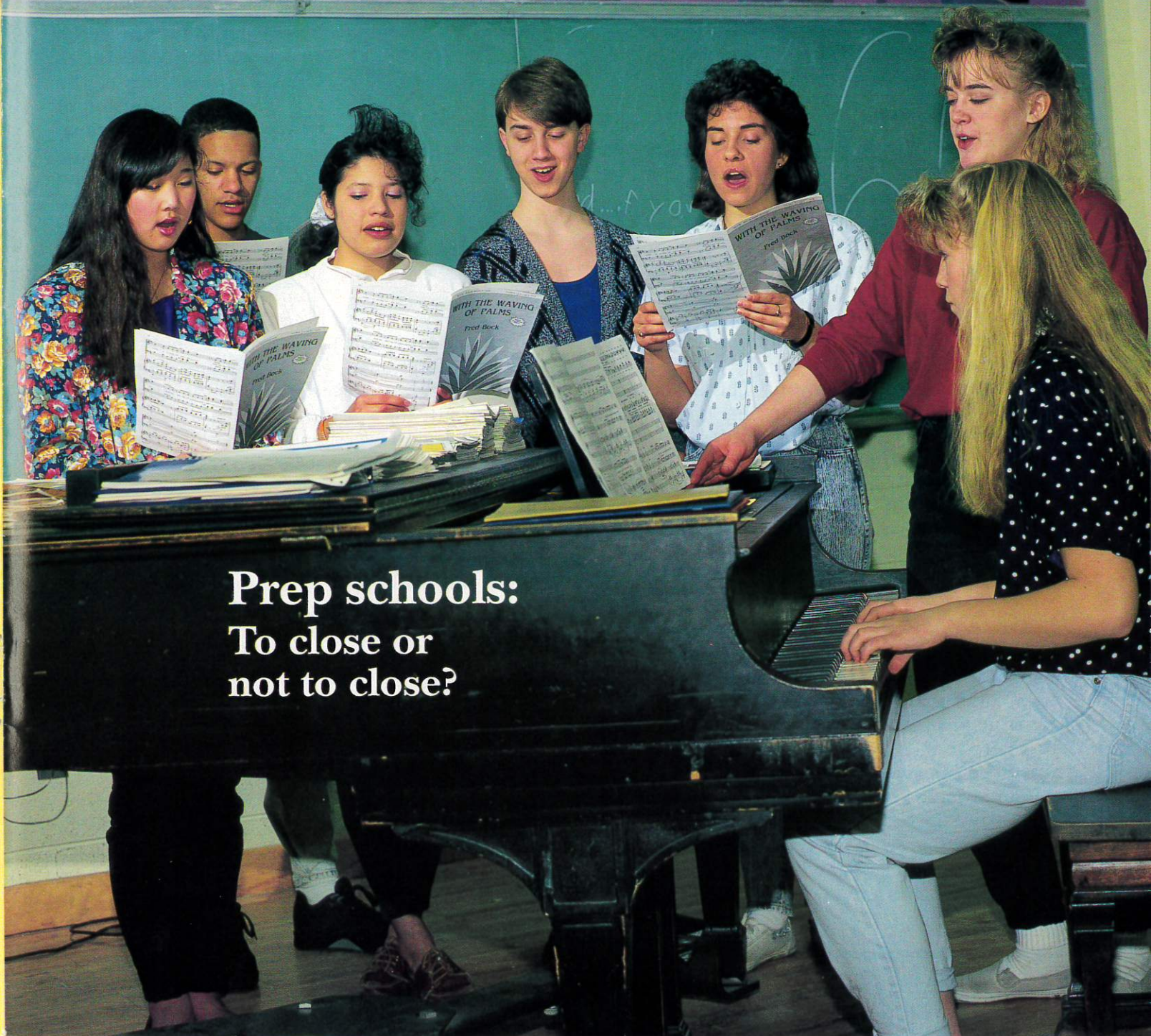


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**Prep schools:
To close or
not to close?**

Ask whatever you wish

by Richard D. Balge

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you (John 15:7).

In this single sentence our Lord combines two great privileges of the Christian life: that we listen to him talk to us in his word and that we respond in prayer.

The privilege of those who remain in him

He does not say we have this privilege if we are good, sincere, filled with zeal. He says, "If you remain in me." Where he is, there is forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. To remain in him is to have that forgiveness, life, and salvation, to be joined to him by faith.

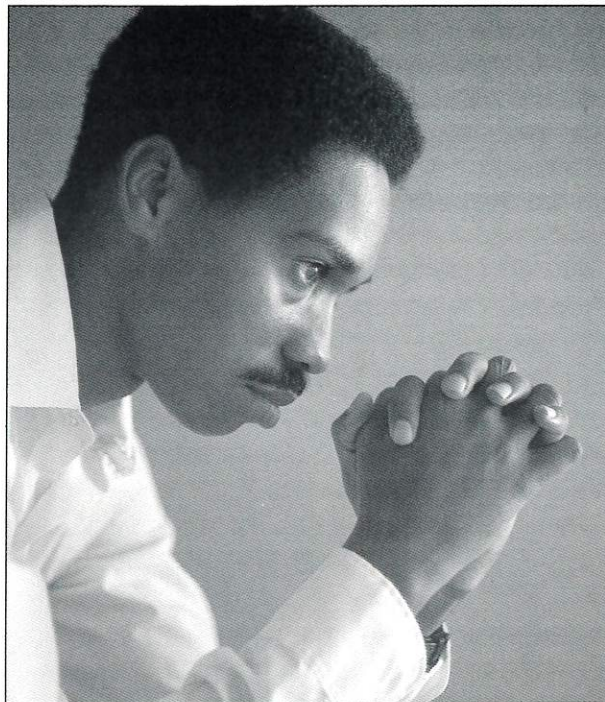
"And my words remain in you." This is not something different from remaining in him. It is the same thing. We cannot remain in him unless his words remain in us. We do not know anything about him and we have no reason to trust him except what he says in his word. His words, however, are the living power that joined us to him and keep us with him.

Now we are privileged to ask. "If you trust me," he says, "and trust my word, just ask."

The privilege to ask without restriction

"Ask whatever you wish." "Whatever" is a very big word. Those who remain in him, in whom his words remain, know that he is not opening up some kind of fantastic wishing well. "Whatever" is not an open door where foolish whimsy, or arbitrary choice, or selfish greed can rush in.

It is an invitation to pray in the spirit of the Lord's Prayer—and to be confident that he hears and answers. Pray to grow in the grace of living as God's child. Ask to be strengthened inwardly for carrying out the work he gives you to do. Seek to gain an ever



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fuller understanding of his word. Plead for a faithful spirit to use the abilities and resources he has provided in ways that will glorify him.

Not necessarily with the words, but certainly in the spirit of the Lord's Prayer, pray. Ask God to help you honor him with your speech and conduct. Ask him to bless the preaching of the gospel for the conversion of unbelievers and the spiritual nourishment of believers. Ask him to frustrate the devil's designs, expose the world's wiles and protect you from the folly of your own sinful nature. Ask for a thankful heart that recognizes the source of every bite

you eat and every earthly blessing you enjoy.

Pray for forgiveness, confidently, and from a heart that also forgives, sincerely. Plead for what he will surely grant, the spiritual stamina and resolve to stand fast against every temptation. Put the future in his hands, confident that he will at last deliver you from the worst that the Evil One can do.

The promise that it will be done

"It will be given you." It may not be given immediately. It will not be in a way that unbelief would recognize as an answer to prayer. It isn't always in a manner that even Christians can discern.

In his way and in his time, however, "It will be given you." We do not have to see the result. We do not need to understand his answer. He has said it and it will be so. And so we ask.



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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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FORWARD

■ Lutheran schools are among our synod's greatest blessings. Our 365 elementary schools and 20 area high schools provide over 36,000 children and teens with a Christian education. Another 650 high school age youths are enrolled at our three preparatory schools: Martin Luther Preparatory School, Michigan Lutheran Seminary, and Northwestern Preparatory School.

Without question, our schools are making an important contribution in educating the next generation of the church's leaders. But questions, rising out of necessity, are being asked about the best way

to do it. Enrollments at our prep schools are decreasing; and the synod is finding it increasingly difficult to raise the funds necessary to maintain the schools.

For these reasons the Coordinating Council is recommending to the synod's August convention that Martin Luther Prep, at Prairie du Chien, Wis., be closed. Since MLPS has proven itself to be a fine school, it is not an easy—nor a popular—recommendation to make. Turn the page to read answers to some of the questions raised about this issue.

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Prep schools: To close or not to close?



Solution:
*Strengthen the role of Lutheran
high schools in ministerial education*

Diminishing enrollment and funding have become serious issues for the Wisconsin Synod schools preparing the future pastors and teachers of the church. These schools, operated and funded directly by the synod, include:

Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, Wisconsin (pastor training);
Northwestern College, Watertown, Wisconsin (pastoral training);
Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota (teacher education);
Martin Luther Preparatory School, Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin (secondary education);
Northwestern Preparatory School, Watertown, Wisconsin (secondary education);
Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Saginaw, Michigan (also a secondary-level preparatory school).

In addition, 20 area Lutheran high schools maintain programs of ministerial education for the WELS. They provide about 25 percent of the entrants to Northwestern College and 50 percent of the entrants to Dr. Martin Luther College.

The diminishing enrollment and funding issues have become so severe that the Board for Worker Training (BWT), responsible to the synod for overseeing the synod's efforts in ministerial education, is asking the synod to choose one of three difficult options regarding the future of the system. The WELS Coordinating Council, responsible for evaluating and balancing programs within synodical objectives and available funding, is recommending the option calling for consolidation on the secondary level.

Questions have arisen. Mr. Douglas Wellumson, program planning analyst for the Coordinating Council, and Pastor Wayne Borgwardt, administrator for worker training, attempt to answer some of the more important and recurring ones.

Why is it necessary to think about consolidating the preparatory schools?

The 1990s are not the late 1970s when the Martin Luther Preparatory School Prairie du Chien campus was purchased. Two highly signifi-

cant trends have occurred in recent years:

- A declining birth rate resulting in decreased numbers of students to fill our prep schools. Twenty years ago there were more than 9,000 confirmations annually; now there are less than 6,000.
- An increased number of area Lutheran high schools is reaching into the smaller pool of available students. Given a choice, many parents prefer to keep their teenage youth closer to home. Fifty-six percent of our young people now have an area Lutheran high school available to them.

What are the alternatives developed by the Board for Worker Training?

The BWT insists that something must be done now and that decisions must be made at the synodical convention this summer. Otherwise a \$330,000 annual operating budget gap now will grow to an accumulated \$7 million gap in funding within six years. Accordingly, the BWT proposes choosing one of the following:

- Immediate and sustained increases in synodical mission offerings, if feasible;
- Reallocation of funding from other synodical work to worker training and/or planned deficit spending, if feasible;
- Consolidating our five-campus worker training system into four campuses, with such consolidation aimed at the prep school level.

How do these alternatives relate to the input from the WELS district conventions last summer?

A majority of the districts preferred that the current structure be retained for at least six years in the hope that recruitment efforts will fill the prep schools. The BWT would love for that to happen in view of the prep schools' historic, proven contribution of church workers. But the ongoing financial dilemma won't permit it if these problems continue, a fact recognized by many of the districts.

I understand the Coordinating Council is recommending the consolidation option. Why?

Consolidating the prep system is not a new

idea. Two years ago the Prep School Study Commission suggested combining Northwestern Prep School and Martin Luther Prep School. We must plan to save as much of the preparatory school system as possible, because the whole of it is at risk through chronic erosion in WELS financial support. Recently our members more generously support local programs. No longer do offerings come readily to synod-wide programs.

Funding is now so critical that reallocating monies would jeopardize existing home missions, retard parish services, and/or recall overseas missionaries.

The Board of Trustees has also noted that deficit spending is unwise and contrary to the bylaws of the synodical constitution.

What is meant by consolidation on the secondary level?

The BWT is proposing the following inter-related steps:

- Retain Michigan Lutheran Seminary as a school with a strong focus on ministerial education, but recognize its role in serving some general education needs in the Michigan District with appropriate area support for that second role.
- Close Martin Luther Preparatory School and transfer its students to the other two preparatory schools as feasible.
- Continue to operate Northwestern Preparatory School in the traditional manner of the WELS preparatory schools, focusing on ministerial education.
- Encourage and assist the area Lutheran high schools in developing more productive programs for ministerial education in keeping with available resources.
- Alter governance and coordination of the secondary level program to accommodate changes taking place.

Why not move Northwestern Preparatory School to Prairie du Chien, as originally envisioned in the 1970s, rather than closing Martin Luther Preparatory School?

That would still leave us with a five-campus system in a time of significant over-capacity and scarce dollars. Although that would decrease the high per-student cost of operation of the Prairie

du Chien campus, it would also increase the per-student cost of the Watertown campus when it serves only college students. Also keep in mind that many students at Northwestern Preparatory School are relatively close to home, and parents choose that school for that reason.

Will the area Lutheran high schools be able to do a more effective job in sending students into full-time church work?

There is no choice—even if there were no consolidation. Developing technology, especially telecommunications, shows promise in helping get the job done.

Isn't such consolidation a major change which cannot easily be reversed?

It is. But we must work with the choices that are available to us now, examine trend lines five to ten years into the future, make the best possible choice with God's guidance, and then work hard for it to succeed with God's blessing.

What about the colleges?

The district conventions concurred that the best choice is to keep Dr. Martin Luther College and Northwestern College on their present campuses. Location, capital needs in any such major change, and the distinctiveness of purpose for the two schools are the key factors here.

What if a better idea arises?

We will praise God for such a blessing. But any better idea must be in tune with the overall WELS mission and address both the dollar and demographic factors.

Will additional information be available before the convention?

It will. Informational discussions are scheduled in the various districts and conferences of the synod. The WELS Commission on Communication and Financial Support is presenting a special report in this regard. A complete report will be contained in the *Book of Reports and Memorials* for the synodical convention.

Looking forward

by Curtis A. Peterson

The Lord's Supper is often thought of as a memorial meal in remembrance of Christ. Looking backward is therefore natural, but there are just as many reasons to look forward in this holy meal. Two passages especially direct our focus forward as we gather at the altar of the Lord.

The first is in Matthew 26:29, when Jesus, at the close of the first holy communion, said, "I tell you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it anew with you in my Father's kingdom." This sacrament is a beautiful foretaste of heaven, where God's elect will be gathered around the celestial banquet of salvation. Here our Lord will eat again with his disciples in the kingdom of his Father.

The exalted Lord Jesus Christ himself will host this banquet. He is, of course, already the real host at every celebration of the eucharist. The voice we hear is the pastor's, but the words are Christ's. But he will personally oversee his heavenly banquet, attended at his invitation by all the redeemed. Speaking of this great meal, the angel of Revelation says, "Write 'Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb'" (Revelations 19:9).

Perhaps you have seen the beautiful poster featuring a table worthy of the King of kings stretching into infinity with the superscription, "Come, for all things are now ready." In heaven the church, beautifully arrayed in the white garments of the righteousness of Christ, will be presented to Christ as his bride forever. The Lord's Supper prepares us for an even



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greater Lord's Supper in heaven at the marriage of the Lamb to his beloved bride, the church.

The second passage focusing our attention forward in the holy supper is 1 Corinthians 11:26: "For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes." Each time we celebrate the supper we are telling the world that Jesus died and rose again for us. We proclaim his victory over sin, death, and hell each time we receive the elements of that victory with the body and blood of Christ for the remission of sins.

The sacrament proclaims the Lord's death until he comes. Holy communion reminds us of his coming

again with his saints and the angels to raise the dead and take us to himself. What a joyful reunion that will be! It is the Savior's keepsake, a gift which promises he is preparing a place for us. What a feast of joy he leaves us to celebrate in the meantime!

Can't you hear the angels celebrating the glory of God and his Christ with us? In the traditional communion liturgy the pastor declares, "Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify thy glorious name, ever-

more praising thee and saying: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. . . ."

How we hunger and thirst for this foretaste of heaven. Come! Let us celebrate the feast together!

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For once a debate between Catholics and Lutherans over the touchy subject of justification seemed to be turning out well. The chief Catholic and Lutheran negotiators actually agreed on a statement about how people are justified in God's sight. The pope's official representative was heard to exclaim, "Praise be to God." The emperor, present in person, expressed joy and hope that now all other differences could be worked out. Even the reformer John Calvin wrote to a friend:

You will be amazed when you read . . . that our adversaries have conceded so much. They have committed themselves to the essentials of our true teaching. . . . A great deal has been achieved.

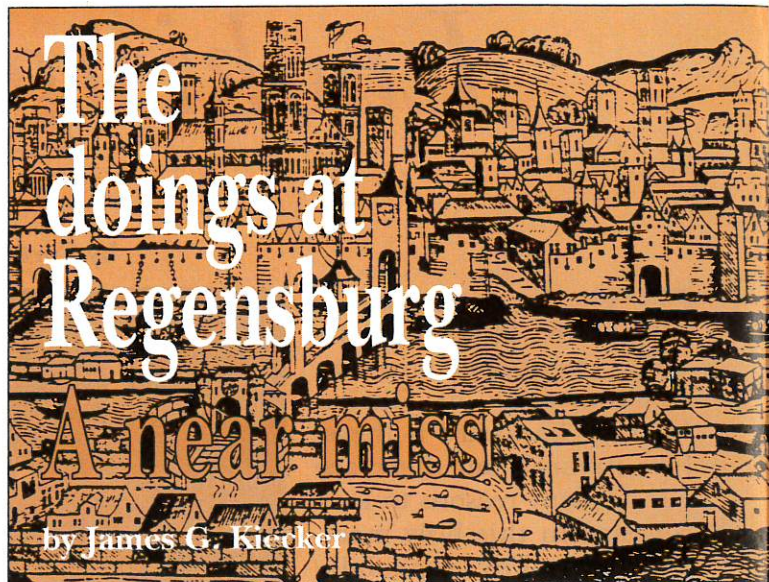
What's going on here?

What's going on was a meeting of some of the major players in Reformation history which took place in Regensburg (or Ratisbon), Germany, 450 years ago this spring. The fact that they at first agreed on the doctrine of justification, before finally realizing they were poles apart, makes this moment in church history not just decisive. Astonishing might better describe it.

The situation was this: Ever since the Reformation broke out in 1517 there had been attempts to bring the splintered elements of the church back together. Luther himself called for a council of all Christians to heal the split. So did Emperor Charles V whose realm was being torn apart by controversy. But the pope dragged his heels, possibly fearing a council would actually do some reforming. Instead, small groups of the warring parties gathered here and there to thresh out differences. But no doctrinal agreements resulted.

Disappointed yet still hopeful, Emperor Charles took a new tack. In December 1540 he secretly brought together a Catholic theologian, John Gropper, and a Protestant theologian, Martin Bucer. Each had a reputation for wanting church unity at almost any price. Each was willing to fudge statements of belief to such an extent that the other could accept them. Together they produced a document of 23 articles which became known as the "Regensburg Book." Especially in the article on justification each bent over backwards to accommodate the other's position, knowing that the success or failure of any meeting would hinge on this crucial point.

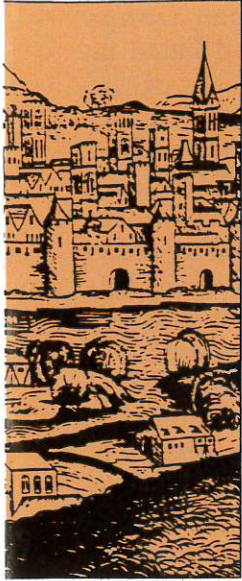
Satisfied with their work, the emperor arranged



for a conference to be held at Regensburg in 1541. He also chose the main participants: For the Catholics there were Gropper, a bishop named Julius Pflug, and John Eck, the same Dr. Eck that Luther had tangled with off and on for over twenty years. On the Protestant side were Bucer, a pastor named John Pistorius, and Philip Melancthon, Luther's right-hand man. You'll notice that Charles planted Gropper and Bucer among the participants, hoping to stack the deck in favor of compromise. After all, if those two had already agreed on justification, couldn't they influence the others to do the same?

But the center of attention was none of the above. It was instead an Italian cardinal named Caspar Contarini. Born in the same year as Luther, 1483, Contarini had had an interesting spiritual journey. As early as 1511 he realized that "no religious vows, no amount of external penances, but a trust in the saving grace of Christ who died for all sinners" would save him. In a letter of 1523 he wrote: "No man is justified by his own works; we must have recourse to God's grace which we receive through faith in Christ." He had also helped draft a document sharply critical of the papacy and its practices.

The above statements sound quite Lutheran, and in fact Contarini had read Luther's books and understood Luther's theology quite well. He agreed that the central problem was how to be justified in God's sight. But Luther's emphasis on faith *alone* as what justifies seemed to him too narrow. He wanted to somehow leave room in the act of justification for the works of love which the Holy Spirit moved believ-



REGENSBURG: FROM SCHEDEL, 'WELTCHRONIK', 1493

ers to perform.

So, while not able to side with Luther completely, Contarini was quite sympathetic to Luther's concerns. In a book dealing with Luther's theology he remarked that "there is no need for a council . . . to do away with the Lutheran movement. What is required rather is good intention, a love of God and man, and a true spirit of humility." Contarini seemed to feel that patience, and above all the careful wording of theological doctrines so as not to offend anyone, could restore unity to the church.

The emperor himself was on hand to open the Regensburg Colloquy on April 5, 1541. Preliminary matters and a break for Easter took up the first three weeks. On April 27 the Regensburg Book was brought out to serve as the basis for the discussion.

There was surprisingly swift agreement on the first four articles dealing with man before the Fall, the freedom of man's will, the cause of sin, and original sin. Both Melanchthon for the Lutherans and Eck for the Catholics had misgivings about the wording of these articles, but let things go, knowing that the "biggie" was coming.

On the morning of April 28 debate began on article five, justification. Neither Melanchthon nor Eck could accept the original wording. Each produced his own doctrinal statement which the other couldn't accept. Melanchthon, who had been encouraged by Luther as well as his prince not to depart from a true Lutheran understanding of justification, felt an impasse had been reached and negotiations should cease.

At this tense moment Contarini, the pope's official representative, stepped forward, amended the justification article in the Regensburg Book, and placed it before the debaters. The crucial part reads:

The sinner is justified by a faith which is both living and active. A person has a living faith when he obtains mercy through Christ and believes that Christ's righteousness will be imputed [given] to him. At the same time the person receives the Holy Spirit and [the ability to] love. Thus justifying faith is faith which is active through love [Galatians 5:6].

Much depended on how the word "active" was understood. Lutherans would feel that a sinner is justified by faith in God's forgiveness alone. Faith should, of course, be active and express itself in works of love toward God and neighbor. But be those works of love ever so good (and they would be truly good, since inspired by the Holy Spirit), they would play no part in justification. God would simply look at the sinner, see the faith aroused by the Holy Spirit, and declare the sinner justified.

Catholics would see it differently. To be sure, God would look for faith on the part of the sinner. But not faith alone. God would also look at the works of love which the Holy Spirit moved the believer to perform. And on the basis of both faith and these works, God would consider the sinner justified.

Sometimes this idea is called "double justification," justification partly by faith and partly by love. Elaborating on this, Contarini was willing to put faith first and works a distant second. But he just couldn't eliminate works altogether. Lutherans would say there is no "double justification." There is only a single and complete justification by faith, followed by a life of love, sanctification.

You might suppose that Melanchthon would have seen all this and rejected Contarini's proposal. But the astonishing thing is that Melanchthon agreed. The fateful date was May 2 (some say May 3), 1541. Melanchthon showed a weakness to compromise which would hurt the Lutheran cause in the future.

As it turned out, the excitement was short-lived. Each side began giving the justification article its own interpretation. Discussions on the rest of the articles went badly. The clincher came when both the pope and Luther rejected the agreement. By the middle of May the Regensburg Colloquy was history.

Catholic and Lutheran dialogues on justification have revived in recent years. But, with one ear cocked towards Regensburg, a 1985 "agreement" sounds familiar. We are saved, it says, by faith "which comes to fruition in our love of God and neighbor." But does God save by faith alone, the fruition following? Or does God save by faith and the fruition?

Let's keep it faith *alone!*



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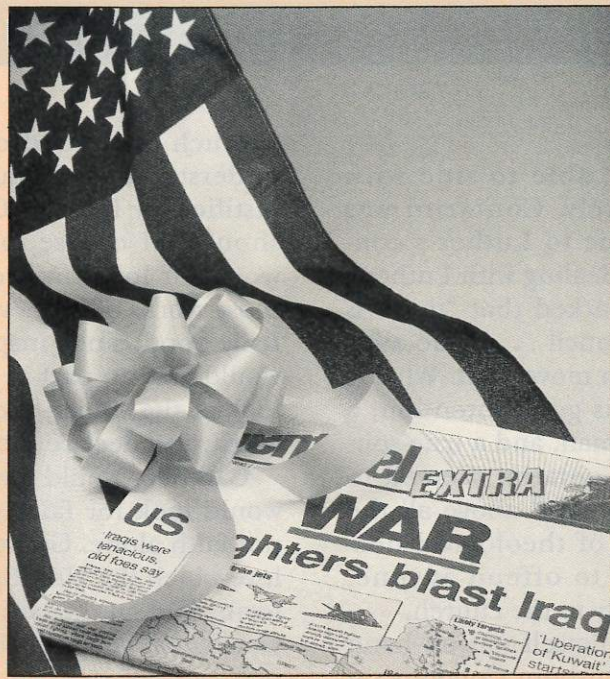
First it was Desert Shield, then Desert Storm, and finally victory in the Persian Gulf. Iraq has been driven out of Kuwait. The coalition objectives have been achieved. An aggressive dictator has been stifled.

So the cheering has begun. President Bush's popularity has reached an all-time high. The returning troops are welcomed with enthusiasm. We won, and everyone is feeling good about it, except for those who lost loved ones in the brief war. Of course, we are grateful that those killed in action numbered in the tens instead of the thousands, but that is small consolation when one of the few is your loved one. Still, the thousands of body bags that will come back empty are cause for general rejoicing, and rejoicing there will be.

But how much praying will there be? When our nation took those dreaded steps that led to warfare, there was much calling on God to bless those actions. When many thought the war could turn into another Vietnam, God got all kinds of attention. There were reports of a nationwide surge in church attendance.

And God gave all that was asked. Most experts were amazed at the feeble defense of the Iraqi army. The resistance was broken before the ground war began. Instead of pouring out machine gun fire, enemy bunkers spouted surrendering soldiers glad to be taken prisoner. If people are applauding President Bush and Colin Powell and Norman Schwarzkopf, they should be stumbling over each other in their eagerness to give thanks to God.

It didn't have to turn out so well. What if Saddam Hussein had complicated the aerial bombardment by retaining the human shields he released before the war started? What if he had loaded Scud missiles with chemical weapons? What if the heavy bombing had only intensified the lust for revenge in a well-fortified army? What if the coalition had broken down



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and left American troops fighting alone and hated by all? The worst fears of the most pessimistic pacifists might have been realized, with empty body bags being shipped from west to east instead of from east to west.

I, for one, was afraid this disaster might just happen, not for military reasons, but for moral reasons. When I see all the immorality that destroys families by the thousands, the abortions that murder millions of babies, the overwhelming greed of people in power, and the viciousness of crime in the streets, I can't help wondering when God's judgment will fall on our guilty nation. If I had been President Bush, I might have hesitated to place so many Americans in harm's way, for if God wanted to punish our nation, he certainly could

How much praying will there be?

by Rolfe F. Westendorf

have done it in the Persian Gulf.

But God is not only good. He is also merciful, as we know from the sacrifice he made to pay for our sins. In mercy he spared us the defeat we surely deserved. And that mercy should send us all to our knees with prayers of humble gratitude and pledges to fight against all the evils that offend almighty God.

Of course, that's not happening. Many have thanked God for his blessing, but as a whole our nation gives praise to its mortal heroes without giving much thought to the immortal God. And probably many are now convinced that the United States is as invincible as ever, in spite of the inner decay that is eating away our human resources.

Let's not be guilty of such arrogance and ingratitude. Let's recognize that victory in the Persian Gulf is a magnificent gift of a gracious God to his underserving people.



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Conference	Lay Delegates	Congregations	Pastors	Teachers
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Conference	Lay Delegates	Congregations	Pastors	Teachers
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MINNESOTA

Conference	Lay Delegates	Congregations	Pastors	Teachers
Crow River	Willard Miller Eugene Teske	Cross, Rockford, MN Petra, Sauk Rapids, MN	Stephen Smith Walter Davidson	Frederick Blauert James Hennig Mark Leitzke Dale Markgraf Randy Ristow Robert Waedekin
Mankato	Lester Ruehling Derold Braun	Friedens, New Prague-3SW, MN Trinity, Nicollet, MN	Wibert Neumann Thomas Zahn	Carl Wehrauch Paul Kassulke Kurt Troge Roger Klockziem
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Southern	Skip Berryhill	Redeemer, Florissant, MO	James Witt	

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Conference	Lay Delegates	Congregations	Pastors	Teachers
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NORTH ATLANTIC DISTRICT

Conference	Lay Delegates	Congregations	Pastors	Teachers
Colonial North	John Geraghty Timothy Vorbeck	Redeemer, Pembroke, Ontario Beautiful Savior, Portland, ME	Richard Schleicher Adam Horneber	
Colonial South	Fred Hurner James Albrecht	Grace, Charlotte, NC St. John, Newark, DE	Jon Guenther Dale Schulz	

NORTHERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT

Conference	Lay Delegates	Congregations	Pastors	Teachers
Fox River Valley	Orville Schopf Raymond Schuette Ted Begalke George Gast Gale Meartz Gary DeNamur Reuben Matzke Donald Timm Edwin Engel William Battermann Dale Lightuss	St. Peter, Sturgeon Bay, WI Martin Luther, Neenah, WI Zion, Readfield, WI St. John, Kaukauna-5SE, WI Grace, Neenah, WI Zion, Egg Harbor-5SE, WI Emanuel, Forestville-5NW, WI St. Paul, Hortonville-5NE, WI St. Peter, Larsen, WI Immanuel, Appleton-8W, WI Immanuel, Waupaca, WI	Philip Geiger Wallace Gaulke James Diener Gerald Free John Dolan John Schewe	Frank Corona Donald Gurgel Richard Huebner Robert Koepke David Lepke Norman Pantzlaff Kurt Petermann Walter Sievert
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Conference	Lay Delegates	Congregations	Pastors	Teachers
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Cascades	Al Miller Peter Orton Frederick Matthews	Our Savior, East Wenatchee, WA Divine Peace, Renton, WA Grace, Seattle, WA	David Laabs Darryl Bruemer Duane Vanselow	J. Lance Hartzell

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Conference	Lay Delegates	Congregations	Pastors	Teachers
Cypress	Leo Teske Mark Vance	Christ the Lord, Clearwater, FL Good Shepherd, Jacksonville, FL	Robert Johnston Herbert Kruschel	Greg Schmill
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Conference	Lay Delegates	Congregations	Pastors	Teachers
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Conference	Lay Delegates	Congregations	Pastors	Teachers
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Dodge-Washington	Milton Retzlaff Marvin Schuett Norbert Schultz	St. Peter, Theresa, WI Bethany, Hustisford, WI St. Paul, Brownsville, WI	Ronald Mehlberg David Aderman	
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Conference	Lay Delegates	Congregations	Pastors	Teachers
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Mississippi River Valley	Oscar Miller Rod Jenson Andrew Burmeister Luther Lander	St. Matthew, Stoddard, WI St. Paul, Onalaska, WI Goodview-Trinity, Winona, MN Trinity, Winona-8SW, MN	Mark Bartling Oliver Lindholm	
Southwestern	Donald Mantzke Lyle Jefferies	St. Paul, Cataract, WI Zion, Elroy, WI	Donald Krause Carl Nommensen	
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A church plans its mission

by Thomas B. Franzmann

Two previous articles have told readers about our congregation's experience with the synod's program for revitalizing congregations through consultation. The congregation is Our Redeemer in Santa Barbara, California.

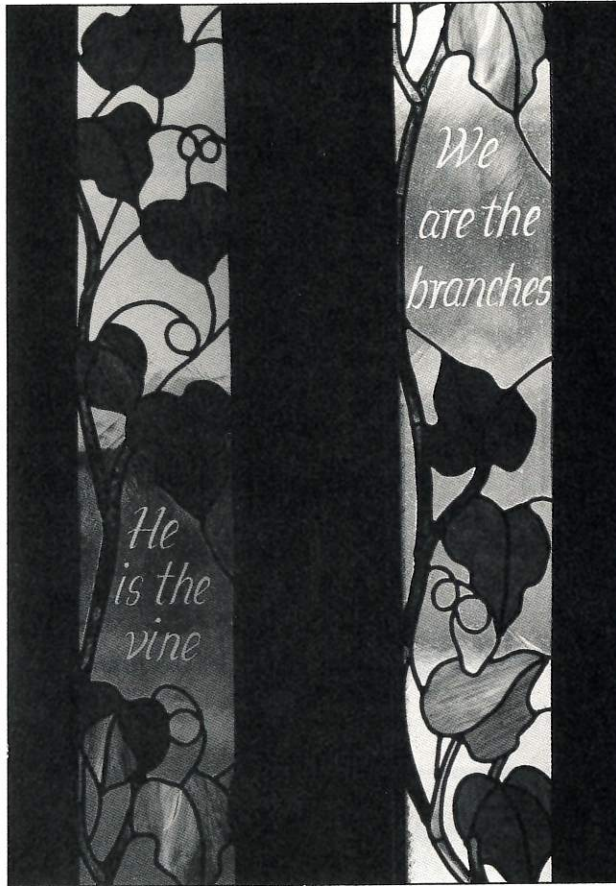
The first article (Sept. 1, 1989) told what the congregation hoped to accomplish by inviting the consultant to come. The second (March 1, 1990) covered the consultation itself and the short term results. Now we want to report on what has happened in the past year.

It has not been the kind of year you would wish on a congregation. You could describe it as a year of losses. We lost the unique gifts of the principal who started our school seven years ago, when he accepted a call to serve in another ministry. Then the big fire hit Santa Barbara in June. Two families in the congregation lost all their possessions. The church and parsonage were saved. Everyone had loved ones affected by the fire. It was not even a year for membership gains. In fact, we lost more members than we gained.

Yet during that year meetings were conducted, prayers were offered, plans were formulated, and proposals were presented. Virtually every aspect of our congregation's operation was evaluated.

At the consultant's suggestion, Our Redeemer now has a mission statement. It states our reason for existing and the fundamental goals we hope to accomplish. If every program in the congregation squares with the mission statement, it will help us focus our energy and our ambition in the future.

One of the first decisions was to change from one



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to two services on Sunday mornings. This has not been easy. Some of the members miss the convenience of seeing all their friends on Sunday mornings. Others long for the heartier singing evident with only one service. Organists notice the extra work load.

But people have greater flexibility in planning their Sundays now, and there is always plenty of seating so newcomers will not feel uncomfortable. Though we lost members in the past year, our church attendance dropped by only a fraction of the loss. We think having two services has benefitted church attendance.

The consultant recommended that Our Redeemer consider alter-

nate forms of Christian education. While that was not an encouragement to close our school, it did force the congregation to deal with some hard realities. In a sophisticated community like Santa Barbara, it did not appear that a one-room school would have much chance to grow. If it remained the same, with only a handful of children, it appeared to be a financial liability. Other important ministries would be neglected for lack of funds.

Hours of evaluation and planning resulted in a recommendation with two major thrusts. One: expand the school. Get rid of the "one-room school-house" stigma by adding another teacher and classroom immediately, with more teachers and rooms to follow in the future.

Two: begin a program of small group ministries designed to meet a variety of needs. As soon as possi-

ble, add staff to develop and maintain these ministries.

The congregation approved these recommendations. During the summer and early fall volunteers remodeled the fellowship hall so that it now accommodates two classrooms and a small computer room. Our new principal, Robert Klindworth, teaches grades 5-8. Two other Dr. Martin Luther College graduates, Martha Klindworth and Susan Degner, are team teaching in grades 1-4.

While these plans were being implemented, the committee was working on long-range plans for future development. The committee's plan includes one-year goals for the first five years, and five-year steps for the next 20 years. Hardly a stone was left unturned. The committee considered our facilities, planned for new buildings, proposed different uses for old buildings, anticipated growth in offerings, evaluated tuition rates, and calculated the need for additional teachers and pastors.

Thanks to work which has been done in other circles, some rules-of-thumb were available. For example, when church attendance consistently exceeds 80 to 85 percent of capacity, it's time to add more services or additional seating. Also, there should be one pastor or staff member (not counting teachers in the school) for every 150 to 200 confirmed members. Or, a church should have one small group ministry for every 15 to 20 members.

We've mentioned small group ministries. Most of our churches have always had some. Choirs, youth groups, Bible study groups, and various clubs all fit the category. But the stresses of life and the absence of close family ties for many people make small groups more necessary than ever. By merely going to church, most people cannot develop a close relationship with other members of the congregation.

Yet Scripture teaches that God has given every Christian spiritual gifts for use in ministering to oth-

ers. By encouraging, establishing, and maintaining an adequate number and variety of small groups, a congregation can help most of its members find a place where people know each other well enough to be helpful in time of need or crisis.

It doesn't come easily. It rarely just happens. Churches must plan for it, budget for it, work for it. But when they do, many benefits result. One is a perception that the congregation

loves and cares about its people. That perception helps keep members happy in their church and helps attract non-members to the church.

Proclaiming our Savior's gospel is still our primary purpose and activity. Our mission statement says that. Souls are not saved without the gospel. Yet we think it's possible for a congregation to be faithful in preserving the gospel while being negligent in creating an environment where people want to come.

We want to make our church a haven, where young and old can find the gospel amid loving, caring people. We want our church to be a workshop, where people are

equipped to help one another and reach out to others. We want our church to be a place where frail residents of a fragile earth are always reminded of their great worth in God's sight and of their destiny to spend eternity with him.

Reaching our goals will not be easy. We won't reach them if we are content with "business as usual." We'll have to implement the consultant's recommendations regarding stewardship, evangelism, worship, and changes in facilities.

"We never had a plan before. At least this one has a chance of working," said a member. We may have to change it in the months and years to come. But it is a plan, it is faithful to God's word, and he will bless it.



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College raises \$9.8 million

Wisconsin Lutheran College, Milwaukee, has successfully completed its capital campaign, "The Leadership Challenge."

The campaign, begun in 1987, was a three-year effort to raise \$9.8 million. At the end of 1990, the college had received \$9,826,000 in cash and pledges.

The majority of contributions came from individuals representing

a national leadership base. An increasing level of support, however, within the foundation community of Milwaukee has resulted in approximately ten percent of the total financial commitment.

Contributions to the independently supported liberal arts college over the past three years have been used to erect and equip a \$3-million library, provide student

tuition assistance, develop academic programs, increase faculty, and enhance campus facilities. In addition over \$1.5 million has been designated for the design and construction of the college's \$5.5-million recreation center, the first of its kind for the college.

Construction of the recreation facility will begin this spring.

Church robbed during service

During the Lenten service at Lamb of God, Columbus, Ohio, on Feb. 27, a man and woman burst into the sanctuary just before the closing hymn waving pistols, shouting abusively, threatening to blow the usher's head off, and ordering all valuables thrown into the center aisle. The thieves were so nervous they left the wallets, grabbed nine purses, and fled.

Four worshipers asked themselves, "is this another of the pastor's sermon dramatizations?" Many just complied and prayed. Most were frightened, which was just as well. Frightened people don't do anything, and nothing is the right thing to do where only money is wanted.

One man was carrying more cash than anyone could afford to lose. He doesn't usually carry that much, but it was a choice between deposit the money or get to church on time. He chose church, and God blessed his decision, because the thieves were in such a hurry they didn't take his money.

Another woman had two cents in her purse. A third had the presence of mind to hand all her cash to the thieves and keep her credit cards. A fourth was able to throw her wallet under the pew. But what people

really talked about was the little girl who lost her teddy bear and prayer book.

The thieves forgot the collection plates on the altar, which didn't surprise us much; they probably hadn't been in church since they were children.

After the robbery a member bravely gave chase to get the license number, but in vain. (It was her daughter's teddy bear.)

We are thankful that the robbers took only money and did no harm, that they took only a little and left behind a great deal, and that we were the people robbed, and not the ones robbing. We pray these criminals will land in prison where we can visit them with the gospel and perhaps bring them to repentance.

—Roger Kovaciny

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Mozambique beckons

"Another mission opportunity beckons," reports Pastor Duane Tomhave, administrator for world missions. "Because of political unrest, close to a million refugees have escaped over the border into southern Malawi."

He said that "with an additional missionary in the Lutheran Church of Central Africa for up to four years, we hope to be able to reach these people so that if and when the political climate changes in their homeland, they might carry the gospel back with them into Mozambique."

The project, he said, is number one priority for "Lift High the Cross" offerings, and "we pray that this work might begin soon."

"Our congregations south of Blantyre are nearby," Tomhave said, "but special permission is needed to move back and forth from campsites. Some language barriers also exist, and very few refugees speak English."

Peace Corps beckons WELS member

Jeffrey Brooks, 23, left for a two-year stint with the Peace Corps in September. He serves as a disease-control specialist in Benin, West Africa. He lives among a poverty-



Brooks

stricken populace who have an annual income of under \$300.

A member of Bethel, Bay City, Mich., Brooks is a graduate of Saginaw Valley State University

with a degree in science. In Benin he serves as a general health educator. One topic is how to abate water bacteria. The people are plagued by malaria, hepatitis, and AIDS.

Benin, about the size of Pennsylvania, has an average life expectancy of 47. The diet consists of mash, beans, and rice, Brooks said.

"It's a very different world," Brooks said. "And I suppose it's natural that some would wonder why I chose it. The Peace Corps has always been a means to serving a greater good, and I want to be part of that. I can let my gospel light shine as a Peace Corp volunteer."

"He has always wanted to help the less fortunate and thought about being a missionary," says his mother, Carol Brooks, "but his interests went into biology and science. Jeff would have made a wonderful minister, but it seems the Lord had other plans for him."

"Hundreds of cement babies stand as Buddha towers over them at an abortion temple," writes Lois Hering after a trip to Japan. "Milk, toys, fruit, and clothes are regularly brought for the soul of the aborted baby. The sight sent a cold shiver through our hearts."



Bargain centers support WELS projects

Recently the two WELS bargain centers in Milwaukee reported that after more than 20 years in existence they have distributed to WELS local projects and ministries over \$1.24 million.

There are two outlets for the resale of various items: clothing, household goods, small appliances, toys, and some items of furniture.

The northside store was begun 23 years ago, and two years later the southside store was opened. Sponsoring the stores is the Milwaukee Federation of WELS

Churches, a service organization of 54 WELS congregations in the Milwaukee area.

Currently there are five organizations which receive a percentage of the bargain centers' receipts and ten organizations which receive grants periodically.

The merchandise offered by the two bargain centers is received mostly from WELS families in the area. The centers are staffed by volunteers, mostly women, from area churches.

Grants given to 15 churches

A total of 15 WELS congregations are among 301 Lutheran congregations in the United States to receive grants totaling \$152,000 from Aid Association for Lutherans. The grants are designed to enable the congregations to recognize and celebrate significant

anniversaries.

Of the 15 WELS congregations marking anniversaries, six are celebrating their centennials, eight have reached the 125-year mark, and one church is celebrating 150 years—St. Jacob, Grass Lake, Mich.

Student assistant grants continue the church's mission

"I am very thankful for the grant. I will use my education at Martin Luther Preparatory School in the best possible way. I do not know how to put my gratitude into words. Only God can know what I feel in my heart. Thank you ever so much."

"Thank you for the tuition grant. I appreciate it. It encourages me in my study to be a pastor."

"I would like to express our gratitude for the tuition grant. It will enable our son to realize the goal of entering full-time church work."

Student and parent notes of thanksgiving express the purpose and blessings of the WELS Student Assistance Fund and the Student Assistance Endowment Fund.

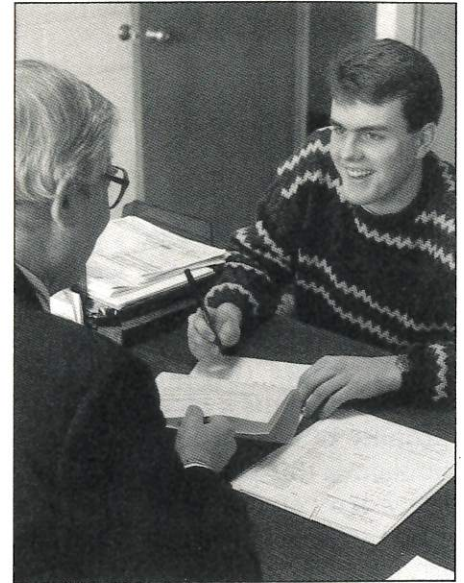
Gifts and bequests to these funds

give needed financial support to future pastors and teachers. For many students such support may be the difference between continuing study for ministry in the church or not.

During the 1989-90 school year, over \$88,000 was distributed from the fund to 633 students at our six synodical schools. This year our schools received \$112,000 for tuition grants from the WELS Student Assistance Fund.

Information about the funds may be obtained through your pastor or from the WELS Board for Worker Training, 2929 N. Mayfair Rd., Milwaukee, WI 53222. Gifts and bequests may be sent to the same address.

—Alan H. Siggelkow



JOHN BRAUN

Northwestern College student Peter Kelm applies for a grant with the help of Prof. Wayne Zuleger.

Home missions receive financial assistance for outreach

In 1990 the Board for Home Missions received a grant of \$92,000 from Lutheran Brotherhood. This grant provided financial assistance for the outreach efforts of mission groups, especially through the use of mass media materials.

The grant provided funds for 70 different congregations and groups in 24 different states.

LB has provided home mission such a grant for a number of years and hopes to keep doing so on a year-to-year basis. "Home missions is grateful for the generous gift," said Pastor Harold J. Hagedorn, administrator for home missions.

WLCFS drug abuse program assisted

A \$5,000 grant will enhance the alcohol awareness and drug abuse programs of the Wisconsin Lutheran Child and Family Service (WLCFS). The money was presented by Aid Association for Lutherans (AAL) at the agency's 25th anniversary celebration held March 10 in

Milwaukee.

Executive Director Ernst Lehninger accepted the grant from Bob Peregrine, a member of the AAL board of directors who also served as the first president of the WLCFS board.

Obituary

Ruth Otterstatter Nelson 1927-1990

Ruth M. Nelson, nee Otterstatter, was born April 30, 1927, in Town Scott, Lincoln County, Wis. She died Aug. 16, 1990.

A graduate of Dr. Martin Luther College, she taught in Lutheran elementary schools in Oconomowoc, Wis., Saginaw, Mich., and New Ulm, Minn. When

she left teaching for marriage she continued to be active in congregational and synodical activities.

She is survived by her husband, Eldor; a son, John (Debra); daughters Christine (Loren) Grev, Carol, and Carla; two grandchildren; and her mother, Rhoda Otterstatter; brothers Marvin, Walter, Robert, and David.

Services were held at St. Paul, New Ulm, Minnesota.

The encircling foe

by James A. Aderman

The threat of God's punishment intensifies as we move into the second of the three parts of Amos. The Lord described himself as a roaring lion in part one, urging repentance else he would lunge in judgment. Part two of Amos's prophecy paints a bleaker picture. God's unalterable promise of an invading army set on destroying Israel bookends this part. From this point in the prophecy the Lord refuses to be dissuaded from destroying Israel. His calls to repentance have been unheeded for too long. His patience is exhausted. The funeral dirge has begun. And yet grace glimmers. For the few who will still turn from sin and toward the Savior, there is life.

Three times within this part the Lord focuses on the sin of his people and recounts the resultant punishment. Yet he continues to offer reprieve to the repentant. In the first section (3:9-15) he lists the lovelessness his people chose to live in, decrying their greed, their lust for luxury, and their false worship. He threatens with the mockery of surrounding nations at Israel's demise, the bloodthirstiness of an invading horde, the demolition of their religion, and the destruction of their mansions.

Section two (4:1-11) magnifies the promise of judgment. With increasing fervency God names the same sins as before and adds Israel's deafness to his calls for repentance. The promised punishment will be humiliating and painful. Gone will be the social status. Gone will be all bodily comforts. Gone will be any security.

The final section (5:1-6:14) recounts the sins mentioned above and adds still more: a subversion of justice and the selfish complacency of national leaders. The bulk of this section is spent detailing the coming invasion by a foreign power and the judgment of God it will level. The Lord describes the wholesale death, the fiery fury of the attack, the loss of all wealth, the inconsolable grief, the inescapable extermination, the exile of leaders, and the impending genocide.

Once again in this study of Amos the Spirit would have us pause, reflect on our lives, and compare

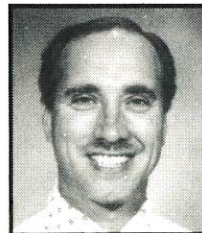
them with God's expectations. How do the sins of decadent Israel find their way into our lives? Have we listened to God's promise of punishment without looking at ourselves? Without sorrow over our sin? Without desire for forgiveness? Be warned: God is deadly serious about punishing transgression.

But be comforted as well. Even here, grace shines through the roiled storm clouds of God's wrath. Some in Israel will escape, the Lord promises, "as a shepherd saves from the lion's mouth only two leg bones or a piece of an ear." God continues to plead, "Prepare to meet your God, O Israel" and "Seek me and live."

The Lord, God of Israel, is much different than the Molochs, the Baals, the Asherahs, and all the other gods worshipped in and around the Holy Land. Even in the face of continuing obstinate godlessness, the Lord continues to love the loveless. That characteristic has always separated the true God from anything ever worshipped as god.

That kind of love is not indigenous to this planet. "Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:7,8). The godly people of Amos' day knew him as that kind of God as well as we do. The psalmist confesses, "I will sing of the love of the Lord forever; for who in the skies above can compare with the Lord? Who is like the Lord among the heavenly beings?" (Psalm 89:1,6).

There is no one like Yahweh. In spite of our sins—no matter what the crime—Jesus' resurrection guarantees we have been totally and freely forgiven. So "seek the Lord and live," finding in his grace the cleansing you need. Then "prepare to meet your God" as you live out your gratitude with a life that pleases him.



James Aderman is pastor of Fairview, Milwaukee.

Money and the church

Our synod's Board for Worker Training has projected that over the next six years a funding gap in the neighborhood of \$7 million is facing our six worker training schools (seminary, two colleges, three high schools). Several suggestions are presented as possible solutions: one would be to close a school; another would be increased offerings from members of congregations for the work of the synod.

On hearing this you might think: "There you go again. Always asking for money. All the church wants is my money."

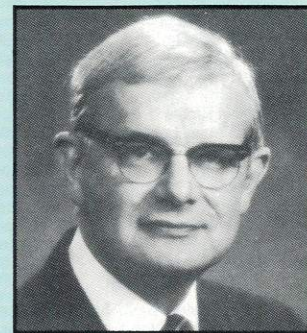
It might seem that way when congregational deficits mount and expenses increase. But in fact the church is not a profit-making business. The church does not measure success by the money dividends it pays to investors or the interest added to savings.

There are plenty of businesses which do want your money. Walking into a shopping mall can be hazardous to your billfold (and credit card) because you'll be confronted with a multitude of stores which are after your money. All of them exist to make a profit.

Operators of dog racing tracks are looking for people's money and getting it. The media relations director for a track in Wisconsin which opened last year reported enthusiastically: "It's just fantastic." What excited him was the fact that 5,500 people crammed the track on opening night and wagered an average of \$78 per person on the dogs. The next night the crowd was down but the average bet was up to \$86 per person. Someone made a handsome profit.

But the business of the church is not to turn a profit. The Lord Jesus gave us our assignment: "Go and make disciples of all nations." To train and send out workers for that task takes money. And that money is not going to come from government; that money is not going to come from church-run profit-making ventures. That money is going to come from the pockets of Christians who believe in the Savior who gave that commission.

The question has been asked: what is the average Sunday offering which each member of the church should give? That's really not a question which needs to be answered, because there are few average members in our church. In our ability to give we may be either above or below average. God has permitted some to manage above average wealth. Their offerings need to reflect this fact. Others must make do with less than average income. They will also include the Lord's work in their budgeting but at a lesser amount. God expects each baptized believer to be a faithful manager of the money he puts into our hands. And when it comes to money, that is all the church expects as well.



Victor Prange is pastor of Peace, Janesville, Wisconsin.

Victor H. Prange

NOTICES

Notices are printed in the first issue each month. The deadline for submitting items is five weeks before the date of issue.

NOMINATIONS

Board for Parish Education

The following have been nominated as **Administrative Assistant for Adult Discipleship**.

James Aderman	Milwaukee, Wis.
Joel Fredrich	Watertown, Wis.
Keith Haag	Manitowoc, Wis.
Ronald Heins	Wauwatosa, Wis.
James Huebner	Milwaukee, Wis.
Paul E. Kelm	Brookfield, Wis.
Richard Kogler	Yucaipa, Calif.
Kenneth Kremer	Milwaukee, Wis.
Timothy Kujath	East Troy, Wis.
David Kuske	Mequon, Wis.
Waldemar Loeschner	Greenleaf, Wis.
Jon Mahnke	San Jose, Calif.
Karl Peterson	Manitowoc, Wis.
Fredric Piepenbrink	Milwaukee, Wis.
Duane Polack	Milwaukee, Wis.
Jerome Siegmann	Milwaukee, Wis.
Randall Styx	Snoqualmie, Wash.
David Valleskey	Mequon, Wis.
Walter Zimmermann	Belle Plaine, Minn.

The following have been nominated as **Administrative Assistant for Youth Discipleship**.

Elmer Baacke	West Allis, Wis.
Arlyn Boll	Watertown, Wis.
Earl Brassow	Wauwatosa, Wis.
David Fehlauer	Tomah, Wis.
Donald Helwig	Woodruff, Wis.
Gerald Kastens	Lake Mills, Wis.
Roger Klockziem	New Ulm, Minn.
Gary Krug	San Diego, Calif.
Timothy Kujath	East Troy, Wis.
Mark Maurice	Milwaukee, Wis.
Jerold Meier	Plymouth, Mich.
Merlin Meitner	Kenosha, Wis.
Lawrence Olson	Loves Park, Ill.
David Payne	Appleton, Wis.
Daniel Schmal	Watertown, S.D.
Paul Schumacher	Racine, Wis.
Roger Sievert	Tempe, Ariz.
Gordon Vetter	Redwood Falls, Minn.
Jon Ziesemer	Bloomington, Minn.

Please send any correspondence regarding these nominees by May 15 to the secretary, Kenneth Kolander, 16 Oneida Ct., Appleton, WI 54911

WELS SCHOOLS GRADUATION DATES

Dr. Martin Luther College	May 15	10:00 a.m.
Martin Luther Preparatory School	May 16	10:00 a.m.
Michigan Lutheran Seminary	May 25	10:30 a.m.
Northwestern College	May 15	10:00 a.m.
Northwestern Preparatory School	May 15	1:30 p.m.
Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary	May 31	10:00 a.m.

ITEMS AVAILABLE

The following are available for the cost of shipping.

OFFICE EQUIPMENT—Roneo 870 mimeograph, ICA electronic stencil cutter. St. Jacobi, Greenfield, Wis., 414/425-3030.

ORGAN—Baldwin Model 5 electronic with amplifier and speakers. You would be responsible for removal and transportation. St. Mark, Mankato, Minn., Pastor Thomas Zahn, 507/625-5154 or 507/388-2013; or Larry Olfert, 507/387-6726.

SPIRIT DUPLICATORS (two)—Our Savior, 3901 SW Green Oaks Blvd., Arlington, TX 76017; 817/478-1271.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MATERIALS—Small quantities of "God So Loved the World" lesson leaflets, activity pages, and coloring books for kindergarten and nursery classes. Also lesson books for upper level. St. Paul Lutheran Church, 17810 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Mich. 48152; 313/261-1360.

1991 WELS NATIONAL YOUTH MINISTRY WORKSHOP

The 1991 workshop for all youth leaders and workers will be September 20-22 at the Holiday Inn-City Centre, Milwaukee, Wis. The format planned will be beneficial to first-time and returning participants. Contact Mike Pfeifer, 9350 Portland Ave., S., Bloomington, MN 55420; 612/888-2475.

OWLS NATIONAL CONVENTION

The annual meeting of the Organization of Wisconsin Lutheran Seniors will take place at the Sheraton International, Rosemont, Ill., July 9-11. Anyone 55 or retired is encouraged to attend. This gathering offers spiritual enrichment, Christian fellowship, and educational experiences. Contact OWLS, 8420 W. Beloit Rd., West Allis, WI 53227; 414/312-9977.

OWLS HOSTEL

The 1991 OWLS Hostel will be held at Wisconsin Lutheran College, Milwaukee, Wis., July 11-16. For further information contact the Special Ministries Board, 2929 N. Mayfair Rd., Milwaukee, WI 53222-4398; 414/771-9357.

OZARK TRAVELERS

Planning to visit or move to the Ozarks? Come worship with us at Zion Lutheran, 4717 S. Golden, Springfield, Mo. For more information: Pastor A.L. Schmeling, 417/887-7272.

ITEMS NEEDED

PEWS—For mission in Rumford, R.I.; need 22, 12' or longer. Contact Pastor Jeff Wegner, 401/434-4078.
COMMUNION RAILING—Elsa Frese, 2407 Oak Ave., Bellevue, NE 68005; 402-731-3946.

ANNIVERSARIES

DAVENPORT, IOWA—Gethsemane (25th). Nov. 10, 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Snacks after 10:30 service, dinner after 4 p.m. Contact Anniversary Committee, 2410 E. St., Davenport, IA 52807.

LITTLE CHUTE, WISCONSIN—St. Luke (25th). July 14, 9:00 a.m. Sept. 15, 10 a.m. Dinner and fellowship following each service. 414/788-4408.

WILMOT, WISCONSIN—Peace (125th). April 28, 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Brunch at 11 a.m.; \$5.00 per person. June 23, 10 a.m. Picnic at noon. September 29, 10 a.m. Dinner at noon; \$7.50 per person. Contact Pastor George Swanson, 30604 113th St., Box 37, Wilmot, WI 53192; 414/862-6014.

WICHITA, KANSAS—Messiah (25th). June 16, 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Dinner 12:30 p.m.; refreshments following the 4:00 p.m. service. Pastor Jonathan Rockhoff, 1241 N. Ridge Rd., Wichita, KS 67212; 316/722-1771.

CHANGES IN MINISTRY

PASTORS:

Birner, Philip M., from St. Matthew, Iron Ridge, Wis., to Mwembezhi, Zambia.
Harders, Delmer J., from Faith, Pittsburg, Kans., to Zion/St. Paul, Colome, South Dakota.
Krieger, Freddy M., from Grace, Kenai, Alaska, to First, Prescott, Ariz.
Meier, Donald W., from retirement, to Southern Lutheran Academy, South Atlantic District.
Petermann, Martin B., from St. John, St. Paul, Minn., to Calvary, Glenwood, Minn.
Rath, James E., from Zion, Osceola, Wis., to St. Paul, Lake Mills, Wis.

TEACHERS:

Akers, Barbara, from St. Lucas, Milwaukee, Wis., to St. Peter, Weyauwega, Wis.
Arndt, Judy, from inactive to Bethel, Menasha, Wis.
Baer, Marilyn, to Grace, Portland, Ore.
Bruss, Marlene, to St. Peter, Mishicot, Wis.
Fickau, Sharon, to St. Paul, Round Lake, Ill.
Kallies, Ronald, from Shepherd of the Mountains, Reno, Nev., to Trinity, Manitowoc, Wis.
Kuske, Linda, from St. Paul, Round Lake, Ill., to St. John, Jefferson, Wis.
Mundstock, Robin, from St. John, St. Paul, Minn., to Trinity, Bay City, Mich.
White, Robin, from inactive to Bethany/St. Paul, Ft. Atkinson, Wis.

VOLUNTEER SUMMER CAMP STAFF NEEDED

Camp Philip, Wautoma, Wis., needs adults and teens (grade 10 and up) as counselors, kitchen staff, and arts and crafts supervisors for our children's summer SonShine Camp program during June, July, and August. We have an urgent need for physicians and nurses licensed in Wisconsin, or persons holding an advanced first aid certificate. Contact Cliff Schmoltd, Rt. 3 Box 203, Wautoma, WI 54982; 414/787-3680.

EXPLORATORY SERVICES

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

KISSIMMEE, FLORIDA—Peace (ELS), Sun Bank Plaza on Dyer Blvd., 1/2 block north of Hwy. 192. Worship 10:00 a.m., Bible class 9:00 a.m. Pastor Jonathan Madson, 407/870-5965.

FLORENCE, KENTUCKY—Amazing Grace, Travelodge Hotel, 7915 Hwy 42. Worship 9:30 a.m., Bible class 10:45. Pastor Joel Gaertner, 606/283-9009

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Voss, David J., 215 E. Greenfield, Appleton, WI 54911
Wade, James A., 938 Pope St., Lake Mills, WI 53551
Wulff, Frederick H., 301 N. Franklin St., New Ulm, MN 56073

SCHOOL:

St. Peter, Plymouth, Mich., 313/453-0460.

It was the end of an era when the Board of Directors of Wisconsin Lutheran Child and Family Service of Milwaukee on Monday, February 25, accepted the resignation of Pastor Ernst F. Lehninger as executive director of the social service agency which he has served for the past 25 years.

Lehninger, 73, was present at the birth of a new era of social ministry within the Wisconsin Synod. One era had ended in 1961 when the Wisconsin Synod suspended fellowship with the Missouri Synod after 94 years of fellowship. During these years where there were concentrations of Synodical Conference Lutherans (the Wisconsin and Missouri Synods in particular) there were joint special ministries: institutional ministries and social service agencies offering a variety of services. In the Wisconsin Synod's centennial history (1950) only four special ministries, supported solely by the Wisconsin Synod, are mentioned: the Lutheran Home at Belle Plaine, Minn., three institutional ministries in Wisconsin, and a mail program for members in the armed forces.



Ernst Lehninger

The picture had not changed much in 1961. But since we were not in fellowship any longer with the Missouri Synod, all jointly sponsored work must cease. At the 1963 convention President Naumann issued an urgent call for new agencies, supported by us alone, to replace the old joint agencies. It was several years before President Naumann's dream began to take shape.

The first such agency was launched in Wisconsin. With over 60 percent of the synod's baptized membership at that time, the state of Wisconsin seemed to be the logical place to begin. In 1966 the new agency, Wisconsin Lutheran Child and Family Service, was underway, supported by an association of WELS members throughout the state.

Heading the new agency was Lehninger. His credentials were excellent. For ten years he had headed the large Missouri-Wisconsin agency, Lutheran Children's Friend Society of Wauwatosa, offering a wide range of services. He was active and respected in the professional societies associated with social welfare agencies. In the contemporary meaning of the word he was the first "professional" social service executive in the Wisconsin Synod. Under his direction the agency grew.

And how it grew! Today WLCFS offers Christian service in adoption, unwed parent counseling, foster care, family counseling, alcoholism awareness groups, school services and educational programs through a midwest network of area offices and field staff counselors, skilled nursing and custodial care in a 161-bed facility, home health care, and—as a financially separate entity—Luther Haven, a 236-apartment retirement community. Employees have grown through the years from 26 to 220, and the annual budgets for WLCFS and for Luther Haven are just under \$8 million.

Lehninger will not be idle. The WLCFS directors have created two new corporations: the Building Corporation and the Investment Corporation. The former will hold title to the agency buildings and the latter will assist the agency's development program. The directors have appointed Lehninger president and chief executive officer of the two new corporations. "I will have my hands full," he said.

James P. Schaffer

I hurt my Lord

I hurt my Lord;
I doubted his word.
But to my mind
It seemed absurd.
"It's fake!" I cried.
"It isn't true."
But I knew it was;
Oh, yes, I knew;
But I doubted nevertheless.
I hurt my Lord.

My Lord drew me back
In his loving arms
To keep me safe
From sin and harm.
He spoke a kind word
Of forgiveness and love,
But I slapped his face,
I gave him a shove.
I did not want to, but I did.
I hurt my Lord.

With patience only Jesus has
He brought me to himself again.
But I shoved spikes through his
kind hands
And to his feet the same
great pain.
He looked at me with loving eyes
Of sorrow, pain, and love,
And asked his heavenly Father
To let me live with him above.
With shame I pierced my Savior's
side
And watched the blood pour out.
I killed him, my Lord Jesus Christ.
I deserved death, without a
doubt.
I hurt my Lord.

With tears and sorrow I hid until
My Jesus rose again.
He came to me, not I to him.
His hands and heart still felt the
pain.
He said, "Life won't be easy,
But I've loved you from the start.
What you deserve, you won't
receive.
I put the Spirit in your heart.
So live a life for me and then
Be taken to the grave.
Then live with me eternally.
Cheer up now and be brave;
I'm with you to the end."

I stared in wonder, joy, and grief;
He still loves me so!
Through all the times I've stabbed his
heart
He never let me go.
With guiding discipline
The Shepherd doesn't let me stray.
His love holds just as true
Though I still hurt my Lord each day.

Most every day I hurt my Lord;
I sin, I doubt, I lie.
He brings me gently to my knees;
My repentance follows closely by.
His loving smile of knowledge
Grants forgiveness once again,
But in his gentle eyes I see
An agonizing pain.
For each time I sin and do him wrong
I hurt my Lord again.
I hurt my Lord.

I think each time I do him ill
About what he's done for me,
For what I've given back is nil,
Except a bloody tree.
Yes, the fact remains, cold and bare.
I hung him on that tree.
I hurt my Lord.

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Dear Lord

Be with me
Wherever I may be.
At school, at home, or anywhere
Never let me be
Without thee.
Amen.

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