nolte. Grams has been at DMLC since 1970 and serves as registrar and teaches in the education division. Nolte teaches in the music division and has been at DMLC since 1962.

Professor James Engel has completed 40 years of service. He is an instructor in the music division and has been at the college since 1974.

Six celebrated 25th anniversaries. They are Professors Ames Anderson, Paul Boehlke, Gerald Jacobson, Arlen Koestler, Robert Krueger and Clara Wichmann.

Anderson and Wichmann serve in the music division and have been at DMLC since 1961 and 1966 respectively. Boehlke is a science instructor and came to DMLC in

1972. Jacobson is the college's librarian and teaches English division courses having begun his DMLC ministry in 1970. Koestler also teaches in the English division and serves as the director of developmental education. He has been at DMLC since 1978. Krueger came to the college in 1971 and serves as financial aid officer as well as instructor in religion and social studies.

The jubilarians have also served numerous Lutheran schools and congregations during the years of their ministries.

Preaching for the service was Rev. Conrad Frey of New Ulm, president emeritus of DMLC. He addressed the jubilarians on the basis of John 15:16 reminding them and the assembly that they were "chosen and ordained to bring forth fruit." A reception and brief program were held in the gymnasium following the service.

— Robert Krueger

## Arizona-California District

On December 1, **Our Savior of Bylas, Ariz.** dedicated its new church and fellowship hall which replaced the previous structure built in 1922. Pastor of the congregation is Paul Schulz and principal is Willis Hadler. . . . On December 8, **Hope in Chino Valley** was organized as a daughter congregation of First in Prescott. In April land was purchased and the congregation is preparing to construct its first church. Pastor Stephen Hein serves Hope. . . . **King of Kings in Apache Junction**, served by Pastor Kenneth Pasch, on May 18 broke ground for the construction of its worship/education/fellowship building. . . . Groundbreaking for the construction of the new facilities of **Arizona Lutheran Academy in Phoenix** took place on April 27. Cost of the overall project including 18 acres of land is estimated at \$1.5 million. It is planned to have sufficient buildings completed by Labor Day for the opening of school this fall with an anticipated enrollment of 185. . . . In May 1985 Michael Biedenbender was assigned from the seminary to begin exploratory work in Southwest Tucson. Due to the merger of two churches in the community, a facility consisting of a sanctuary, six classrooms and a kitchen located on two and one-quarter acres became available at a cost of \$213,000. The facility was purchased on April 10 and after some renovation work dedication is set for this fall. The name of the congregation is **Peace**.

— Kenneth Pasch

## Dakota-Montana District

The **Dakota-Montana Lutheran High School Association** held its annual meeting May 3 at Trinity of Clear Lake, S. Dak. Terry Kemmet of Tappen, N. Dak. was elected chairman, succeeding Rog-

## IN THE NEWS

er Frey of Mobridge, S. Dak., who has served as chairman the last six years. Neil Scriver, promoter, has accepted a call to Shoreland Lutheran High School. His position will not be refilled. The association continues to emphasize the Aid to Christian Training (ACT) fund, a perpetual fund from which only the interest can be used. For the present, 50 percent of the income generated by this fund will be used for student aid grants for students attending area Lutheran high schools or synodical prep schools. The other 50 percent will be reinvested in the fund. If and when a high school becomes a reality, all the income generated by the fund can be used to operate the school. The D-MLHS association numbers 18 member congregations with 2500 communicants.

— Richard Kanzenbach

### Michigan District

“**The Michigan Spirit**” is the name of the new Michigan District newsletter. It will be published quarterly and will be sent to all pastors and male and female teachers in the district. Pastor Erhardt Schultz of Durand is the editor. . . . **Hope of Detroit** has decided to disband. Its building will be sold and the members will join sister WELS congregations. . . . A special service commemorating the 40th anniversary in the ministry of **Pastor Gerhard Kionka** was held April 20 at Hope, Hartford, Mich. Pastor Kionka served congregations in several Wisconsin cities and Menominee, Mich. and Maitland, Fla. before coming to Hartford. April 20 was also his 65th birthday. . . . **Emanuel of Flint** is selling its church building and is relocating in the Flushing area. . . . **Peace of Granger, Ind.** has applied for membership in the Michigan District. At the present time it is a member of the Southeastern Wisconsin District. . . . Eight students from **Michigan Lutheran Semi-**

**Volunteer recognition luncheon** — President Carl Mischke shakes hands with two volunteers, Mr. and Mrs. Waldemar Affeldt, at a recognition luncheon on May 6 for the 90 volunteers who prepare mailings at the synod administration building. The recognition luncheon was made possible by a grant from Aid Association for Lutherans.



**nary** recently spent three weeks at a secondary school, Trifels Gymnasium, in West Germany. The trip was the sixth in an ongoing exchange with the school linked to MLS through the School Exchange Service. Each summer MLS sends eight students to the Palatinate of Germany and in the fall MLS hosts a similar number of students from their linked school. The purpose of the exchange is to encourage study of the German language, to develop an understanding of another culture and to provide a controlled international experience. In the six years of the program MLS has sent 51 students to Germany and hosted 30. While in Germany the students live with families, attend some classes and are provided an interesting program of historical and cultural tours and experiences. According to the coordinator of the exchange, Prof. William Zeiger, “Our exchange is different than many exchange programs available to American high schools because the whole school gets involved with the hosting of eight students at one time. The benefits of the program reach more students than just the few who are able to travel.” Because Spanish will be introduced to MLS next fall, a similar program for the Spanish language and culture is being considered for the future.

— Edward Schaeewe

### South Central District

Pastor Doug Lange of **Faith in Russellville, Ark.** has reported approval by the Board for Home Missions of the preliminary plans for the congregation’s worship/education/fellowship unit. When plans are completed and construction begins, the congregation’s members will use their talents to serve as the contractor for the building phase. This alone will save over \$30,000. . . . **Christ Our Saviour of Angleton, Tex.** and **Shepherd of the Hills in Fredericksburg** are each seeking to call a semi-retired pastor to serve them. . . . **Our Savior in Arlington**, served by Pastor Bruce Bitter, held groundbreaking ceremonies on February 23 for its parsonage and W/E/F unit. . . . **Abiding Faith in southwest Fort Worth** has purchased a two-acre church site and a separate parsonage lot. This purchase was made possible through the gifts of our WELS members to the Church Extension Fund. Pastor Edwin Lehman serves the congregation. . . . **Good Shepherd of Midland** is making plans to move from its modular chapel to its soon to be completed W/E/F unit. The modular unit has already served three congregations with expectations that it will serve a fourth.

— Charles Learman



## WITH THE LORD

### Cornelius J. Trapp 1906 — 1986

Professor Cornelius J. Trapp was born September 29, 1906 in Merton, Wis. He died April 30, 1986 at New Ulm, Minn.

A 1934 seminary graduate, he taught at Lutheran High School in Milwaukee before joining the faculty of Dr. Martin Luther College in 1947, where he taught until his retirement in 1979. He was chairman of the English department and served as chairman of the building-planning committee. He also served on the staff of the Junior Northwestern magazine.



He is survived by his wife, Mildred; daughter, Joan (Terry) Vasold; sons, Pastor John (Gail) and Pastor Thomas (Carol); brother, Erwin; and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services were held May 3 at St. John, New Ulm, Minn.

## NOTICES

The deadline for submitting items is four weeks before the date of issue

### CALL FOR NOMINATIONS NORTHWESTERN COLLEGE President of the College

Professor Carleton Toppe's resignation as president of Northwestern College will be effective June 30, 1987. The Board of Control of Northwestern College requests the voting members of the synod to place names in nomination for this office.

The position requires a man with theological (seminary) training; he need not necessarily be a member of the present faculty. His teaching activity will be suited to his training and preference.

Nominations, with pertinent information, should be in the hands of the undersigned no later than July 15.

Rev. Harold Sturm, Secretary  
NWC Board of Control  
Route 1, Box 43  
Arlington, WI 53911

### CALL FOR NOMINATIONS NORTHWESTERN COLLEGE Professor of Latin

The voting members of the synod are asked to nominate men who are qualified to serve in the Latin department of Northwestern College, Watertown, Wis. The man called will fill the position vacated by Professor Wayne Ten Broek upon his retirement at the close of the 1986-87 school year. He will also be expected to serve as head of the department. Any course assignment outside the Latin department will be made by mutual consent.

Nominations, with pertinent information, should be in the hands of the undersigned no later than June 25, 1986.

Rev. Harold Sturm, Secretary  
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### CALL FOR NOMINATIONS NORTHWESTERN COLLEGE Professor of Spanish

The voting members of the synod are asked to nominate men who are qualified to teach Spanish at Northwestern College, Watertown, Wis. The Board for Worker Training and the Coordinating Council of the synod have approved the establishment of this position at Northwestern College to provide training in the Spanish language and culture to prepare students for future parish service to Hispanic Americans in their communities.

Nominations, with pertinent information, should be in the hands of the undersigned no later than June 25, 1986.

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### ADMINISTRATOR NEEDED

The Martin Luther Memorial Home Association of Michigan is searching for an administrator for its home in South Haven, Mich. Any member of our synod who would be interested in receiving information and an application form for the position please contact Rev. Karl J. Otto, Executive Administrator, MLMH, Inc. 305 Elm Place, South Lyon, MI 48178.

### MANKATO LUTHERAN COLLEGIANS

The Minnesota District Mission Board needs the names and addresses of all former members of the Mankato Chapter of Lutheran Collegians. Please send your name and the names and addresses of other such collegians you know to: Pastor Larry Cross, 415 - 14th St. N.W., Rochester, MN 55901.

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## CHANGES IN MINISTRY

### PASTORS:

Baldauf, Paul R., from Trinity, Coleman, Wis., to Prince of Peace, Howell, Mich.  
Bode, David E., from Faith, Tacoma, Wash., to Mt. Olive, Delano, Minn.  
Behnke, Thomas H., from Hispanic Mission, Miami, Fla., to St. Paul, North Fond du Lac, Wis.  
Gelger, Waldemar A., from St. Matthew, Marathon, Wis., to Twin Cities Institutional Ministry, Rochester, Minn.  
Headrick, Victor H., from St. Peter, Marshfield, Wis., to St. John, Pardeeville, Wis.  
Kretzmann, Theodore E., to St. Paul, Las Animas, Colo.  
Lawrence, Stephen J., from Bethany, Gibsonia, Penn., to Lutheran Church of Central Africa, Lusaka, Zambia.  
Maas, Norman A., from Zion, Toledo, Oh, to retirement from full-time ministry.  
Nelson, James D., from Shepherd of the Hills, Greeley, Colo., to Trinity, Hoskins, Nebr.  
Spvacek, Kirby A., from Centennial, Milwaukee, Wis., to Gethsemane, Cibecue, Ariz.  
Stern, Steven G., from St. John, Markesan, Wis., to Wisconsin Lutheran Institutional Ministry, Milwaukee, Wis.  
Wichmann, Donald P., from St. Paul, Batesland, S. Dak., to St. Paul, North Platte, Nebr.

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Altergott, Janice M., from St. John, Fairfax, Minn., to St. Mark, Lincoln, Nebr.  
Blauert, Joan, from inactive to Christ, Milwaukee, Wis.  
Buske, Deborah L., from Mt. Olive, Bay City, Mich., to St. John, Mukwonago, Wis.  
Cox, Timothy M., from Christ, Beatrice, Nebr., to Zum Kripplein Christi, Iron Ridge, Wis.  
Fluegge, Terry Jo, from inactive to St. John, Lannon, Wis.  
Gronholz, Carol A., from Timothy, St. Louis Park, Minn., to St. Paul, Fort Atkinson, Wis.  
Hahnke, Donald J., from Grace, St. Joseph, Mich., to Zion, Hartland, Wis.  
Krueger, Lynda, from inactive to St. Mark, Eau Claire, Wis.  
Matter, Karla, from inactive to Redemption, Milwaukee, Wis.  
Pleper, Carol, from inactive to St. Mark, Duncanville, Tex.  
Potratz, Robert C., from St. Paul, Saginaw, Mich., to Trinity, Neenah, Wis.  
Povich, George, to Shoreland Lutheran High School, Somers, Wis.  
Sonnenberg, Gary L., from St. John, Watertown, Wis., to Good Shepherd, Omaha, Nebr.  
Wade, Jane L., from St. Matthew, Spokane, Wash., to St. Andrew, Chicago, Ill.  
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## ANNIVERSARIES

Pomona, Calif., Our Savior (25th), August 24, 4:00 p.m. Pastor James Humann, 250 East Grove St., Pomona, CA 91767; 714/624-7116.

Ann Arbor, Mich., Redeemer, special rededication service, June 29, 4:00 p.m. Supper to follow.

Stambaugh, Mich., St. Mark (25th), July 20, 10:00 a.m. (noon dinner). Contact Pastor Paul W. Knickelbein, P.O. Box 607, Stambaugh, MI 49964.

Hoskins, Nebr., Trinity (100th), July 27, 10:00 a.m. (noon dinner) and 2:00 p.m. Contact Myron Deck, R.R. 1, Hoskins, NE 68740; 402/565-4305.

North Freedom, Wis., St. Paul (100th), July 27, 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Dinner between services. Contact Pastor Gary Johnson, 109 S. Maple St., P.O. Box 35, North Freedom, WI 53951; 608/522-4493.

**SIGN LANGUAGE FOR KIDS**

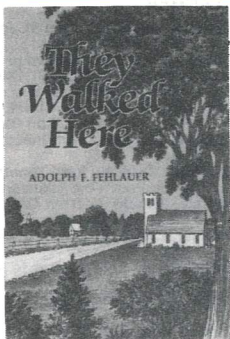
A sign language workshop for children will be offered for the first time on July 15 and 17 at Wisconsin Lutheran College, 8830 W. Bluemound Rd., Milwaukee. Grades K-4, 10:30 — 12:00. Grades 5-8, 12:30 — 2:00. Your children will learn how to convey messages by using sign language, body language and facial expression. They will also learn to fingerspell their names and sign their favorite songs. For information call Beth Schulz, 774-1611; for registration call WLC, 774-8620.

**LEARNING DIFFICULTIES**

The Christian Educators for Special Education will present a program August 14 on "Emotional Aspects of the Child with Learning Difficulties," George LaGrow, professor at DMCLC, as speaker. The meeting will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Sheraton Mayfair, 2303 N. Mayfair Rd., Milwaukee. Cost is \$5.00 for members, students and new graduates; \$10.00 for nonmembers. After August 1 the registration fee will be \$15.00. Send check payable to CESE, 6098 N. 35th St., Milwaukee, WI 53209; 414/464-1494.

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**NAMES WANTED**

Survey work preliminary to conducting exploratory services. People interested in WELS services, contact pastor noted.

**FAYETTEVILLE/SPRINGDALE/BELLA VISTA, ARKANSAS** — Pastor Charles Huebner, 2723 Dove Dr., Fayetteville, AR 72701; 501/442-4021.

**EXPLORATORY SERVICES**

to determine the potential for establishing a WELS mission in the area. Services are held on Sundays.

**FAYETTEVILLE/SPRINGDALE, ARKANSAS** — Grace, Springdale Chamber of Commerce building, 700 W. Emma, Springdale. 9:30 a.m. Pastor Charles Huebner, 2723 Dove Dr., Fayetteville, AR 72701; 501/442-4021.

**ELK RIVER, MINNESOTA** — Abiding Savior, 15413 NE 95th St., Elk River. 9:30 a.m. Pastor Dan Schoeffel, 15413 NE 95th St., Elk River, MN 55330; 612/441-5250.

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**Names Requested**

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- Washington ..... New Market\*
- West Virginia ..... New Market\*
- Wisconsin ..... New Market\*
- Ontario, Canada ..... New Market\*

\*Denotes exploratory services.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
**For hearing impaired children**

A vacation Bible school for hearing impaired children will be held July 14-18, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, S66 W14325 Janesville Road, Muskego, Wis. For registration or further information call Verna Weigand at 414/547-3092.

**EXPO '86**

Expo '86 is being held in Vancouver, British Columbia through October 13. En route you are invited to worship at the following churches:

St. Matthew, Spokane, Wash. Services June 15 to August 31 on Sunday at 9:00 a.m. and Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Located at N6905 Country Homes Blvd., Spokane, WA 99208; Pastor Douglas Scherschel, 509/328-0839.

Salem, Edmonds, Wash. Service 11:00 a.m. Located at 100 W. & 232 S.W. in Edmonds. Take exit #177 off I-5, follow ferry route to 100 W., turn left on 100 W. (10 min. off freeway). Pastor Ralph Baur, 206/542-3003.

**YELLOWSTONE VACATION?**

If you are planning to visit Yellowstone National Park this summer, why not worship at St. Paul, Livingston, Montana? Services at 10 a.m. with Bible class at 9:00 a.m. Pastor Dean Biebert, 1116 W. Geyser St., Livingston, MT 59047; 406/222-3372.

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## FROM THIS CORNER

When Mother's Day turns up on the calendar, the congregation's voice in many parishes is raised in laud and esteem. In the service folder, in the sermon, in hymns and prayers, mother is celebrated. And that is as it should be. I wouldn't want it otherwise. But now comes Father's Day a month later, and the celebrating of father by the parish is muted. I have been among the parish laity — instead of in the pulpit — for 18 years now on Mother's Day and on Father's Day and have heard 15 sermons on mother (three times) but none on father. I don't suppose this to be an eccentricity of my home church.

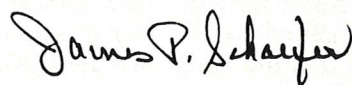
As Father's Day 1986 rolls around, father deserves a word or two, especially in a church which pays close heed to the Scriptures. It is true that much of the domestic religious training of the children devolves on mother. The first simple prayers are taught by mother. Learning the Sunday school lesson and the Bible verses are overseen by mother. Traditionally the father's role in all this has been rather passive.

Within this tradition of religious instruction, the father's part is much underrated. But not by St. Paul. He spoke directly to the fathers at Ephesus. "Fathers," he said, "Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord."

We do have a way of diluting that exhortation. This doesn't mean, we say, that the father must take an "active role" in the religious instruction of the child. Because he is so busy earning a living in the real world, father can delegate this task, say, to mother or to the church. Of course, father remains responsible, but now in a supervisory way — the bossman of work done by others. (Okay, so I exaggerated a little.)

But on this Father's Day, I put it to you, we fathers should not evade our responsibility so easily. Let's hold those feet to the fire. Let's recognize that the father is one of the most decisive influences a child will have in its life. When I was in the parish ministry, I learned more about fathers than about mothers from their children. Mother's vocabulary may have been as pure as driven Wisconsin snow, but if father was profane, so was little Johnny. If dad was an uncommitted church member, dad won out with the kids regardless of mom's example. Unscientific evidence? Right. But I'll go along with it — and with St. Paul.

Father's Day can be one of those occasions for us fathers to take inventory. A time to pledge ourselves to our wives, the mother of our children. A time to look beyond our own immediate happiness and gratification and look to eternity, the city of God. A time to renew our marriage — with commitment, caring and sharing. That's really what Father's Day is about — a day of grace for us fathers to get into shape.



“Pam, if you died today, do you know where you’d go?” I asked the pretty 18-year-old girl sitting across the table from me. “Yeah, I’d go to hell” she answered matter-of-factly. I gently covered her hand with mine and asked with concern, “But why do you say that?” She lowered her eyes and her voice quivered as she spoke, “Because I had a baby and I wasn’t married and now I’m pregnant again. I can’t do nothin’ good.”

When the WELS Pregnancy Crisis Center-Madison phoned me and asked if I’d be willing to meet with a girl in my area who had phoned the Madison Center’s hotline, I was a little apprehensive. I felt my counseling skills were rusty, as it had been six years since I had used them. However, I decided to phone Pam and set up a meeting. I asked her why she had called the center. I knew she had already decided not to have an abortion and that she has asked the hotline counselor for maternity clothes. So, I assumed I would be listening to a long list of “I wants” (clothing, money, etc.). I was very surprised when she answered, “What I really need is someone to talk to — a friend.” It was a simple request and I couldn’t refuse.

Early in the visit I remember thinking, “What am I doing in this restaurant with this stranger, listening to a life story that would put any daytime soap opera to shame?” But, oddly enough, I wasn’t the least bit uncomfortable in this situation. I was confident that the Lord had opened a door for me to witness my faith and it was only by his grace that I was there to do so.

As I sat listening to her story of how she was abandoned on an elderly lady’s doorstep when she was only two days old and how she was passed from family to family, deprived of love and security for her entire life, in addition to her confession of involvement with drugs, alcohol and the occult, I silently prayed that the Lord would show me how I could be her friend. I asked him for the wisdom to say the “right” things. The Scripture verse 1 Peter 3:15: “Always be pre-



pared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope you have. But do this with gentleness and respect” held new meaning for me because Pam would reach out for the gospel, then challenge it’s truthfulness.

Our visit lasted three hours, but during that time I learned a great deal. Most importantly, I learned that witnessing my faith is a privilege God gives to all Christians, not just the clergy. Therefore, as a member of the body of Christ, I should always be prepared to give my witness when the opportunity arises. I shudder to think how many times I’ve neglected sharing the gospel because I was too self-conscious or felt terribly unprepared. Mark 13:11 shows there is no acceptable excuse. “. . . Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit.”

When I left Pam that day we were no longer strangers. “Thanks for

coming,” she said smiling. “I’d really like to come visit you sometime.”

“Lord willing,” I answered, “you will.” I gave her a hug, got into my car and began driving home. “What will become of her?” I thought. “Will she call me? Will she want to know more about the Lord or will she just return to the life she had led?” I didn’t have those answers. But Acts 8 speaks of a man named Philip. He met a stranger on the road from Jerusalem to Gaza. They shared the Scriptures and the Lord blessed their meeting. I, too, had met a stranger and we talked about Jesus. I pray the Lord will bless our meeting as he did the one so long ago. □



Cindi Sampe is a member of St. Paul, Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin.