

41 REGULAR CONVENTION

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD (The Norwegian Synod)

**HELD AT
Bethany Lutheran College
and Seminary
Mankato, Minnesota
June 24-29, 1958**

ESSAY

DR. N. A. MADSON

*"Christ's Resurrection the
Christian's Chiefest Comfort"*



41st REPORT
REGULAR CONVENTION
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD

**(Norwegian Synod of the
American Evangelical Lutheran Church)**

HELD AT
Bethany Lutheran College
and Seminary
Mankato, Minnesota
June 24-29, 1958



Some Pastors, Professors and Delegates at the 1958 Synod Convention

THE OPENING AND ORGANIZATION OF THE CONVENTION

Pastors, delegates and friends of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (Norwegian Synod) convened in the chapel of Bethany Lutheran College and Seminary for the opening service of the 41st Regular Convention on Tuesday, June 24, at 10:30 a.m.

The Rev. Wilhelm Petersen of Oklee, Minnesota, conducted the service and delivered the message based on 1 Corinthians 5, 12-21. Pastor G. A. R. Gullixson served as convention organist.

Pastor Petersen preached on "The Comforting Assurance of Christ's Resurrection." The truth of the Gospel is thereby established; its message is the good news that our gracious Father, for the sake of Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection, has forgiven the sins of the whole world. From Christ's resurrection we have the comforting assurance that our faith is not a vain thing, but a blessed reality. And it is this faith, which was once delivered unto the saints, for which we must contend. Especially in our day, when so many are departing from the teachings of Scripture, we must be willing to suffer persecution for our faith.

Pastor Petersen concluded by showing that, because of Christ's resurrection, we are assured, by faith in Jesus, of a glorious resurrection to eternal glory, there to behold and enjoy forever the things which "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him." (1 Cor. 2,9.)

The hymns sung by the assembled worshippers were: "Ye Lands, to the Lord Make a Jubilant Noise," "Like the Golden Sun Ascending," "O Word of God Incarnate," and "Now May He Who from the Dead Brought the Shepherd of the Sheep."

President B. W. Teigen of Bethany Lutheran College welcomed the convention in behalf of the college and of the Mt. Olive Lutheran congregation, the Rev. C. M. Gullerud, pastor. President M. E. Tveit responded in behalf of the assembly. He assured the college staff and members of Mt. Olive that their cordial efforts as joint hosts are much appreciated.

The opening session of the convention began with a devotion led by the Rev. S. A. Dorr of Princeton, Minnesota, Chaplain of the convention.

"Then let us follow Christ, our Lord
And take the cross appointed
And firmly clinging to His Word,
In suffering be undaunted.
For who bears not the battle's strain
The crown of life shall not obtain."

Hymn 421 v. 5

Chaplain Dorr announced that four great doctrines will be treated in the morning devotions and four great calls of God to work in His kingdom will be presented in the afternoon devotions.

The Secretary read the roll of Pastors and Professors. There were 36 of the 46 pastors who serve member congregations present

(later 42 were present). Three of the 5 Permanent Advisory Members were present. Two of the 5 Pastors Emeriti were present, (later 3). And 6 of the 10 Professors responded to the roll call (later 8 were present). A total of 56 pastors and professors registered by the close of the convention.

By recommendation of the temporary credentials committee twenty-seven representatives of various member congregations of the Synod were seated as certified delegates of this convention. (Later the total numbered 60). Chairman M. E. Tweit declared the 41st Regular Convention of the Norwegian Synod of the American Evangelical Lutheran Church (later—Evangelical Lutheran Synod) and the 2nd Annual Convention of the Bethany Lutheran College and Seminary corporation to be in session in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

The President's Message and Report (see page 7 and following) were read; the convention committees were elected, and the committee work was assigned.

Roll Call

A. PERMANENT MEMBERS PRESENT

Pastors Serving Member Congregations: T. Aaberg, J. Anderson, P. Anderson, G. Becker, R. Branstad, H. Bremer, D. Dale, M. Dale, S. Dorr, G. Guldberg, A. Gullerud, M. Gullerud, G. Gullixson, W. Gullixson, H. Handberg, N. Harstad, N. Hilton, D. Johnson, H. Larson, S. Lee, A. Merseth, J. Moldstad, R. Moldstad, R. Newgard, N. Oesleby, K. Olmanson, G. Orvick, J. Petersen, P. Petersen, D. Pfeiffer, H. Preus, G. Quill, A. Schulz, G. Schweikert, A. Strand, T. Teigen, H. Theiste, V. Theiste, M. Tweit, E. Unseth, L. Vangen, F. Weyland, P. Ylvisaker.

B. PERMANENT ADVISORY MEMBERS PRESENT (Not eligible to vote)

Pastors serving Non-Members Congregations or Groups: A. Harstad, W. Petersen, R. Ude.

Pastors Emeriti: C. Anderson, H. Ingebritson, J. Unseth.

Professors: C. Faye, A. Grorud, N. Holte, I. Johnson, G. Lillegard, N. Madson, D.D., M. Otto, B. Teigen, Pres.

Pastors Admitted Into Membership With the Synod

The Rev. Herbert Larson, Amherst Junction, Wisconsin
The Rev. Gerhard Weseloh, Cottonwood, Minnesota

Excused for Absence From the Convention

Pastors: J. B. Madson, A. H. Strand.

Excused for Part-Time Absence

Pastors: J. G. Anderson, D. Dale, G. Guldberg, A. M. Harstad, N. Harstad, D. Johnson, R. Moldstad, G. Orvick, P. Petersen, G. Quill, V. Theiste, F. Weyland.

Delegates: Messrs. Erik Furholmen, Marvin Jacob, Roger Keske, Victor Lind, Ronald Pautz.

Advisory Member of the Convention

Professor Martin Galstad

Congregation Declared a Member of the Synod

River Heights Lutheran Church of East Grand Forks, Minnesota, (A continuation of Bygland Lutheran Church, Fisher, Minnesota)

Representatives Present Eligible to Vote

PASTORS	ADDRESS	CONGREGATION	DELEGATE
1. T. Aaberg	Scarville, Ia.	1. Scarville	1. N. Faugstad, Sr. 2. C. A. Faugstad
2. J. Anderson	Scarville, Ia. Story City, Ia. Minneapolis, Minn.	2. Center 3. Bethany 4. Hiawatha	3. Victor Lind 4. J. V. Geisendorfer 5. M. Jacob
3. P. Anderson	Rochester, N. Y.	5. Indian Landing	6. O. Anderson
4. G. Becker	Lake Mills, Ia.	6. Lake Mills	7. S. Fernstad
5. R. Braustad	Lake Mills, Ia. Minneapolis, Minn.	7. Lime Creek 8. Fairview	8. N. Werner Excused
6. H. Bremer	New Hampton, Ia.	9. Redeemer	9. R. Pautz Excused
7. D. Dale	St. Paul, Minn.	10. Edgecumbe Hills	
8. M. Dale	Holton, Mich	11. Immanuel-Scandinavian	
9. S. Dorr	Princeton, Minn.	12. Our Savior's	10. H. Annexstad
10. G. Guldberg	Princeton, Minn.	13. Bethany	11. E. Williams
11. A. Gullerud	Bagley, Minn.	14. Concordia	12. N. A. Madson, Sr.
12. M. Gullerud	Bagley, Minn. Eau Claire, Wis.	15. Our Savior's	13. M. H. Otto
		16. Pinehurst	14. O. Rosenthal
	Mankato, Minn.	17. Mt. Olive	15. O. Fruechte
	Eagle Lake, Minn.	18. Salem	16. P. A. G. Lee Excused
13. G. Gullixson	Cottage Grove, Wis.	19. W. Koshkonong	17. C. Gilbertson
14. W. Gullixson	Waterville, Ia.	20. E. Paint Creek	18. C. Sorum
	Waukon, Ia.	21. W. Paint Creek	19. W. S. Lande
15. H. Handberg	Mayville, N. D.	22. First American	20. E. Hines
16. N. Harstad	Sheneyne, N. D.	23. Holy Cross	21. W. Kuehn
	Belview, Minn.	24. Our Savior's	22. N. Kvendru
	Belview, Minn.	25. Rock Dell	23. P. Pedersen
17. N. Hilton	Delhi, Minn.	26. First	Excused
	Sutton's Bay, Mich.	27. First	Excused
18. D. Johnson	Elk Rapids, Mich.	28. Grace	Excused
19. J. Jungemann	Canoga Park, Calif.	29. Our Redeemer's	
20. H. Larson	Volga, S. D.	30. Oslo	
	Amhurst Junction, Wis.	31. Our Savior's	24. L. Hoyord
21. S. Lee	Hawley, Minn.	32. Our Savior's	25. B. Williamson
	Audubon, Minn.	33. Immanuel	26. A. A. Mock
22. J. Madson	Tacoma, Wash.	34. Lakewood	
23. N. Madson, Jr.	Fosston, Minn.	35. Cross Lake	
	Trail, Minn.	36. Mt. Olive	
24. A. Merseth	Ulen, Minn.	37. First S. Wild Rice	
	Fertile, Minn.	38. First Evanger	
25. J. Moldstad	Thornton, Ia.	39. Richland	
26. R. Moldstad	Lombard, Ill.	40. St. Timothy	27. E. Furholmen
27. R. Newgard	Northwood, Ia.	41. First Shell Rock	28. P. Randolph
	Northwood, Ia.	42. Somber	
28. N. Oesleby	Madison, Wis.	43. Our Saviour's	29. L. Faulken
29. K. Olmanson	Eau Claire, Wis.	44. Ascension	30. O. E. Overn
30. G. Orvick	Madison, Wis.	45. Holy Cross	31. L. Borgwardt
31. J. Petersen	St. Peter, Minn.	46. Norseland	32. G. Hoyord
32. P. Petersen	Ellsworth, Minn.	47. Bethlehem	33. H. Swenson
	Luverne, Minn.	48. Bethany	34. C. Rodning
	Jasper, Minn.	49. Trefoldighed	35. A. Oldre
33. D. Pfeiffer	Boston, Mass.	50. Boston	36. R. Hoiland
34. H. Preus	Calmar, Ia.	51. Trinity	37. R. Jorgenson
35. G. Quill	Granada Hills, Calif.	52. Our Savior's	38. C. Houg
36. A. Schulz	Tracy, Minn.	53. Zion	Excused
37. G. Schweikert	E. Grand Forks, Minn.	54. River Heights	39. J. Rialson
38. A. Strand	Chicago, Ill.	55. St. Mark's	40. R. L. Sorenson
39. T. Teigen	Sioux Falls, S. D.	56. Bethel	41. H. Ziebarth
40. H. Theiste	Tacoma, Wash.	57. Parkland	42. C. Steen
41. V. Theiste	Forest City, Ia.	58. Forest City	43. P. Helland Excused
	Thompson, Ia.	59. Zion	44. Bill Lepird
42. M. Tweit	New Hampton, Ia.	60. Jerico	45. R. Kloster
			46. E. Erickson
			47. M. Brandt
			48. G. Anderson
			49. J. Robinson

	Lawler, Ia.	61. Saude	50. M. Borlaug
43. E. Unseth	Albert Lea, Minn.	62. Our Savior's	51. G. Vaala
44. L. Vangen	Eau Claire, Wis.	63. Concordia	52. R. Quill
45. G. Weseloh	Cottonwood, Minn.	64. English	Excused
			53. N. Grande
46. F. Weyland	Minneapolis, Minn.	65. Emmaus	54. H. Frank
47. P. Ylvisaker	Manchester, Minn.	66. Manchester	55. R. E. Keske
	Hartland, Minn.	67. Hartland	56. A. Emrud
			57. M. Hendrickson
48. Vacant	Chicago, Ill.	68. St. Paul's	58. A. Harum
			59. W. Meyer
			60. E. Engebretson

1958 Convention Committees

1. *President's Message and Report*: Pastors: Daniel Johnson, Howard Bremer, F. Weyland. Delegates: Henry Ziebarth, Walter Meyer, Boyd Williamson.
2. *Nominations*: Pastors: Herman Preus, Grant Quill, John Moldstad, D. Pfeiffer. Delegates: S. Fermstad, Prof. M. Otto, Howard Swenson, Roger Sorenson
3. *Credentials*: Pastors: C. M. Gullerud, Norman Harstad, Robert Moldstad. Delegates: Oscar Anderson, Gene Hoyord.
4. *Program*: Pastors: G. A. R. Gullixson, J. A. Moldstad. Delegate: Norman Werner.
5. *Press*: Public: Professors Iver Johnson and G. O. Lillegard. *Convention Sentinel*: Pastors: N. Oesleby, N. A. Madson, Jr.
6. *Doctrinal*: Pastors: M. O. Dale, H. A. Theiste, Alf Merseth, George Orvick, Wilhelm Petersen. Delegates: Nels Faugstad, Prof. M. Otto.
7. *Missions*: Pastors: S. Dorr, A. Harstad, Luther Vangen, Prof. Milton Otto. Delegates: Prof. N. A. Madson, Sr., Roger Sorenson, Rudolph Quill, Loren Borgwardt, A. Mock, John Robinson, Marvin Jacob.
8. *Higher Education*: Pastors: S. E. Lee, Paul Ylvisaker, Theodore Aaberg, Grant Quill. Delegates: P. A. G. Lee, O. E. Overn, Paul Randolph, Russell Hoiland, Morris Brandt, Gregory Vaala.
9. *Elementary Education*: Pastors: Herman Preus, Gerhardt Becker, Keith Olmanson. Delegates: Howard Annexstad, Clarence Rodning.
10. *Youth Work*: Pastors: G. Guldberg, R. Newgard, Ruben Ude. Delegates: Henry Ziebarth, Lyle Faulken.
11. *Publications*: Pastors: J. G. Anderson, George Schweikert, Hugo Handberg. Delegates: Carl Haug, John Rialson, Carl Gilbertson, Norman Grande.
12. *Finances*: Pastors: T. N. Teigen, E. G. Unseth, Joseph Petersen, Arvid Gullerud. Delegates: Howard Swenson, Melvin Kruger, Lenwick Hoyord, Erick Furholmen, Einar Engebretson.
13. *Charities and Support*: Pastors: F. R. Weyland, A. Schulz, Prof. B. W. Teigen. Delegates: Bill Lande, Albert Oldre, Otto Rosenthal, Martin Hendrickson.
14. *Armed Services*: Pastors: Howard Bremer, Herbert Larson. Delegates: Ernest Hines, Claus Sorum.
15. *Miscellaneous*: Pastors: D. L. Pfeiffer, Paul Anderson, Victor Theiste, Prof. G. O. Lillegard. Delegates: Anton Harum, Martin Borlaug, Victor Lind, Ernest Williams, Walter Meyer.
16. *Pastoral Conference Records*: Pastors: Neil Hilton, Prof. C. U. Faye.
17. *Resolutions*: Pastors: R. M. Branstad, N. Hilton.
18. *Tellers*: Pastors: Norman Madson, Jr., R. Ude, H. Larson.
19. *Chaplain*: Pastor: S. A. Dorr.
20. *Head Usher*: Prof. Norman Theiste.
21. *Convention Handbook*: Pastor J. G. Anderson.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne; and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen." Rev. 1,4b-6.

Honorable and beloved Fathers and Brethren in the Lord.

"For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God." Eph. 3,14-19.

This is the earnest desire and the fervent prayer of the Apostle Paul for the believers in Ephesus. When he mentions the breadth and length, the depth and height of Christ's love, he is thereby trying, as best he can, with human words and with human thoughts and understanding to show how bottomless and immeasurable this



M. E. Tweit, President

love really is. No matter from which side or from which point of view we look at it, it is so great and so overwhelming that it passes all knowledge and thought. There is really no comparison which we can make that will do full justice to the love and mercy of Jesus our Savior. (And let it be said that the love of Christ and the love of God are one and the same.) What limits will you set to His love? How will you circumscribe it and hedge it in? And if we do set limits to His love and hedge it in, have we not destroyed it? We are utterly at a loss, yea, our thoughts are much, much too weak, and our wisdom too insignificant to set forth the breadth and length, the depth and height of the love of Christ or to try to exhaust and measure it. This love has been the theme of the hymns of praise which have ascended as sweet incense unto God from the tongues of believers of old. It is still the burden of the paeans of praise being sung by the marvelling believers today. And it shall be the dearest privilege and most happy occupation of all believers hereafter to sing unto the Lamb the new song of praise for His redeeming love.

No one has set forth the love of Christ in a more vivid, comforting, and encouraging manner than John, the apostle of love, in all his writings. "Behold what manner of love the father hath bestowed upon us that we should be called the sons of God." 1 John 3,1. This is indeed a most marvelous and wonderful truth. We are called and are made children of God, we who were dead in trespasses and sins and were enemies of God. We are children of the most pure and holy God who fit the description of Isaiah that, "we are all as an unclean thing and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags." Is. 64,6. Yet it is truly so. No wonder that John exclaimed, "Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us that we should be called the sons of God." Yea, the highest, the most perfect description which can be given of God is given by John when he declares "God is love." 1 John 4,16. To love is the very nature of God. Love is His essence. The depth of His love for us, the greatness of His concern for our welfare is evident by the priceless gift which He gave to save us. He loved us so much that "He gave HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on Him (Christ) the iniquity of us all." Is. 53,6. So much hath God loved us disobedient and wicked, yet wretched and helpless sinners, that He has made Christ to be sin for us, He who knew no sin, that we might be made pure, holy and righteous, yea, His dear children with all the rights and privileges that goes with being sons and daughters of God. Truly we are highly favored who are permitted to live in this love through the preaching of an unconditioned Gospel and the right administration of Baptism and the Lord's Supper. From this it ought to follow that "we love Him, because He first loved us." 1 John 4,19. May the words of the Hymn writer Kingo be our faith and confession as we say:

Thy love, O gracious Lord and God,
All other loves excelling,
Attunes my heart to sweet accord,
And passes power of telling;
For when Thy wondrous love I see,
My heart yields glad submission;
I love Thee for Thy love to me
In my poor, lost condition.

With this love of Christ constraining us let us set as our aim at this convention to provide for the following goals of accomplishment in the days, weeks, and months ahead:

1. To preserve purity of doctrine and practice within our congregations.
2. To strengthen the bonds of faith and and the unity of confession which unites us as a Synod.
3. To increase our Mission work so that we reach an ever wider field with the saving Gospel.
4. To start more elementary schools within our congregations; to enlarge and strengthen our Bethany High School, College and Seminary so that the generations to come may reap of the rich blessings we have received.
5. To increase our Christian giving until it becomes a true reflection of love to our Savior for His boundless love to us.

O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, give us grace to perform our work. Amen.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ordinations and Installations

Candidate of Theology Herbert Larson was ordained and installed as pastor of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Amherst Junction, Wisconsin on July 7, 1957. The Rev. Nils Oesleby, Circuit Visitor, officiated; and the Rev. G. A. R. Gullixson preached the sermon.

The Rev. George Schweikert was installed as pastor of River Heights Lutheran Church, East Grand Forks, Minnesota, on August 18, 1957. The Rev. Hugo Handberg officiated.

The Rev. Iver Johnson was installed as Professor at Bethany Lutheran College in connection with the opening service on September 3, 1957, the undersigned officiating.

The Rev. Milton Otto was installed as Professor at Bethany Lutheran Seminary in connection with the opening service on September 17, 1957, the undersigned officiating.

The Rev. Ruben Ude was installed as pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Okabena, Minnesota, on October 6, 1957, by Visitor T. N. Teigen. The Rev. Arthur Schulz preached the sermon.

The Rev. Raymond Branstad was installed on October 13, 1957, as pastor of Fairview Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota, by the undersigned. Vice President Julian Anderson preached the sermon.

The Rev. Luther Vangen was installed as pastor of Concordia Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, Wisconsin, on November 10, 1957,

Vice President Julian Anderson officiating. Prof. Milton Otto preached the sermon.

The Rev. M. E. Tweit was installed as pastor of Jerico-Saude parish, Lawler, Iowa, on January 26, 1958, by Visitor Eivind Unseth, who also preached the sermon.

The Rev. Keith Olmanson was installed as pastor of Ascension Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, Wisconsin, on February 9, 1958, by the Rev. Arvid Gullerud. Prof. Milton Otto preached the sermon.

The Rev. Joseph Petersen was installed as pastor of the Norseland-Norwegian Grove parish, St. Peter, Minnesota, on April 20, 1958, by Vice President Julian Anderson. Prof. J. A. O. Preus preached the sermon.

Candidate of Theology Gerhard Weseloh was ordained and installed as pastor of English Lutheran Church, Cottonwood, Minnesota, on June 15, 1958, by the undersigned. Prof. Milton Otto preached the sermon.

Missionary Daniel Johnson was installed as pastor of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Canoga Park, California, on January 26, 1958, by the Rev. Grant Quill.

The Rev. H. A. Theiste was installed as pastor of Parkland Ev. Lutheran Church, Parkland, Washington, on September 7, 1957, by the Rev. Juul Madson.

Applications for Membership



Rev. Herbert Larson



Rev. Gerhard Weseloh

The Rev. Herbert Larson is applying for permanent membership in the synod.

The Rev. Gerhard Weseloh is applying for permanent membership in the synod.

Visitors' Activities

Visitor Nils Oesleby attended call meetings of Concordia, Ascension, and St. Paul's churches of his district. He, together with the Rev. G. A. R. Gullixson, a member of the Mission Board, visited with the Rev. Herbert Larson and counseled with him concerning mission work in the area surrounding Amherst Junction.

Vice President Julian Anderson conducted a visitation at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Madison, Wis., on April 23, 1958. He also counseled with the Norseland-Norwegian Grove parish on the calling of a pastor.

Visitor T. N. Teigen attended call meetings at Norseland-Norwegian Grove and Cottonwood.

Dedications

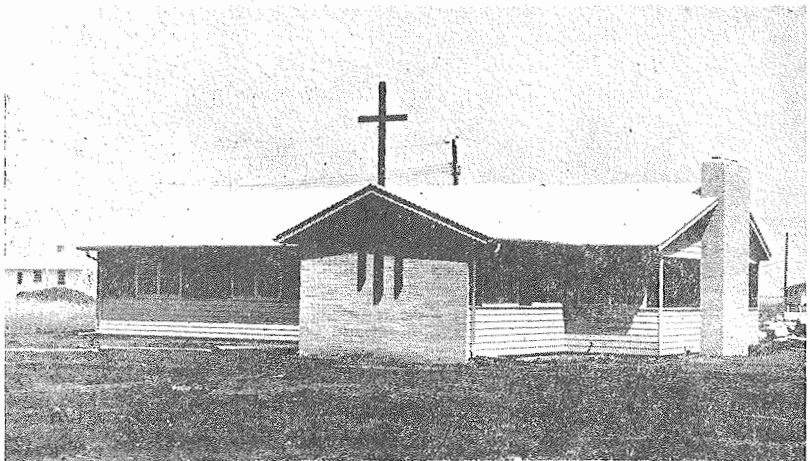
River Heights Lutheran congregation, East Grand Forks, Minnesota, dedicated its chapel-parsonage unit on August 4, 1957. The Rev. W. Petersen preached the sermon and the Rev. Alf Merseth officiated.

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Canoga Park, California, dedicated its chapel on October 27, 1957. The Rev. Grant Quill preached the sermon, and the pastor, the Rev. Daniel Johnson, officiated.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Princeton, Minnesota, re-dedicated its rebuilt and enlarged church on November 10, 1957, with two former pastors taking part—namely, Dr. N. A. Madson and the Rev. A. M. Harstad.

Salem Lutheran Church, Eagle Lake, Minnesota, re-dedicated its remodeled church on November 17, 1957. Dr. N. A. Madson preached the sermon.

At the dedication of the new buildings at Bethesda Lutheran



River Heights Lutheran Church, East Grand Forks, Minnesota

Home, Watertown, Wisconsin, on April 13, 1958, the undersigned served as liturgist.

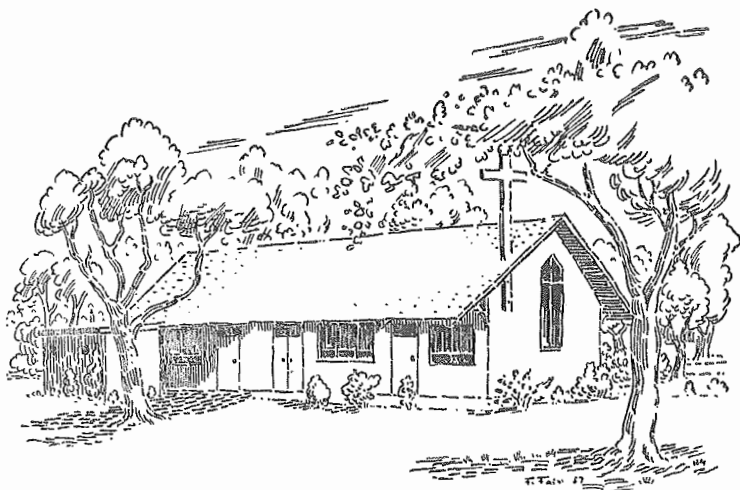
Bethlehem Lutheran congregation, Ellsworth, Minnesota, re-dedicated its rebuilt church on May 6, 1958. Dr. J. A. O. Preus preached the sermon.

Anniversaries

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church of Madison, Wisconsin, observed the 70th anniversary of its founding in October, 1957.

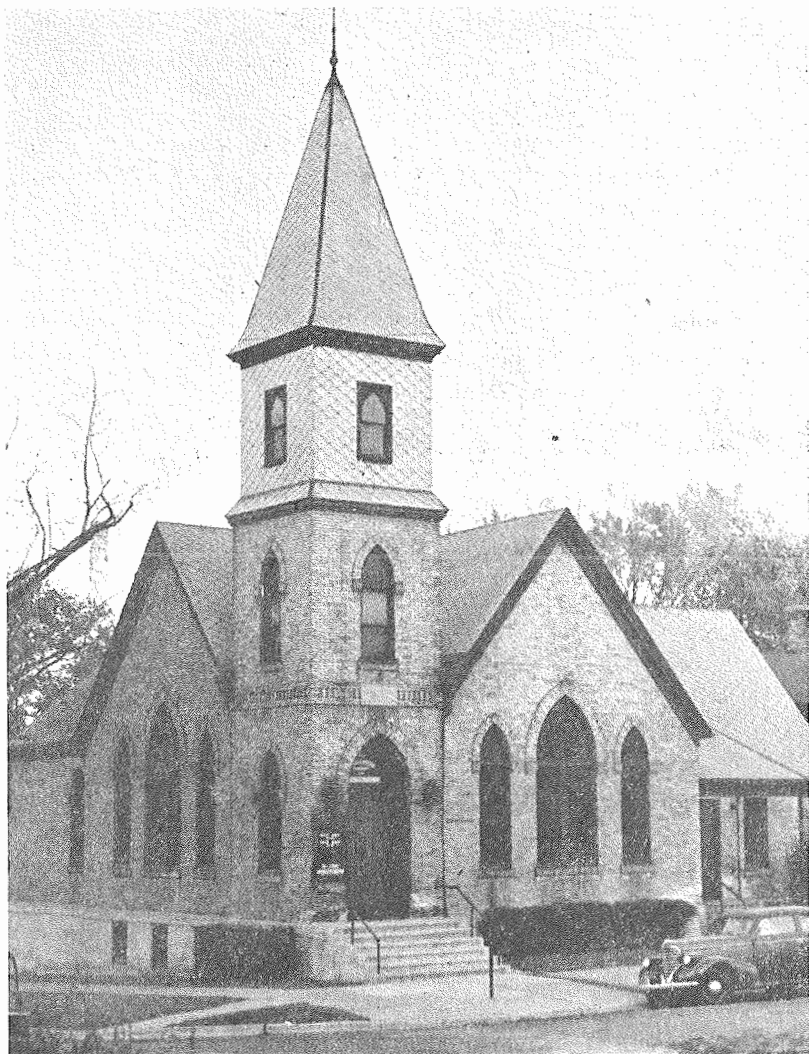
The Bethany Lutheran congregation of Luverne, Minnesota, observed the fifth anniversary of the building of its church with services on November 3, 1957. Dr. J. A. O. Preus preached the sermon.

The Saude Lutheran Church observed the 101st anniversary of its founding on June 1, 1958, with Dr. N. A. Madson and Prof. Milton Otto taking part in the services. It had been thought that the date for organization was 1858, but the contents of the cornerstone revealed the date was 1857.



Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Canoga Park, California

Zion Lutheran Church, Tracy, Minnesota, celebrated the 20th anniversary of the dedication of its church building in November, 1957, with the Rev. S. Dorr preaching the sermon.



70th Anniversary
Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Madison, Wisconsin

The Norseland Lutheran Church observed the 100th anniversary of its organization on June 8th, 1958, with Rev. Ahlert Strand, and Rev. Arvid Gullerud serving as the chief speakers.



100th Anniversary
Norseland Lutheran Church, St. Peter, Minnesota



**101st Anniversary
Saude Lutheran Church, Lawler, Iowa**



Rev. Peter Blicher

Deaths

Mrs. J. B. Unseth died on November 20, 1957. Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. C. M. Gullerud at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, Mankato, Minnesota.

The Rev. Peter Blicher, pastor emeritus, died in May, 1958. Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. H. A. Pankow of Menomonie, Wisconsin.

Vacancies

At present there is only one vacancy, that of Hiawatha Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Appointments

The Rev. Hugo Handberg was appointed to take the place of the Rev. Robert Preus on the Board of Regents, the Rev. Preus having accepted an appointment to teach at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo.

The Rev. Theodore Aaberg was appointed to take the place of Dr. J. A. O. Preus on the Union Committee when Dr. Preus accepted the call to teach at Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Ill.

Inter-Synodical Matters

Your Union Committee has reported on its meetings with other committees of the synods comprising the Synodical Conference. Your president attended all but one of these meetings. There is no need of reporting any more than the Union Committee has reported. In general, let us remind one another to live up to the Suspension Resolutions of 1955, so that all of us not only speak alike, but act alike. On the other hand, it is well for us not to take part in other meetings which might serve to involve our synod and cause misunderstandings. In these troubled, confused and unionistic times it is often difficult to know what is the right thing to do—when to separate and avoid, and when to join with others not now in our fellowship. Therefore we ask the Lord to guide us with His Holy Spirit so that we may all be of one mind, speaking the same thing and doing the same thing. Thus shall we keep “the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.” (Eph. 4:3.) Let our confession and practice ever be:

God's Word is our great heritage,
And shall be ours forever;
To spread its light from age to age
Shall be our chief endeavor;
Through life it guides our way,
In death it is our stay;
Lord, grant, while worlds endure,
We keep its teachings pure,
Throughout all generations!

General

Your president attended almost all the meetings of the various committees of our synod as well as pastoral conferences. The members of your committees take their work seriously and spend a great deal of time and effort in carrying out the work you have assigned to them. It is good to see such faithfulness on the part of laymen and pastors alike.

One of the very encouraging reports is that of the Treasurer.

Surely we are all happy over the increase in giving on the part of the members of our synod, for it means that we can do more of the work which is there for us to do, but which cannot be done without the necessary funds. The field of missions is wide open to us, and we have much to do in the field of Christian education. "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, ALWAYS ABOUNDING IN THE WORK OF THE LORD, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord." (1 Cor. 15:58).

M. E. Tweit, President

Action of the Synod:

1. RESOLVED, *That the President's message be printed in the SENTINEL.*

CHRIST'S RESURRECTION THE CHRISTIAN'S CHIEFEST COMFORT

By Dr. N. A. Madson

While we have not been given any definite text for this doctrinal dissertation, we shall let Paul's words to the Corinthians (I Cor. 15, 14) stand at the masthead: "And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain."

Fellow redeemed:

'Tis passing strange, is it not, that perhaps the most comforting sermon ever preached began with the rather inauspicious greeting: "O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken," Luke 24, 25, and which had the blessed result that no sooner had the preacher of that sermon left them than this was heard, from the mouth of the hearers: "Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?" Luke 24, 32. Equally strange, to hear the very Saviour who had sent the seventy disciples out on their trial mission, cautioning them when they returned to Him with a most favorable report, saying in their enthusiasm and joy: "Lord, even the devils are subject to us through thy name": "Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven." Luke 10, 20.

There is nothing more unimpeachably faithful than God's word. What we may conclude ought to be done, what we may consider the greatest cause for rejoicing, may not be in accord with the Lord's will. And so He still has to speak to us as He did to the two Emmaus-bound disciples yon first Easter eve, calling them "fools." Or He may tell us as He told the seventy of old: "Notwithstanding in this rejoice not." But why should they not make that which they had accomplished, yea, at His command, the cause of their chiefest joy? Because there might be danger connected therewith. It is so easy for the old Adam in us to imagine that what we have done in obedience to the command of our Saviour is, at least in part, a contributing cause of our salvation; when the fact of the matter is: Our salvation was assured us in Christ even before we had done a single deed in obedience to His command. Has not the apostle assured us: "Who (namely God) hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began"? II Tim. 1, 9. The cause of my greatest rejoicing must ever be what God hath done for me when He inscribed my name in His Book of Life. The key to that "notwithstanding" passage just quoted, therefore, must be the word "*rather*." The Saviour does not forbid them to rejoice in whatever success they might have had in their God-given labours, but it must not be made the cause of their *chiefest* joy.

So when we have chosen to speak of our Saviour's resurrection as the cause of the believer's chiefest joy, it is because Scripture itself does that very thing. It is that fundamental point Paul makes in his faith-strengthening chapter on the resurrection (I Cor. 15) when he reasons after this fashion: "If Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. Yea, and we are found to be false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not. For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished. If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable. But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept." I Cor. 15, 14-20. So there is good reason for Johan Nordahl Brun's jubilant Easter stanza:

"I have conquered, Jesus won,
Death in victory is swallowed;
Bound is Satan by God's Son,
And my liberation followed;
Open have I now found heaven,
Victory through Jesus given!"

Since all men are mortal (subject to death) there is nothing which they so much need as comfort against the sting of death. That is why God tells His people by the mouth of the prophet: "As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you; and ye shall be comforted in Jerusalem." Isa. 66, 13. He had spoken to His Israel earlier in this wondrous prophecy: "Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned, for she hath received of the Lord's hand double for all her sins." Isa. 40, 1, 2. Not only does God call Himself "the God of all comfort" (2 Cor. 1, 3), but He tells those who have been called to be Christ's undershepherds that they must be "able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith they themselves are comforted of God." II Cor. 1, 4. In other words, He wants *believing* shepherds. God simply does not want *cant* in the pulpit or at the death bed.

When Augustine, the church father most frequently quoted with approval in our Confessions, the church father who meant most to Martin Luther, the church father who had a most unique way of uttering basic truths in poetic form—when he tells us:

"Our hearts for Thee, O God, were made,
And will not rest until they rest in Thee,"

he is calling to mind a thought which is as true as it is frighteningly shocking. For not least among the untold sufferings of the damned in hell will be this bitter thought: "My heart was made for blessed communion with God, my Creator, and now I have reached that utterly hopeless state where the gulf separating me from Him has been irrevocably fixed beyond the possibility of a change. The

words which a Dante in his *Divine Comedy* inscribed over the entrance to his *Inferno*:

'All hope abandon ye who enter here,'

I gave no serious thought. And now it is become an horrendous reality. Had I but taken to heart what a Paul says of God's Son in the very first sentence he writes to his younger co-worker Timothy: 'Jesus Christ by the commandment of God our Saviour, and the Lord Jesus Christ, *which is our hope*' (I Tim. 1, 1),—had I taken that to heart, He would not have surrendered me to the merciless scourging of mine enemies. Now hopeless despair shall be my gruesome garment throughout eternity's endless night." For it will remain true, in the words of that gripping *Divine Comedy*:

"No greater grief than to remember days
Of joy, when terror grips the soul."

In his well-known epic *Paradise Lost* Milton has given us at least a faint picture of the utter hopelessness which surrounds the abandoned souls in the bottomless pit:

"Nine times the space that measures day and night
To mortal men, he, with his horrid crew,
Lay vanquished, rolling in the fiery gulf,
Confounded, though immortal. But his doom
Reserved him to more wrath; for now the thought
Both of happiness and lasting pain
Torments him: round he throws his baleful eyes,
That witnessed huge affliction and dismay,
Mixed with obdurate pride and steadfast hate.
At once, as far as angel's ken, he views
The dismal situation waste and wild.
A dungeon horrible, on all sides round,
As one great furnace flamed; yet from those flames
No light; but utter darkness visible
Served only to discover sights of woe,
Regions of sorrow, doleful shades, where peace
And rest can never dwell, hope never come."

—Book I, lines 50-66

It is on the dark background of the hopelessness of the damned in torment that we shall rightly evaluate the comfort which a resurrection to life, yea, *life eternal*, will bring us. The thought of death, grave, eternity, will then not be one of dread doom, but rather that of comfort. After Paul had written to his fellow believers in Thessalonica about judgment and its meaningful events, he concludes the discussion with these words: "Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore *comfort* one another with these words." I Thess. 4, 17, 18.

It is the same thought of comfort, encouragement, joy with which we meet in that cheerful 12th chapter of the Epistle to the Hebrews. Having given us, in the 11th chapter, a catalog of the heroes of faith from Abel down, the inspired writer goes on to say in chapter 12: "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin

which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." Heb. 12, 1.2. We are not going to get the courage we should have as followers of Christ here on earth, if we do not look to the end of the road as did that man of God, Moses. We are told in the 11th chapter of Hebrews that he esteemed "the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward." Heb. 11, 6. It is the *religion of accommodation* (a caricature of the real thing) which is robbing the church of that wholesome and withal Scriptural view of the fellowship with Christ, that fellowship which isn't any different to-day from what it was on the day that Paul wrote the congregation in Philippi: "For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake; Having the same conflict which ye saw in me, and now hear to be in me." Phil. 1, 29.30.

You may do your level best to make the religion of Christ a comfortable affair, but you are not going to have any more success at it than did the shiftless, good-for-nothing Per Gynt of old. "Du maa ind i smeltedigelen og støbes om igjen," was the challenge he heard from his accusing conscience every time he met him at the cross roads of life. To which Per replied: "Ja, men det gjør vondt!" Naturligvis gjør det vondt. Do you suppose for a moment that the old Adam will give up his life without a struggle? And yet he must daily be drowned and die with all sins and evil lusts, so that the new man may come forth and arise, that we may live with God in righteousness and purity forever, as you and I most certainly have been taught in Luther's *Small Catechism*.

Our Confessions in the Book of Concord dwell but sparingly upon the comforting doctrine of the resurrection. But while they have comparatively little to say, Luther makes up for it in his numerous writings. It will of course lie beyond the scope of this synodical essay to quote *in toto* all that the great Reformer has said. But we shall, after having cited what is to be found in the Confessions, give at least some of Luther's most striking statements regarding this doctrine. But first of all we shall take note of the fact that it was a doctrine spoken of by the prophets in the Old Testament, and was taught by Christ and His apostles in the New.

Foretold in the Old Testament

One of the most definite and reassuring statements we have in the Old Testament is to be found in the Book of Job: "For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me." Job 19, 25-27.

The Psalmist David prays confidently: "As for me, I shall behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness." Ps. 17, 15.

The "evangelist of the Old Testament," Isaiah, jubilantly exclaims: "Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in the dust: for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead." Isa. 26, 19.

Daniel reminds one of the words spoken by Christ (John 5, 28, 29) when he asserts: "And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt." Dan. 12, 2.

And then we have, of course, that remarkable 37th chapter in the prophet Ezekiel (typical) telling of the valley filled with dry bones, which came to life when the spirit of God's grace breathed into them.

The Testimony of Christ

Our Saviour did not leave the scoffing Sadducees of His day without rebuking them for their denial of the resurrection. It was to the Sadducees that He spake these words: "But as touching the resurrection of the dead, have ye not read that which was spoken unto you by God, saying, I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living." Matt. 22, 31, 32.

To the lawyers and Pharisees He had this to say by way of inculcating humility: "And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee; for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just." Luke 14, 14.

At the pool of Bethesda, when he was caviled by the Jews because he had, on the sabbath day, healed a man who had suffered for thirty and eight years: "For the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself; And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man. Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation." John 5, 26-29.

At the grave of Lazarus He comforts Martha with these definite words: "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." John 11, 25, 26.

Regarding His own resurrection He told the unbelieving Jews who faulted Him for performing the miracle of cleansing the temple: "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days? But he spake of the temple of his body." John 2, 19-21.

Proclaimed by the Apostles

That the apostles preached the resurrection is shown in numerous passages. Peter and John were imprisoned by the priests, and the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees—why? “Being grieved that they taught the people, and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead.” Acts 4, 2.

It was the preaching of the resurrection by Paul which caused such a stir in Athens. “Then certain philosophers of the Epicureans, and of the Stoicks, encountered him. And some said, What will this babblers say? other some, He seemeth to be a setter forth of some strange gods: because he preached unto them Jesus, and the resurrection.” Acts 17, 18.

When Paul was being accused of heresy by Tertullus before governor Felix, the apostle had this to say in his own defence: “But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets: And have hope toward God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust. And therein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward man.” Acts 24, 14-16.

In his stirring defence before king Agrippa, Paul again touches upon this central doctrine, saying: “And now I stand and am judged for the hope of the promise made of God unto our fathers: Unto which promise our twelve tribes, instantly serving God day and night, hope to come. For which hope’s sake, king Agrippa, I am accused of the Jews. Why should it be thought a thing incredible with you, that God should raise the dead? I verily thought with myself, that I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth. Which thing I also did in Jerusalem: and many of the saints did I shut up in prison, having received authority from the chief priests; and when they were put to death, I gave my voice against them.” Acts 26, 6-10. And farther on in that same defence he says: “Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day, witnessing both to small and great, saying none other things than those which the prophets and Moses did say should come: That Christ should suffer, and that he should be the first that should rise from the dead, and should show light unto the people, and to the Gentiles.” Acts 26, 22, 23. Here Paul testifies that the doctrine of the resurrection had been taught by Moses and the prophets.

To the Romans the apostle has this to say regarding the resurrection, and this we most certainly will recall from Luther’s *Small Catechism*: “Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also shall walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: Knowing that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin

might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin." Rom. 6, 4-6.

The entire 15th chapter of his first epistle to the Corinthians Paul devotes to the glorious truths regarding the resurrection. It need not be repeated here. But permit me to quote at least the triumphant closing strophes of that chapter: "Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord." I Cor. 15, 54-58.

In his second epistle to the Corinthians Paul has this to say by way of comfort: "We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body. For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh. So then death worketh in us, but life in you. We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak; Knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present us with you. For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God. For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal." II Cor. 4, 8-18. And then in the very next chapter the apostle goes on to speak of the fact that while our earthly house of this tabernacle be dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. (That was the passage read by "Stonewall" Jackson to his household before he left with his regiment of cadets for the front at the outbreak of the Civil War. He wanted his loved ones to have Scriptural comfort in the event that he did not return. And he did not return to his home in Lexington, Virginia, being mortally wounded in the battle of Chancellorsville.)

To his beloved Philippians he writes: "But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is

of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead. Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."—And he closes that 3rd chapter with these words: "Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample. (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.) For our conversation (or, as we have it in our Norwegian Bibles, "Borgerskab") is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself." Phil. 3, 7-14 & 17-21.

To the Colossians he writes: "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory. Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience: In which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them. But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him." Col. 3, 1-10.

Paul's words of comfort to the church of the Thessalonians are as follows: "But I would not have you ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent ("ikke komme forud" is the Norwegian expression here) them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we

which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words." I Thess. 4, 13-18. And in the very next chapter of this epistle the apostle says by way of closing: "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." I Thess. 5, 23.

In his second epistle to Timothy Paul testifies as follows regarding the doctrine of the resurrection: "Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my Gospel: Wherein I suffer trouble, as an evil doer, even unto bonds; but the word of God is not bound. Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sake, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him: If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us: If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself. Of these things put them in remembrance, charging them before the Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, but to the subverting of the hearers. Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness. And their word will eat as doth a canker: of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus; Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some. Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity." II Tim. 2, 8-19.

The sacred writer of the epistle to the Hebrews complains, in the fifth chapter, that his hearers are dull of hearing, saying: "When for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat." Heb. 5, 12. And what are some of those things which belong to the first principles? That is made plain in the very next chapter: "Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. And this will we do, if God permit." Heb. 6, 1-3. In this same epistle there is a brief reference to the general resurrection: "Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection." Heb. 11, 35.

In the very introductory words of his first epistle, Peter has this to say regarding the resurrection: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy

hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time." I Pet. 1, 3-5. In his second epistle, after Peter has spoken of the various virtues which are the marks of godliness, he warns those who have not taken their Christianity seriously, saying: "But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fail: For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth. Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance; Knowing that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shewed me." II Pet. 1, 9-14.

In his first general epistle John has this to say regarding the resurrection: "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is." I John 3, 2. And in his book of Revelation John again and again refers to the resurrection. But we shall close the testimonies of the apostles with that description which is to be found in the next to the last chapter: "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son." Rev. 21, 1-7.

This then is testimony sufficient to prove that the apostles of Christ preached the doctrine of the resurrection, not with the intention of scaring fellow sinners into being good, but to comfort the true believer with the assurance that Christ's resurrection is an earnest of his own resurrection to glory. Paul has summarized the purpose of it all in his words to the church of the Thessalon-

ians: "Wherefore *comfort* one another with these words." I Thess. 4, 18.

The Testimony of the Book of Concord

When our Confessions dwell so sparingly as they do on this particular doctrine there is of course a valid reason. It was a doctrine which had not been drawn in question by the church. We have in our Confessions very little testimony regarding the Inspiration of Scripture, since that was also a doctrine which was taken for granted by the men who wrote the Confessions. But now to the Confessions:

In the three general creeds it is little more than mentioned. The *Apostolic Creed* confesses: "I believe in the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting." And then we have Luther's explanation of these words in his *Small Catechism*: "At the last day He will raise up me and all the dead, and will grant me and all believers in Christ eternal life." In the *Nicene Creed* we confess: "I look for the resurrection of the dead; and the life of the world to come." In the *Athanasian Creed* we confess: "At whose coming all men shall rise again with their bodies, and shall give account of their own works. And they that have done good shall go to life everlasting; and they that have done evil, into everlasting fire. This is the true Christian faith, which, except a man believe faithfully, he cannot be saved." It is then in the *Athanasian Creed* that we have the concluding declaration, that if we do not believe it we cannot be saved.

The *Augsburg Confession*, Art. XVII, has this to say on the doctrine of the resurrection: "Also they teach that at the consummation of the world Christ will appear for judgment, and will raise up all the dead; He will give to the godly and elect eternal life and everlasting joys, but ungodly men and the devils He will condemn to be tormented without end." (Had the present bishop of Hamar, Norway, abided by this confession, to which he pledged himself in his vow of ordination, he would not deny the doctrine of eternal damnation, as he does.)

The *Apology* of the Augsburg Confession, Art. VI, after having stated that the sin which is still in our members has to be mortified more and more every day, continues thus: "And death itself serves this purpose, namely, to abolish this flesh of sin, that it may rise absolutely new. Neither is there now in the death of the believer, since by faith he has overcome the terrors of death, that sting and sense of wrath of which Paul speaks I Cor. 15, 56: *The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the Law*. This strength of sin, this sense of wrath, is truly a punishment as long as it is present; without this sense of wrath, death is not properly a punishment."

Again in the *Apology* of the Augsburg Confession, Art. XVII (Of Christ's Return to Judgment), we have this: "The Seventeenth Article the adversaries receive without exception, in which we con-

fess that at the consummation of the world *Christ* shall appear, and shall raise up the dead, and shall give to the godly eternal life and eternal joys, but shall condemn the ungodly to be punished with the devil without end." (This is virtually a repetition of what had been quoted from the *Augsburg Confession*.)

Luther's *Large Catechism* has the following to say (Having spoken of the Third Article of the *Apostolic Creed* as the believer's Sanctification): "Meanwhile, however, while sanctification has begun and is growing daily, we expect that our flesh will be destroyed and buried with all its uncleanness, and will come forth gloriously, and arise to entire and perfect holiness in a new eternal life. For we are only half pure and holy, so that the Holy Ghost has ever (some reason why) to continue His work in us through the word, and daily to dispense forgiveness, until we attain to that life where there will be no more forgiveness, but only perfectly pure and holy people, full of godliness and righteousness, removed and free from sin, death, and all evil, in a new, immortal, and glorified body.

"Behold, all this is to be the office and work of the Holy Ghost, that He begin and daily increase holiness upon earth by means of these two things, the Christian Church and the forgiveness of sin. But in our dissolution He will accomplish it altogether in an instant, and will forever preserve us therein by the last two parts.

"But the term *Auferstehung des Fleisches* (resurrection of the flesh) here employed is not according to good German idiom. For when we Germans hear the word *Fleisch* (flesh) we think no farther than the shambles. But in good German idiom we would say *Auferstehung des Leibes*, or *Leichnams* (resurrection of the body). However, it is not a matter of much moment, if we only understand the words aright."

Luther on the Resurrection

We do not propose to quote all that Luther has to say regarding the resurrection. But we shall at least give attention to those very definite statements made which show how important this doctrine is in our preaching. We have taken our statements from the St. Louis Walch edition of his *Sämmtliche Schriften*, the translation being our own. The Roman numerals indicate the volume, the Arabic numerals indicate the paragraph.

"It is both necessary and profitable for us that we be on our guard against the devil, and do not imagine that it was for His *own* sake that Christ rose from the dead, but for *our* sake." XIII, 1892. This is basic in the much-disputed doctrine of *Objective Justification*.

"This sermon must ever be heard among Christians: 'Fear ye not, be of good cheer, praise and thank God, for Christ is arisen, and is no longer here.' " XIII, 522.

"If you want to preach the Gospel it must in brief be concerning the resurrection of Christ. He who does not preach that is no apostle, for it is the chief article of our faith." IX, 969. There is a

valid reason for our having chosen the very theme as stated at the outset of this essay.

"If the resurrection is to be our comfort, we will have to believe that it was for us that He (Christ) died and rose again." This shows that Martin Luther did not forget the meaning of what we designate as *Subjective Justification*.

"The resurrection of Christ is our righteousness and our life, not only as our example, but also according to its power." VIII, 1371.

"Though a thousand hells and an hundred thousand deaths were there, they would be but as a little spark and tiny drop compared with Christ's resurrection, victory and triumph." XIII, 1893.

"There can be no forgiveness of sins where one does not believe in the resurrection of Christ, for therein lies all the power of faith and eternal life." XI, 771.

"Christ's omnipotent resurrection is not only greater than my sins, death and hell, but also greater than heaven and earth." XIII, 1893.

"Since angels were sent as the first preachers of the resurrection, we should conclude: the resurrection should serve us just as much as His suffering." XIII, 520.

"The article of the resurrection must sustain us when death comes, yea, it is this article which sustains the Christian Church." XIII, 1885.

"Where the article of the resurrection of the dead is gone, there all other articles are gone and all of Christ is lost." VIII, 1090.

"We should be most certain concerning the article of the resurrection, for if you hold this article to be absolute certainty, so that you would risk body and life for it, that makes a Christian." VIII, 975.

"Death and the grave are nothing more than a ragged coat taken off and thrown away, and the resurrection means that you have put on that beautiful new coat." VIII, 1260.

How It Becomes Our Chiefest Joy

Our life here in the valley of the shadow has been faithfully described by Brorson in his matchless hymn: "Jeg gaar i fare hvor jeg gaar." ("I Walk in Danger All the Way." 173.) We can therefore the better refresh our memories on the various thoughts which our theme suggests by following the six stanzas of this hymn. And I would suggest that as an introduction to each of the divisions, we rise and sing the stanza in question. The first stanza reminds us of the dangers surrounding us on every hand, when it says:

"I walk in danger all the way;
The thought shall never leave me,
That Satan, who has marked his prey,
Is plotting to deceive me.
This foe with hidden snares
May seize me unawares
If e'er I fail to watch and pray:
I walk in danger all the way."

It is not the Saviour's will that we at once should be taken out of this sinful world. He tells us as much in His sacerdotal prayer, recorded in the 17th chapter of the Gospel according to St. John: "I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I pray not that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep them from the evil." vv. 14.15.

Since it is the true believers who are the *salt* of the earth, the *light* of the world, the *good leaven* which shall quietly exercise its beneficent influence in this corrupt mass, it is self-evident that the Lord of the Church would not want them removed from the scene of action until that influence has been exercised. But He does not want His children to lose sight of the fact that they here are but pilgrims and strangers, and *that* in an inhospitable land. They are warned again and again not to become enamoured of this present world, and are informed that if they do fall in love with it, a most terrible fate awaits them. It is none other than the Saviour who speaks these warning words: "Remember Lot's wife." Luke 17, 32. It is John the beloved apostle who counsels all his fellow believers: "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever." I John. 2, 15-17. It is significant in this passage that the apostle reminds his fellow Christians that if they but do the will of God, instead of becoming absorbed in temporal things, they are going to have that which will stay with them also when they go over from faith to sight, from the temporal to the eternal. That which the true believer above all has treasured, the things of the spirit, may be taken with him in the resurrection. It is that thought which the inspired writer of the epistle to the Hebrews so well expresses: Having referred to Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Sarah, Isaac and Jacob, he continues: "These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on earth. For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country. And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from which they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned. But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city." Heb. 11, 13-16.

Great as is Jacob on many an occasion after he had been given the new name of Israel on the banks of the Jabbok at the end of that night-long struggle with God, he is perhaps never greater than when he, old and broken in health, stands before the mighty Pharaoh of Egypt. When the mighty monarch asks him: "How old art thou?" what does he reply? "The days of the years of my

pilgrimage are an hundred and thirty years: few and evil have the days of the years of my life been, and have not attained unto the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their pilgrimage." Gen. 47, 9. In other words, he let the mighty Pharaoh understand that while the monarch might busy himself building pyramids to perpetuate his memory on this sin-cursed earth, Israel was not in the least concerned about such trifles. He was but a pilgrim on his way to a better land, whose Delectable Mountains beckoned him in the distance. It was as though he were telling Pharaoh:

"I'm but a stranger here,
Heaven is my home;
Earth is a desert drear,
Heaven is my home.
Danger and sorrow stand
Round me on every hand;
Heaven is my fatherland,
Heaven is my home."

It is the very same attitude which inspired Peter to write as he does in his first epistle, describing the true believer after this fashion: "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but have now obtained mercy. Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation." I Pet. 2, 9-12.

Paul counsels us to keep wide awake, that we arise from the dead, and Christ shall give us light. He tells the Ephesians: "See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil." Eph. 5, 15.16. We like that Pauline expression "circumspectly." Dangers surround us on every hand. There is not a single point of the compass from which they may not threaten us. And "circumspectly" means just that. You are not through struggling with dangers just because you have succeeded in fighting it off on one sector. It is as true to-day as it was when Paul gave that admonition. We still need to sing in our family devotions that refreshing hymn of Schroeder's: "Jesus, giv seier," when we are reminded:

"Satan kan tusinde rånker optænke,
Mig at besnåre, at styrte og krænke."

That is: "Satan can concoct a thousand tricks by which he will ensnare, upset and destroy me."

But perhaps the greatest danger, after all, is this that we become weary of having to bear the cross, that instead of continuing the road of self-denial (and there is none other by which we can hope to be saved), we give ourselves up to despair. It is our Saviour

who has told us: "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up the cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" Matt. 16, 24-26. We may be tempted sore to what has already been referred to as "the religion of accommodation." And of what does that consist? It has most graphically been described by an unknown author in these telling words:

"A man must live!" We justify
Low shift and trick, to treason high;
A little vote for a little gold,
Or a whole senate bought and sold
With this self-evident reply:
"A man must live."
But is it so? Pray tell me why
Life at such cost you have to buy?
In what religion were you told
A man must live?
There are times when a man must *die*,
There are times when a man *will* die;
Imagine for a battle cry
From soldiers with a sword to hold,
From soldiers with a flag unfurled,
This coward's whine, this liar's lie:
"A man must live!"
The Saviour did not live, He died;
But in His death was life,
Life for Himself and all mankind;
He found His life by losing it.
And we, being crucified afresh with Him,
May find life in the cup of death,
And drinking it,
Find life forevermore."

But the child of God has not only the manifold dangers about him in a world at enmity with God. He has also trials which are sent him by his heavenly Father, as a wholesome chastisement, to be sure, but which nevertheless test his faith. He finds that truth well expressed in the second stanza of this true-to-fact picture of life. And that is a thing we as pastors especially must bear in mind in our preaching, that we draw a *true* picture, what we call "a natural." Says Dr. Walther, in his "The Proper Distinction between Law and Gospel," p. 313: "Do not, for God's sake, draw a false picture of a Christian; but whenever you have drawn the picture of a Christian, see whether you can recognize yourself in that picture." Here then is the true believer's outlook on life:

"I pass through trials all the way,
With sin and ills contending;
In patience I must bear each day
The cross of God's own sending;
Oft in adversity
I know not where to flee;
When storms of woe my soul dismay,
I pass through trials all the way."

When we read of Abraham's trial it well nigh staggers one—to

think that he did not completely surrender to despair. For God, in demanding of the patriarch that he slay his son Isaac, was not only bereaving him of a most beloved son. Abraham's own salvation was bound up in that son of promise. And yet Abraham did not for a moment hesitate to carry out God's command. But the key to the problem will be found in Hebrews 11, 17-19: "By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac; and he that had received the promise offered up his only begotten son, Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called: Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence he also received him in a figure."

Now it is true that a child of God, when he but stops to reflect on life's vicissitudes in the light of Scripture, will know that it is not merely by chance that certain crosses are laid upon him. They are there for a most blessed purpose. Has not God's word taught him: "It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth"? Lam. 3, 27. Does not that man of God, Moses, pray in the words of the 90th Psalm: "Make us glad according to the days wherein thou hast afflicted us, and the years wherein we have seen evil"? Ps. 90, 15. Does not Scripture teach us that it is God's way of rearing His children? Do not the Scriptures give us examples aplenty of those who have been tried to the utmost, only to be helped when it seemed that no help was forthcoming? The entire Book of Job is there to teach us the Christian virtue of patience. And it is faith-strengthening to hear the sorely-tried Job confess out of the welter of apparent catastrophies which had befallen him: "Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him." Job 13, 15. It is a source of real comfort to be told in the 12th chapter of the epistle to the Hebrews: "My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons." And again: "Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous; nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby. Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees; And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way: but rather let it be healed." Heb. 12, 5-8 and 11-13.

But it is with the believer of the 20th century as it was with the believers of old, when God found it necessary to counsel them: "Remember that thou wast a bondman in Egypt, and the Lord thy God redeemed thee thence." Deut. 24, 18. Landstad has very well expressed it in his treasured hymn, "Jeg ved mig en søvn i Jesu navn," ("I Know of a Sleep in Jesus' Name"):

"I know of a peaceful eventide;
And when I am faint and weary,
At times with the journey sorely tried,

Through hours that are long and dreary;
Then often I yearn to lay me down,
And sink into blissful slumber."

That journey, however, which so sorely tries you, will be made easier to travel if you but remind yourself of the blessed purpose back of it all. It is of the Lord's doing. God not only knows what you are passing through, but He also knows how best to prepare you for your heavenly home. There are times unnumbered that you shall have occasion to comfort your soul with Olearius' comforting hymn:

"When afflictions score oppress you,
Low with grief and anguish bowed,
Then to earnest prayer address you;
Prayer will help you, through the cloud
Still to see your Saviour near,
Under every cross you bear;
By the light His word doth lend you,
Prayer will joy and comfort send you.

"Learn to mark God's wondrous dealing
With the people that He loves;
When His chastening hand they're feeling,
Then their faith the strongest proves:
God is nigh, and notes their tears,
Though He answers not, He hears;
Pray with faith, for though He try you,
No good thing can God deny you."

And all this leads up to the inevitable question—the end of it all. It is the age-old query: "If a man die, shall he live again?" Job 14, 14. Men may scoff at what lies beyond the curtain of death. But the curtain is still there for all who will not give heed to what the God of all grace has revealed to us in His word. The best that the heathen Romans of old could do was to seek comfort in the well-known maxim: "*De mortuis nil nisi bonum*," i.e., "Concerning the dead nothing but good must be spoken." But fair words from the lips of an unbeliever will never wash away the stain of sin, they will never assuage the sorrow which true repentance must ever bring to the broken heart. The words spoken by the agnostic Robert Ingersoll at the grave of his brother are as meaningless as they are unconvincing: "This brave and tender man in every storm of life was oak and rock, but in the sunshine he was vine and flower. He was the friend of all heroic souls. He climbed the heights and left all superstitions far below, while on his forehead fell the golden dawning of a grander day. He loved the beautiful, and was with color, form, and music touched to tears. He sided with the weak, and with a willing hand gave alms; with loyal, and with the purest hands he faithfully discharged all public trusts. He was a worshipper of liberty, a friend of the oppressed. A thousand times I've heard him quote these words: 'For justice all places a temple, and for all seasons summer.' He believed that happiness was the only good, reason the only torch, justice the only worship, humanity the only religion, and love the only priest. He added to the sum of human joy, and were

every one for whom he did a kindly deed to bring a blossom to his grave he would to-night be sleeping neath a wilderness of flowers."

Brave words indeed, but they will not set at rest the soul which has sensed the true meaning of Augustine's compelling couplet, already referred to:

"Our hearts for Thee, O God, were made,
And will not rest until they rest in Thee."

There are too many hill-side cemeteries reminding also the unbeliever of the stark truth that "the paths of glory lead but to the grave." And Brorson has given expression to that sad fact in the words which end his description of our mundane existence:

"Death doth pursue me all the way,
Nowhere I rest securely,
He comes by night, he comes by day,
And takes his prey most surely;
A failing breath—and I
In death's strong grasp may lie
To face eternity for aye:
Death doth pursue me all the way."

Only that person is prepared to live as he ought who has learned how to die. It is this basic truth which the sainted Christian Scriver has in mind when he says in his *"Soul's Treasury"*: "He who dies before he dies will not die when he dies." That is Scriver's way of expounding Paul's words: "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." Gal. 2, 20.

Scripture does not pass over the thought of death lightly, nor should we. It is in connection with his warning against drawing a false picture of the Christian that Dr. Walther comes with this bit of pastoral counsel: "Many preachers picture the Christian as a person who does not fear death. That is a serious misrepresentation, because the great majority of Christians are afraid to die. If a Christian does not fear death and declares that he is ready to die at any time, God has bestowed a special grace upon him. Some have expressed this sentiment before the physician told them that they would not live another night, but after that they were seized with a terrible fear." *Law and Gospel*, page 313. This does not mean that we should not learn to become reconciled with the thought of death even when we are enjoying the full vigor of health. When Paul thinks of the sin which is still in his members it causes him to exclaim: "O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" But no sooner has he made that statement than the grace is given him to add: "I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin." Rom. 7, 24 and 25.

What are some of the expressions Scripture itself employs in speaking of death? In the mouth of the faithless Agag it is called "the bitterness of death." I Sam. 15, 32. The Psalmist speaks of those who "sit in darkness and in the shadow of death." Ps. 107, 10. The

prophet Jeremiah describes it as a stealthily intruder, saying: "For death is come up into our windows, and is entered into our palaces, to cut off the children from without, and the young men from the streets." Jer. 9, 21. Paul tells the Romans that "the wages of sin is death." Rom. 6, 23. And it is in the very midst of that triumphant chapter of I Cor. 15 that he declares: "The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death." I Cor. 15, 26. But why is it that the apostle can end that chapter with the triumphant defiance of death and grave? He has a Saviour who has conquered in the field: "Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." I Cor. 15, 54-57. There is then good reason for the believer to sing with Kingo on Easter morn:

"Thanks to Thee, O Christ victorious!
Thanks to Thee, O Lord of life!
Death hath now no power o'er us,
Thou hast conquered in the strife;
Thanks because Thou didst arise,
And hast opened Paradise!
None can fully sing the glory
Of the resurrection story."

And it is the bright side of the picture which Brorson now presents in the three closing stanzas of his true-to-life hymn. We are not alone in our strife with this last enemy. There are veritable hosts of ministering angels who are sent to the rescue:

"I walk 'mongst angels all the way,
They shield me and befriend me,
All Satan's power is held at bay
When heavenly hosts attend me;
They are my sure defense,
All fear and sorrow hence!
Unharm'd by foes, do what they may.
I walk 'mongst angels all the way."

It is as true today as it was on the day that the Psalmist penned it: "There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling. For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone." Ps. 91, 10-12. It is true, Satan made a most wicked use of these comforting words when tempting our Saviour in the wilderness, leaving out the significant words "in all thy ways." But the Son of God met that thrust by answering from Scripture itself the prohibitive word: "Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God." Luke 4, 12.

It is perhaps in the doctrine regarding the angels that we may be remiss as parents in making them living examples of what is factual in the life of every true believer. Why should we not take time to relate the wondrous story of God's dealings with His servants in the days of the faithful prophet Elisha, when the Syrian hosts had compassed the city of Dothan, as related in the Second Book of Kings: "And when the servant of the man of God was

risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do? And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them. And Elisha prayed, and said, Lord, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold the the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha." II Kings 6, 15-17.

As parents we have learned to understand how eager our little children are to be told fairy tales, where oft that is brought to pass which lies far beyond the realm of what to our human mind seems possible. And if the fairy tales of an Hans Christian Anderson, of Asbjørnson and Moe, or of a Grimm, the fables of an Aesop, can be made use of to inculcate most valuable lessons in the life of the little child, why can we not make use of those passages in Holy Writ which speak of the wonders which have been wrought by those ministers of God, concerning whom David says in the 103 Psalm: "His angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word"? Ps. 103, 20. They are not fairy tales or fables, but Scriptural truths, as comfortingly true as are the words which tell us of our Saviour's death on the cross as our all-sufficient substitute. It is none other than our Saviour who has told us the account of the rich man and Lazarus. And who were the ministers of the heavenly Father that cared for the poverty-stricken Lazarus? Says Christ: "And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom." Luke 16, 22. As true as are the manifold miracles of Christ, just as true are the accounts given us in Holy Writ regarding the existence and office of the holy angels.

No wonder then that a Martin Luther urged his fellow pastors in the 16th century to preach as godly servants of the church concerning the doctrine of the angels. And just to refresh our memories, let us look at some of the utterances of the great Reformer regarding the angels: "God has, by ordaining the dear angels to serve us, wanted to show us how highly He considers us who believe on Him." I, 1690. "The good angels serve all of the elect." XI, 2383. "No man is so friendly and so ready and anxious to do us all manner of service and favours as are the angels." I, 1688. "Where there are twenty devils, there will be an hundred angels, and if this were not so, we would long ago have perished." V, 373. "This is absolutely certain that the angels are at our side and with us, so that we shall not doubt." I, 1687. "When you are dying, then you may say: 'Christ will be with me, and He will have with Him an host of holy angels.'" "The least of the angels, which are watching o'er us, is stronger than all devils; that is comfort for the afflicted." XXII, 1872.

But even greater than all the angels is our crucified, risen and ascended Saviour, who has assured us that He will be with us even unto the end. And so we may trustingly sing with Brorson:

"I walk with Jesus all the way,
His guidance never fails me,
Within His wounds I find a stay,
When Satan's power assails me;
And by His footsteps led,
My path I safely tread,
In spite of ills that threaten may,
I walk with Jesus all the way."

When Luther, as you already have heard, speaks of the resurrection as "the chief article of our faith," he is simply re-echoing the words of Paul in that wondrous 15th chapter of his first epistle to the Corinthians. The many miracles performed by Christ, the wondrous words He spake, such as no other man ever spake, the fact that He rose again from the dead, would be meaningless to us poor sinners, unless His resurrection were an earnest (i.e., a pledge) of our own resurrection. Has not our heavenly Father assured us in plain words? Having spoken of Abraham's faith, which was counted to him for righteousness, Paul tells us in the 4th chapter of Romans: "And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform. And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness. Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him; But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead; Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification." Rom. 4, 21-25. Had it not been true that Christ Jesus gave His life a ransom for all, as Paul assures us in I Tim. 2, 6, He would most certainly not have been raised from the dead. And unless we look beyond the grave for the most wondrous works of our risen and ascended Lord, we shall have robbed ourselves of our chiefest joy.

One of the moot questions which occupied the World Council of Churches at its meeting in Evanston, Illinois, was this: Is our Christian religion a "Diesseitigkeit" religion or a "Jenseitigkeit" religion? The Modernists naturally insisted on the former, the Conservatives (if any member of that heterodox organization can be classified as such) insisted on the latter. There ought not to have been any question on that score, had they but taken to heart what the revealed word of God has spoken for our admonition and learning. For what has Paul to say on the so-called "Diesseitigkeit" religion? "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most miserable. But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. For he must reign, till he put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death." I Cor. 15, 19-26. Death can be welcomed by those alone who have mortified sin in their bodies. It was concerning the

mortification of the body of sin that we confessed in our *Apology*: "And death itself serves this purpose, namely, to abolish this flesh of sin, that it may rise absolutely new."

Let us not forget what Paul calls Christ's resurrection—"first-fruits." As true believers we are members of Christ's body. And if the head be risen to resurrection ground, the members will in due time follow. It is a *resurrected* Saviour we worship, a Saviour who has assured us that He goes to prepare a place for us, and then immediately adds: "And if I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself: that where I am, there ye may be also." Joh. 14, 3. It was in childlike faith in that promised "seed of the woman" that a David could triumphantly sing, in that Psalm which has been the solace of countless souls in the very hour of death: "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." Psalm 23, 4.

And so we can conclude with Brorson:

"My walk is heavenward all the way,
Await, my soul, the morrow,
When thou shalt find release for aye
From all thy sin and sorrow;
All worldly pomp, begone,
To heaven I now press on;
For all the world I would not stay,
My walk is heavenward all the way."

What was it which made it possible for the saints of God to struggle on in the face of all manner of persecution and affliction? It was childlike faith in the promises of God. They would be kept. For "God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?" Num. 23, 19. Of that man of God, Moses, it is said: "By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter: Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward. By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible." Heb. 11, 24-27.

Moses had learned to look to the end of the road. And it is that which you and I today must learn. What a lesson is there not to be found in these few words: "He endured, as seeing him who is invisible!" Paul has the same "*Lebensanschauung*" when he writes the Corinthians: "For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal." II Cor. 4, 18-19.

In one of the most touching statements we find in that very personal letter which Paul pens his beloved Philippians he tells them: "For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind early things." Phil. 3, 18.19. It is because the erstwhile Pharisee, Saul of Tarsus, had by the grace of God learned to see how absolutely impossible was his own imagined righteousness of the law, and had in his helplessness asked the resurrected and ascended Christ: "What wilt thou have me do?" Acts 9, 6, that the saving grace of God was made abundantly clear to him, so that from that day on he had no other message to proclaim than Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. He had found the pearl of great price, had sold all that he had, and had gone and bought it. Did he ever have occasion to regret his choice? Never! What he had told the Philippians regarding the loss of all things, that remained his unwavering confession unto the end. That we may learn from the very last epistle we have from the apostle to the Gentiles. A prisoner in Rome, having been forsaken by all at his first trial, so far from being downcast and despondent, he sings one of the most triumphant swan songs ever sung: "And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen." II Tim. 4, 18. It was the message of the *resurrected* Saviour which he had proclaimed from that day when he was stopped dead in his tracks down Damascus way. Let us then give heed to his message, fix our gaze also on the things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. It will not be an easy road to travel, but the only safe and blessed, which the saints of God have trod before us. Yes, we may also be afflicted with fightings and fears within, without, at times. But He who has begun the good work in us will not forsake us, but perform it until the day of Jesus Christ. It is that glorious consummation before us Landstad has in mind when he sings about "The Many Shall Come from the East and the West," saying in the closing stanzas:

"All trials are then like a dream that is past,
 Forgotten all trouble and sorrow;
 All questions and doubts have been answered at last;
 Then dawneth eternity's morrow.
 Have mercy upon us, O Jesus!

"The heavens shall ring with an anthem more grand
 Than ever on earth was recorded;
 The blest of the Lord shall receive at His hand
 The crown to the victors awarded.
 Have mercy upon us, O Jesus!"
 Amen.

REPORT OF THE UNION COMMITTEE

In view of the tension and strain that had arisen between its member synods, the 1956 convention of the Synodical Conference resolved that the Union Committees of the constituent synods "a. Meet jointly and draw up a list of the problems troubling the Synodical Conference, stating clearly the *status controversiae* in each case; b. Set forth the views of each synod regarding the matters under discussion in such a way that each synod's view is properly expressed in thetical and antithetical form, using pertinent proofs from Scripture and the Confessions." (Proceedings, p.145)

Your Union Committee at that time felt that such a proposed study would provide a suitable procedure for carrying out our Synod's resolution adopted earlier that year, "RESOLVED, that the Norwegian Synod meet with the other synods of the Synodical Conference to determine whether or not the constituent synods of the Synodical Conference are now in doctrinal agreement." (S.R. p.46) Your committee is of the same mind today.

It is true that the issues which had arisen between us and the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and which led to our suspension of fraternal relations with the latter in 1955, have been discussed in many committees in the past. This is the first time, however, that such a thoroughly planned systematic study, as suggested by the aforementioned Synodical Conference resolution, has been undertaken by the four synods. Naturally such a procedure takes time, but it gives each Doctrinal Committee the opportunity to express its synod's position on the matters that have been in controversy. Each subject of controversy listed is before the group for study until it is learned whether there is agreement or disagreement; and, if the latter, whether it is divisive of fellowship or not.

There have now been four such joint meetings since this joint study was proposed, three of them since last June. To date a presentation has been made by the representatives of each synod on: Scripture, Interpretation of Scripture, Antichrist (as a test of the former), Atonement-Justification, Scouting (since Justification is the basis for its motivation), Grace-Conversion-Election, Church Fellowship, Unionism, Chaplaincy. There has not been enough time to discuss all of them.

As a synthesis of such discussion a joint statement has been adopted by the whole group on Scripture (appended to this report), and a similar synthesis on the Antichrist in all but one point. A joint statement on Justification has likewise been prepared but not yet discussed because there were so many other matters on the agenda at the last meeting.

With respect to Scouting, there appears to be a general agreement on principles; the difficult problem is to determine what sources are to be authoritative in evaluating this organization. A preliminary statement is in the process of being drawn up stating on what points the four synods are in agreement and where they are disagreed on this issue. Until these two areas are more clearly defined it is impossible to judge what the situation in this respect really is. It can be reported that there have been far more conservative expressions on this matter from the leaders of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod than was the case just a few years ago.

It must be remembered that the two particular issues which started the break down in fellowship relations with the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod were the article on Justification in the *Common Confession* and the matter of Unionism. Concerning the former it can be reported that the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Doctrinal Committee, with the approval of its synodical officials, has during the past year presented the following statement to the other three doctrinal committees, "The Common Confession ceases to be a *de facto* settlement of past doctrinal differences with the American Lutheran Church", because the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod officials feel the American Lutheran Church did not adopt the *Common Confession* with the same understanding of it and had even deceived them. It would then seem that to all intents and purposes the leaders of the Lutheran Church-

Missouri Synod regard the *Commons Confession* as having been rescinded at its 1956 convention. Discussion has just been begun on Unionism as such, but considerable time has been devoted to the Lutheran World Federation and other unionistic activities.

Because of the many areas to discuss and because members of synods sympathetic to us sometimes wish to take up an area that to them deserves priority consideration, it has not always been possible for your committee (which has the smallest representation) to get a satisfactory and conclusive answer on matters that had been under discussion; of course, these matters will be disposed of eventually, but it may take longer than we had hoped.

In view of this last situation and the fact that most of the basic studies have been completed, enabling these committees to get at the particular issues on which so much debate has arisen, your committee RECOMMENDS that our Synod continue to take part in these joint Doctrinal Meetings for another year on the same basis as heretofore. That, then, means, until the findings of these studies are more indicative of a definite agreement or of fundamental and irreconcilable differences, we RECOMMEND that our suspension of fellowship relations with the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod continue for another year. The convention can be assured that your committee is in this joint study effort not unmindful of this suspension and is conducting itself accordingly.

M. H. Otto

STATEMENT ON SCRIPTURE ADOPTED BY THE JOINT COMMITTEES OF THE SYNODICAL CONFERENCE

May 7, 1958

Scripture

I. Introduction

God reveals Himself to men primarily through His incarnate Son, whom He attests and presents to His Church through Scripture. The purpose of Scripture is to proclaim Christ as the Savior of sinners. John 5:39, 46; Acts 10:43. All Scripture is written because of Christ and has a connection with the revelation of God in Christ, some passages directly, some more remotely. Every word of Scripture is therefore an organic part of the Scripture's witness to Christ. And Scripture is the complete message of God to sinners. By it man is freed from carnal security and self-righteousness, is delivered from despair, and regains by faith the lost image of God. Gal. 3:26; cf. 4:31; James 1:18; I Peter 1:23; John 8:31,32.

We reject the idea that the natural knowledge of God is sufficient to salvation, because man by reason of his fall is so constituted that he persistently perverts and distorts the revelation given to him by God and refuses to acknowledge or to submit to the God who thus reveals Himself. And man pursuing this perverted course is either led to feel secure in his self-righteousness or is driven to despair.

We reject the idea that tradition is a source of revelation. Cf. Matt. 15: 3-6; Col. 2:8.

We reject the idea that other new sources or norms of divine revelation besides Scripture are to be expected. Heb. 1:1-2; Matt. 23:19-20.

II. The Inspiration of Scripture

We believe and teach that all Scripture (that is, all the canonical books of the Old and New Testaments) is given by inspiration of God and is in its entirety, in its parts, and in its very words inspired by the Holy Spirit. God revealed Himself personally and directly to such men as Adam, Abraham, Moses and the prophets. Some of these He called to transmit His message to men orally or in writing. Their message was thus not their own, but God's word. They were moved by the Holy Spirit, so that He is the true author of their every word. Inspiration means, then, that mighty act of God whereby He spoke His word in the words of men and made them the

effective and final vehicle of His revelation. Hence these words do not merely inform us concerning God's past action; they also convey God's action now. I Thess. 2:13; II Peter 1:19-21; II Tim. 3:15-17; I Cor. 2:13; Jer. 23:29; Rom. 1:16-17.

In giving men His message by inspiration, God had men express His word in their own language (Hebrew, Aramaic, or Greek), and in their own style (personal, historical, poetic, oratorical). Cf. the superscription on the cross, Matt. 27:37; Mark 15:26; Luke 23:38; John 19:19. Thus the holy writers felt personally responsible for every word they wrote, (Cf. II Cor. 7:8), while they at the same time knew that their words were given them by the Holy Spirit, I Cor. 2:13.

We therefore reject as a distortion of the true conception of verbal inspiration any idea which makes the act of inspiration a mere mechanical dictation.

We condemn and reject any and all teachings and statements that would limit the inerrancy and sufficiency of Scripture; or that deny the divine authorship of certain portions of Scripture. Inspiration applies not only to such statements as speak directly of Christ, but also to such as may seem very remote (e.g. in the field of history, geography, and nature). For when God entered into history in the Person of Jesus Christ and gave us His Word to reveal what His coming means to the world, the historical framework in which the Gospel is set becomes an essential part of the inspired word just as much as the Spiritual truths revealed in it.

We reject the idea that verbal inspiration is called into question by accidents in the transmission of the text and the resultant variants in the manuscripts. Inspiration pertains in the first instance to the original autographs of Scripture. But by His gracious providence God has given us such a fulness and variety of witnesses to the original text that Christian scholarship reproduces it with great fidelity. God has so watched over the transmission of the text that the variant readings nowhere affect the doctrines of Scripture. We gratefully acknowledge also that translations of Scripture, though not under particular inspiration, are by God's providential care adequate vehicles of His revelation in the inspired word. Heb. 2:3; I Peter 1:25; Mark 13:31; John 17:20; Matt. 28:19-20.

III. The Authority of Scripture

We believe and teach that God has given us His Holy Scripture to make us wise unto salvation through faith in Christ Jesus, II Tim. 3, 13-17. We therefore confess Scripture to be the only, but all-sufficient foundation, of our faith, the source of all our teachings, the norm of our conduct in life, and the infallible authority in all matters with which it deals. Lk. 16:29-31; Dt. 4:2; 13:1-5; Is. 8:20; Acts 26:22; Jn. 10:35.

We believe and teach that where Scripture has not spoken decisively or is silent, differences of opinion may be held without violating Scripture or breaking the bonds of fellowship. Such matters fall into the area called "open questions." Scripture itself must determine which questions are to be considered as open. The term "Open Questions" may legitimately be used where the Scripture language leaves open the precise scope of a passage, or where linguistic, textual or historical problems make the perception of the intended sense difficult. But where Scripture has spoken, there God has spoken, whether it be on a central dogma or on a peripheral point; where Scripture has not spoken, the matter must forever remain open. I Peter 4:11; Jer. 23:22-23.

Scripture being the Word of God, it carries its own authority in itself and does not receive it by the approbation of the Church. The canon, that is, that collection of books which is the authority for the Church, is not the creation of the Church. Rather, the canon has imposed itself upon the Church by virtue of its own divine authority.

IV. The Interpretation of Scripture

Since Scripture is God's Word, the interpretation of Scripture should not be regarded as merely or primarily an intellectual task. The true meaning of

Scripture becomes clear for man in a given situation, not merely by a scrupulous study of Scripture and a careful analysis of the facts at issue, but rather by approaching Scripture in a spirit of repentance and faith which makes men obedient sons of God, who hear Scripture when it speaks as Law in all the rigidity of the Law and when it speaks as Gospel in all the unconditional grace of the Gospel. II Cor. 4:3-4; II Tim. 3:16-17; Gal. 2:5; 5:3,6.

Scripture alone is to interpret Scripture. The hermeneutical rule that Scripture must be interpreted according to the rule, or the analogy, of faith means that the clear passages of Scripture, not any theological system or dogmatical summary of Bible doctrine, are to determine the interpretation. Seemingly obscure passages must not be interpreted so as to pervert or contradict clear passages. This means that every statement of Scripture must be understood in its native sense, according to grammar, context, and the linguistic usage of the time. Where Scripture speaks historically, it must be understood as speaking of literal, historical facts. Where Scripture speaks symbolically, metaphorically, or metonymically, it must be interpreted on these its own terms. Furthermore, since God spoke in the common language of men, expressions such as sunrise and sunset, the corners of the earth, etc. must not be viewed as intending to convey scientific information. Ps. 119:105; II Peter 1:19; II Tim. 3:15.

Since the same God speaks by the same creative energy of the same Holy Spirit throughout Scripture, the Old Testament and the New Testament are to be viewed as constituting an organic unity. This unity is to be understood, not as a simple equation of the two Testaments with one another, but in the sense of Hebrews 1:1-2: "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son". Since the New Testament is the culminating revelation of God, it is decisive in determining the relation between the two Testaments and the meaning of the Old Testament prophecies in particular; the meaning of a prophecy becomes known in full only from its fulfilment.

Since Scripture is in all its parts and in all its words the inspired word of God, we reject and condemn any use of the phrase "totality of Scripture" which tends to abridge or annul the force of any clear passage of Scripture. Similarly we reject the use of any phrase which makes room for the idea that the *Scripture as a whole* may be regarded as the word of God, though it in many details is regarded as only the words of men.

We reject and condemn "demythologizing" as a denial of the word of God. Where Scripture records as historical facts those events and deeds which far surpass the ordinary experience of men, that record must be understood literally, as a record of facts; the miraculous and mysterious may not be dismissed as intended to have only a metaphorical or symbolical meaning.

Action of the Synod:

President's Report

WHEREAS, Our objectives, in these confused and unionistic times, should be to uphold sound confessional principles and promote and strengthen the bonds of fellowship among us; be it therefore

1. RESOLVED, That our pastors and people heed the admonition of our president not to participate in meetings which might serve to involve our Synod and cause misunderstanding.

Union Committee Report

WHEREAS, We as a Synod are still members of the Synodical Conference; and

WHEREAS, Our Synod's Union Committee reports some prog-

ress in the present meetings with the other Doctrinal Committees of the Synodical Conference; and

WHEREAS, There is reason to believe that our testimony is being heard; therefore be it

2. RESOLVED, That as long as our Synod continues its membership in the Synodical Conference, these doctrinal discussions should not be discontinued unless the Union Committee recommends or the Synod resolves to withdraw its membership from the Synodical Conference.

A negative vote in protest was recorded with the secretary by the following: Pastors: C. M. Gullerud, G. Schweikert, J. Moldstad, A. Gullerud, N. Hilton, D. Pfeiffer, A. Schulz, N. Harstad, and Mr. Pautz.

A Substitute Proposal

3. RESOLVED, That the President refer the subject matter of the substitute proposal and motion to a proper committee for evaluation and study and a report to the 1959 Convention. (Referred to the Union Committee, M.E.T.)

Re/Statement on Scripture

4. RESOLVED, That this statement be submitted to our Pastoral Conferences for their study.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS

HOME MISSIONS

We, the members of the Norwegian Synod, must certainly thank God for the gracious gift of His saving Word for these many years. By God's grace we have not developed a worthless manmade philosophy of religion. We thank God that our missionaries are being sent out just simply to teach Jesus Christ and Him crucified. But just as "eternal vigilance is the price of liberty", so also we must continue "to contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints," continue to hold up the hands of our missionaries and their flocks, continue to support them wholeheartedly with our prayers and generous gifts. Love of Christ and His Word is the soul of true religion. It leads those who feel its power to bring sinners to the Savior. Why should not we warn a man who, unconscious of his danger, is approaching the brink of ruin? Why should not we snatch the poisoned chalice from a brother's lips? A. Mackey once said: "We did not create Christianity—we received it and received with it every blessing we have. Is it therefore, much for us to give a little of what we had no right to get and got only to give?" The salvation of men ought to be the chief desire and aim of every Christian.

We really need to consider at this convention a more systematic planning for our expansion program. As we see the decline of Confessional Lutheranism in so many quarters, we need the more zealously to run in the pathways of mission work. Right now we have two missions in very great need of buildings. The people are there, already many are gathered around the Word and Sacraments, but they cannot operate efficiently until they have a permanent place of worship. Where shall we find the needed money to help them? Right now we have very good prospects of opening two new mission stations where we would start with a nucleus of people from our own Synod. These are in new areas with fast growing populations. We are advancing with necessary preliminary work, but hesitate to advance so fast that we cannot follow through. Let us thank the Lord for these open doors and sit down and find a way, under God, of bringing the unconditioned Gospel to these people. Our Synod's confidence in mission work has been justified by the wonderful results reported to us from our various fields. This year Hiawatha Lutheran Church of Minneapolis, Minn., became self-supporting. All our congregations are reducing their subsidies as they are able. Certainly the results coming from our mission fields should give us faith to

Take the task He gives you gladly,
Let His work your pleasure be;
Answer quickly when He calleth,
"Here am I, send me, send me!"

Arvid G. W. Gullerud, Field Secretary of Home Missions

CORNWALL MISSION

In November of last year the Home Mission Board in consultation with the officers of Synod made a working agreement with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of England that Pastor Jose vicar for one year under the supervision and guidance of one of their pastors. This was done in order that Mr. Jose might gain valuable experience in pastoral work. During his year of vicarage he has also conducted services for the Cornish Lutherans, though not regularly. The greater share of the vicarage expense has been borne by the ELCE.

In November of this year his term of vicarage ends. What course to take then is difficult to determine. This arrangement could perhaps continue for another year, but Cornwall would then be served only on a part time basis. If Mr. Jose returns to Cornwall in November, considerably more money will be needed to operate effectively.

The Mission Board was authorized to send a man to Cornwall this past year to evaluate the entire Cornwall situation. It did not send a man, but

Pastor Jose is coming to America later this summer to marry Miss Marjorie Loberg, former music instructor at Bethany College. The Board feels that our future course in Cornwall can more easily be established after a thorough consultation with him.

J. Petersen

SYNODICAL CONFERENCE MISSION REPORT

God has richly blessed the efforts which we have put forth through the medium of the Synodical Conference in bringing the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ to the negro race in our land and in far-off Africa. About one year ago it was estimated that there were 11,449 communicants in the Negro Churches within the Synodical Conference, involving 121 stations, in the United States. While much of the work among them is carried on by the various Districts of the Missouri Synod, many of the missions are still subsidized in part by the Synodical Conference. The work in the deep South is still under the direct supervision of the Missionary Board, as is the maintenance and operation of the two schools of higher learning that produce the workers for these fields.

Of particular interest to our Synod in the operation of our Domestic fields this past year might be the following:

The appointment of a Special Committee to study the matter relative to the future operations of Negro Missions. This because the various Districts of the Missouri Synod have taken over so much of the domestic work.

The 50th Anniversary of Superintendent G. M. Kramer's ordination into the ministry, most of which years were spent in our negro mission field. The occasion was remembered in a fitting manner shortly before the Lord of the Church granted him release from this vale of tears to grant to him the victor's crown as we confidently believe.

The building program at our Alabama Lutheran Academy-College in Selma has been held up pending a review of the campus location. Additional land or possibly a new site for the campus is under consideration at the present time so that better all around facilities may be provided. Allotment of \$125,000 has been made for a new administration-library building, and an additional \$85,000 has been granted by the Lutheran Women's Missionary League for a new girls' dormitory to be named a memorial to Miss Rosa Young. The expansion here is much needed and we sincerely hope the program can soon begin.

Your representative was asked to head a survey committee to visit Immanuel Lutheran College in Greensboro, N. C., where we have an institution similar to our Bethany Lutheran College, similar, inasmuch as we have a High School, Junior College and Seminary department. It is primarily for training our colored workers and pastors. The visitation was most informative and interesting and we trust some constructive action will result from the survey.

Of interest is the fact that the American Lutheran Church is dropping out of the negro field in the south and advising their missions and congregations to affiliate with the Synodical Conference. One such congregation has been duly colloquized and found in agreement with us in doctrine and practice and has called a candidate of the Synodical Conference as their pastor. Similar examination and instruction is being made in the other fields involved.

Africa

In the latest statistical report, the Nigerian Church numbers 26,277 baptized souls with 8,857 communicants. They are conducting 87 schools with a total enrollment of 12,852. This includes the schools at all levels. Surely a remarkable figure when we remember how recently we began work there.

By the way of expansion 2 workers are now engaged in bringing the Gospel to the Ogoja Province where very little if any work has been done in the past. Prospects appear very favorable although progress will of necessity be slower than in the other older fields.

Contact with a Rev. Samuel K. Asante in Ghana, Africa, has been made. Superintendent Schweppe has spent some time instructing this former American trained Methodist minister who had expressed his desire to become a Lutheran pastor and has gathered a flock about him under the Lutheran banner. This report was quite favorable and it appears work will continue to be carried on there.

A Bethany graduate, Miss Harriet Lieske, was commissioned to serve as teacher to our Missionaries' children. After making a fine start in this work she was, however, forced to return home because of ill health this spring. A successor has been called and will soon resume this work.

The work at the hospital at Eket has flourished in the course of the year past. New X-ray equipment has been installed as well as new laundry equipment and dryer. Furloughs have made necessary the appointing of two new doctors and a new nurse. A nurses home and a TB wing, the latter a gift of the Walther League, have been built within the past year. Thus this arm of our mission's work in Africa has been strengthened. Daily devotions for patients and staff are conducted by a chaplain to take the greatest advantage of sowing the seed of the Word in this most fertile area.

The total cost of carrying out the work in the coming year has been proposed in the budget at \$561,500. \$316,500 for the Domestic field of operation; \$245,000 for the African field of operation. Our proportionate share on the per communicant basis totals \$2,903.

May God grant His continued blessing upon our joint labors to the salvation of many more blood-bought souls!

G. A. R. Gullixson

Action of the Synod:

WHEREAS, There is need for providing additional help for our newly formed mission congregations; therefore be it

1. RESOLVED, That a mission society be organized, subject to the study and approval of the Mission Board, as follows:

Mission Friends Society

The purpose of this unincorporated organization is to provide a means whereby newly formed mission congregations would be given a special gift of money to help them get started. This gift, from the members of the society, would be over and above money normally available from synodical sources for starting new missions. The membership of this society would consist of members and friends of the Synod. Their special gifts of money for starting new missions would be over and above their normal contributions to their home congregations and to the Synod. This society will be under the supervision of the Synod's Home Mission Board and its praesidium, who shall provide for the necessary officers.

Each congregation in the Synod will be asked to solicit from its midst interested persons for membership in this society. The officers of this society will be available and ready to assist congregations in soliciting members of the society, if requested. Each congregation will be requested to provide the officers of the society with a current mailing list of society members in their midst.

When a new mission congregation has been started, the officers of the society will make an appeal direct to the mem-

bership of the society for a special gift to that particular mission by mailing promotional material concerning the mission, together with offering envelopes. All gifts for a particular mission shall be forwarded to the treasurer of the society within sixty days of the date of the appeal. The results of each appeal shall be published in the LUTHERAN SENTINEL.

Due to the size of our Synod and the availability of pastors, it is very unlikely that there will be more than one or two appeals on behalf of new mission congregations in any one year. Therefore, it is expected that the gifts of the society's members resulting from each appeal will be substantial and representative of the particular need.

2. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** *That all operating costs for the above plan be paid out of the mission fund.*

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS AND THE PRESIDENT OF BETHANY LUTHERAN COLLEGE AND SEMINARY

Our annual report this year is a joint undertaking on the part of the secretary of the Board of Regents and the president of the College. The purpose is to present to the members of the Synod one document which they can study and discuss, with the view of understanding the work of the school during the past year and also for the purpose of enabling them to make plans for the future.

The statistics for the year 1957-58 are as follows:

HIGH SCHOOL: Grade 9-37; Grade 10-27; Grade 11-18; Grade 12-28; Total-110.

JUNIOR COLLEGE: Grade 13-63; Grade 14-29; Third-Year Teacher Training-4; Total-96

TOTAL HIGH SCHOOL AND JUNIOR COLLEGE: 206.

SEMINARY: 1st year-5; 2nd year-1; 3rd year-2; Total-8.

TOTAL HIGH SCHOOL, JUNIOR COLLEGE, AND SEMINARY: 214.

These figures represent the total number of all who enrolled at the College. Not all stayed throughout the year, and some enrolled during the second semester. The actual attendance at the end of the school year was 183.

Faculty

Our faculty this year was composed of the following members: Miss Ella Anderson (English, library); Miss Sophia Anderson (business manager); Miss Edna Busekist (English, home economics); Mr. Harlan Escherich (assistant dean of men); Mr. C. U. Faye (theological library); Mr. Albert Grorud (high school principal, mathematics, physics, engineering drawing); Mr. Norman Holte (registrar, social science); Mr. Rudolph Honsey (religion, humanities, Norse, German); Mr. Iver Johnson (biology, education, religion, choir); Miss Lorraine Johnson (practice teaching); Miss Mildred Larson (nurse, dean of women); Mr. George Lillegard (religion, seminary); Miss Marjorie Loberg (music); Mr. Norman A. Madson, Sr., (seminary); Mr. Calvin Minke (business education); Mrs. Calvin Minke (business education); Mr. Dwain Mintz (physical education, health); Mr. M. H. Otto (religion, German, seminary); Mr. J. A. O. Preus, Jr., (director of public relations, religion, Greek); Mr. S. G. Skaaland (education, psychology, mathematics, science); Mr. B. W. Teigen (president, English, religion); Mr. Norman

Theiste (chemistry, mathematics); Miss Eleanor Wilson (Latin, English).

Five of our faculty members are leaving at this time. Mr. S. G. Skaaland, who came out of retirement to serve us faithfully during the past year, feels that his strength does not permit him to carry a full load here at the College. We are very grateful for the assistance which he has rendered us during the past year. Miss Lorraine Johnson, teacher at Mt. Olive Christian Day School and assistant in supervising practice teaching, is planning on being married this summer. Prof. J. A. O. Preus, Jr., has accepted a call to Concordia College, Springfield, Illinois, to serve as professor of Latin and Greek. His departure will leave open the office created by the Synod in 1955, namely, that of director of public relations and alumni relations. Miss Marjorie Loberg, who has faithfully served our school in the music department since 1951, will become the bride of our Cornwall missionary, the Rev. Desmond Jose. Then, Prof. Albert Grorud, who has served our College since 1950 in the field of mathematics and physics and also as principal of the high school, has found it necessary to move to a drier and warmer climate for the sake of the health of his son, Allan. We sincerely regret to see all these leave, since they have faithfully and ably served our College.

To date we have found a replacement for the position filled by Mr. Skaaland in the person of Mr. M. J. Ingebritson of Omaha, Nebraska. Mr. Ingebritson is graduate of Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, and he has his master's degree from the University of Omaha. He has taught in the parochial school system of our Synod and the Wisconsin Synod for fifteen years. We are also fortunate in having secured Mr. Harold H. Meske of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, to replace Miss Loberg. Mr. Meske has his master of music degree from Northwestern University with majors in piano, organ and voice. To date we have not found an adequate replacement for Mr. Grorud. It is indeed difficult to find capable consecrated teachers in the field of physics and mathematics. Several changes have also been made on the custodial staff. Mr. Nerison has gone on part-time retirement, and the College was fortunate in securing Mr. Herman Ingebritson to take his place. Mr. Ingebritson comes originally from Lake Mills, Iowa. His wife, Mrs. Ingebritson, has been the head of the kitchen since last fall, and she, together with her assistant, Mrs. Harms, have done an excellent job in providing good food for our students. During the past year the College has also used considerable student help in taking care of the janitorial duties, but there is a real need for having two full-time custodians. Therefore, the Board of Regents has authorized the administration to look for another custodian to share the duties with Mr. Ingebritson. If some member of the Synod knows of someone who would be capable, the administration would be glad to receive such names.

Finances

When the Synod convenes on June 24, the treasurer of the College will present a statement of our financial operations for the past fiscal year, together with a sheet of the individual donors who have given gifts direct to the College during the course of the year. Although our country has been suffering from a slight business recession, Bethany has been fortunate in being able to make ends meet. Our business department has noted a slight decrease in the collection of our accounts receivable, although it has not noted any decrease in the cost of materials and services which the College purchases. But the increased support from the Synod, together with direct gifts to the College by individual donors, has helped us immeasurably in carrying out the work which we are to do. This year the College received a subsidy of \$34,000.00 from the Synod for operating expenses. In addition, about \$13,000.00 were received directly from individuals for the College. Some of these gifts were in the nature of food gifts, particularly from the congregations of Northern Minnesota and of North Dakota and from the congregations of Northern Iowa and Southern Minnesota. If the other circuits could see their way clear to participate in such endeavors, it would help

the financial situation of the College. And, not to be forgotten, indeed, are the generous gifts from the various auxiliaries and ladies' aids throughout our Synod who are very much concerned in improving the physical appearance of the College.

Although it has been publicly stated, it would not be improper to mention in this annual report the reception of the Andrew Fadness legacy. This consisted of \$24,323.95 cash, a deed to a section of land in McHenry and McLean counties in North Dakota valued by the administrator of the estate at about \$20,000.00, and also the cancellation of a note for \$5,851.92, money which Mr. Fadness lent to Bethany College in 1952 with the understanding that the note would be cancelled upon his death. This gift has revealed the power of God's Gospel to change people's lives. It has strengthened our faith in Bethany's cause, because we see the Lord's hand in providing our school this magnificent gift at this particular time. It is also our hope that this gift will encourage others whom the Lord has blessed with both the Gospel and also with earthly means to follow the example of Andrew A. Fadness. It is our hope that Andrew A. Fadness's "zeal hath provoked very many." II Corinthians 9, 2.

When discussing finances, however, we cannot be blind to the fact that the costs of education are continually rising. Here at Bethany we have a large backlog of things which we should have done in years past but were unable to do because of lack of finances. And then, too, we must give our students services and training which compare with other institutions, precisely because our students and their parents are comparing our services with those of other institutions. The high cost of education, coupled with the recession, again emphasizes the fact that we do need help to get our own worthy students here who cannot come because of the lack of money. It is the same plight in which all private schools, secondary and higher, find themselves. We find the problem to be more acute because our Synod presents such a small base from which to operate and because our constituency is scattered over a wide territory.

In accordance with the resolution of last year's convention, namely, of receiving grants from individual corporations for educational purposes ("Resolved that the Board continue its study and report its finding and recommendations to the Corporation when this study is completed."), the Board devoted many hours of study and discussion, with the result that they brought a tentative recommendation for discussion to the annual Pastoral Conference in April of this year. After further discussion and study, the following resolution was adopted, and this is the recommendation of the Board of Regents to the Synod: "It has been Bethany Lutheran College's policy in the past, and continues to be so now, to receive gifts also from people outside our fellowship." It now falls upon the members of the Synod to carefully review this recommendation and either accept it or reject it, or modify it.

After careful study, a detailed budget for 1958-59 has been drawn up by the Board of Regents and presented to the Finance Committee of the Synod. This budget requests a \$46,000.00 subsidy from the Synod for general operation of the school and for permanent repairs and improvements. This figure may sound large and, as a matter of fact, it is large. But it has been carefully worked out with all the excess fat trimmed off and even some of the lean. The budget requested includes moderate increases for the faculty and some capital improvements. It is our hope that our people will see the blessings of the Gospel so that they continue to support the school, as they have so generously in the past.

Gymnasium-Auditorium

In fulfillment of the request of the Synod at its 1957 Convention, that preliminary architectural plans for the gymnasium-auditorium be submitted for the 1958 Convention, let it be said that the Board as a whole and particularly the Executive Committee have spent much time on this matter in the

past year. They examined 25 or 30 gymnasiums and investigated about 15 architectural firms, and finally resolved to secure as the school's architect the firm of Schmidt and Stevenson, Inc., Architects and Engineers, of Mankato, Minnesota. Mr. Schmidt has consulted with the Board as a whole several times and will present for inspection at the Convention some preliminary plans of the proposed gymnasium-auditorium. The Board has had a topographical map of all the College property prepared, giving elevations, present buildings, sewer system, etc. This has enabled us to do some fundamental long-range planning with respect to the campus, in addition to being a preliminary step for the architects and engineers to work with in the matter of the proposed gymnasium. We trust that these plans will be given close scrutiny during the Synodical Convention, and we are ready to receive all suggestions and helps which will enable us to build the best gymnasium-auditorium possible for the least amount of money.

The Synod also asked the Board to suggest ways of financing this building project. This, admittedly, is a more difficult problem, since the financing will ultimately have to come from all the members of the Synod and of the alumni and friends of Bethany, while at the same time the feeling of the Board is that a special Synod-wide drive should be avoided at this time. Without one-hundred percent cooperation, however, it would be very difficult to achieve this goal. By way of summary, it can be stated that on hand there are about \$30,000.00 in cash. The Board of Regents has designated the Fadness land to go for the gymnasium, and that value is estimated at \$20,000.00. The alumni have \$10,000.00, and Mr. Marshall Handberg, the president of the Alumni Association, has assured the Board of Regents that the alumni will be able to raise at least another \$15,000.00. From special friends and parents of Bethany students of the last 15 or 20 years, it is hoped that another \$15,000.00 could be raised. The Committee of Committees of the Synod has designated half of the legacies that come to the Synod for building purposes at Bethany. About \$10,000.00 would be Bethany Lutheran College's share for the past current year. It is hoped too that this coming year will see more Synodical legacies which can be used for this project. It should be of interest and encouragement to the members of the Synod to note that the Board of Regents as a whole has pledged an additional \$2,100.00 towards this project. The faculty and staff as a whole and the 1957-58 Student Body have also made pledges. Totaling up what has been listed, we get the figure of over \$110,000.00. It is difficult for the architect to determine the exact costs. A preliminary guess on his part after trying to sketch in the necessary space and facilities needed, is about \$175,000.00. It is our hope again, that the Synod will give serious consideration to this project and that a one-hundred percent cooperative effort will be made to bring this dream into reality within the immediate future.

Transfer of Property and By-Laws

The Board of Regents, together with the Board of Trustees, were instructed to study the matter of the transfer of property to the Bethany Lutheran College and Seminary, Inc. After several meetings composed of members from each group in which all the problems were discussed, the Rev. S. E. Lee, treasurer of the Synod, and the Rev. Merseth, representing the Board of Trustees, met with the Board of Regents on May 1. As a result the suggestion was adopted by both Boards that the logical solution to the transfer of property matter was to have one Board of Trustees to serve both corporations. It was suggested that Article VI of the Bethany Articles of Incorporation should read: "The Board of Directors of this corporation shall be the same as the Board of Trustees of the Norwegian Synod." The Synod's attorney was instructed to put this in legal form, and has done so. The following resolution, drawn up by our attorney, is herewith presented for consideration by the 1958 convention:

"RESOLVED That Section VI of the Articles of Incorporation of this Corporation be amended to read as follows:

"The Corporation shall be governed by a Board of Directors which shall be composed of the same persons elected as trustees of the Norwegian Synod of the American Evangelical Lutheran Church, a Corporation, at its annual convention. The By-Laws of the Corporation may provide for the election of a Board of Regents to administer the academic affairs of the Corporation, and to exercise such other functions as may be delegated to it by the Board of Directors or by the members.' "

Since the suggested change in the Articles of Incorporation will require further revisions of the By-Laws, therefore, at the present time the Board of Regents has no further recommendations to make with regard to the By-Laws of Bethany Lutheran College and Seminary.

Tuckpointing

It will be recalled that three years ago, when the \$40,000.00 campaign was gotten underway, \$25,000.00 were to be used for debt retirement, and \$15,000.00 for tuckpointing. The treasurer of the Synod informs us that some \$32,000.00 all told have been received, leaving about \$7,000.00 for tuckpointing at the present. In the past year the Board has made an extensive study of what should be done in the way of exterior repairs. Since there were so many conflicting opinions, it became apparant that it was too difficult for laymen in the field of construction to determine what should be done; therefore, it was resolved to ask our architects to draw up some specifications for the tuckpointing and the exterior repair so that comparable bids could be submitted by the various companies that are interested in doing this work.

The Board and the Administration of the College are about to let the contract for the tuckpointing of the college buildings. The convention will recall that the synod, in its \$40,000.00 campaign, allowed \$15,000.00 for this work. However, the synodical treasurer reports that, to date, only \$7,000.00 of this needed amount are on hand. We therefore request, this convention to provide the means for raising the remaining \$8,000.00.

Auditing

At the 1957 Convention the Synod passed the following resolution:

"Whereas the auditing of the financial accounts of the Synod, Bethany College, and the Kasota Valley Home for the Aged, is considerably behind schedule; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees, the Board of Regents, and the Board of Charities and Support bring the audit of these accounts up-to-date."

In accordance with this resolution, the Board of Regents instructed its Executive Committee to study the matter of bringing the auditing up-to-date, but this committee has no specific recommendations at this time. This matter will be taken up for consideration at the next regular meeting, since the Board agrees that it is not a good policy to let accounts remain unaudited for a very long period of time.

Seminary

With regard to the Seminary, let it be said that Dean N. A. Madson will bring a detailed report. The Administration and the Board of Regents have been diligent in the study of the needs of the Seminary and the things it ought to accomplish. It is clear that we could well take care of more seminary students in our Seminary without increasing the cost. And, although our church is much more fortunate than the other Lutheran churches in being able to provide candidates for its congregations, it is also evident that in the future we will need more candidates. It is hoped that more and more of our young people can be persuaded to study for the ministry.

Lutheran Synod Book Company

Our Book Store, under the capable management of Mr. Stanley Ingebretson, has continued to forge ahead. The gross sales will again exceed last

year's, when we thought we had a very good year. Mr. Ingebretson reports, however, that he finds prices continually increasing and that the manufacturers and wholesale houses are much more reluctant to give the discounts they used to give, all of which makes for less profit for the Book Store. Mrs. Justin Petersen will retire from working in the Book Store on August 19 of this year. Since business has been increasing, it has become evident that we should secure the services of another full-time man who could serve not only as a salesman but also as one who could do much of the physical work connected with the Book Store, such as packing books, wrapping, etc. If there is anyone in the Synod who would be interested in this position, the administration would be happy to consider his application.

Future Needs and Problems

The report presented to the Synod in 1957, pages 64 and 65 of the Annual Report, contains a detailed discussion of long-range planning for the College. The report reads: "Those charged by you with directing the school have seen these problems growing for several years and they have tried, under God, to do some long-range planning. It now falls upon all members of our church to share in the attempted solution of these problems. I trust that the Convention Committee on Higher Education and all the delegates will devote a large measure of thoughtful consideration to these problems." We hope that the things outlined there will receive further study this year. The problems and needs for the future have been pointed up during the past year rather than solved. The basic needs are more students and more money to operate effectively and to carry out services which are needed by our Synod. In addition, we should no doubt work towards a separation between the high school and the junior college so that each area gets the attention that it needs. In other words, there is a tendency to spread ourselves too thin. A visiting committee, three members of which were from the Minnesota State Committee of North Central, visited our school during the latter part of April with the view of looking at our high school department to note its strengths and weaknesses. While this committee does not accept or reject applications for membership in North Central, the members of the committee informally stated that while there has been progress in our high school department it would be a couple of years before our high school would be ready for application for membership in North Central. It was felt that there should be some further improvements in certain areas and that the high school as a unit should not be dominated by the junior college, as is unavoidably the case at the present time. The faculty, administration, and the Board of Regents will certainly study all the suggestions of this visiting committee when the report is available.

Long-range planning, then, must take into consideration our strengths and also our weaknesses, with a view of eliminating the latter. It must also include a concerted effort by all the members of our church to support our school so as to make it function as effectively as possible. Looking into the future, we see the need for well trained, consecrated young teachers. More of our alumni have gone into teaching and have taken advanced degrees so that there will be a reservoir to pull from in that respect, but teachers will continue to be in short supply. The Board of Regents has resolved to call a full-time dean of students whose main work would be to serve as guidance director and counselor of all students. He would be free from other duties so that he can give his undivided attention to this important work. This is surely a step forward in strengthening our program, but it points up the basic needs of more money and more students. There are also other areas in the administrative field where we need more personnel, and these are also being studied by the Board and the administration. Earlier in the report you will note that part of our long-range planning has been discussed, namely, the campus planning, gymnasium-auditorium, and the topographical map.

These, then, are some of the problems that confront us as we face the future. Much has been done in the past, for which we are grateful to God.

It is our hope and prayer that God will also move the hearts of our people who own Bethany and whose cause Bethany tries to serve, that they will not only remember the school in their prayers, but will also stand wholeheartedly behind it in its work!

S. A. Dorr
B. W. Teigen

BETHANY LUTHERAN SEMINARY

Just as we began this yearly report of our little seminary, the *Clergy Bulletin* comes to hand with the encouraging news that our synodical treasury has closed the year with its accounts in the black. That is indeed a cause for rejoicing. For being but a small group doing the work for our general body, it is self-evident that the carrying on of the work of preparing pastors and missionaries for the field will require proportionately a greater *pro rata* expenditure than would be the case in a larger body, where scores of students may be offered the required courses at no greater cost than our seminary with its less than a dozen theologicals. In fact, the generous gifts brought to our seminary by certain individuals who realize what it means to have future pastors trained by our own men, according to our particular needs, has been the God-given way of solving a financial problem which one not acquainted with our people would deem next to impossible. But, thank God, it is as true to-day as it was on the day that our beloved Paul Gerhardt penned these faith-strengthening lines:

"Thy way is ever open;
Thou dost on naught depend,
Thine act is only blessing,
Thy path light without end.
Thy work can no man hinder,
Thy purpose none can stay,
Since Thou to bless Thy children
Through all dost make a way."

In these days of constantly rising prices and the limiting of the amount which the individual worker can retain for his own, when the civil powers are demanding more and more of the individual's time and taxes, it naturally becomes more and more difficult for those who see the necessity of seeking first the kingdom of God and His righteousness to support our institution with proportionate giving and fervent prayer. But our needs have been met, by the grace of God.

Again we have passed through an entire year without any serious sickness hindering either students or teachers from carrying on the regular work. There have been eight students in attendance, one of them from the University of Oslo, Norway. The spiritual conditions in the land of our forebears have not improved since the days when our sainted Dr. V. Koren wrote his searching analysis: "De kirkelige Partier blandt vort Folk i America" ("The Church Factions among Our People in America.") Our faithful Koren could indeed tell Dr. Walther, when he first met with that true Lutheran: "You have taught us nothing new. For the principles of the Reformation, Scripture Alone, by Grace Alone, through Faith Alone we were taught by our Lutheran teachers overseas. But you have shown us how these principles can be carried out in a truly free church. There it was made impossible for us to carry them out under a state controlled church." And that is still true in the church of Norway. We see how even those pastors and bishops who want to remain true to Scripture and our Lutheran Confessions, will denounce a bishop Schelderup of Hamar who denies eternal punishment for the unbeliever, but who refuse to put him out of the church.

What our young theological from Oslo will be able to do for the church in the land of his birth remains to be seen. Here he has been in thorough agreement with our conservative stand, both in doctrine and practice. He has felt perfectly at home. The sad part of it all is this, that the church leaders who want to impress the world with a show of numerical strength

classify a Norway, Sweden, and Denmark as almost wholly Lutheran, when the rankest modernism is in control of the state-controlled churches. We are indeed glad that we have been able to welcome this serious minded young man to our seminary, and to fit him into our classes without the least hindrance, since he came well prepared in the languages we require: Norwegian, German, English, Greek, Latin, Hebrew.

Prof. C. U. Faye, our seminary librarian, will give his own report of the status of our library, its present condition and its future needs. He is, of course, thankful to the individuals who have remembered our seminary library with books and money for the purchase of books. We do indeed have a library of which we do not have to be ashamed.

That which has been a source of dissatisfaction to date is our vicaring problem. It has not been too satisfactory to have our graduates serve a whole year after they have finished their schooling here before they can be ordained. We therefore urge that at this year's convention of our synod a plan be worked out whereby the student may get his practical experience as *Seelsorger* at the sick-bed and death-bed during the first two summers of his seminary days. There most certainly must be a sufficient number of our larger congregations which would be able to offer that bit of assistance, so that when the student is through with his seminary studies, he may at once be ordained, and function as such in the congregation to which he has been called.

The two students who will be graduated on May 30 are: Mr. Robert Thorson and Mr. Gerhard Weseloh. The committee on calls has assigned the former to the Rev. Carl Rush in Chicago, and the latter to our Cottonwood, Minnesota, call. Candidate Norman A. Madson, Jr., having vicared the past year under the Rev. Wilhelm Petersen, was granted his diploma at the graduation exercises, May 30, Prof. Milton Otto speaking on behalf of the seminary.

May the Lord of the Church find these young men faithful, so that it may be said of them at the end of their service: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." Matt. 25, 21.

Norman A. Madson, Sr., dean

BETHANY LUTHERAN COLLEGE

Financial Report as of June 13, 1958

(Unaudited)

Cash on hand, July 1, 1957	\$ 1,833.91
Collected on old notes and accts.	10,180.91
Charged to Students (Schedule I)	\$110,202.99
Current uncollected, June 13, 1958	18,346.96
Collected on current accounts	\$ 91,856.93
Other Income from School	
(Schedule II)	5,224.39
Other Income for current use	
(Schedule III)	43,221.43
Current receipts	\$140,301.85
Total cash available for old liabilities, current expenses, additions to furniture and equipment, alterations and permanent improvements	\$152,316.67
Old liabilities paid:	
Accounts Payable	\$ 5,963.62
Student Bank	335.83

Restricted Funds	913.03	
Accrued Salaries	1,336.68	
Withholding Tax and Social Security	454.06	
Notes Payable (other than Schedule IV)	500.00	
Total old liabilities paid		\$ 9,503.23
Current Expenditures		
Expenses	\$133,205.17	
Additions to Furniture and Equipment (not including organ)	10,623.60	
Alterations and permanent improve- ments	78.49	
Reduction in Scholarship Funds	150.00	144,057.26
Advanced to Seminary	2,046.45	\$155,606.94
Unpaid Items of June 13, 1958		
Accounts Payable	\$ 1,994.72	
Student Bank	987.82	
House Rents	1,115.00	
Withhold Tax and Social Security	282.98	
Restricted Funds	879.03	5,259.55
Cash Spent		\$150,347.39
Cash on hand, June 13, 1958		1,969.28
Proof		\$152,316.67

Schedule I
Income Charged to Students

Board	\$ 42,695.76
Room and Registration Deposits ..	14,617.04
Tuition and Late Registration	42,619.33
General Fees	5,262.26
Laboratory Fees	1,657.81
Choir Fees	560.00
Music Lessons and Band	1,830.33
Piano and Organ Rent	405.67
Typewriter Rent	399.84
Diploma Fees	154.95
Total	\$110,202.99

Schedule II
Other Income from School Activities

Phy. Ed. and Athletic Fees	\$ 2,884.35
Choir Concerts, Sale of Records, Donations to Music Department	2,011.82
Laundry Meters	183.22
Transcripts	39.00
Car Storage	106.00
Total	\$ 5,224.39

Schedule III
Other Income for Operating Uses

Miscellaneous Income	\$ 262.25
Interest	87.38
Donations, Gifts in Natura, PV	6,382.30
Bethany Lutheran College Fund ..	34,276.00

Rent	2,200.00
Dividends	13.50
Total	\$ 43,221.43

Schedule IV

Income for Payment of Old Obligations and Organ Presentation

Cancellation of Notes Payable	\$ 8,081.92
Organ	21,502.93

DONATIONS—UNDESIGNATED

July 1, 1957—June 18, 1958

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wohlford—In Memory of Mrs. Torkel Martinson	\$ 3.00
Oscar Sorenson	8.00
In Memory of Delmont Enter	100.00
E. Paul	5.00
Mrs. Martha Tjernagel—In Memory of Dr. G. A. Tjernagel	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Julian Kohler—In Memory of Olaf Branden	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. Gilmer Anderson— In Memory of Mrs. Sarah Amdahl	2.00
East Paint Creek Aid	25.00
Grace Lutheran Church, Le Seuer— In Memory of Mrs. Martin Teigen	10.00
Ladies Aid, Frontenac	5.00
O. T. Harstad	500.00
Friends—In memory of Mrs. Otto Flom	24.00
Otto Flom and Family—In Memory of Mrs. Otto Flom	15.00
Geo. Swottnick	10.00
Saude Ladies Aid	20.00
E. Wm. Cooper	500.00
S. Steberg	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. Ed Molnau	25.00
Redeemer Lutheran Church—In Memory of Mrs. Mueshe	1.00
S. Wis. Dist.—Missouri Synod	10.00
St. John's Ladies Aid, Okabena	15.80
Marvin Hansen	15.00
George Tokheim	100.00
Paul Munson—In Memory of Theo. J. Arvold	10.00
E. E. Kolander	5.00
Zion Ladies Aid, Tracy	100.00
St. Peter's Church, Arlington— In Memory of Mrs. Martin Blaesing	2.00
John Hermanson	10.00

DONATIONS—DESIGNATED

July 1, 1957—June 18, 1958

Mrs. Blackmore, for bed and shades	\$129.00
North Iowa Auxiliary, for beds	357.00
Bethel Ladies Aid, for beds	25.00
English Lutheran Ladies Aid, for beds	25.00
Richland Ladies Aid, for paint	20.00
Rev. T. N. Teigen, for furniture—In Memory of Mrs. M. Teigen	1.00
Madison Auxiliary, for Miss Wilson's Room	88.75
Mankato Auxiliary, for library	151.25
Mrs. Carl E. Olson, for library	100.00
Students of Bethany College, for settee in recreation room	159.00
Synod Treasurer, for bed, West Paint Creek Ladies Aid	120.00
Synod Treasurer, for office furniture	50.00
Caroline Halverson, for Home Economics Department	50.00
Home Economics girls, for Home Economics Department	16.32
Mayville Women's Guild, for bed	20.00

Lutheran Youth Association, for Oxford Dictionaries	70.00
South Branch Church, for permanent improvements	161.22
College Class of 1958, for Social Science maps	54.00
Bethany Faculty Women's Club, for tablecloths	62.00
Olaf Lee, for Choir	150.00
Rev. Paul Ylvisaker, for operetta	2.00
Lyle E. Faulkner, for operetta	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. John Nerison, for Athletic Department— In Memory of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Osland	10.00
Women's Guild, First American Lutheran Church, Mayville, N. Dak., donation of pillowcases and sheets, value estimated at	31.88
Hartland Congregation for paint and varnish	7.25

DONATIONS—DESIGNATED FOR KITCHEN IMPROVEMENTS

July 1, 1957—June 18, 1958

Mrs. J. A. Petersen	\$ 2.26
Minneapolis Auxiliary	200.00
Norseland Auxiliary	100.00
Students at Bethany College	18.15
Edna Busekist—In Memory of Mrs. Peter Osland	2.50
Margaret Rygh, Portland, Oregon— In Memory of Mrs. Peter Osland	5.00
Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Madson—In Memory of Mrs. Peter Osland	5.00
Mr. Neri Nerison—In Memory of Mrs. Peter Osland	10.00
Mrs. Anna Osland family—In Memory of Mrs. Peter Osland	10.00
Constance Bro—In Memory of Mrs. Martin Tjernagel	10.00
B. W. Teigen family	5.36
Mankato Auxiliary	100.00
Women's Guild, Granada Hills	10.00
Hannah and Lettie Olson, Mrs. M. Orwald	2.00
Scarville Ladies Aid	1.00
Penny Boxes—no names available	2.55
Penny Boxes—Mrs. Melvin Kruger	1.53
Penny Boxes—Pinehurst Church	1.38
Mrs. Karlsrud—Penny box	1.13
Mrs. Vermont Sandvig—Penny box	1.03
Mrs. Willard Gutsch—Penny box	2.17
E. R. Storlie—Penny box	34.80
M. Rodinske—Penny box80
Mrs. Chris Lee—Penny box28
W. Moore, Penny box	3.24
Mr. and Mrs. Claude Bergum—Penny box	1.81
Mrs. Storlie—Penny box30
Mrs. A. Carpenter—Penny box	1.22
Mrs. Raymond Books—Penny box77
Mrs. O. T. Christianson—Penny box56
Mrs. Donald Harvey—Penny box72
Ascension Ladies Aid—Penny box	2.50
Mrs. Willis Books—Penny box47
Mrs. Ude—Penny box	2.49
Mrs. Walter Anderson—Penny box	1.85
Mrs. Narian Thompson—Penny box	2.00
Mrs. Harold and Wm. Peterson—Penny box95
Mrs. Frediel—Penny box	8.12
Sina Olsen	5.00
Telephone Dividends	45.00
Ruth and Rollin Reim—In Memory of Mrs. Martin Galstad	5.00
Mrs. Helen Aussen, Mr. and Mrs. Holger Aussen— In Memory of Mrs. Louise Ellofson	2.00
Dorcas Society, Indian Landing Bible Lutheran Church	14.00
Immanuel Hospital, Mankato	10.00
Penny box—Lake Mills Lutheran Church	2.29

Mrs. Jacques Hill	5.00
Synod Treasurer	145.34
Margaret Larsen	4.36
M. R. Handberg	7.42
Bethany Auxiliary of Eau Claire	80.00

Action of the Synod:

Gymnasium-Auditorium

WHEREAS, An adequate Gymnasium-Auditorium is a vital part of the generally accepted program of higher education; and

WHEREAS, Adequate facilities are sorely needed for our Synod meetings and other public gatherings; therefore be it

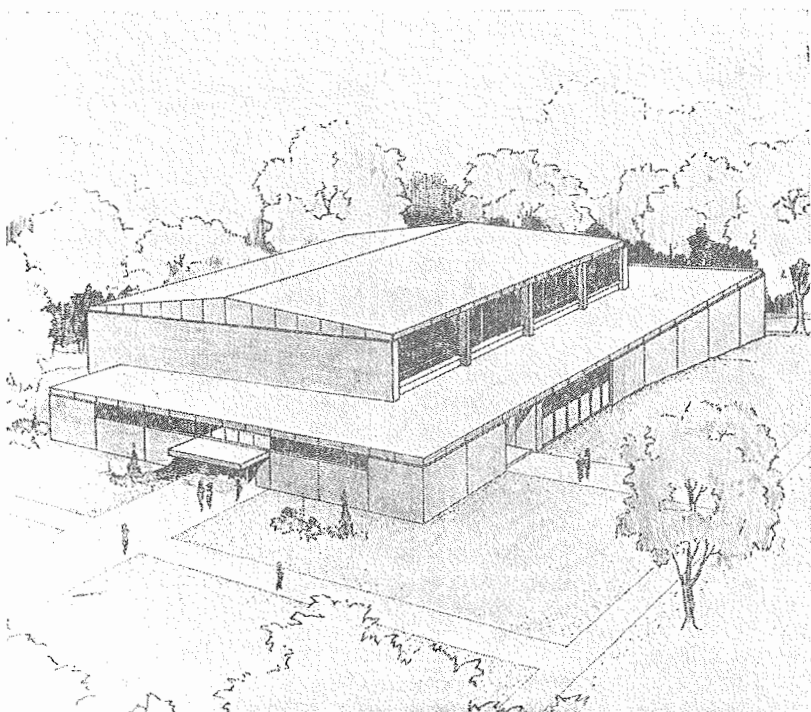
1. RESOLVED, That a Gymnasium-Auditorium be erected at Bethany College;

2. RESOLVED, That the Board of Regents supervise the planning and construction of the Gymnasium-Auditorium; and

3. RESOLVED, That the Board of Regents and the Board of Trustees make the necessary financial arrangements as soon as possible, subject to a ceiling set at \$200,000.00.

Admissions Policy

4. RESOLVED, That we approve the policy of the Board of



**Artist's Conception of the Future Bethany College
Gymnasium-Auditorium**

Regents regarding admissions as stated in the 1956 Synod Report, p. 54: "It has always been the policy of Bethany Lutheran College to admit students from other church bodies than our own Synod and its affiliated churches, on condition that they accept our religious instruction, attend chapel exercises and conduct themselves as Christians. (Such students have felt at home in our midst and have profited from their associations here.) This is still our policy."

N.B. Policy for Receiving of Gifts

5. RESOLVED, That we approve the policy of the Board of Regents regarding the receiving of gifts: "It has been Bethany Lutheran College's policy in the past, and continues to be so now, to receive gifts also from people outside our fellowship."

Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws

6. RESOLVED, That the proposed amendment to Section VI of the Articles of Incorporation of Bethany Lutheran College and Seminary, Inc., be referred to the Board of Trustees and the Board of Regents of the Synod.

WHEREAS, The Board of Regents has found it necessary to revise the By-Laws of Bethany Lutheran College and Seminary, Inc.; therefore be it

7. RESOLVED, That the final adoption of the By-Laws be postponed until the 1959 Convention (See Synod Report for 1957, p. 73.), and that for the coming year the proposed By-Laws of Bethany Lutheran College and Seminary, Inc., (1956 Synod Report, pp. 70-74) be in effect, with the exception that the election of the president in 1959 be according to the old rules.

Vicarage

WHEREAS, In 1954 the Norwegian Synod, having been advised by the Dean of the Seminary that the then existing summer vicaring program was well nigh impossible, endorsed the proposal of the Board of Regents to establish a year of vicarage following the three year seminary course;

WHEREAS, This vicarage procedure was confirmed by action of the 1955 convention, and

WHEREAS, The Synod is now advised that this vicarage program has been a source of dissatisfaction; be it

8. RESOLVED, That the Board of Regents, together with the theological faculty, study the vicaring problem and prepare recommendations for its solution for the Synod at its 1959 Convention.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

Meetings

During the past year the Christian Day School Board has held its two regular meetings at which elementary school affairs and the progress of our Synod schools were discussed, and subsidy requests were granted.

Subsidies

The following subsidies were granted: Parkland, \$480; Hiawatha, \$720; Mt. Olive, \$400.

Superintendent

Because of the geographical spread of our schools, it is not easily possible for the superintendent to visit all our congregations with schools at the present time. This would be advisable if it were not for the expense involved. Much correspondence is carried on regularly, however, in addition to school visitation, in order to try to be of practical service to our teachers.

Statistics

The following list will serve as 1957-58 statistical report:

School	Attendance	Teacher
Lime Creek, Iowa	14	Lloyd Tiegs
Somber, Iowa	13	Merlyn Putz
Saude, Iowa	19	Ernest Geistfeld
Jerico, Iowa	12	Marshall Handberg
Princeton, Minn.	14	Amanda Tjernagel
Mt. Olive, Mankato, Minn.	32	Lorraine Johnson
Norseland, Minn.	13	Howard Schroeder
St. Mark's, Chicago, Ill.	22	Willis Clausen
West Koshkonong, Wis.	17	Boyd Wermedal
Parkland, Wash.	25	Elisabeth Helland
Hiawatha, Minneapolis, Minn.	11	(jointly with Pilgrim School)
Our Savior's First,	107	Sigurd Lee
Granada Hills, Calif.		Irma Speerschneider
		Maureen Bahr
		Fay Buss
		Mrs. James Shepherd
Madison Lutheran, Madison, Wis.	12	Quintin Urban, Our Savior's
(total attendance—241)	42	Gene Hoyord, Holy Cross

New Schools

It can be happily reported that the Scarville (Iowa) congregation will resume the operation of its school in September. LaVonne Johnson, 1957 Bethany graduate, will be the teacher. Also, the Parkland congregation, because of attendance growth, is expanding with the addition of a second teacher during the coming school year. For this interest and growth of our Lutheran schools we ought to be pleased and thankful.

Prospects

Although the Canoga Park (Calif.) congregation had also hoped to open its own school this fall, it has been found necessary to postpone this action for a year. In Eau Claire, a school association, composed of members of our congregations there, has been formed with the serious intention of starting a school in that city as soon as possible. May God's blessings enable these congregations and interested persons to accomplish their plans.

Placement

The following graduates of Bethany were placed by the synodical placement board this spring: Karen Johnson (Mt. Olive), Iona Sundbom (Princeton), Lorraine Krahn (Granada Hills), Earl Brassow (Saude), and Dalton Wolfrath (Parkland).

Activities

The annual Teachers' Conference was held at Princeton, Minn., in November, 1957. A fine, practical program was presented, and most of our teachers, plus Education students from Bethany, attended. Lloyd Tiegs, elected to edit the Christian Day School **Bulletin**, has served faithfully during the year. Schools have been requested to send materials for a display at this convention, and the location of this display will be announced during the meeting.

Problems

There are certain matters which perennially, or lately, affect Christian Day School affairs, and to which the attention of all our membership is called:

1. Because the Christian Day School fund often had surpluses in past years, it sometimes appears that requesting schools still consider this to be the case. It is not so! The budget is not large enough to match requests now, as other boards also experience. So while it cannot always give all the funds requested, it tries to do so proportionately, especially in the face of our unprecedented school growth.
2. Since it is the purpose of the Board also to help establish new schools, it favors the granting of funds for capital outlay and improvement rather than giving annual subsidies for operating expenses. Spreading the grants in this way enables the Board sometimes to help in a larger scale those groups faced with financial problems in starting a new school. The Board wishes this policy to become known.
3. The increasing certification requirements of several states makes it imperative that pastors, teachers, and school boards keep informed on all these matters in their localities.
4. The testing program of our Synod was continued this past year, with the achievement tests being given in fall and spring. Results have not yet been tabulated, as some reports are slow in coming to the superintendent. There has been some confusion with most teachers in regard to this, so much time has been spent in helping teachers understand the use, meaning and technique of this testing program.
5. Because of public school consolidation in many areas, there is pressure being brought to bear on our schools and parents. Let us pray for a measure of God's grace that our faith in the cause of Christian elementary education may never slacken, but continue as it has in these later years.

Iver C. Johnson

Action of the Synod:

WHEREAS, By the grace of God, the interest in Christian Day Schools is steadily increasing in our Synod with new schools being opened this fall in Scarville, Iowa, and Eau Claire, Wisconsin, and the school at Parkland, Washington, being expanded;

WHEREAS, More funds are sorely needed to meet this increased demand for Christian education;

WHEREAS, The Christian Day School Fund no longer has a surplus; be it

1. *RESOLVED, That each subsidized Christian Day School make an additional effort to meet all its operating costs;*

2. *RESOLVED, That the policy of the Christian Day School Board in favoring the granting of funds for capital outlay and improvement rather than giving annual subsidies for operating expenses be approved.*

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHARITIES AND SUPPORT

KASOTA VALLEY HOME FOR THE AGED

During the past year the members of the Board of Directors for Kasota Valley Home for the Aged met regularly at the home to carry on the work in this area of the church's work which God has given us, as a Synod, to perform. And as we contemplate what has gone on in the last year, we certainly must say that God has indeed blessed this work of charity.

For all the gifts, both through your support of the Christmas Seal Campaign and also personal gifts, we thank you. These gifts, both of money and food, are indeed most welcome at any time at the home. Such gifts not only aid in the successful operation of the home, but also add to the enjoyment and coziness of the residents. Such a gift of enjoyment received this year at the home was a television set given by a number of our Synod's congregations.

During the past year, improvements were made to the physical plant, such as necessary minor repairs, painting of rooms, the tiling of some floors, and other improvements. The biggest item of interest in this department is perhaps the new addition being added to the home to provide better accommodations for the residents. This addition was made possible by the \$5,000 legacy left to the home by Andrew A. Fadness, which the Synod voted to use, upon the recommendation of the Board, for capital improvements.

The recently completed expansion at the Home consists in a 10X13½ foot extension on the second floor of the northwest corner and a parallel two-story addition of 11X20 feet. This addition provides three rooms upstairs, where there formerly was one, with adequate wardrobe space, and a re-finished bedroom and living-dining room area on the first floor in the place of one room. Estimated final cost is \$5,500.

Besides providing the manager and his wife with more suitable living quarters on the first floor, this expansion makes it possible to comply with State regulations to clear one room off the dining area downstairs of the three guests that have been quartered there and to use the same as an office and badly needed consultation room. With the re-arrangements and enlarged facilities, a total of 17 residents can now be very adequately served by the Home. If this capacity is reached, another full-time employee can and should be added to the staff.

In keeping with the principles upon which the home is based, the spiritual care of the home was not neglected. Manager Lauritz Houg conducted daily devotions. Pastor M. E. Tweit conducted services regularly and visited individuals until leaving for his new call in the Saude-Jerico, Iowa, parish. Upon his departure in January, the Board asked Prof. M. H. Otto to take his place. On Feb. 1 he accepted and is now carrying on this work.

At the present time there are 12 residents at the home. This, you will notice, is not a full house. This situation is not good since you will notice from the treasurer's report that expenditures for the year 1957 surpassed the income from residents. In fact, in 1957, the Board paid out on the average \$282.00 over and above what was taken in from resident payments

to meet expenses. The reason for this was that the home was not kept full during the year. To help alleviate this situation, the Board has resolved to require at least 30 days' notice from residents who intend to leave. We are also making a plea that there be a waiting list made of those who would like to make use of the home, so that when one leaves, another may take his place and thereby keep the home completely filled and running on a more even keel. Your cooperation in this matter is earnestly requested. You may send any information you may have regarding prospective residents to Mr. L. Houg at the home.

To all those who have so untiringly labored at the home and to those who have so generously contributed to this charitable work, the Board extends its hearty thanks. May God continue to bless the home as He has done in the past. We commend the home to your prayers and liberal support.

Victor Theiste, Secretary

KASOTA VALLEY HOME

Financial Statement for 1957

Receipts

Jan. 1, 1957 balance	\$ 382.49
Income from residents	10,992.16
Offerings	171.76
Received from Synod Kasota Valley Home account	2,050.00
Legacy from A. A. Fadness estate	5,000.00
Received from County for medical care	389.23
Gifts	194.45
Miscellaneous—refunds, etc.	94.67

Expenditures

Salaries	\$ 6,536.30
Utilities	673.63
Fuel	763.54
Groceries	3,299.37
Repairs and improvements	759.49
Supplies and bottled gas	314.17
New equipment	1,250.07
Postage for sending out seals	35.98
Treasurer's bond and license for Home	45.00
Board expense	38.48
Petty cash	300.00
Miscellaneous	75.61
Medical expense and refunds to residents	674.43

Total expenditures

\$14,766.07

Jan. 1, 1958 balance

3,808.69

Loan to Synod

700.00

\$19,274.76 \$19,274.76

Statement of Money Assets, Jan. 1, 1958

Balance in bank in Mankato	\$ 3,808.69
Balance in Synod treasury	2,509.99
Note held by Synod	4,000.00
Loan to Synod	700.00

Total

\$11,018.68

Of this total \$5,000.00 is the legacy from the estate of Mr. A. A. Fadness and is designated for capital improvements.

Average monthly income from residents

\$ 916.00

Average monthly expenditures

1,198.00

Respectfully submitted
Kasota Valley Home Board
G. E. Solli, Treas.

THE BOARD OF SUPPORT

The Board of Directors of Kasota Valley Home also functions as a Board of Support. The Board met regularly during the past year.

At present there are three members of our Synod who are receiving aid from the Board's funds. This is perhaps not all who should be receiving aid since it is the earnest concern of us all that the retired and incapacitated laborers of the vineyard and/or their dependents should not suffer need but be adequately provided with the necessities of life. In order to ascertain more fully and to carry out this area of our labors the Board will in the near future, by recommendation of the Synod, "personally seek out those who may need support" by contacting all pastors and professors asking them to submit names and addresses of all such as they know. Letters will then be sent out to such "prospects" and, to all who reply, questionnaires will be sent out. These questionnaires will greatly aid the Board in being good stewards of the funds available. Part of this has been done.

After diligently studying the matter, the Board is considering widening its scope of charities to cover catastrophic conditions where local congregations are unable to render adequate assistance, and hereby are asking the Synod for its approval.

Even though the funds for the Board of Support are part of Synod's budget, let us not forget the need of gifts which are largely depended on. "Let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

Victor Theiste, Secretary

BETHESDA LUTHERAN HOME

Watertown, Wisconsin

"Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches. In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water." (John 5:2,3)

The Bethesda of the twentieth century, abundantly blessed by the Lord, who appeared at the Bethesda of old, brings its greetings.

Many changes have taken place at Bethesda during the last year. Buildings like the Manual Arts school, the Louis Pingel School and the Linda Ritter Memorial Dormitory and Infirmary were only dreams a few years ago. Now they are a reality. In April they were dedicated to the glory of the Lord and to the service of those whom Christ calls "the least" of His brethren.

Floors, ventilation and conditions in general had become incredibly bad in such portions of the old buildings which had not already been remodeled. Therefore urgently needed remodeling is being carried on in those areas at the present time.

The operation of Bethesda Lutheran Home is costing huge sums. The budget for 1957 ran to \$160,000.00. The budget for 1958 will exceed \$770,000.00. The pay roll has passed the \$36,000.00 per month mark. These sums cover operating costs only. There are 135 full time employees in all categories and 25 part time employees.

For further information your attention is invited to the dedication brochure placed into your hands. We believe it is one of the finest of its kind and has cost Bethesda but very little.

Your record. The Norwegian Synod had 3 patients at Bethesda during the calendar year of 1957. The total cost for the care of these children was \$3,240.00. From the patrons of "children" \$1,165.50 was received. Contributions by the Norwegian Synod congregations amounted to \$1,425.27. This left a deficit of \$649.23. In addition, congregations of the Norwegian Synod also contributed \$66.60 to the Building Fund. Of the 75 congregations in the Synod, 24 have supported Bethesda in varied amounts. There are three awaiting entrance from the Norwegian Synod.

For your prayers and offerings and for your participation in the Building Fund, for your splendid hospitality provided its representatives from time to time, Bethesda wishes to thank you sincerely.

May you be encouraged by the words of Jesus when He spoke to his disciples "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." (Matthew 25,40)

Clarence F. Golisch
Executive Secretary

Action of the Synod:

Kasota Valley Home

WHEREAS, The Kasota Valley Home is in need of support as to finances and as to residents from our own Synod; be it

1. RESOLVED, That we encourage the members of the Board of Charities and Support to inform the people of our Synod through human-interest articles in the LUTHERAN SENTINEL as to the facilities and needs of our Kasota Valley Home; and be it further

2. RESOLVED, That all members of the Synod be encouraged to support the Home with generous food donations, memorial gifts, and by active participation in the Christmas seal campaign.

3. RESOLVED, That the Synod commends Mr. and Mrs. L. Houg of Kasota Valley Home for services rendered beyond the line of duty, especially in overseeing the capital improvements made in the Home during the past year.

Support

4. RESOLVED, That the Synod grant permission to the Board of Support to consider assisting in other cases of dire necessity, where local congregations are unable to render adequate financial assistance.

Bethesda Home

WHEREAS, Our Synod now has two charity patients at Bethesda Lutheran Home; and

WHEREAS, Contributions from our Synod congregations have not been sufficient to cover the cost of caring for these patients; be it

5. RESOLVED, That our congregations be urged to make use of promotional material available from Bethesda Home; and be it further

6. RESOLVED, That our congregations be urged to contribute funds in behalf of Bethesda Home.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATIONS

Most of the work of your Publications Board during the past year was centered around the three following items:

1. The annual Synod Reports: Each year a considerable amount of time is spent by the Board on this item. Recently a questionnaire was sent out to each pastor, asking him to express his opinion regarding what price we should charge for the book. The majority of the pastors replied that they favored charging the full cost for the reports, or at

least the larger share of the cost. (The cost of setting the type for the Report figures to about \$485. The cost of each copy after the type is set is about \$0.36.) Therefore our Board resolved:

- a. That we charge \$1.00 for individual copies.
- b. That we charge 50c per copy, if the congregation orders one copy for each family in the congregation. (Blanket subscription).
- c. That congregations not under the blanket subscription be charged the Bulk rate as follows:
20 or more copies.....60c
40 or more copies.....50c

2. Liturgy and Agenda: For many years this book has been in the making. The Publications Board has made preparations to have it published in an attractive, yet inexpensive, form as soon as we receive the Master Copy. Our Board is anxious to publish this long-awaited book, but makes no apologies to the synod for not having done so. We cannot publish a book we do not have.

3. Guidelines for the Publications Board: These were presented to our Board by the Committee of Committees. However, our Board has requested that the Committee of Committees wait until 1959 before presenting these Guidelines to the convention. That will give our Board time to make a thorough study of the scope of our Board's work, especially centering around this question: Shouldn't our Board really act as a **Publishing** Board? That is, should not this Board publish, and solicit for publication, what we feel is necessary and profitable for our purposes, at the same time acting as a wholesale house? We hope to have something definite to present to the 1959 convention in this matter.

John A. Moldstad, Secretary



Editorial Staff of Sentinel

**Pastors T. N. Teigen, Stuart Dorr, Paul Ylvisaker (Editor),
Theodore Aaberg (Managing Editor), Arvid Gullerud**

Action of the Synod:

Synod Report

WHEREAS, The Publications Board's proposed price schedule for the sale of annual Synod Reports will help to put Reports into the hands of more readers; and

WHEREAS, This price schedule will lower the per copy price in most cases; therefore be it

1. RESOLVED, That the Synod adopt this price schedule.

Agenda

WHEREAS, The Synod Committee on Liturgy and Agenda has completed its work on the Liturgy and Agenda manuscript; be it

2. RESOLVED, That this book be published after final review by the general pastoral conference; and furthermore be it

3. RESOLVED, That the Publications Board of the Synod be authorized to publish the agenda and that the costs be advanced from the Synod Fund.

Re/Duties of the Publications Board

WHEREAS, It is increasingly vital to our Synod's work that it make itself and its teachings known through the use of effective publicity materials, devotional literature, tracts, and other printed matter; and

WHEREAS, Separate boards now produce the LUTHERAN SENTINEL, THE CLERGY BULLETIN, Armed Services literature, and books and tracts; and

WHEREAS, It may be of benefit to have all of this publication work under the supervision of the Publications Board; therefore be it

4. RESOLVED, That the Publications Board study this matter and report its findings to the 1959 convention.

WHEREAS, There is a need for Synodically-sponsored tracts for distribution within and beyond our circles; and

WHEREAS, The Publications Board has requested \$200 as the first step in establishing a capital fund for this work; therefore be it

5. RESOLVED, That this request be granted.

WHEREAS, The expenses of the Publications Board in the past have been paid out of the Synod Fund; and

WHEREAS, It is estimated that the Publications Board's expenses for the coming year will be about \$300 for Synod Reports, \$200 for tracts, and \$100 for Board expenses; and

WHEREAS, These expenses should be a clearly-defined part of our regular budget; therefore be it

6. RESOLVED, That the Synod Fund be reduced by \$600 on this year's budget, the Publications Board be made a permanent budget item, and the same \$600 be assigned to the Publications Board.

REPORT OF THE YOUTH BOARD

The faith of our youth, as that of all Christians, is nourished by the Word of God and the Sacraments. Even though our young people were baptized some time ago, the benefits of their Baptism are still in force today, for St. Paul assures us under inspiration of the Holy Ghost, "As many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ," Gal. 3:27.

Our congregations help to keep our youth in their baptismal covenant chiefly by urging their private use of God's Word and their public attendance at divine worship and by encouraging their use of the Lord's Supper. Many of our congregations supplement these with special meetings for the young people in which the Word of God is taught and the youth join in prayers.

To assist the congregations in their youth work, our Synod has several effective agencies: Bethany College, the annual Lutheran Youth Association convention, the **LYA Quarterly**, and youth camps. The young people also form a large part of the singers at our Synod Sunday Choral Union Concert. The special annual events in 1958 are:

Clear Lake, Iowa, Lutheran Youth Camp, June 9-14

Camp Indianhead, Drummond, Wis., Lutheran Youth Camps, July 5-19.

Lutheran Youth Association Convention, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Albert Lea, Minn., Sept. 12-14.

Whatever our congregations and individuals do for our youth, let it be in the gracious atmosphere of God's Word, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth," Eccl. 12,1.

Norman B. Harstad, Secretary

Action of the Synod:

WHEREAS, The spiritual welfare of our youth depends on their adherence to God's Word; and

WHEREAS, The youth work of our Synod is an aid to that end; therefore be it

1. RESOLVED, That the Youth Board continue to make use of the mail and of other means to encourage the establishment of Lutheran Youth Societies in every parish and to further youth activities such as camps, choral union, LYA Quarterly, youth conventions, etc.

2. RESOLVED, That in the future the Youth Board present a more detailed report of its work so that it may be constructively evaluated by the Synod.

REPORT OF THE ARMED SERVICES COMMISSION

The work of the Commission has continued uninterruptedly since the last synodical convention. The **Lutheran Sentinel**, **Portals of Prayer**, and **Service Message** have been mailed to our fellow-Christians in the Armed Forces regularly. They have also received special tracts from the Commission occasionally. Our people should also know that, according to a synodical resolution, the Commission will mail its material also to fellow-Christians who, though they are not in the Armed Forces, are prevented by distance from receiving the services of a pastor of our faith. New addresses and changes of ad-

dress should be sent by those who know of these to the undersigned, 30 Richfield Road, Arlington 74, Mass.

D. L. Pfeiffer, Chairman

Action of the Synod:

RESOLVED, That the Synod continue with the work of the Armed Services Commission on the basis of the above report.

PASTORAL CONFERENCE RECORDS

Your convention committee has inspected the Reports of the following pastoral conferences: the General Pastoral Conference, the Iowa-Southern Minnesota Pastoral Conference, the Northwest Pastoral Conference, and the Chicago-Madison Pastoral Conference. These reports give evidence of continued interest and zeal in matters of doctrine and practice.

Your Committee, however, makes these suggestions:

- 1) The secretary of each conference is to continue including a summary of each paper read.
- 2) All minutes of each conference are to be recorded in a bound book, which, when its blank pages are filled, is to be deposited in the Synod Archives.
- 3) Each paper or essay is to be handed to the Secretary in double-spaced typing and bound by being sewed or stapled together in a stiff paper folder and deposited in the Seminary Library.

Pastoral Conferences are valuable also because of the opportunity they offer to our pastors to acquire accurate and detailed information as to the stand of our Synod in debated doctrinal matters, thus enabling said pastors to answer questions as to our position, properly to state our position and to defend it.

Action of the Synod:

Adopted

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF COMMITTEES

The Committee of Committees met once each quarter during the past year. Much time in the meetings and in addition to the meetings was spent in planning and carrying out the stewardship study endorsed by the last convention. Progress reports received by the Committee and the treasurer's reports indicate that the time was well spent. The treasurer reported a budget deficit of \$25,000.00 as of Oct. 31, 1957, in spite of the fact that a \$7,000.00 gift had been received for budget purposes. The situation was indeed alarming. But very soon evidences of the work on stewardship began to show. Beginning with the first of the year, when the plan began to operate in many congregations, the increase in contributions was remarkable. The treasurer's report changed from the \$25,000.00 deficit to \$2,000.00 in excess of the certified budget by last April 30th. The Committee will present a detailed report of the stewardship study to this convention.

The work on stewardship will continue during the coming year. In the fall, area and congregation meetings similar to those held last

fall are being planned to present the needs of the Synod in the most striking and clear manner possible.

Encouraged by the success which the Lord has granted our stewardship work and which we know He will grant the work planned for this year, the Committee recommends that the Synod adopt a certified budget totaling \$100,000.00 for the fiscal year May 1, 1958 to April 30, 1959, to be allocated as follows:

Armed Services.....	\$ 400.00
Bethany College	41,200.00
Christian Day School	4,000.00
Colored Missions	2,900.00
Cornwall Mission	2,500.00
Home Missions	30,000.00
Seminary	10,000.00
Support Fund	2,500.00
Synod Fund	6,000.00
Youth Board	500.00
	<hr/>
	\$100,000.00
Church Extension (2%)	2,000.00
	<hr/>
	\$102,000.00

While this recommended budget is 10% less than the total budget requests, it does represent a 10% increase over the last year's income. The Committee believes it unreasonable to expect a 20% increase in contributions, but it does believe a 10% increase is possible if the work of the stewardship program is continued.

During the course of the year the Committee completed guidelines for the Committee of Committees, the Board of Publications, and the "Sentinel" Staff. However the Board of Publications has requested that action on the two last mentioned guidelines be deferred another year as it would like further opportunity to study its sphere of work. Therefore only the guideline for the Committee of Committees is being presented for action and the Committee recommends that it be adopted.

At present guidelines for only three boards have been adopted by the Synod. While a guideline for the college and another for the seminary had been completed, they were replaced by the By-Laws of Bethany College and Seminary, Inc. Guidelines for the following are yet to be completed: Board of Publications, "Sentinel" Staff, the Board of Charities and Support, the Christian Day School Board, the Officers of the Synod, and the Synod Conventions.

As the Committee studied the work of publications, it became convinced that the "Clergy Bulletin" should be made an official publication of the Synod under the supervision of the Publications Board. Therefore the Committee recommends that the "Clergy Bulletin" be declared an official theological journal of the Synod.

In the matter of presenting the "Board of Directors Plan" for discussion at this convention, the Committee requested the President of the Synod to appoint two men to study the plan and to present the case for and against it.

At the last meeting of the Committee, the Board of Trustees reported that it has made its own study of the "Board of Directors Plan" and while it is not inclined to endorse it, the Board did suggest further amalgamation of the Synod's boards and committees and the request was made that the Committee of Committees join the Board of Trustees in presenting them to the Synod. As a result, the following recommendations are being made to the Synod:

WHEREAS, The work presently done by the Committee of Committees (Finance Board) can very well be done by the Board of Trustees which has more information at hand, especially in the financial field of the Synod's operations, and,

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees is responsible for all the work of the Synod, it is but natural that it can carry out this work more efficiently, and,

WHEREAS, The Committee of Committees has practically completed the special work assigned to it, that of preparing the "guidelines" outlining the duties of each committee of the Synod, therefore, be it.

1. RESOLVED, That the Committee of Committees be discontinued and its duties be assumed by the Board of Trustees.

WHEREAS, The work of the Christian Day School Board and the Youth Board are very similar in nature, and,

WHEREAS, The work of these two boards could be handled more satisfactorily by one board, therefore, be it

2. RESOLVED, That the Christian Day School Board and the Youth Board be discontinued and their work be assumed by a new board consisting of 7 men, one of whom shall be the head of the Education Department of Bethany College, who shall be a permanent member of this board. The 6 elective members shall be 3 laymen and 3 clergy, one of each being elected each year for a 3 year term.

WHEREAS, The work of the Armed Service Board is very limited and consists largely of publication, therefore, be it

3. RESOLVED, That the Board of Publications assume the work of the Armed Service Board and the Armed Service Board be discontinued.

WHEREAS, The work of publishing the "Sentinel" properly belongs under the supervision of the Board of Publications, therefore, be it

4. RESOLVED, That the Board of Publications and the "Sentinel" Staff consult during the course of this year to arrange the details for amalgamating these two boards and thus to put all the work of publications under one board.

Finally, it is recommended that should these proposed amalgamations take place, whatever savings may accrue in the budget as a result, or, whatever amount is received in budget accounts over and above the certified budget shall be applied to the Bethany College budget allocation up to the requested budget figure of \$46,949.52.

It should be reported that not all the members of the Committee of Committees agree with or endorse these recommendations for the combining of boards.

R. M. Branstad, Secretary

GUIDELINES FOR THE COMMITTEE OF COMMITTEES

I. Personnel

A. The Committee shall be composed of the President of the Synod, the Vice President, the Treasurer of the Synod, and one representative of each of the following boards:

1. Board of Trustees
2. Board of Regents
3. Board of Missions
4. Board of Charity and Support
5. Christian Day School Board
6. Board of Publications
7. Youth Board

B. Manner of Election

A member of the Committee of Committees shall be elected by the board which he represents. Election shall be for a term of one year. The boards shall endeavor to re-elect at least one half of the members of the Committee so that the continuity of the Committee's work may not be disrupted. This may be accomplished by consulting with the President of the Synod. The Boards shall determine whether a candidate will be able to attend the Committee meetings regularly before electing him and they shall elect an alternate for this position. This

alternate shall have the power of voting when he is required to substitute at a Committee meeting.

- C. The President of the Synod shall be the presiding officer unless otherwise arranged. In addition, the Committee shall elect its own secretary and such sub-committees as found necessary.
- D. Duties of Members
 - 1. The President of the Synod shall preside at the meetings. He shall have prepared an agenda of the business to be considered at each meeting with copies for each member. He shall cast the deciding vote in case of a tie in matters before the Committee.
 - 2. In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall preside.
 - 3. The Secretary shall record all resolutions of the Committee and make such notes as may be pertinent to the business of the Committee. He shall supply copies of the minutes to all members of the Committee, the Secretary of the Synod, and the circuit visitors. He shall have the minutes available at the Synod Convention for study by the Convention Committee when this is deemed necessary. He shall prepare the report of this Committee for the convention. He shall prepare a list of the members of the Synod who are ineligible for election to the Nominating Committee for publication in the Convention Handbook.
 - 4. Each member shall report back to his board regarding action taken by the Committee concerning his board. To that end each member should keep his own personal notes of such matters.

II. Duties of the Committee

- A. The Committee of Committees shall constitute the Finance Board of the Synod.
 - 1. At the meeting preceding the Synod Convention, it shall receive all budget requests and prepare the budget of the Synod.
 - 2. At each meeting it shall hear the report of the Treasurer of the Synod and review the Synod's finances.
 - 3. It shall review and approve any requests above the budget allocations.
 - 4. It shall coordinate and approve all appeals for fund raising within the Synod.
 - 5. It shall see to it that the Synod is properly informed of its financial status from time to time throughout the year.
 - 6. It shall promote a program of the Christian stewardship of material blessings.
 - 7. It shall advise the Treasurer of the Synod and all boards on their financial program and problems.
- B. The Committee of Committees shall act as coordinating agency for the Synod.
 - 1. It shall review the work of each board and officer at each meeting.
 - 2. It shall coordinate the work of all officers and boards.
 - 3. It shall exchange information among the boards.
 - 4. It shall seek to avoid duplication of responsibilities and work among the officers and boards.
 - 5. It shall encourage the officers and the boards in the performance of duties.
 - 6. It shall counsel and advise boards so that the over-all welfare of the Synod may be best served and so that the zeal of one board may not over-emphasize its sphere of work to the detriment of other spheres of the Synod's program.

III. Meetings

- A. The Committee of Committees shall meet, as a rule, quarterly.

(Suggested months are February, May, August, and November.)

- B. The meeting preceding the Synod Convention shall be the "budget meeting."
- C. The date and place shall be agreed upon by the Committee. The chairman shall determine this when the Committee has not done so.
- D. The expenses of the Committee shall be taken from the Synod Fund.

Action of the Synod:

Committee of Committees

WHEREAS, The work of the Committee of Committees has not yet been completed, therefore be it

- 1. *RESOLVED, That the Committee of Committees continue.*
- 2. *RESOLVED, That the recommendation of the Committee of Committees to amalgamate the Youth Board and the Armed Services Commission be referred to the Publications Board of the Synod.*
- 3. *RESOLVED, That the Guidelines for the Committee of Committees be adopted.*
- 4. *RESOLVED, That our representative on the Synodical Conference Mission Board be ex officio voting member of our Synod's Board of Missions.*

Name of the Synod

- 5. *RESOLVED, To ratify the action of the 1957 Convention regarding the change of the name of the Synod (Synod Report for 1957, page 87: "The name of the Synod shall be EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD.")*

Stewardship

WHEREAS, The stewardship program inaugurated by the Committee of Committees has brought forth fruits; and

WHEREAS, We recognize the need for continued growth in the virtue of Christian giving; be it

- 6. *RESOLVED, That the Committee of Committees be encouraged to continue its program of education in this field; and further be it*
- 7. *RESOLVED, That every congregation and pastor be urged to participate in the program.*

\$40,000.00 Bethany Collection

WHEREAS, The \$40,000.00 Fund Raising Appeal has not been completed; and

WHEREAS, The tuckpointing contract has been let; and

WHEREAS, \$8,000.00 remains to be collected; be it

- 8. *RESOLVED, That the congregations which have not yet participated in the \$40,000.00 Drive and those congregations who have not completed their participation be urged to do so by October 1, 1958;*

Budget

9. *RESOLVED, That the following budget be certified for the fiscal year May 1, 1958 to April 30, 1959:*

Armed Services	\$ 400.00
Bethany College	41,200.00
Tuckpointing	6,000.00
Christian Day School	4,000.00
Colored Missions	2,900.00
Cornwall Mission	2,500.00
Home Missions	30,000.00
Seminary	10,000.00
Support Fund	2,500.00
Synod Fund	5,400.00
Publications Board	600.00
Youth Board	500.00
	<hr/>
	106,000.00
Church Extension (2%)	2,120.00
	<hr/>
	\$108,120.00

Memorial Cards

10. *RESOLVED, That the Publications Board be instructed to study the feasibility of printing a memorial card listing our Synodical projects, including blank spaces for other purposes, for distribution in our congregations.*

REPORT OF THE OFFICERS AND VISITORS

The visitors and the officers of the synod met during the year to discuss the revising of the Rules for Visitors and a more workable arrangement of grouping the congregations of the synod into circuits, or districts geographically. As a result of these discussions they present the following suggestions for consideration by the 1958 convention.

Regrouping of Circuits

Northern District

Mayville	Audubon	11 Congregations
E. Grand Forks	Lengby	7 pastors
Fertile	Bagley, Conc.	
Ulen	Fosston	
Hawley	Trail, Mt. Olive	
Sheyenne		

Central District

Princeton, Bethany	Mankato	12 Congregations
Our Savior's	Eagle Lake	10 Pastors
Fairview, Mpls.	Concordia, Eau Claire	
Emmaus, Mpls.	Pinehurst, Eau Claire	
Hiawatha, Mpls.	Ascension, Eau Claire	
Edgecumbe Hills		
Norseland		

Southwestern District

Belview	Luverne	10 Congregations
Delhi	Jasper	6 Pastors
Rock Dell	Ellsworth	
Cottonwood	Sioux Falls	
Tracy	Volga	

Southern District

Hartland	Story City	19 Congregations
Manchester	Calmar	11 Pastors
Albert Lea	New Hampton	
Northwood	Saude	
Somber	Jerico	
Lake Mills	Center	
Lime Creek	Scarville	
Thompson	Waterville	
Forest City	Waukon	
Thornton		

Lake Michigan District

Amherst Junction	St. Mark's, Chicago	10 Congregations
Our Saviour's, Madison	Lombard	9 Pastors
Holy Cross, Madison	Holton	
Western Koshkonong	Sutton's Bay	
St. Paul's, Chicago	Elk Rapids	

Atlantic District

Boston, Mass.	2 Congregations
Rochester, N. Y.	2 Pastors

Pacific District

Granada Hills	Parkland	4 Congregations
Canoga Park	Tacoma	4 Pastors

M. E. Tweit

Revised Rules for Visitors**I. ELECTION**

A visitor and an alternate visitor are to be elected by the synod for each circuit for a term of three years. In the event that the office of visitor is left vacant, the president of the synod shall have the authority to fill the vacancy by appointment.

II. THE PURPOSE OF THE OFFICE OF VISITOR

The office of visitor is maintained among us as a means of carrying out the aims and purposes of the synod as stated in Chapter IV of the Constitution, particularly that of exercising supervision over the pastoral work of its permanent members and over the church conditions in the congregations (Constitution, Chapter IV,b).

III. THE DUTIES OF THE VISITOR

1. To encourage the congregations and pastors in their work.
2. To disseminate information to the congregations concerning their joint work in the synod. This may be done at Circuit meetings, congregational visitations, or in what other ways circumstances may suggest.
3. To provide counsel to congregations and pastors in difficult cases.
4. To provide assistance to congregations in calling pastors.
5. To conduct regular visitations in the congregations.

IV. ARRANGEMENT FOR VISITATIONS

1. Congregations should aim at having a visitation at least once every four years. The president of the synod will conduct or arrange for the visitations in the visitors' congregations and in the congregations outside the regular visitation circuits.
2. Congregations should take the initiative in arranging for the visitation. In cases where there is no invitation, the visitor may take the initiative and ascertain from the congregation whether

a visitation is agreeable; if so, the visitor will announce his coming to the pastor and the congregation a reasonable time prior to his visit. If for some reason the congregation finds the time suggested unfavorable, it shall suggest an alternate date.

V. CONDUCTING THE VISITATION

Visitations are to be conducted on a mutual and fraternal basis—the visitor as a representative of other congregations visiting with the members of a specific congregation for mutual help and encouragement. Accordingly, the following suggestions are offered:

1. That the visitor attend, if possible, one of the regular church services, or ask the pastor to submit to him a few sermon manuscripts.
2. That the visitor report to the congregation on the doctrinal, missionary, and educational work of the synod. He should be prepared to answer questions about any phase of the synodical work and finances. If he is not able to provide the requested information at the moment he should later supply the information in writing;
3. That the visitor and congregation give attention to the matters
 - a. OF PREACHING AND TEACHING: whether the pastor rightly divides the Word of Truth (Law and Gospel); whether he teaches the Gospel of salvation in all its truth and purity; whether he uses simple, clear and unmistakable language in his sermons; whether he properly correlates doctrine with life; whether he teaches the true doctrine, and duly warns against existing false doctrines.
 - b. OF FORMAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Whether all possible avenues of instruction are used, such as Christian Day Schools, Sunday Schools, Vacation Bible Schools, Bible Classes, and Confirmation Classes; whether the catechumens, children and adults, are thoroughly instructed in Luther's Small Catechism, whether they understand the meaning and are able to cite proof-texts from the Bible to show its agreement with Scripture;
 - c. OF SERVICES: Whether services are regularly held and at the most advantageous time; whether proper liturgical forms and ceremonies are being used;
 - d. OF RECORDS: Whether the church books and official lists of the congregation are well kept;
 - e. OF ENCROACHING SECTS: Whether troublesome sects or secret societies or other anti-Christian organizations are found in the territory, and what is being done to guard the members against the evil influence of such;
 - f. IN GENERAL: Attention should be given also to such matters as: Attendance at church, Communion, and voters' meetings; pastoral visiting; evangelical church discipline; Christian giving; personal mission work; participation of the congregation in the work of the Church at large; adequate salaries for pastor and teachers; Bible reading; family devotions; bringing up children in the home in a Christian manner; the kind of reading matter and religious books found in the homes; reading the church papers; announcement for Communion; care of the youth after confirmation.

NOTE: The items mentioned in the above paragraphs may not include everything that could profitably be discussed; neither would all those matters be touched on in every visitation. The peculiar needs and circumstances in the given congregation would indicate the emphasis.

VI. THE VISITOR AND THE PASTOR

As far as the pastor himself is concerned, the visitor shall in a manner becoming a brother speak with him as to his own spiritual life and as to his studies.

VII. THE CONDUCT OF THE VISITOR

The visitor will be careful that he does not conduct himself in an officious manner, but at all times diligently seek to proceed in a truly evangelical way and show that he is present to give encouragement and help.

VIII. THE VISITOR'S REPORT

The visitor will make a report of his activities to the president of the synod. The visitor's report to the president, as well as the president's report to the synod, should contain nothing which would offend against true Christian charity and the instruction which Christ Himself has given us, Matthew 18:15-17. Such a report, therefore, must never contain any confidential information which may have been given to the visitor or to the president.

T. N. Teigen

Action of the Synod:

Report of the Visitors

1. *RESOLVED, That the Visitors' Report with suggested regrouping of circuits and Revised Rules for Visitors be adopted.*

2. *RESOLVED, That the suggested regrouping of circuits take effect next year.*

1959 Convention Date

3. *RESOLVED, That the dates of the 1959 Convention be June 23-28.*

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees has conducted the business affairs of the Synod in four regularly called quarterly meetings held in May, August and November 1957, and February, 1958. The officers of the Board have been: Albin Levorson, chairman, Alf Merseth, Secretary, and L. Orvel Larson, Church Extension Secretary. We wish to report on the Board's work as follows:

RE: THE ADDITION TO SYNOD'S ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

The addition (Article X) which was unanimously adopted on June 26, 1957 (Synod Report 1957, p. 87) was filed in the office of the Secretary of State, State of Minnesota on July 16, 1957, and in the office of the Register of Deeds of Blue Earth County, Minnesota, on July 24, 1957.

RE: RESIDENCES.

It is impossible to make a detailed listing of all the items of upkeep that have been required on our 16 residences. We would like to mention two major improvements.

Jans Residence, 1214 E. Marsh—1 bedroom added in the basement.
Mitchell Residence, 1115 E. Main—Extensive interior repair and redecorating has been completed.

4 residences were purchased:

Electa Residence, 130 Electa Blvd., for \$19,500.00

Knollcrest Residence, 101 Knollcrest R. for \$24,000.00

Meray Residence, 344 Meray Blvd., for \$18,500.00

Schwartz Residence, 411 6th St. No. for \$12,600.00

Three residences were sold:

Solfer Residence, 1952 Marsh for \$13,700.00

Snyder Residence, 1046 E. Main for \$12,000.00

Popken Residence, 636 Marsh for \$7,000.00 on contract for deed.

RE: TREASURER'S BOOKS:

The Treasurer's Books for the two fiscal years May 1, 1955 to May 1, 1957 have been audited by Mr. M. R. Handberg and have been found "to be correct."

RE: SPECIAL GIFTS AND LEGACIES.

The Synod holds a mortgage of \$4,500.00 on the property of Lamb of God Lutheran Church, Swartz Creek, Michigan. Mr. Franklin Hanson, Guelph, N. Dak., made this loan to Lamb of God Lutheran Church with the instructions that the mortgage be made out in favor of the Church Extension Fund of the Norwegian Synod of the American Evangelical Lutheran Church, payable over a 9-year period.

The Synod has been the recipient of 3 legacies. In the final settlement of the Julia M. Ingebritson Estate the Synod received \$3,500.00 which was distributed according to the will as follows: Bethany Lutheran College, \$500.00; Home Missions, \$1,000.00; Synod Fund, \$1,000.00; Church Extension Fund, \$1,000.00. In the final settlement of the Nora Nelson Estate the Synod received \$18,369.75. Fifty per cent of this has been designated for the Bethany Lutheran College Gymnasium fund and the other 50% is to be invested in the Synod's properties. In the final settlement of the Andrew Fadness Estate the Synod received \$8,000.00 which was distributed as follows: Home Missions, \$1,000.00; Christian Day School Fund, \$1,000.00; Invested in residences, \$6,000.00. Another will, that of Mr. John Heggstad, has been received, but final settlement of this estate has not been reached.

RE: NET WORTH OF SYNOD.**Assets:**

Bethany Lutheran College	\$750,000.00
16 residences	217,200.00
Kasota Valley Home	25,000.00

TOTAL ASSETS	\$992,200.00
---------------------------	---------------------

Liabilities

Mortgages, notes and deficits	126,682.83
-------------------------------------	------------

NET WORTH	\$865,517.17
------------------------	---------------------

RE: COMPREHENSIVE LOAN PLAN

In compliance with the Synod's instructions (Synod Report 1957, p. 89) the Board of Trustees recommends that the following be adopted:

RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE COMPREHENSIVE LOAN PLAN**Purpose:**

The purpose of this fund shall be to supplement the existing Church Extension Funds in aiding Congregations and Missions to secure real estate, and to build churches, schools and parsonages.

Administration:

This plan is administered by the Board of Trustees of the Synod.

Securing funds:

The Board is authorized to encourage the members of the Synod to loan monies to this fund.

Demand notes up to and including \$500.00 shall be payable on 30 days notice. Larger demand notes shall be payable on 60 days notice.

Loans shall be negotiated at interest rates up to 4%. Ten year promissory notes shall bear the highest rate of interest.

Making loans:

The Board of Trustees shall be authorized to make loans of these monies to congregations and/or mission stations upon proper application, at a mutually agreeable rate of interest.

When possible, such loans shall be secured by a first or second mortgage on the property involved.

Repayment of these loans shall be planned on a basis not to exceed 10 years, and a schedule of repayments (on a monthly basis if possible) mutually agreeable to the congregation and the Board of Trustees, shall be inaugurated and set up at the time the loan is made. Any revision of the original arrangements must be approved by the Board of Trustees.

Loans already made for this purpose shall henceforth be governed by these rules and regulations.

Records and Reports:

The Treasurer of the Synod shall keep an accurate account of all such notes and shall make such interest payments as fall due. He shall be prepared to report to the regular meetings of the Board of Trustees, and shall also prepare an Annual Report of these funds (receipts and disbursements, gains or losses) for presentation at the annual convention of the Synod.

Surplus:

At such time as it becomes practical to do so the Board of Trustees may authorize the treasurer to transfer any net surplus to the Church Extension Fund.

RE: SYNOD'S CONSTITUTION:

We recommend that the Synod adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that Article VI, Paragraph I of the constitution of the Norwegian Synod of the American Evangelical Lutheran Church which now reads: "The officers of the Synod are: the president of the Synod, the secretary, the treasurer, and two auditors" shall be amended to read: "The officers of the Synod are: the president of the Synod, the Secretary and the Treasurer."

Alf Merseth, Secretary

STATEMENT OF THE NET WORTH OF THE SYNOD'S RESIDENCES AS OF APRIL 30, 1958

Residence:	Value	Mortgage	Balance on Mortgage	Notes	Cash Deficit
Anderson _____ 9 Edgewood	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 6,100.00	\$ 1,683.83	\$ 6,000.00	\$ _____
Jans _____ 1214 Marsh	12,600.00	8,600.00	6,927.10	1,000.00	_____
Holte _____ 10 Edgewood	10,500.00	6,100.00	1,653.20	4,350.00	_____
Krogstad _____ 920 Marsh	11,000.00	_____	_____	_____	_____
Knollcrest _____ 101 Knollcrest Rd.	24,000.00	15,000.00	14,861.53	_____	2,407.87
Electa _____ 130 Electa Blvd.	19,500.00	14,000.00	12,786.22	7,000.00	_____
Elliason _____ 449 Division St.	7,000.00	_____	_____	_____	_____
Meray _____ 344 Meray Blvd.	18,500.00	_____	_____	12,575.00	_____
Mitchell _____ 1115 E. Main	13,000.00	_____	_____	3,750.00	2,046.67
Monich _____ On Campus	7,000.00	_____	_____	_____	_____
Popken _____ 636 Marsh	7,500.00	_____	_____	_____	_____
Owen _____ 933 Marsh	16,000.00	11,000.00	9,575.08	_____	1,222.81
Plum _____ 1004 Plum St.	13,500.00	10,000.00	8,923.64	_____	1,039.74
President's _____ On Campus	17,000.00	_____	_____	_____	_____

Rollings	16,500.00	9,854.68	9,437.11	6,500.00
120 Long St.					
Schwartz	12,600.00	8,500.00	8,283.52	1,200.00	3,000.00
411 6th St. No.					
	<u>\$217,200.00</u>	<u>\$94,454.68</u>	<u>\$74,131.23</u>	<u>\$42,375.00</u>	<u>\$10,176.60</u>

SUMMARY:

Valuation\$217,200.00

Liabilities 126,682.83

NET WORTH \$ 90,517.17

\$4,000.00 of these notes belong to the Synod, but must be carried on the books for the time being. This actually increases our Net Worth to \$94,517.17.

Alf Merseeth

CHURCH EXTENSION REPORT

	Original Loan	Pd. Since 5/1/57	Total Paid	Balance Due	Date Due
Ascension—					
Eau Claire, Wis. \$	8,843.00	\$ 560.00	\$ 720.00	\$ 8,123.00	1963
Bethel, Sioux Falls, So. Dakota	7,900.00	500.00	925.00	6,975.00	1963
Bethlehem, Ellsworth, Minn.	3,500.00	550.00	800.00	2,700.00	1964
Concordia, Eau Claire, Wis.	5,260.00	385.00	660.00	4,600.00	1961
Edgecumbe Hills, St. Paul, Minn.	11,800.00	-----	-----	11,800.00	1966
English Lutheran Church, Cottonwood, Minn.	5,000.00	500.00	500.00	4,500.00	1966
Grace Lutheran Church, Elk Rapids, Mich.	2,000.00	200.00	600.00	1,400.00	1964
Harvard Street, Boston, Mass.	3,000.00	650.00	1,350.00	1,650.00	1964
Lakewood, Tacoma Wash.	7,500.00	750.00	3,000.00	4,500.00	1964
Mount Olive and Cross Lake Parish, Fosston, Minn.	2,000.00	50.00	150.00	1,850.00	1965
Mount Olive, Trail, Minn.	500.00	200.00	400.00	100.00	1964
Our Savior's Amherst Jct., Wis.	400.00	40.00	320.00	80.00	1960
Our Savior's, Belview, Minn.	2,500.00	500.00	2,000.00	500.00	1960
Our Savior's First, Granada Hills, Calif.	9,783.97	150.00	150.00	9,633.97	1965
Our Savior's, Bagley, Minn.	2,000.00	-----	325.00	1,675.00	1963
Our Redeemer, Canoga Park, Calif.	16,789.40	-----	-----	16,789.40	1966
Parkland, Parkland, Wash.	4,500.00	100.00	3,500.00	1,000.00	1960
Pinehurst, Eau Claire, Wis.	9,670.00	520.00	920.00	8,750.00	1964
Redeemer, New Hampton, Iowa	4,700.00	470.00	1,811.35	2,888.65	1965
Somber, Northwood, Iowa	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>320.00</u>	<u>620.00</u>	<u>380.00</u>	1963
	<u>\$108,646.37</u>	<u>\$6,445.00</u>	<u>\$18,751.35</u>	<u>\$89,895.02</u>	

This report closes another year of Church Extension service to congregations of our Synod. New loans were made to Edgumbe Hills, St. Paul, Minnesota, in the amount of \$154.67 and to Our Redeemer, Canoga Park, California for \$4,289.40. Much more could have been done if the funds had been available. It is hoped that the Budget will again include the 2% portion for this important work. At any rate, a steady increase in this fund, and prompt repayments will be of help.

L. Orvel Larson

MEMORIAL ON AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION OF THE SYNOD

To the 41st Regular Convention of the Norwegian Synod of the American Ev. Lutheran Church.

Dear Brethren:

Chapter VIII of the Constitution of Synod, as it reads, does not leave the final decision in constitutional matters up to the individual member churches of the Synod. The stipulation of requiring a second vote at a subsequent synod meeting is more rigid than necessary and causes extended delay of action. For instance, also a slight change in an amendment once passed could delay final adoption for a second year. It is herewith proposed that Chapter VIII of the Constitution be so amended that instead of the last three sentences we have the following:

(a) Amendments may be proposed at any regular or special meeting of the synod when such purpose is included in the notice of meeting.

(b) A two-thirds majority of the members voting is required for approval at the synod meeting.

(c) An amendment so approved at the synod meeting shall at once be submitted by mail for a vote by member churches, and it shall also at once be published in the official organ of the synod in two successive issues.

(d) Each member church shall have one vote and submit its decision to the president of synod within sixty (60) days after the date of the call for votes by mail. Unless more than one-third of the member churches by vote reject the amendment within the aforesaid sixty-day period, the amendment as approved at the meeting of the synod shall have been adopted.

Respectfully,
Geo. Schweikert
East Grand Forks, Minn.

May 16, 1958

Action of the Synod:

Constitutional Matters

1. RESOLVED, That Article V, Paragraph 1a (Re/Elections) of the Constitution of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod shall be amended to read: "a president of the Synod, a secretary, and a treasurer, as well as alternates for these offices"; and that Article VI, Paragraph I, which now reads: "The officers of the Synod are: the president of the Synod, the secretary, the treasurer, and two auditors," shall be amended to read: "The officers of the Synod are: The president of the Synod, the secretary, and the treasurer." (Subject to ratification by the 1959 Convention).

2. RESOLVED, That the Memorial on amending the Constitu-

tion of the Synod, presented by the Rev. George Schweikert, be referred to the Board of Trustees.

Church Extension Fund

3. *RESOLVED*, That an incentive plan, for repayment of loans from the Church Extension, submitted by a lay delegate, be referred to the standing committee of Church Extension.

Comprehensive Loan Plan

4. *RESOLVED*, That the Board of Trustees put into operation the Comprehensive Loan Plan as outlined above.

Legacies

5. *RESOLVED*, That the Synod approve the request of the Board of Regents designating one-half of all undesignated legacies for the Gymnasium-Auditorium project.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT—1957-58

(Subject to Audit)

ARMED SERVICES COMMISSION

Budget		\$	495.86
Printed Matter & Expense	\$ 280.06		
Sentinel Subscriptions	215.80		
	\$ 495.86	\$	495.86

BETHANY LUTHERAN COLLEGE

Budget		\$33,340.00
Miss Julia Ingebritson Legacy		500.00
Hanson Trust Fund Interest		436.00
Subsidy	33,840.00	
Hanson Trust Fund Interest	436.00	
	\$34,276.00	\$34,276.00

BETHESDA HOME

Contributions		\$ 511.01
Paid to Bethesda	\$ 495.51	
Balance April 30, 1958	15.50	
	\$ 511.01	\$ 511.01

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY

Contributions	\$ 180.75	
Paid to Children's Friend Society		\$ 180.75

BUDGET OF THE SYNOD

Contributions		91,226.92
Bonds Cashed		794.50
Armed Service Commission	495.86	
Bethany College	33,340.00	
Christian Day School	2,151.82	
Colored Mission	2,372.57	
Cornwall Mission	1,218.95	
Home Mission	26,894.35	
Support	2,146.83	

Seminary	11,931.68	
Synod Fund	4,964.61	
Youth Board	321.24	
Deficit May 1, 1957	6,533.51	
Deficit April 30, 1958		350.00
	<hr/>	
	\$92,371.42	\$92,371.42

BETHANY SPECIAL COLLECTION

Balance May 1, 1957		\$ 2,707.71
Contributions		4,419.91
Balance April 30, 1958	7,127.62	
	<hr/>	
	\$ 7,127.62	\$ 7,127.62

CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL

Budget		\$ 2,151.82
Andrew Fadness Legacy		1,000.00
Bond		25.00
Mt. Olive, Mankato, Minn.	444.00	
Parkland, Parkland, Wash.	460.00	
Hiawatha, Minneapolis, Minn.	776.00	
Iowa Teachers' Training	300.00	
Educational Tests	50.54	
Board Meetings	41.00	
Supt. of Schools	71.80	
School Paper	33.48	
Balance April 30, 1958	1,000.00	
	<hr/>	
	\$ 3,176.82	\$ 3,176.82

CHURCH EXTENSION

Deficit May 1, 1957	\$ 2,626.43	
Loans Made	4,444.07	
Contributions		\$ 1,533.95
Bond		25.00
Loans Paid		6,445.00
Balance April 30, 1958	933.45	
	<hr/>	
	\$ 8,003.95	\$ 8,003.95

CHURCH EXTENSION CAPITAL ACCOUNT

Balance May 1, 1957		\$91,895.95
New Loans: Edgecumbe Hills, St. Paul, Minn.		154.67
Our Redeemer, Canoga Park, Calif.		4,289.40
Loan Payments:		
Ascension, Eau Claire, Wisc.	\$ 560.00	
Bethel, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.	500.00	
Bethlehem, Ellsworth, Minn.	550.00	
Concordia, Eau Claire, Wisc.	385.00	
Cottonwood, Cottonwood, Minn.	500.00	
Grace, Elk Rapids, Mich.	200.00	
Harvard Street, Boston, Mass.	650.00	
Lakewood, Tacoma, Wash.	750.00	
Mt. Olive—Cross Lake Parish	50.00	
Mt. Olive, Trail, Minn.	200.00	
Our Savior's, Amherst Jct., Wisc.	40.00	
Our Savior's, Belview, Minn.	500.00	
Our Savior's First, Granada Hills, Calif.	150.00	
Pinehurst, Eau Claire, Wisc.	520.00	
Redeemer, New Hampton, Ia.	470.00	

Somber, Northwood, Ia.	320.00	
Parkland, Parkland, Wash.	100.00	
Balance April 30, 1958	89,895.02	
	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$96,340.02	\$96,340.02

CHURCH EXTENSION ACCOUNT ITEMIZED

Notes Receivable	\$89,895.02	
Ascension, Eau Claire, Wisc.		8,123.00
Bethel, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.		6,975.00
Bethlehem, Ellsworth, Minn.		2,700.00
Concordia, Eau Claire, Wisc.		4,600.00
English, Cottonwood, Minn.		4,500.00
Grace, Elk Rapids, Mich.		1,400.00
Edgecumbe Hills, St. Paul, Minn.		11,800.00
Harvard Street, Boston, Mass.		1,650.00
Lakewood, Tacoma, Wash.		4,500.00
Mt. Olive, Cross Lake Parish		1,850.00
Mt. Olive, Trail, Minn.		100.00
Our Redeemer, Canoga Park, Calif.		16,789.40
Our Savior's First, Granada Hills, Calif.		9,633.97
Our Savior's, Amherst Jct., Wisc.		80.00
Our Savior's, Belview, Minn.		500.00
Our Savior's, Ebro Corner, Minn.		1,675.00
Parkland, Parkland, Wash.		1,000.00
Pinehurst, Eau Claire, Wisc.		8,750.00
Redeemer, New Hampton, Ia.		2,888.65
Somber, Northwood, Ia.		380.00
	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$89,895.02	\$89,895.02

COLORED MISSION

Budget		\$ 2,372.57
Synodical Conf. Mission Bd.	\$ 2,372.57	

CORNWALL MISSION

Budget		\$ 1,218.95
Luth. Women's Guild		50.00
Paid to Cornwall	1,268.95	
	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$ 1,268.95	\$ 1,268.95

EDGE CUMBE HILLS LUTHERAN CHURCH St. Paul, Minn.

Deficit May 1, 1957	\$ 832.25	
New Loan		\$ 850.00
Hiawatha, Minneapolis		150.00
Taxes	35.01	
Loan Paid	300.00	
Interest on notes	135.00	
Deficit April 30, 1958		302.26
	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$ 1,302.26	\$ 1,302.26
Loan	\$ 5,000.00	
Church Extension	11,800.00	
Total Invested	\$16,800.00	
Notes total \$5,150.00.		

FADNESS FUND

Balance May 1, 1957		\$ 2,164.92
Interest from Synod Fund		120.00

Paid to Home for the Aged	120.00	
Balance April 30, 1958	2,164.92	
	<u>\$ 2,284.92</u>	<u>\$ 2,284.92</u>

The Synod holds a deed to a tract of land on Marsh Street, Mankato, Minn. \$4,000.00 of this fund is invested in Jans Residence.

THOMAS AND LOUISE HANSON MEMORIAL FUND

Invested in property of the Norwegian Synod		\$10,900.00
Interest from Synod Fund		436.00
Paid to Bethany College	436.00	
Balance Invested	10,900.00	
Balance in Cash May 1, 1957		457.18
Balance in Cash April 30, 1958	457.18	
	<u>\$11,783.18</u>	<u>11,783.18</u>

THOMAS AND LOUISE HANSON MEMORIAL FUND SPECIAL

Balance May 1, 1957—Bond		\$ 348.30
Interest from Synod Fund		13.93
Paid to Mrs. W. T. Christenson	13.93	
Balance April 30, 1958	348.30	
	<u>\$ 362.23</u>	<u>\$ 362.23</u>

HOME MISSIONS

Budget		\$26,894.35
Julia Ingebritson Legacy		1,000.00
Andrew Fadness Legacy		1,000.00
Ascension, Eau Claire, Wisc.	\$ 2,220.00	
Our Savior's, Amherst Jct., Wisc.	1,350.00	
Bethel, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.	1,440.00	
Our Savior's First, Granada Hills, Calif.	2,950.00	
Immanuel, Holton, Mich.	360.00	
Lakewood, Tacoma, Wash.	1,320.00	
Redeemer, New Hampton, Ia.	720.00	
Trinity, Calmar, Ia.	900.00	
Indian Landing, Rochester, N. Y.	900.00	
Mt. Olive, Trail, Minn.	504.67	
Cross Lake, Fosston, Minn.	504.67	
Our Redeemer, Canoga Park, Calif.	3,120.00	
River Heights, East Grand Forks, Minn.	2,411.79	
St. Timothy, Lombard, Ill.	3,000.00	
Hiawatha, Minneapolis, Minn.	300.00	
Our Savior's, Hawley, Minn.	480.00	
Edgecumbe Hills, St. Paul, Minn.	3,120.00	
(Total Subsidies \$25,601.13)		
Lenten Folders	217.70	
Equalization	102.70	
Board Expense	972.82	
Invested in Our Redeemer, Canoga Park, Calif.	1,000.00	
Invested in Our Savior's First, Granada Hills, Calif.	1,000.00	
	<u>\$28,894.35</u>	<u>\$28,894.35</u>

ST. TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH Lombard, Ill.

Interest rec'd. St. Timothy		\$ 100.00
Interest paid	\$ 150.00	
Deficit April 30, 1958		50.00
	<u>\$ 150.00</u>	<u>\$ 150.00</u>
Invested in St. Timothy \$5,000.00. Notes total \$5,000.00.		

SUPPORT FUND

Budget		\$ 2,146.83
Payments to:		
Mrs. E. Hansen	\$ 720.00	
Rev. A. Torgerson	300.00	
Mrs. Bergit Runholt	780.00	
Seal Expense	346.83	
	<hr/> \$ 2,146.83	<hr/> \$ 2,146.83

LAKEWOOD LUTHERAN CHURCH Tacoma, Wash.

The Synod holds a deed to this property.

MISCELLANEOUS

Balance May 1, 1957		\$ 393.71
Disbursements and Contributions:		
Mason City Mission	\$ 300.00	864.38
Kitchen Fund—Bethany College	145.34	145.34
Choir Fund—Bethany College	50.36	50.36
New Bed—Bethany College	120.00	120.00
Office Furniture—Bethany College	50.00	50.00
Paint and Varnish—Bethany College	7.25	7.25
Gym Fund		52.00
Lime Creek School	2.00	2.00
Friendship Haven	2.00	2.00
Waldorf College	1.00	1.00
Crestview (Minneapolis, Minn.)	75.25	75.25
Equalization—Laymen		10.00
Deaf Institute	1.00	1.00
So. Minn., No. Ia. Auxilliary	133.25	133.25
Crippled Children		5.00
Kasota T.V.		50.00
Food Drive—Bethany College	14.00	14.00
Balances:		
European Relief	\$257.71	
Estonian Relief	10.00	
Jewish Mission	1.00	
Gym Fund	102.00	
Mason City Mission	564.38	
Crippled Children	5.00	
Kasota T.V.	50.00	
Laymen's Equalization	10.00	
Balance April 30, 1958	<hr/> 1,075.09	
	<hr/> \$ 1,976.54	<hr/> \$ 1,976.54

HOME FOR THE AGED

Balance May 1, 1957		\$ 6,899.02
Contributions		1,995.51
Interest—Fadness Fund		120.00
To Kasota Home	500.00	
Seal Expense	346.83	
Interest	120.00	
Balance April 30, 1958	<hr/> 8,047.70	
	<hr/> \$ 9,014.53	<hr/> \$ 9,014.53

Notes total \$4,000.00.

OUR SAVIOR'S FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH **Granada Hills, Calif.**

Deficit May 1, 1957	\$ 1,219.43	
Julia Ingebritson Legacy		\$ 1,000.00
Interest received		283.98
Payment on Loan		300.00
Loan Paid	500.00	
Interest Paid	253.00	
Deficit April 30, 1958		388.45
	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$ 1,972.43	\$ 1,972.43

Original Loan\$10,800.00
Paid on Loan 300.00

Balance\$10,500.00
Church Extension Loan\$9,783.97
Paid 150.00

Balance\$9,633.97
Notes total \$7,100.00

OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH **Canoga Park, Calif.**

Deficit May 1, 1957	\$ 442.19	
Special Contributions		\$ 212.35
Andrew Fadness Legacy		1,000.00
Chair Loan		170.00
From Church Extension		247.35
Loans Paid	1,500.00	
Interest Paid	907.00	
Deficit April 30, 1958		1,219.49
	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$ 2,849.19	\$ 2,849.19

Original Loan\$30,000.00
Church Extension 16,789.40

Total Invested\$46,789.40
Notes total \$27,150.00

PINEHURST LUTHERAN CHURCH **Eau Claire, Wis.**

Deficit May 1, 1957	\$ 584.80	
Loan Paid	100.00	
Interest Paid	217.75	
Payments received		958.36
Balance April 30, 1958	55.81	
	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$ 958.36	\$ 958.36

Original Loan\$6,950.00
Paid on Loan 1,086.98

Balance\$5,863.02
Church Extension Loan\$9,670.00
Paid 920.00
\$8,750.00

Notes total \$5,550.00

RADIO ACTIVITIES

Received		\$ 14.50
Paid to Radio Stations	\$ 14.50	

BETHANY COLLEGE RESIDENCES AT MANKATO, MINN.

Anderson Residence (The Anderson Sisters—9 Edgewood Rd.)

Rent—College		\$ 820.60
Mortgage Payment	\$ 557.40	
Interest	180.00	
Insurance	83.20	
	\$ 820.60	\$ 820.60

Mortgage \$6,100.00

Balance due March 1st \$1,683.83

Notes total \$6,000.00

(Note: All mortgages on residences are held by Mankato Savings and Loan Association unless otherwise indicated.)

Jans Residence (Prof. G. Lillegard—1214 Marsh St.)

Rent—College		\$ 1,239.30
Mortgage Payment	\$ 832.20	
Interest	30.00	
Repairs	377.10	
	\$ 1,239.30	\$ 1,239.30

Mortgage \$8,600.00

Balance March 1st \$6,927.10

Notes total \$1,000.00

\$4,000.00 of the Fadness Fund is invested in this residence.

Electa Residence (Prof. M. Otto—130 Electa Blvd.)

Loan		\$ 7,000.00
Down Payment	\$ 6,334.16	
Mortgage Payment	924.00	
Legal Fees	45.35	
Insurance	156.00	
Deficit April 30, 1958		459.51
	\$ 7,459.51	\$ 7,459.51

Purchase Price \$19,500.00

Mortgage 14,000.00

Balance March 1st 12,786.22

Monthly Payments 92.40

Notes total 7,000.00

Elliason Residence (449 Division Street—Entrance to Athletic Field)

Balance May 1, 1957		\$ 206.48
Rent—Tenant		325.00
Repairs	\$ 40.35	
Balance April 30, 1958	491.13	
	\$ 531.48	\$ 531.48

Knollcrest Residence (Prof. J. A. O. Preus—101 Knollcrest Rd.)

From Snyder Residence		\$12,000.00
Loan		3,000.00
Rent—College		132.78
From Popkin Residence		261.13
Down Payment	\$16,800.00	
Repairs	45.94	

Mortgage Payment	537.35	
Taxes	139.14	
Legal Expense	179.35	
Insurance	100.00	
Deficit April 30, 1958		2,407.87
	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$17,801.78	\$17,801.78

Purchase Price	\$24,000.00
Mortgage	15,000.00
Monthly Payments	107.47
Balance March 1st	14,861.53

Holte Residence
(Prof. N. Holte—10 Edgewood Rd.)

Rent—College		\$ 878.60
Mortgage Payment	\$ 557.40	
Repairs	200.70	
Interest	120.50	
	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$ 878.60	\$ 878.60

Mortgage	\$ 6,100.00
Balance March 1st	1,653.20
Notes total	4,350.00

Krogstad Residence
(Prof. A. Grorud—920 Marsh)

Rent—College		\$ 52.71
Fadness Note Cancelled		4,000.00
Note Paid	4,000.00	
Repairs	10.47	
Insurance	42.24	
	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$ 4,052.71	\$ 4,052.71

Meray Residence
(Prof. C. Minke—344 Meray Blvd.)

Rent—College		\$ 260.47
From Solfer Residence		13,700.00
Loan		2,500.00
Down Payment	\$13,700.00	
Repairs	134.78	
Insurance	73.60	
Loan Paid	2,500.00	
Interest	52.09	
	<hr/>	<hr/>
	16,460.47	\$16,460.47

Purchase Price \$18,500.00
Notes total \$12,575.00

Mitchell Residence
(Prof. R. Honsey—1115 E. Main)

Fadness Note Cancelled		\$ 2,000.00
Mortgage Payment	\$ 499.14	
Repairs	1,430.79	
Interest	107.50	
Loan Paid	2,000.00	
Water Bill	9.24	
Deficit April 30, 1958		2,046.67
	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$ 4,046.67	\$ 4,046.67

Mortgage paid in full
Notes total \$3,750.00

Monich Residence
(On Bethany Campus)

Rent—College		\$	48.10
Repairs	\$	5.14	
Insurance		42.96	
	\$	48.10	\$ 48.10

Owen Residence
(Dean N. A. Madson—933 Marsh St.)

Mortgage Payment	\$	1,044.00	
Repairs		148.86	
Insurance		29.95	
Deficit April 30, 1958			1,222.81
	\$	1,222.81	\$ 1,222.81
Mortgage \$11,000.00			
Balance due March 1st, \$9,575.08			

Plum Residence
(Prof. D. Mintz—1004 Plum)

Mortgage Payment	\$	957.60	
Repairs		82.14	
Deficit April 30, 1958			1,039.74
	\$	1,039.74	\$ 1,039.74
Mortgage \$10,000.00			
Balance due March 1st, \$8,923.64			

Popken Residence
(636 Marsh)

Balance May 1, 1957		\$	327.37
Rent—Tenant			300.00
Loan			900.00
Payment rec'd for residence			700.00
Payments on Contract			220.00
Insurance Refund			8.31
Water Bill	\$	21.08	
Repairs		131.68	
Commission Fee		72.32	
Paid Balance of Contract		1,700.00	
Interest on Contract		41.83	
Interest on Notes		227.64	
Credit Knollcrest		261.13	
	\$	2,455.68	\$ 2,455.68

This residence was sold in January 1958 for \$7,000.00
The down payment was \$700.00, balance in monthly payments of \$55.00

Solfer Residence
(1052 Marsh St.)

Rent—College		\$	1,067.00
Insurance Refund			36.72
Rec'd for Residence			13,700.00
Notes transferred			3,300.00
Credit Meray Res.	13,700.00		
Notes Trans. to Meray	3,300.00		
Repairs		40.72	
Interest		63.00	
Loan Paid		1,000.00	
	\$	18,103.72	\$18,103.72

This Residence was sold in December 1957 for \$13,700.00

Schwartz Residence
(Mr. H. Ingebritson—411 Sixth St.)

Rent—College		\$ 786.46
Refund		17.45
Insurance		59.00
Down Payment	\$ 3,000.00	
Mortgage Payment	555.68	
Repairs	278.38	
Insurance	28.85	
Deficit April 30, 1958		3,000.00
	<hr/>	
	\$ 3,862.91	\$ 3,862.91

This Residence was purchased in August 1957 for \$12,600.00

Mortgage \$8,500.00; monthly payments \$69.46.

Balance March 1st \$8,283.52

Notes total \$1,200.00

Snyder Residence
(1047 E. Main)

Rent—College		\$ 79.51
Received for Residence		12,000.00
Insurance	\$ 13.32	
Repairs	66.19	
Credit Knollcrest	12,000.00	
	<hr/>	
	\$12,079.51	\$12,079.51

Residence sold in December 1957 for \$12,000.00.

President's Residence
(Prof. B. Teigen—On Campus)

Rent—College		\$ 11.53
Repairs	\$ 11.53	

Rollings Residence
(Prof. I. Johnson—120 Long St.)

Deficit May 1, 1957	\$ 192.33	
Rent—College		\$ 1,312.94
Rent—Tenant		27.50
Mortgage Payment	918.00	
Interest	195.00	
Insurance	35.11	
	<hr/>	
	\$ 1,340.44	\$ 1,340.44

Prudential Life Insurance Co. holds 1st Mortgage of \$9,885.97

Balance May 1st, \$9,437.11

Notes total \$6,500.00

SEMINARY FUND

Budget		\$11,931.68
Bond		125.00
Subsidy	\$11,665.74	
Library	390.94	
	<hr/>	
	\$12,056.68	\$12,056.68

SENTINEL FUND

Subscriptions		\$ 4,534.56
Synod Fund		540.92
Printing and Expense	\$ 5,075.48	
	<hr/>	
	\$ 5,075.48	\$ 5,075.48

SYNOD FUND

Julia Ingebritson Legacy		\$ 1,000.00
Budget		4,964.61
Sale of "Faith of Our Fathers"		72.00
Float	\$	28.70
Trustees		501.79
Legal Service		120.64
Committee of Committees		665.57
President's Office		253.54
Union Committee		459.82
Vicar for President		468.50
Treasurer's Allowance		600.00
Treasurer's Bond		25.00
Visitors		128.70
Postage		57.00
Printing and Supplies		212.23
Interest		177.67
Insurance—Bethany College		545.63
Equalization, Professors		302.35
Convention Handbook		44.02
Publications Board		134.60
Interest—Home for the Aged		120.00
Interest—Bethany College		436.00
Interest—Hanson Trust Special		13.93
Auditing Synod Books		150.00
Clergy Bulletin		50.00
Sentinel		540.92
		<hr/>
	\$	6,036.61
		<hr/>
Notes Total \$1,000.00		\$ 6,036.61

STUDENT FUND

Balance May 1, 1957		\$ 704.17
Contributions		71.17
Balance April 30, 1958		775.34
		<hr/>
	\$	775.34
		<hr/>
	\$	775.34
		<hr/>

TRUST FUNDS

John A. Moldstad Memorial		\$ 635.35
E. M. Hanson Memorial		500.00
Balance April 30, 1958		1,135.35
		<hr/>
	\$	1,135.35
		<hr/>
	\$	1,135.35
		<hr/>

TWIN CITY MISSION

Balance May 1, 1957		\$ 111.00
Contributions		67.50
Paid to Twin City Missions		178.50
		<hr/>
	\$	178.50
		<hr/>
	\$	178.50
		<hr/>

NORA NELSON ESTATE

Received from Estate		\$18,369.75
Loaned to Our Redeemer, Calif.	\$10,000.00	
Balance April 30, 1958	8,369.75	
	<hr/>	
	\$18,369.75	\$18,369.75
		<hr/>

YOUTH BOARD

Music Income		\$ 206.75
Budget		321.24
Choral Union Music	\$ 385.94	
Board Expense	122.05	
Misc. Expense	20.00	
	<u>\$ 527.99</u>	<u>\$ 527.99</u>

WEBSTER PROPERTY (Webster, Wisconsin)

Balance May 1, 1957		\$ 159.15
Payment on Contract		49.00
Balance April 30, 1958	\$ 208.15	
	<u>\$ 208.15</u>	<u>\$ 208.15</u>

TREASURER'S SUMMARY

Previous Balance		Budgeted Funds		Income Disbursements		Balance		
Armed Service Commission								
Budget		\$ 495.86		\$ 495.86		\$		
Bethany Lutheran College								
Budget		33,340.00		34,276.00				
Legacy		500.00						
Hanson Trust		436.00						
Christian Day School								
Budget		2,151.82		2,176.82				
Legacy		1,000.00				1,000.00		
Bond		25.00						
Church Extension								
\$2,626.43 Def.	Contributions		1,533.95		4,444.07			
	Legacy		1,000.00				933.45	
	Bond		25.00					
	Loans Paid		6,445.00					
Colored Mission								
Budget		2,372.57		2,372.57				
Cornwall Mission								
Budget		1,218.95		1,268.95				
Women's Guild		50.00						
Home Mission								
Budget		26,894.35		28,894.35				
Legacies		2,000.00						
Support Fund								
Budget		2,146.83		2,146.83				
Seminary								
Budget		11,931.68		12,056.68				
Bond		125.00						
Synod								
Budget		4,964.61		6,036.61				
Misc.		72.00						
Legacy		1,000.00						
Youth Board								
Budget		321.24		527.99				
Music		206.75						
Non-budget Funds								
Bethesda Home								
Contributions		511.01		495.51		15.50		
Children's Friend Society								
Contributions		180.75		180.75				

Bethany Special Contributions			
2,707.71	Contributions	4,419.91	7,127.62
Kasota Valley Home			
6,899.02	Contributions	1,995.51	8,047.70
Student Fund			
704.17	Contributions	71.17	775.34
Sentinel			
	Subscriptions	4,534.56	5,075.48
	Synod Fund	540.92	
Notes Outstanding			
Our Savior's First, Granada Hills, Calif.		\$ 7,100.00	
Our Redeemer, Canoga Park, Calif.		27,650.00	
Pinehurst, Eau Claire, Wisc.		5,550.00	
Edgecumbe Hills, St. Paul, Minn.		5,150.00	
Central Heights, Mason City, Iowa		200.00	
St. Timothy, Lombard, Ill.		5,000.00	
Kasota Valley Home, Kasota, Minn.		4,000.00	
Synod Fund		1,000.00	
		\$55,650.00	
Bethany College Residences		42,375.00	
		\$98,025.00	

Financial Statement			
Assets		Liabilities	
Bethany College	\$750,000.00	Mortgages	\$ 74,131.23
Kasota Home	25,000.00	Notes	42,375.00
Residences	217,200.00	Cash Deficits	10,176.60
	\$992,200.00		\$126,682.83
		Net Worth	\$865,517.17
		S. E. Lee, Treasurer	

TABULATED LIST OF CONTRIBUTIONS FROM INDIVIDUAL CONGREGATIONS

May 1, 1957—April 30, 1958

Pastor	Congregation	Contribution
Aaberg, T.	Center	675.01
Aaberg, T.	Scarville	\$ 1,652.53
Aaberg, T.	Story City	1,069.35
Anderson, P.	Indian Landing	210.29
Anderson, J.	Hiawatha	1,240.56
Becker, G.	Lake Mills	1,418.64
Becker, G.	Lime Creek	229.90
Branstad, R.	Fairview	4,915.33
Bremer, H.	Redeemer	154.35
Dale, D.	Edgecumbe Hills	54.50
Dale, M.	Immanuel	299.56
Dale, M.	Scandinavian	312.61
Dorr, S.	Bethany	417.29
Dorr, S.	Our Savior's	2,119.23
Guldberg, G.	Concordia	461.11
Guldberg, G.	Our Savior's	583.20
Guldberg, G.	St. Paul's	522.75
Gullerud, A.	Pinehurst	1,127.77
Gullerud, M.	Mt. Olive	2,707.18

Gullerud, M.	Salem	1,407.98
Gullixson, G.	Western Koshkonong	1,593.65
Gullixson, W.	East Paint Creek	1,271.59
Gullixson, W.	West Paint Creek	1,931.69
Handberg, H.	First American	1,524.21
Handberg, H.	Holy Cross	115.00
Harstad, N.	Delhi	79.10
Harstad, N.	Our Savior's	710.18
Harstad, N.	Rock Dell	1,783.03
Hilton, N.	Grace	
Hilton, N.	First	99.25
Johnson, D.	Our Redeemer	307.54
Jungemann, J.	Oslo	593.39
Larson, H.	Our Savior's	579.35
Lee, S.	Immanuel	327.86
Lee, S.	Our Savior's	735.49
Madson, J.	Lakewood	658.61
Madson, N. Jr.	Clearwater	155.25
Madson, N. Jr.	Cross Lake	68.81
Madson, N. Jr.	Mt. Olive	244.91
Merseth, A.	First Evanger	602.76
Merseth, A.	First South Wild Rice	538.38
Moldstad, J.	Richland	827.82
	(Legacy)	3,500.00
Moldstad, J.	Central Heights	
Moldstad, R.	St. Timothy	1,109.86
Newgard, R.	First Shell Rock	1,306.00
Newgard, R.	Somber	702.45
	(Legacy)	18,369.75
Oesleby, N.	Our Savior's	1,790.76
Olmanson, K.	Ascension	882.38
Orvick, G.	Holy Cross	3,677.37
Petersen, J.	Norseland	3,377.86
Petersen, J.	Norwegian Grove	1,226.89
Petersen, P.	Bethany	4,430.88
Petersen, P.	Bethlehem	54.00
Petersen, P.	Rose Dell	1,646.85
Petersen, W.	Clearwater	313.63
Petersen, W.	Nazareth	441.25
Petersen, W.	Oak Park	246.94
Pfeifer, D.	Harvard Street	1,115.72
Preus, H.	Trinity	538.10
Quill, G.	Our Savior's First	1,462.57
Strand, A.	St. Mark's	1,929.32
Schweikert, G.	River Heights	554.77
Schulz, A.	Zion	1,527.98
Teigen, T.	Bethel	1,334.13
Theiste, H.	Parkland	1,396.62
Theiste, V.	Forest City	186.90
Theiste, V.	Zion	1,003.55
Tweit, M.	Jerico	5,290.12

Tweit, M.	Saude	1,647.86
Ude, R.	St. John's	2,537.70
Unseth, E.	Our Savior's	5,307.37
Vangen, L.	Concordia	820.40
Weyland, F.	Emmaus	425.87
Ylvisaker, P.	Hartland	961.55
Ylvisaker, P.	Manchester	366.31
Vacant	Grace (Manitowoc)	225.00
Vacant	Cottonwood	822.58
Vacant	St. Paul's (Chicago)	1,949.98
Miscellaneous		13,206.59

S. E. Lee, Treas.

CONVENTION NOTES

WEDNESDAY

Wednesday morning's opening devotion was conducted by Prof. M. Otto of the Bethany Seminary faculty. Speaking on the basis of 2 Tim. 3, 15b and 16a, the preacher stated, "A fundamental doctrine of the first order is the one that the Scriptures are the verbally-inspired Word of God. Being so inspired they are without error and can be believed in every part. And believe all of the Bible we must, lest we destroy the organic foundation of all that we believe and hope for."

Pastor Herbert Larson of Amherst Junction, Wisc., was received into membership with the Synod. Dr. N. A. Madson began reading his essay entitled: "Christ's Resurrection the Christian's Chiefest Comfort." After recess the convention was visited by a delegation of members from the Lutheran Youth Society of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Albert Lea, Minnesota. Mr. Vernon Milke, president of the society, urged the pastors and congregations to encourage their young people to attend the convention at Albert Lea, September 12-14, 1958. Pastor R. Branstad gave a brief report on youth work. Resolutions regarding Youth Work, the Armed Services Commission, and Charities and Support were considered by the convention.

In the afternoon devotion Pastor Arvid Gullerud of Eau Claire, Wisc., recounted the experiences of Elijah on the basis of 1 Kings 19, 1-18. He pointed out, "God showed Elijah that he was simply to follow the truth and to realize that God accomplishes His purposes 'Not by might, not by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord'."

Forty-eight delegates and fifty-three pastors and professors were present . . . Convention committee reports were considered after the preliminaries . . . The sliding scale of charges for the Synod Report was adopted . . . Chaplain A. Harstad of Bethesda Home, Watertown, Wisc., reported on the dedication of the three new buildings at the institution this April. He also informed the convention of the recent death of Hans Bleken, a patient at Bethesda

for thirty-five years. Mr. Nieno also pleaded for support of the home.

Convention committee reports on Pastoral Conference Records, the President's Message and Report, Miscellaneous Matters, and Publications were considered until the close of the afternoon session.

The Pastoral Communion service was held at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, with Pastor C. M. Gullerud officiating. His text was a portion of the thirty-third chapter of Ezekiel, beginning at verse 1. "Can also a pastor be saved?" was the question with which he dealt in introducing his theme. He answered this question, "Yes, a pastor can be saved, but also a pastor can be lost." Therefore, "Watchmen unto the House of Israel take heed" first to speak only the oracles of God, and secondly take heed of the results for thyself and the flock. Applying these words, he showed that pastors, too, need to be assured of that redemption which is in Christ Jesus.

A fellowship hour was sponsored by the young people of Mt. Olive after the evening service.

THURSDAY

The Rev. George Schweikert of East Grand Forks, Minnesota, led the morning devotion. He spoke on the truth, "The Center of Justification for Man is Forgiveness." When past sins arise up in the memory of the believer to plague him, he can find balm and healing in the Gospel that assures him that surely, abundantly, completely his sins are forgiven.

Pastor Gerhard Weseloh of Cottonwood, Minnesota, was accepted into membership with the Synod. The reading of the convention essay was continued by Dean Madson. The assembly was invited to rise and sing the individual verses of the hymn, "I Walk in Danger All the Way." The essayist explained and applied the hymn in the last part of his paper.

Elementary Christian Education was considered after recess, with the encouraging report of two more schools opening in September . . . The long-awaited Agenda is to be published after the manuscript is reviewed by the General Pastoral Conference . . . The proposed amendment to the Bethany Articles of Incorporation was referred back to the Board of Regents and Board of Trustees.

"The Work of Comforting God's People" was treated by Pastor George Orvick of Madison, Wisconsin, on the basis of Isaiah 40, 1, 2. He pointed out that sin, heavy burdens and death make it necessary that we preach the Gospel of comfort, and show the open doorway to heaven, into which our Savior invited us, saying, "He that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out."

After the opening devotion for the afternoon session, a panel of speakers presented the immediate needs of Bethany College. Prof. B. W. Teigen spoke on the expansion needed now and in the future. Pastor J. G. Anderson, chairman of the Board of Regents, presented preliminary plans for a new Gymnasium-Auditorium. Mr. Norman Werner, an officer of the Bethany Alumni Association,

showed what Bethany meant to him, to the average congregation, and to the Synod as a whole.

Treasurer Lee read a summary report to the convention. He pointed out what an encouraging report we have: i.e., the certified budget of \$90,000.00 was reached and passed by \$2,021.42. Including legacies, a total of \$133,046.22 was received as income in 1957-58. The convention adopted resolutions urging congregations that had not participated in the Bethany \$40,000.00 Special Collection to do so before October 1, 1958.

FRIDAY

Pastor Ruben Ude of Okabena, Minnesota, conducted the morning devotion, treating the subject, "The Doctrine of Sanctification," on the basis of Phil. 1, 9-11. He said that it is the will of God that all who have come to holiness of faith should also live in holiness; but this sanctification is perfected by the Word of God and not by carnal zeal. God asks us to abound in knowledge and judgment, to be obedient to the judgment we have learned, and to worship Him in spirit and in truth.

Dean Madson completed the reading of his essay: "Christ's Resurrection the Christian's Chiefest Comfort." He was thanked by the chairman for the great instruction and comfort it has brought us.

The Doctrinal Committee reported, and considerable discussion developed over the first resolution.

In the afternoon Pastor H. A. Theiste of Parkland, Washington, led the assembly in devotions. He spoke on "The Adventure of Soul Winning in Christ's Command: 'Follow Me,'" based on John 21, 15-19. It is a call to examine oneself. It is a call to heed the Savior's words spoken to Peter, "Lovest thou Me?" It is a call to face the dangers, the trials and tribulations that come to the earnest Christian. However, the adventure promises success, since Christ rose from the grave and all enemies are under His feet.

Seven congregations asked to be excused for not sending delegates. A number of pastors and delegates also were excused for part time absence or for early departure from the convention . . . An encouraging report was given by Pastor J. G. Anderson on the success of the Stewardship program begun last Fall, and, which, he stated, will be continued by the Stewardship Committee this Fall. The certified budget adopted by the convention amounted to \$108,000.00.

Memorials directed to the Synod regarding the change of its name had been read and referred to the convention committee on Miscellaneous Matters. The change of the name of the Synod, as adopted at the 1957 convention, was ratified by a two-thirds majority vote. Therefore the name of the Synod is EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD.

The Gymnasium-Auditorium building project was then considered. It was decided to erect this sorely-needed building for our Bethany College. A ceiling of \$200,000.00 was set by the convention for the Gymnasium-Auditorium building program.

The cause of Missions was presented by Pastors Arvid Gullerud and E. Unseth, executive secretary and chairman, respectively, of the Synod's Mission Board. Two new missions are in need of church buildings; mission stations are growing, and new fields are being investigated.

Friday evening was given over to elections. The officers of the Synod were all re-elected. Pastor M. E. Tweit, having filled an unexpired term, was elected president, for a term of two years. Pastors S. E. Lee and W. C. Gullixson were elected Treasurer and Secretary, respectively, for two year terms. Trustees Mr. Albin Leverson and Pastor Alf Merseth were also re-elected. Other results are reported under "Synod's Officers and Boards."

SATURDAY

The devotion on Saturday morning was conducted by the Rev. Theo. Aaberg of Scarville, Iowa. 2 Cor. 4,17 was his text. He treated the doctrine of Glorification. "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man the things that God hath prepared for them that love Him." From day to day we need the strength, assurance, and comfort which is ours in the doctrine of glorification. Paul had many afflictions in this life, for the sake of the Gospel, but he called them light, as lasting only for a moment, because he viewed them in the light of the glorious life which awaited him in heaven. In conclusion, Pastor Aaberg stated, "There is only one thing better than the doctrine of glorification and that is its fulfillment, when we sinners, washed in the blood of the Lamb, actually stand before His throne."

Doctrinal matters concerned the convention for some time. It was resolved to continue doctrinal discussions with the Synods in the Synodical Conference.

The Rev. Joseph Petersen, St. Peter, Minnesota conducted the afternoon devotion at 1 p.m. He presented the Great Commission, Matt. 28, 18-20. We are to be enthusiastic in mission work because of the power of Him who bids us go. Pastor Petersen urged us all to go home and put forth renewed efforts in carrying out the commission of our Lord.

Higher education was considered: Bethany's Admissions policy was approved, as was the policy on receiving gifts. The adoption of the By-Laws was deferred, though temporarily in effect. However the election of the president of Bethany College in 1959 will be held according to the old rule.

Under Finances the convention voted to put into operation the Comprehensive Loan Plan, and to give Bethany's Gymnasium-Auditorium building program half of all undesignated legacies that are received . . . Visitor's Rules were adopted and the regrouping of circuits is to be placed in effect in 1959 . . . An amendment to the Constitution of the Synod eliminating the Auditors from being listed as officers of the Synod was adopted, subject to ratification next year . . . The Guidelines on the Committee of Committees were adopted . . . Charities and Support came under consideration after recess, and Mr. and Mrs. L. Houg were commended

for their work at Kasota Valley Home; the scope of the Support Board has been widened; and our congregations were urged to support Bethesda Home at Watertown, Wisconsin.

Prof. C. U. Faye spoke on Missions to Norway . . . Letters of greeting were sent to the following: The Rev. Oscar Nauman, President of the Wisconsin Synod; The Southeastern Wisconsin District and the Minnesota District of the Wisconsin Synod; Pastor Emeritus A. J. Torgerson, and Pastors C. A. Moldstad, D. Jose, and A. Strand . . . Before adjournment thanks were extended by chairman Tweit to the college staff and Mt. Olive Lutheran Church for the privileges and services enjoyed by members and friends of the convention.

It is easy to take for granted the pleasant surroundings of our Bethany College and the fine hospitality shown to pastors, delegates and visitors. A great deal of work and attention to details go into making such hospitality so enjoyable. Prof. A. Grorud was in charge of arrangements this year. Miss Orla Anderson again served as the efficient and faithful typist for the convention and the Secretary. The excellent meals were served under the supervision of Miss Edna Busekist, assisted by Mesdames John Nerison, Herman Ingebritson, Fred Harmes and Misses Ella and Sophia Anderson. A canteen was operated by the Mt. Olive L. Y. Society, and coffee was served each day by the Mt. Olive Ladies Aid.

Pictures of our Synod's mission congregations, and sketches and maps of the proposed Gymnasium-Auditorium and Bethany campus were displayed in the hallways.

The Convention *Sentinel* was again published and mailed out to subscribers. And the Handbook of Reports and Memorials was mimeographed by the Rev. Julian Anderson. Photographic editor of the 1958 Synod Report is Prof. Iver Johnson.

SYNOD SUNDAY

The Rev. Torald N. Teigen of Sioux Falls, S. D., and the Rev. Richard Newgard, of Northwood, Iowa, conducted the Synod Sunday worship services at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church and at the Bethany College chapel, respectively. Pastor Teigen preached in the Norwegian language on the text 2 Cor. 5, 14-21. He showed that "God's Word clearly teaches that every child of Adam is by nature unrighteous and subject to God's wrath and condemnation. But there is One, Who, though born of a woman, was thoroughly pure and holy. His name is Jesus Christ. Though over the Law, He subjected Himself to it and completely fulfilled it, as our Substitute. Yet He suffered as sinner in the eyes of the Father, because the Lord laid on Him the iniquity of us all. In Him we have the righteousness we need to stand before God. This Gospel of justification is proclaimed to us and we are invited to believe and trust it. The love of Christ to us moves and encourages us to put all our talents and gifts in the service of God to proclaim the Gospel to a sinful and perishing world." Dr. N. A. Madson served as liturgist.

Pastor Newgard delivered the sermon in the English language at the college chapel. He spoke on Luke 10, 17-20 presenting the

thought "Real and Rightful Rejoicing." He showed that "such rejoicing is not found in the visible and external things in the church, but in the sure knowledge that our names are written in heaven. Just as the 70 disciples returned elated over the fact that they could cast out devils but were reminded by Jesus rather to rejoice because their names were written in heaven, so also now, believers should not find their real and rightful joy in the externals of the church but in the sure knowledge that through Jesus Christ their names are written in heaven."

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Miss Marjorie Loberg presented a group of organ selections as a prelude to the annual Choral Union program. The massed choir of over 100 voices, directed by Pastor Raymond Branstad of Minneapolis, Minnesota, was assisted by a Youth Choir of the Belview-Delhi congregations, the Norseland Men's Chorus, and the Norseland Mixed Choir. The festival of song, in praise and honor of our blessed Triune God, was a delight and joy to listeners and singers alike.

The following hymns composed the first group sung by the massed choir: "Sing Praises to God" by Frances Williams; "Psalm 130" by Paul O. Manz; "O Come, Emmanuel" by Oscar R. Overby; and "Ah, Dearest Jesus, Holy Child" by James R. Gillette.

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus," "My Faith Looks Up to Thee," and "Beautiful Savior" were sung by the Youth Choir under the direction of the Rev. Norman B. Harstad.

The Norseland Men's Chorus sang Lindemann's "Jesus, Jesus, Only Jesus"; Mueller's "Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God"; Flemining's "Father in Heaven"; and "All Blessings, Honor, Thanks, and Praise." Whitehead's "Praise to the Lord" was presented by the Mixed Choir of Norseland. Both of these choirs were directed by Prof. Iver Johnson.

The Rev. G. A. R. Gullixson, former director of the Choral Union, spoke in its behalf and announced the offering to be received.

The last group of numbers by the massed choir under Pastor Brandstad's leadership included "A Mighty Fortress" by Luther-Monson; "Go Not Far From Me, O God," by Zingarelli; "A Lenten Meditation," by Jean Pasquet; and "This Glad Easter Day," by Clarence Dickinson. Incidental solos were sung by Miss Jean Solje, Mr. Channing Handberg, and Miss Constance Theiste. Noble Cain's arrangement of "Crown Him with Many Crowns" closed the afternoon program.

Pastor Emeritus Christian Anderson was introduced as the first director of the Choral Union of the re-organized Synod and was given an ovation by the assembly.

This festival of music was truly a fitting close to the 41st Convention of our Synod, a convention marked by encouraging reports, important decisions, and inspiring sermons.

W. C. Gullixson, Secretary

THE SYNOD'S OFFICERS AND BOARDS

Officers

President.....The Rev. M. E. Tweit, Rt. 2, Lawler, Iowa
Secretary.....The Rev. W. C. Gullixson, Waterville, Iowa
Treasurer.....The Rev. S. E. Lee, Hawley, Minn.

Auditors

Mr. Martin Handberg, 2127 Fourth St., N., Minneapolis 11, Minn.
Mr. Norman Werner, 4226 Thomas Ave., N., Minneapolis 12, Minn.

Alternates

Vice President.....The Rev. J. G. Anderson
Alternate Secretary.....The Rev. S. A. Dorr
Alternate Treasurer.....The Rev. P. Ylvisaker

Board of Trustees

(3 years, elected 1956)

The Rev. H. A. Preus
Mr. L. Orvel Larson, 501 Maywood Ave., Madison, Wis.
(3 years, elected 1957)

Mr. L. Houg, Kasota, Minn.
Mr. Herman Anderson, Fisher, Minn.
(3 years, elected 1958)

The Rev. Alf Merseth
Mr. Albin Levorson, Northwood, Iowa

Wisconsin's Board of Trustees

Mr. L. Orvel Larson, 501 Maywood Ave., Madison, Wis.
The Rev. H. A. Preus
Mr. L. Houg, Kasota, Minn.
Mr. Herman Anderson, Fisher, Minn.
The Rev. Alf Merseth
Mr. Albin Levorson, Northwood, Iowa

Board of Regents for Bethany Lutheran College and Seminary, Inc.

(3 years, elected 1956)

Mr. George Tokheim, Thor, Iowa
The Rev. Julian Anderson
The Rev. S. A. Dorr
(3 years, elected 1957)

The Rev. George Orvick
Mr. Dean Jorgenson, Luverne, Minn.
(3 years, elected 1958)

Mr. Nels Faugstad, Emmons, Minnesota
The Rev. Luther Vangen
The Rev. Hugo Handberg

President of Bethany Lutheran College

(4 years, elected 1955)

Prof. B. W. Teigen, M.A.

Editors of Lutheran Sentinel

Editor-in-Chief: The Rev. Paul Ylvisaker

Associate Editors:

The Rev. S. A. Dorr
The Rev. G. Schweikert
The Rev. T. N. Teigen
The Rev. A. Gullerud

Managing Editor: The Rev. T. Aaberg

Business Manager of Lutheran Sentinel

The Rev. G. Becker

The Synod's Boards and Committees

Committee of Committees: (Representatives now chosen by the respective Boards)

Board of Trustees:

Board of Regents:

Board of Missions

Board of Support:

Christian Day School Board:

Board of Publications:

Youth Board:

Board of Missions:

(3 years, elected 1956)

The Rev. A. Gullerud

Prof. N. S. Holte

The Rev. J. Petersen

(3 years, elected 1957)

The Rev. G. A. R. Gullixson

Mr. O. M. Wilson, 3113 Emmet St., Madison 4, Wis.

(3 years, elected 1958)

The Rev. E. G. Unseth

Mr. Thomas Bieber, Jasper, Minnesota

Board of Support and the Board of Directors of the Kasota Valley Home

(3 years, elected 1956)

Mr. O. L. Pedersen, 3338 Emerson Ave. N., Minneapolis, Minn.

The Rev. C. M. Gullerud

(3 years, elected 1957)

The Rev. Victor Theiste

Mr. Gerhard Solli, 1305 N. Broad St., Mankato, Minn.

(3 years, elected 1958)

Mr. Arthur Wold, Princeton, Minnesota

Christian Day School Board:

(3 years, elected 1956)

Prof. I. C. Johnson

Mr. Odis Holstad, Northwood, Iowa

(3 years, elected 1957)

Mr. Carl Annexstad, Rt. 3, St. Peter, Minn.

(3 years, elected 1958)

The Rev. Richard Newgard

Mr. P. A. G. Lee, Deerfield, Wisconsin

(2 years, elected 1958)

The Rev. Paul Petersen

Publications Board:

(3 years, elected 1956)

Mr. Loren Borgwardt, 1404 Hogeboom Ave., Eau Claire, Wisconsin

The Rev. J. Moldstad

(3 years, elected 1957)

The Rev. N. Oesleby

Mr. James Geisendorfer, 2612 So. 8th St., Minneapolis 6, Minn.

(3 years, elected 1958)

Prof. I. Johnson

Youth Board:

(3 years, elected 1956)

The Rev. R. M. Branstad

Mr. Conrad Faugstad, Scarville, Iowa

(3 years, elected 1957)

Mr. Channing Handberg, 2733 Penn Ave. N., Minneapolis, Minn.

The Rev. W. C. Gullixson

(3 years, elected 1958)

The Rev. Keith Olmanson

Mr. Walter Meyer, 5207 W. Dakin St., Chicago 41, Ill.

Permanent Member: President of Bethany Lutheran College

Armed Services Commission:

- (3 years, elected 1956)
The Rev. R. Ude
- (3 years, elected 1957)
The Rev. D. L. Pfeiffer
- (3 years, elected 1958)
The Rev. Gerhard Weseloh

Union Committee:

- Prof. G. O. Lillegard
- Prof. M. H. Otto
- The Rev. T. Aaberg
- Dr. Paul Randolph, Rt. #1, Dyer Rd., Lafayette, Ind.
- Mr. Stanley Ingebretson, 147 Dickinson St., Mankato, Minn.

Committee on Fraternal Organizations:

- (3 years, elected 1957)
The Rev. Robert Moldstad
- (3 years, elected 1958)
The Rev. A. Schulz

Railroad Secretaries:

- The Rev. S. E. Lee; the Rev. F. R. Weyland, Assistant
- The Rev. G. A. R. Gullixson; the Rev. J. G. Anderson, Assistant

Synodical Conference Mission Board:

- The Rev. G. A. R. Gullixson

Committee on Liturgy and Agenda:

- The Rev. N. C. Oesleby
- Prof. N. A. Madson
- Prof. B. W. Teigen

Equalization Committee:

- (3 years, elected 1956)
Mr. S. Ingebretson, 147 Dickinson St., Mankato, Minn.
- (3 years, elected 1958)
Prof. N. S. Holte
- (2 years, elected 1958)
The Rev. K. Olmanson

Circuit Visitors**Iowa-Southern Minnesota District:**

- (3 years, elected 1956)
The Rev. E. Unseth
- The Rev. H. A. Preus, Alternate

Northwest District:

- (3 years, elected 1956)
The Rev. T. N. Teigen
- The Rev. H. A. Theiste, Alternate

Chicago-Madison District

- (3 years, elected 1956)
The Rev. Nils Oesleby
- The Rev. M. O. Dale, Alternate

Synodical Conference Delegates:

- Prof. N. A. Madson
- Prof. G. O. Lillegard
- Prof. M. H. Otto
- Mr. Ralph Sorenson
- Mr. Stanley Ingebretson
- Dr. O. E. Overn

Alternates:

- The Rev. Paul Anderson
- The Rev. Neil Hilton
- The Rev. M. Dale
- Mr. Roger Sorenson
- Mr. Loren Borgwardt
- Mr. Thomas Bieber

Nominees for Vice President of the Synodical Conference:

- The Rev. J. G. Anderson
- Prof. B. W. Teigen

Nominees for the Synodical Conference Mission Board:

- The Rev. G. A. R. Gullixson
- The Rev. Nils C. Oesleby

BEQUESTS, LEGACIES AND ANNUITIES

Bequests and legacies are gifts of personal, mixed and real property provided for in one's last will and testament according to which the administrator or executor, acting under court supervision, distributes the testator's estate after his demise.

Annuities are outright gifts made during the life of the donors in consideration of which gifts the beneficiary obligates himself to pay a life annuity to the donor.

These various types of gifts from its members are very acceptable to the Synod. However, the annuity type of gift is more desirable than a bequest or a legacy from the viewpoint of the donor, as it assures him a fixed annual income during his lifetime, and his wishes become operative immediately after his demise, without extraordinary administrative expense.

LEGAL FORMS FOR BEQUESTS TO THE SYNOD

Note: By changing the name of the beneficiary these forms may be used for bequests to any of the Synodical Institutions or to a congregation. Forms 1, 3, and 4 are bequests of a sum of money, forms 2 and 5 are bequests of real estate.

1. I give and bequeath to the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (a Minnesota and a Wisconsin Corporation), and to its assigns, the sum ofdollars (\$.....).

2. I give and devise to the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (a Minnesota and a Wisconsin Corporation), and to its assigns, forever, the following property, to wit: (here name and specify property to be transferred to the Synod).

3. I give and bequeath to the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (a Minnesota and a Wisconsin Corporation), and to its assigns, the sum ofdollars (\$.....), to be dispersed for the benefit of (here name object), or some other purpose to be determined by said Synod.

4. I give and bequeath to the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (a Minnesota and a Wisconsin Corporation), and to its assigns, the sum ofdollars (\$.....), to be invested, and the proceeds of such investment to be dispersed for the benefit (here name object), or for some other purpose or purposes determined by the Synod.

5. I give, bequeath and devise to the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (a Minnesota and a Wisconsin Corporation), and to its assigns, forever, the following property, to wit: (here name and specify property to be conveyed to the Synod), such property to be disposed of by said Synod, or in any manner utilized for (here name object), or for some other use determined by said Synod.

INDEX

Armed Services Commission Report.....	71
Budget	77
Committee of Committees Report.....	72
Guidelines for the Committee of Committees.....	74
Action of the Synod.....	76
Convention, Opening on Tuesday.....	3
Members, Pastors, Delegates.....	4
Committees.....	6
Notes by the Secretary, Wednesday through Sunday.....	99
Directory, Pastors and Professors.....	108
Bethany College Faculty	
Christian Day School Teachers	
Education, Board of Regents and President's Report.....	50
Bethany Seminary Report.....	56
Bethany Financial Report.....	57
Action of the Synod.....	61
Elementary Christian Education.....	63
Essay "Christ's Resurrection the Christian's Chiefest Comfort"	
N. A. Madson, D.D.....	18
Finances, Stewardship and Budget.....	72-76
Kasota Valley Home and Charities and Support Board Report.....	65
Bethesda Lutheran Home.....	67
Missions, Report.....	47
Synodical Conference Missions.....	48
Cornwall.....	47
Action of the Synod.....	49
Officers and Boards of the Synod.....	105
President's Message.....	7
President's Report.....	9
Publications Board Report.....	68
Treasurer's Report.....	85
Treasurer's Summary.....	96
Trustees and Church Extension Reports.....	80 and 83
Comprehensive Loan Plan.....	81
Amendments to the Synod's Constitution.....	84
Action of the Synod.....	84
Statistics—Parochial Reports.....	109
Union Committee Report.....	42
Agreement on Scripture.....	43
Action of the Synod.....	45
Visitor's Report.....	77
Youth Board Report.....	71

							MEMBERS			BAP-TIZED		CON-FIRMED					SERVICES			DAY SCHOOLS		SUNDAY SCHOOLS		OTHER SCHOOLS		STU-DENTS		CONTRIBUTIONS		VALUE OF PROPERTY	DEBT ON PROPERTY		
	STATE	LOCATION	CONGREGATION		SUNDAY SERVICE	PASTORS	BAPTIZED	CONFIRMED	VOTERS	CHILDREN	ADULTS	CHILDREN	ADULTS		COMMUNED	MARRIAGES	BURIALS	SPECIAL	AV. ATTENDANCE	SUNDAY	AV. ATTENDANCE	ENROLLMENT	TEACHERS	ENROLLMENT	TEACHERS	DAYS TAUGHT	ENROLLMENT	IN SYNODICAL INSTITUTIONS	IN PUBLIC H. S. & COLLEGES	FOR HOME PURPOSES	FOR ALL OTHER PURPOSES		
1.	CALIF.	CANOGA PARK	OUR REDEEMER	1	10:45	D. JOHNSON	62	32	10	15	1	2	5		204			11	46	52	41			87	10	10	69		5	\$	\$ 168.	\$60,000.	\$60,000.
2.	ILLINOIS	GRANADA HILLS	OUR SAVIOR'S	1	10:45	G. QUILL	236	127	20	34	3	3	6		414		2	12	107	52	121	133	5	235	28			10	10	22,726.	1,395.	86,000.	47,678.
3.		CHICAGO	ST. MARK'S	1	10:30	A. STRAND	300	260	60	13	1	6	4		756	6	7	12	110	52	130	22	1	80	15			20	20	14,774.	3,664.	60,000.	
4.		CHICAGO	ST. PAUL'S	1	10:45	VACANCY	170	127	23	15	5	9	7		340	5	3	10	75	52	97			85	11			1	20	7,736.	1,533.	89,500.	
5.		LOMBARD	ST. TIMOTHY	1	10:30	R. MOLDSTAD	86	50	19	13	2		5		172		1	10	41	52	57			65	8			1	6	5,345.	999.	13,000.	11,900.
6.	IOWA	CALMAR	TRINITY	1		H. PREUS	139	85	35	8		3			199		2	15	33	50	53			18	4	15	12		8	2,533.	428.	25,000.	
7.		FOREST CITY	FOREST CITY	1	9:30	V. THEISTE	129	85	33	3					192	1		4		51				37	6	5	33		5	3,000.	600.	35,000.	
8.		LAKE MILLS	LAKE MILLS	1		G. BECKER	97	67	18	2					290		1	7	25	51	37			23	4	40	40	1	4	3,245.	1,109.	20,000.	
9.		LAKE MILLS, 4N1W	LIME CREEK	1		G. BECKER	89	52	21	1					150	2		7	23	51	32		14	1	6	2		1	4	3,070.	900.	40,000.	
10.		LAWLER, 9N1W	SAUDE	1		VACANCY	138	107	38	3		3			411	1	1	9	63	51	83		19	1			1	8	5,920.	1,521.	32,000.		
11.		MASON CITY, 2SW	CENTRAL HEIGHTS	3	9:00	J. MOLDSTAD	37	13	5	1	1	3			31				50	20			21	3	10	31	3	3	600.	25.	2,700.		
12.		NEW HAMPTON, 9N2E	JERICO	1		VACANCY	288	236	61	8		5	1		805	3	4	9	113	51	140	12	1	13	2		1	13	7,321.	3,468.	55,000.		
13.		NEW HAMPTON	REDEEMER	1	10:00	H. BREMER	146	96	34	4		3			168		1	13	31	52	46			28	4	12	32	9	9	4,110.	236.	30,000.	2,888.
14.		NORTHWOOD	FIRST SHELL ROCK	1		R. NEWGARD	175	129	44	5		3	1		281	4	2	8		49	75			40	6	10	25	1	3	4,441.	1,602.	20,000.	
15.		NORTHWOOD, 11W	SOMBER	1		R. NEWGARD	104	73	25			3			175			7		48	62		13	1	7	2		4	10	3,454.	716.	26,000.	800.
16.		SCARVILLE, 5S	CENTER	1		T. AABERG	170	123	44	6		4			212	2	2	9		46				25	4	15	16	10	6,268.	1,038.	40,000.	1,500.	
17.		SCARVILLE	SCARVILLE	1		T. AABERG	102	62	31	4					190	1		9		45				16	2	15	16	1	5	4,483.	1,952.	40,000.	1,300.
18.		STORY CITY, 3N	BETHANY	1		T. AABERG	22	15	8	1					30		1			24		18		8	2					1,095.	868.	10,000.	
19.		THOMPSON	ZION	1		V. THEISTE	159	125	27		3	2			218	3	1	4		51				27	7	5	25	14	4	4,384.	1,050.	45,000.	
20.		THORNTON	RICHLAND	1	10:45	J. MOLDSTAD	175	115	42	3		9			302	1	1	9	80	50	100			49	8	13	47	2	16	6,300.	1,600.	35,000.	500.
21.	MASS.	WATERVILLE	EAST PAINT CREEK	1	*	W. GULLIXSON	112	82	40	1		2			133	1	1	9		51	58			19	2	10	19	4	4	3,718.	1,041.	10,000.	
22.		WUKON	WEST PAINT CREEK	1	*	W. GULLIXSON	102	82	37	2		2			138		3	9		51	65			12	3	10	12	2	6	3,184.	1,025.	10,000.	
23.		BREWSTER	LUTHERAN MISSION	2		C. MOLDSTAD	25	15							70			3	15	52				4	1								
24.		CAMBRIDGE	BOSTON	1	*10:45	D. PFEIFFER	154	105	30	6	1	4	1		426	8	3	10	45	51	80			34	6				15	8,000.	1,283.	85,000.	12,000.
25.	MICH.	ELK RAPIDS	GRACE	1	11:15	N. HILTON	48	31	9	1					156	1		11		47	30			21	4	10	11	4	4	1,468.	7.	5,000.	2,300.
26.		HOLTON	HOLTON	1	11:00	M. DALE	156	90	30	12	1	3	2		260	5	5	7	28	52	53			40	5	10	35	11	3,875.	783.	30,000.		
27.		SUTTONS BAY	FIRST	1	9:30	N. HILTON	100	69	17			5			213	2	6	12		49	45			26	5	10	20	6	6	2,664.	183.	15,000.	
28.		ALBERT LEA	OUR SAVIOR'S	1	*10:45	E. UNSETH	545	353	132	21		6			885	6	3	16	130	52	208			175	20	10	87	2	30	13,489.	4,628.	65,000.	
29.		AUDUBON	IMMANUEL	1	11:00	S. LEE	165	107	36	9		7			361	2		11		51	80			38	6	10	45	8	8	2,628.	393.	10,000.	
30.	MINN.	BAGLEY, 10NW	CONCORDIA	1	9:00	G. GULDBERG	71	44	14	3			1		141		1	2	80	49	43			14	4	10	10	1	2	699.	161.	12,000.	
31.		BAGLEY, 6W	OUR SAVIOR'S	3	10:00	G. GULDBERG	129	81	20	4		5			205	1		8	61	49	70			31	5	10	45	15	1,476.	438.	9,000.	1,675.	
32.		BELVIEW	OUR SAVIOR'S	1		N. HARSTAD	186	119	51	6		1																					

**Furnishing Your Needs in Christian
Literature, Gifts, Church and
School Supplies
Since 1920**

**Bibles, Hymn Books, Devotional Books,
Mimeograph and Stationery Supplies,
Gift Items and Greeting Cards**

**GRACE FOR GRACE, The History
of Our Synod \$1.00**

**FAITH OF OUR FATHERS,
Hundredth Anniversary \$2.00**

THE INSPIRATION OF SCRIPTURE. \$4.50

A CLOSER LOOK20

CHRISTIAN BURIAL20

**THE LUTHERAN SYNOD BOOK CO.
BETHANY COLLEGE
MANKATO, MINNESOTA**