

# 71st Annual Convention of the E.L.S.

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## to Harvest

### ESSAY:

*"Current Issues in Mission  
from a Lutheran Perspective"*

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*The Rev. Martin Teigen*



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## CONVENTION FOCUS

# Fields are White to Harvest

It was to the Apostles that Jesus said: "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." John 4:35

It was from these words of Jesus, which were spoken while the Samaritan woman was in the city of Sychar testifying to her fellow Samaritans that she had met the Messiah, that the theme of the 71st convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod was taken.

The theme focused the convention on the 20th anniversary of the Synod's South America Mission which has brought the Gospel of salvation through the substitutionary atonement of Jesus Christ to the white harvest fields of Peru.

The morning devotions during the convention pointed the assembled pastors, delegates and visitors to the importance of harvesting souls, the commitment we must have to do that work which our Lord has assigned to us and the joy we must feel with the angels in heaven over one soul that is brought to repentance and faith.

The convention essay by Missionary Martin Teigen also focused on the mission of the church to harvest souls for eternity. The title of the essay was "Current Issues in Mission From a Lutheran Perspective." Missionary Teigen discussed this subject in three parts: I. "The Missionary Character of New Testament Christianity," II. "The Missionary Character of the Lutheran Church," and III. "The Goal of Mission." The mission of saving souls has always been and must always remain the goal of the Christian Church for it will always remain true that "God will have all men to be saved, and come unto the knowledge of the truth." 1 Timothy 2:4.

The essay is printed in its entirety in these proceedings.

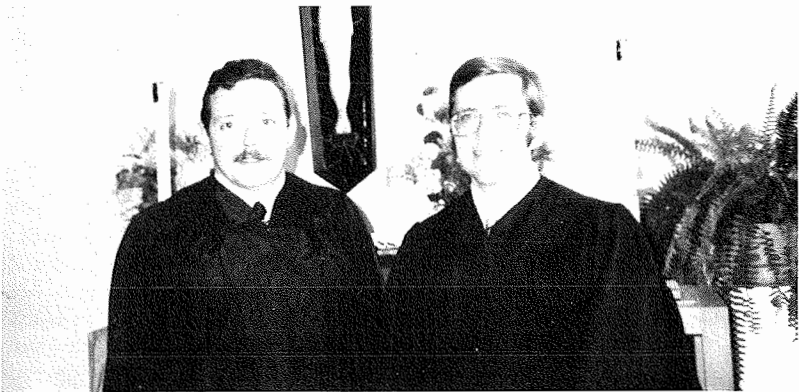
Alf Merseth, secretary

## THE CONVENTION DAY BY DAY

### SYNOD SYNDAY June 19, 1988

"Praise ye the Lord. I will praise the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation. The works of the Lord are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein. His work is honourable and glorious: and his righteousness endureth for ever. He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered: the Lord is gracious and full of compassion. Psalm 111:1-4

The Rev. Norman Madson, Field Secretary of the Board for Foreign Missions, used the above words as his text as he addressed the Synod Sunday worshippers and answered the question: "How Shall We Respond to God on the 20th Anniversary of our Foreign Mission Work?" As a Synod we shall respond by acknowledging that His works are great and that we, in our weakness, must completely rely on the greatness of His grace. We shall respond by acknowledging that His works are glorious in his creation and especially in His Gospel of salvation for sinners. We shall respond by constantly reminding ourselves that it is by the grace of our God that we have the privilege to serve Him by preaching that Gospel to lost souls and by asking Him to continue blessing our mission.



Daniel Schroeder, Micah Ernst

At 2:30 p.m. on Synod Sunday afternoon the GRADUATION SERVICE FOR BETHANY LUTHERAN SEMINARY was held in the chapel of Bethany Lutheran College.

The Rev. David Nelson served as liturgist and President W. W. Petersen was the speaker. President Petersen used 2 Peter 1:19-21 as his text and addressed the assembly on the "Reliability" and the "Clarity" of the Word that God has given us to preach for the salvation of sinners.

The Rev. M. E. Tweit, representing the Rev. John Moldstad, Sr., presented theological diplomas to the graduates: Micah Ernst and Daniel Schroeder.

President George Orvick spoke on behalf of the Synod following both the morning and afternoon service.

## MONDAY June 20



Convention in session.

The first working day of the 71st Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod was opened with a devotion conducted by the Convention Chaplain, the Rev. Wayne Halvorson, Luverne, MN. He used John 4:34-36 as his text and addressed the theme: "In Harvest, Sower and Reaper Rejoice Together." Look, the fields are white to harvest. Now is the time for the harvest of souls. Jesus has done the work of offering himself as a sacrifice so that all can be forgiven. He now asks us to spread the news of the harvest of souls to the world. We are to be about the task of harvest so that sower and reaper will rejoice together in the great feast of thanksgiving in heaven.

President George Orvick welcomed the pastors, delegates and

visitors to the convention. Secretary Alf Merseth called the roll to which 67 permanent voting members and 28 permanent advisory members either responded or were present by the end of the first working day.

The Credentials Committee represented by R. Newgard recommended the seating of 100 delegates that had been elected and certified by their congregations. The assembly resolved that these to be seated as delegates to this convention and President Orvick declared the 71st convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and the 32nd Annual Meeting of the Bethany Lutheran College Corporation to be in session in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

As the keynote passage for his message to the Synod President Orvick used I Corinthians 15:58. He urged the Synod to be "steadfast" in its faith and convictions; to be "unmovable" when attacks come upon its doctrinal position; and to "abound in the work of the Lord" by feeding the flock and spreading the precious Gospel, because there is joy in heaven even over one soul that repents. All the work that we do, be that in missions, in education or in our giving to support all these endeavors, it is all the work of the Lord and we must abound in it to the glory of God.

President Orvick presented his report to the convention. Several greetings were read and the convention proceeded to elect its working committees.

The afternoon devotion was conducted by the Rev. A. V. Kuster. He used as his text Isaiah 9:1-3 and addressed himself to the theme: "No More Gloom for the Nations—Rejoice." This prophecy was fulfilled when the Lord Jesus Christ brought the Light of the Gospel of the grace of God into his ministry here on earth. The coming of the Light brings joy instead of gloom to those who spread the Gospel and to those who receive it. This has been the case as shown in the history of the Synod's mission in Peru.

The Credentials Committee recommended the seating of 11 additional delegates bringing the total to 111 delegates seated on the first working day of the convention.

The work of the convention from the Book of Reports and Memorials and from the Convention Handbook was assigned and the convention recessed so that its working committees could spend the remainder of the afternoon and the evening preparing resolutions for the convention's consideration and action.

## **TUESDAY June 21**

The Rev. Robert McMiller, Scottsdale, Arizona conducted the Tuesday morning devotion. He used Matthew 9:35-38 as his text and addressed the theme: "Send Shepherds to Harvest." He recalled our Lord's plea to His disciples to pray for laborers for His harvest. Today this prayer should also be in our hearts and upon our lips for our growing mission in Peru.

After the usual preliminaries the order of the day called for the consideration of the report of the Committee on Synodical Membership. In its action on this report the Synod received eight new pastors and two new congregations into membership.

During the Tuesday morning session the election of officers was held at which the Rev. Alf Merseth was reelected secretary and Mr. Leroy W. Meyer was reelected treasurer. These elections were for four-year terms.

The convention also considered the report of its Committee on President's Message and Report and began consideration of the report of its Committee on Miscellaneous Matters.

The Tuesday afternoon devotion was conducted by the Rev. Kenneth Mellon. He read Psalm 96 and led the assembly in prayer.

During the afternoon session the convention completed consideration of the reports of its Committees on Christian Service, Education and Youth and Publications and began consideration of the report of its Committee on Finances.

A service of recognition of former and present Christian Day School teachers was held during the afternoon. The Rev. Ed Bryant, himself a former teacher, addressed the teachers on the basis of 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 and used the theme: "Hold Them in High Regard Because of Their Work." The Mt. Olive Children's Choir under the direction of Mrs. Ray Diepenbrock sang two numbers and Teacher Leonard Engel responded on behalf of the teachers.

### **WEDNESDAY June 22**

The Rev. Paul Anderson conducted the Wednesday morning devotion. His text was Matthew 13:24-30 and he spoke on the theme "Grow Together Till Harvest." Jesus, the Son of Man, has planted the good seed of Law and Gospel from which the children of God have sprung up. The devil has also planted his seed, false teaching, from which false belief and unholy living grow up. This brings disgrace upon the church. Jesus teaches us to grow in His grace by studying His Word more diligently. We must grow until the harvest. At the harvest the great division will be made. Until then we grow in His Word.

President Carl Mischke of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod addressed the convention. He spoke of the work that we, as sister synods, do together in spreading the Gospel of salvation to the fields that are white unto harvest. He also reminded the convention that as sister synods we work together to strengthen and confirm the confession of the truth with which we witness.

The Rev. Martin Teigen read the first half of his essay entitled "Current Issues in Mission From a Lutheran Perspective." Discussion followed until recess.

After recess the convention continued consideration of the report of its Committee on Miscellaneous Matters.



The afternoon devotion was conducted by the Rev. Bradley Homan. He read Matthew 13:36-43 and led the assembly in prayer.

The convention began consideration of the report of its Committee on Doctrinal Matters and elected its Nominations Committee for the 1989 convention.

A memorial service for Mrs. H. A. Theiste was conducted by the Rev. Raymond Branstad. The assembly sang the hymn "Now Thank We All Our God." The Rev. Branstad using as his text Proverbs 31:30-31 addressed the theme "A Woman that Feareth the Lord Shall be Praised." After reading a brief obituary of Mrs. Theiste, Pastor Branstad showed how she was such a woman that feared the Lord and expressed it through her faith and with her service to the Lord and to the Lord's people.

#### THURSDAY June 23

The Thursday morning devotion was conducted by the Rev. David Lillegard. He used as his text Isaiah 43:1-4a and 5-7. He addressed the theme "Fear Not, I Love You, Have Redeemed You, Will Gather You from All Nations." What a joy it should be to hear these words: God loves me, has redeemed me in Jesus Christ my Lord, and in Him has given me all things and knows and calls me by name. He does this for others too whom He calls from all places. He says that He will gather His children from all the nations. This is God's work in which we participate. We go with joy proclaiming the message of God's redeeming love.

The Rev. Martin Teigen completed the reading of his essay and discussion followed until recess.

Following recess the consideration of the report of the Committee on Doctrinal Matters was completed and President Marvin Meyer spoke on behalf of Bethany Lutheran College and President W. W. Petersen spoke on behalf of Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary.

The Thursday afternoon session was opened with the singing of the hymn "O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth."

President Orvick introduced the Rev. and Mrs. Egil Edvardson of Stavanger, Norway, a pastor in the Lutheran Confessional Church of Scandinavia. The Rev. Edvardson addressed the convention briefly, emphasizing that we stand together in the same faith, doctrine and confession.

The convention completed its consideration of the reports of its Committees on Finances, Missions, Pastoral Conference Records, Miscellaneous Matters, Higher Education and heard a presentation by the Partners in the Gospel Committee.

An Anniversary service honoring the Rev. A. V. Kuster for 50 years of service and the Rev. Donald McElwain for 25 years of service was conducted by the Rev. W. Frick. Using Psalm 107:1 as his text the Rev. Frick addressed the theme "O Give Thanks

Unto the Lord, He is Good." We give thanks to God for His mercy to these two faithful servants. The Lord has provided a way of salvation from sin and he has used these two as ambassadors to spread that message to sinners through the preaching and teaching of His Word. It is a glorious honor to be spokesmen for God. That is a far greater honor than any other and a far greater service than any other. We give thanks to God for "His mercy endureth forever."



**The Rev. Donald McElwain**



**The Rev. Arnold Kuster**

After a motion to adjourn prevailed at 4:45 p.m. President Orvick declared the 71st Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and the 32nd Annual Meeting of the Bethany Lutheran College Corporation to be adjourned in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Chaplain Wayne Halvorson conducted the closing devotion. The assembly sang the hymn "Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand." Pastor Halvorson using as his text Revelation 14:14-20 addressed himself to the theme "The Harvest is Ripe." He led the assembly in prayer, the assembly sang the hymn "Sing with All the Saints in Glory" and Pastor Halvorson pronounced the blessing.

Alf Merseth, secretary  
Evangelical Lutheran Synod

## ROLL CALL

### A. PERMANENT MEMBERS (Pastors serving member congregations)

Present at this convention:

H. Abrahamson, P. Anderson, M. Bartels, T. Bartels, R. Becker, E. Bryant, J. Burkhardt, R. Dale, J. Dalke, M. DeGarmeaux, M. Doepel, J. Dukleth, E. Ekhooff, D. Faugstad, R. Fehr, C. Ferkenstad, T. Fox, W. Frick, G. Guldberg, T. Gullixson, D. Haeuser, W. Halvorsen, A. Harstad, N. Harstad, G. Haugen, P. Haugen, B. Homan, D. Hoyord, B. Huehn, C. Keeler, N. Krause, M. Krentz, J. Krikava, J. Krueger, D. Larson, H. Larson, R. Lawson, D. Lillegard, M. Luttman, W. Mack, J. Madson, N. Madson, P. Madson, M. Marozick, R. McMiller, W. McMurdie, K. Mellon, A. Merseeth, N. Merseeth, D. Moldstad, John Moldstad, Jr., J. Moldstad, Sr., D. Nelson, R. Newgard, G. Obenberger, J. Olsen, J. Petersen, P. Petersen, S. Petersen, T. Rank, D. Sabrowsky, D. Schlicht, G. Schmeling, D. Schmidt, J. Schmidt, K. Schmidt, P. Schneider, T. Skaaland, J. Smith, M. Smith, S. Sparley, E. Stubenvoll, F. Theiste, D. Thompson, O. Trebelhorn, H. Vetter, R. Waldschmidt, J. Wilde, J. Willitz, C. Wosje.

Absent:

H. Behrens, F. Fiedler, H. Gieschen, P. Jecklin, H. Mosley

### PERMANENT MEMBERS ACCEPTED AT THIS CONVENTION: (eligible to vote after accepted)

M. Bartels, R. Becker, B. Huehn, N. Krause, D. Sabrowsky, M. Smith, J. Willitz



The Rev. Mark Bartels



The Rev. Robert Becker



The Rev. Burgess Huehn



The Rev. Nathan Krause



**The Rev. Dan Sabrowsky**



**The Rev. Michael K. Smith**



**The Rev. David Webber**



**The Rev. Joel Willitz**

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

**Pastors serving non-member congregations:**

**Present:** P. Lehenbauer, J. K. Smith, M. Teigen, L. Vinton

**Absent:** T. Erickson, D. McMiller

**PASTORS SERVING NON-MEMBER CONGREGATION (ACCEPTED AT THIS CONVENTION)**

**Present:** D. Webber

**PASTORS NOT SERVING CONGREGATIONS AT THIS TIME:**

**Present:** T. Aaberg, R. Carter, G. Orvick, F. Schmutge, J. Shep, F. Stubenvoll

**Absent:** D. Bakke, E. Buhr, R. Halvorson

**Pastors Emeriti:**

**Present:** R. Branstad, W. Gullixson, A. Kuster, D. McElwain, J. Petersen, B. Teigen, M. Tveit, E. Unseth

**Absent:** L. Gerbhardt, G. Gullixson, H. Handberg, A. M. Harstad, C. Rusch, N. Tjernagel, A. Wagner, W. Werling

**Professors:**

**Present:** M. Harstad, R. Honsey, W. Kessel, S. Lee, J. Madson, D. Marzolf, M. Meyer, W. Petersen, S. Reagles, G. Reichwald, E. Teigen, R. Weichmann

**Absent:** D. Metzger

Christian Day School Teachers:

Present: S. Born, R. Diepenbrock, L. Engel, D. Roembke, L. Rude

Absent: D. Dahlke, D. Madson, J. Treder

#### CONGREGATIONS ADMITTED INTO MEMBERSHIP

Peace Lutheran Church, Jefferson City, Missouri

Grace Lutheran Church, Weston, Ohio

## CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE ACTION OF THE SYNOD

### Resolution No. 1: Pastors and Permanent Members Absence, Late Arrival and Early Departure

WHEREAS, *Letters of excuse have been filed with the Credentials Committee by the following for full- or part-time absence from the 1988 Convention of the ELS; and,*

WHEREAS, *These excuses appear to be valid, therefore,*

BE IT RESOLVED, *That the following be excused:*

For Full-time Absence: *The Rev. G. A. R. Gullixson, The Rev. Adolph Harstad, Sr., The Rev. Homer Mosley, The Rev. Darryl Bakke, The Rev. Carl Rusch*

For Late Arrival: *The Rev. Rodger Dale, The Rev. Mark Bartels, The Rev. G. F. Guldberg, The Rev. Matthew Luttmann, delegate Dan Malsch.*

For Part-time Absence: *The Rev. David Thompson, The Rev. J. Krueger.*

For Early Departure: *Roger Ittner, Joel Junkans, The Rev. Robert Becker and delegates, The Rev. Daniel Sabrowski, Arlen Dethlefsen, The Rev. Larry Vinton, The Rev. E. G. Unseth, The Rev. Paul Anderson, The Rev. Nile Merseth, The Rev. Norman Harstad, Lenwick Hoyord, Erwin Stoppelmann, Vicar Gregory Bork, The Rev. Adolph Harstad, Jr., The Rev. T. Skaaland, The Rev. R. Waldschmidt, Herb Fischer, The Rev. O. Treblehorn, The Rev. D. Faugstad, D. Schuster, The Rev. R. McMiller, Martin Tjernagel, The Rev. S. Petersen, The Rev. K. Schmidt, The Rev. J. Willitz, Leonard Engel, John Jordahl, Ray Miller, Art Anderson, Carl Albers*

For Not Sending Delegates: *Faith Lutheran Church, San Antonio, TX*

# 1988 REPRESENTATIVES ELIGIBLE TO VOTE

Pastor	Address	Congregation	Delegates
H. Abrahamson	Princeton, MN	Our Savior's	Erik Soule Robert Soule Paul Nielson
P. Anderson	Yelm, WA	Our Redeemer	
T. Bartels	Eau Claire, WI	Pinehurst	
R. Becker	Weston, OH	Grace	Melvin Gobrogge
H. Behrens	Chicago, IL	St. Mark's	
E. Bryant	Port Orchard, WA	Bethany	Byron Blinn
J. Burkhardt	Richardson, TX	Good Shepherd	Dave Davis
R. Dale	Apple Valley, MN	Heritage	William Overn Thomas Metcalf
J. Dalke	Mt. Vernon, WA	St. Luke	Daniel Malsch Gary Meyer
M. DeGarmeaux	Waterville, IA	East Paint Creek	Willard Leiran
M. Doepel	Waukon, IA	West Paint Creek	Gordon Gilbertson
J. Dukleth	Audubon, MN	Immanuel	Leslie Just
	Scarville, IA	Center	Grant Langfald Luther Okland
	Scarville, IA	Scarville	James Faugstad Mike Andersland
E. Ekhoﬀ	Golden Valley, MN	King of Grace	Norman Werner
M. Ernst	Jefferson City, MO	Peace	Joel Junkans Roger Ittner
D. Faugstad	Hawley, MN	Our Savior's	
	Ulen, MN	Calvary	Loren Larson
R. Fehr	Warroad, MN	Bethlehem	Lonny Burrack
C. Ferkenstad	Bloomer, WI	Good Shepherd	Gary Bergstrom
F. Fiedler	The Dalles, OR	Bethany	
T. Fox	Burlington, MA	Pinewood	Jon Aho Godfred Gerth
W. Frick	Parkersburg, IA	Faith	Anton Rieken
H. Gieschen	Hillman, MI	Faith	Marlin Goebel
	Alpena, MI	Faith	
G. Guldberg	Thornton, IA	Richland	
T. Gullixson	Bishop, CA	Our Savior	
D. Haeuser	Bell Gardens, CA	Christ the King	Gordon Dally Julius Hammermeister
W. Halvorson	Luverne, MN	Bethany	Arthur Anderson Cleo Kjenslee Holger Ausen
	Jasper, MN	Trinity	
A. Harstad	Escondido, CA	St. Paul	
N. Harstad	Ashland, WI	First English	
G. Haugen	Myrtle Creek, OR	St. Matthew	Harvey Ringen
P. Haugen	Belview	Our Savior's	
		Rock Dell	
B. Homan	Madison, WI	Our Saviour's	Robert Edwards
D. Hoyord	Waterloo, IA	Pilgrim	Stan Holt Rollo Pietan
B. Huehn	Ames, IA	Bethany	Martin Tjernagel
P. Jecklin	Savannah, GA	Christ	
C. Keeler	Port St. Lucie, FL	Christ	Raymond Belmont
N. Krause	Crookston, MN	Grace	
	Fertile, MN	First Evanger	
M. Krentz	Holton, MI	Holton	Lloyd Cochran
J. Krikava	Brewster, MA	Trinity	Theodore Aaberg Paul Chamberlin

Pastor	Address	Congregation	Delegates
J. Krueger D. Larson	Piedmont, MO Cottonwood, MN	Grace English	Duane Boerner Alfred Fenger Julius Rialson
H. Larson R. Lawson	Tracy, MN San Antonio, TX Bagley, MN  Lengby, MN	Zion Faith Our Savior's  St. Paul	Walter Friebus Melvin Johnson Alfred Olson Walter Wand- schneider Michael Osland Earl Aasen Don Schuster Leroy Meyer Robert Ore Irvin Gunderson Julian Olsen Raymond Wold Harlan Nelson Olin Opstedahl Gerhard Ordal Wilmer Broer
D. Lillegard	Mayville, ND	First American	
M. Luttman	Lombard, IL	St. Timothy	
W. Mack N. Madson	Klamath Falls, OR St. Peter, MN  Gaylord, MN	Christ Norseland  Norwegian Grove	
P. Madson	Sioux Falls, SD	Bethel	
M. Marozick R. McMiller	New Hampton, IA Scottsdale, AZ	Redeemer Christ the Cornerstone	
W. McMurdie K. Mellon A. Merseth	Tacoma, WA Lakeland, FL Northwood, IA Northwood, IA  Lake Mills, IA  Lake Mills, IA  Riceville, IA	Lakewood Our Savior First Shell Rock Somber  Lake Mills  Lime Creek  Immanuel	Doran Slater  Dale Songstad Reuben Holt Albin Levorson Lawrence Levorson Leighton Humphrey Lars Petersen Paul Dahle Marvin Gronwoldt, Sr.
N. Merseth D. Moldstad J. Moldstad, Jr.	Yuba City, CA Naples, FL Lake Havasu City, AZ	Bethel Our Savior Our Saviour	Louis Wang Ed Williams Robert Bryant William Kruchenberg
J. Moldstad, Sr.	Vero Beach, FL	Grace	Leon Quimby Edward Larson
H. Mosley D. Nelson	Grants Pass, OR Princeton, MN	Our Savior Bethany	Walter Predoehl Clarence Cook Glen Hanson Ray Diepenbrock Norman Holte Sigurd Lee, Alt.
R. Newgard	Mankato, MN	Mt. Olive	Allen Daniels Allen Wollenzien Lloyd Radloff Robert Bernard Gary Carlson
G. Obenberger	Tacoma, WA	Parkland	
J. Olsen	Cottage Grove, WI	W. Koshkonong	
John Petersen	E. Grand Forks, MN	River Heights	
P. Petersen S. Petersen T. Rank	Oregon, WI Madison, WI Oklee, MN  Trail, MN	Faith Holy Cross Oak Park  Nazareth	Lawrence Tyler Oliver Hofstad Orlando Chervestad Dwight Carlson Randall Mostrom

Pastor	Address	Congregation	Delegates
D. Sabrowsky	Santa Rosa, CA	Christ	Arlen Dethlefsen
D. Schlicht	Forest City, IA	Forest	
G. Schmeling	Thompson, IA	Zion	
	Okauchee, WI	Holy Trinity	Robert Brown
D. Schmidt	Hartland, MN	Hartland	Franz Schultz
			Edward Hendrickson
			Pete Erickson
			John Jordahl Alt.
			Raymond Miller Alt.
J. Schmidt	Manchester, MN	Manchester	
K. Schmidt	Ventura, CA	Wayfarers' Chapel	
	West Bend, WI	Trinity	Ellsworth Butt
P. Schneider	Midland, MI	Holy Scripture	Leonard Engel
			Walter Gressler
			Otto Henning
T. Skaaland	Elderon, WI	Our Savior's	
J. Smith	Clintonville, WI	St. Paul	
	Shawano, WI	St. Martin	
M. Smith	Suttons Bay, MI	First	
S. Sparley	Colorado Springs, CO	Peace	Thomas Roel
E. Stubenvoll	Marinette, WI	Trinity	
F. Theiste	Eau Claire, WI	Concordia	Duane Steinhauer
			Gary Peterson
D. Thompson	Albert Lea, MN	Our Savior's	Benjamin Anderson
			Ralph Olson
M. Tweit	New Hampton, IA	Jerico	John Constello, Sr.
			Lloyd Aasen
	Lawler, IA	Saude	Paul Swenumson
			Kenneth Natvig
H. Vetter	Iola, WI	Redeemer	Lenwick Hoyord
			John Mikels
			Herb Fisher
R. Waldschmidt	Grass Valley, CA	Shepherd of the Hills	
W. Werling	Chico, CA		
J. Wilde	Sebastian, FL	Trinity	Carl Albers
			Jay Schooler
J. Willitz	Portage, WI	St. Paul's	
	Wisconsin Dells	Newport	Wilbur Maves
C. Wosje	Chicago, IL	Emmaus	John Dean
			David White
<b>Vacancies</b>			
East Jordan, MI		Faith	Robert Carter
Madison, WI		Grace	A. V. Kuster
Marietta, GA		Resurrection	Hillard Granemann
Tustin, CA		Faith	Erwin Stoppelman



## CONVENTION COMMITTEES

### 1. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE AND REPORT

**Pastors**—W. Kessel, G. Guldberg, P. Petersen

**Delegates**—Benjamin Anderson (Our Savior's, Albert Lea), Julius Rialson (Zion, Tracy), Herman Oelkers (Richland)

### 2. NOMINATIONS (Elected at the 1987 Convention)

**Pastors**—J. B. Madson, R. Fehr, G. Guldberg

**Delegates**—Dave Meyer, Lonny Burrack, Ray Diepenbrock, John Dean

### 3. CREDENTIALS

**Pastors**—R. Newgard, W. Gullixson, D. Lillegard

**Delegates**—Clarence Cook (Bethany, Princeton), Ellsworth Butt (Trinity, West Bend), Norman Holte (Mt. Olive, Mankato)

### 4. PROGRAM

**Pastors**—M. Krentz, P. Madson

### 5. PUBLIC PRESS AND CONVENTION SENTINEL

**Pastors**—J. B. Madson, T. Bartels

### 6. DOCTRINE

**Pastors**—P. Schneider, M. Doepel, J. Moldstad, Sr., J. Olsen, S. Reagles, S. Petersen, P. Anderson, T. Fox, D. Haeuser, N. Madson, J. Smith, C. Keeler

**Delegates**—Lloyd Aasen (Jerico), Stanley Holt (Pilgrim), Holger Aussen (Rosedell, Jasper), Paul Swennumson (Saude), Lars Petersen (Lime Creek), Walter Fribus (Our Savior's, Bagley), Robert Brown (Holy Trinity, Okauchee), Ralph Olson (Our Savior's, Albert Lea), Ray Diepenbrock (Mt. Olive, Mankato), Gary Carlson (River Heights), Ed Williams (Our Savior, Naples), Hillard Grannemann (Resurrection, Marietta), Norman Werner (King of Grace), Tom Roel (Peace, Colorado Springs)

### 7. MISSIONS

**Pastors**—E. Bryant, H. Abrahamson, R. Branstad, R. Dale, M. DeGarmeaux, A. Harstad, Jr., R. Lawson, D. Moldstad, E. Teigen, F. Theiste, R. Becker

**Delegates**—Kenneth Natvig (Saude), Herb Fisher (Shepherd of the Hills), Rollo Pietan (Pilgrim), Lawrence Levorson (Lake Mills), James Scherf (First, Suttons Bay), Loren Larson (Calvary, Ulen), Franz Schultz (Holy Trinity, Okauchee), Luther Younge (Richland), Raymond Wold (Norwegian Grove), Dwight Carlson (Nazareth), Edward Larson (Grace, Vero Beach)

### 8. HIGHER EDUCATION

**Pastors**—M. Luttman, T. Aaberg, J. Burkhardt, C. Ferkenstad, D. Hoyord, R. McMiller, J. Schmidt, H. Vetter, J. Wilde, D. Larson, D. Webber

**Delegates**—Paul Nielsen (Our Redeemer, Yelm), John Mikels (Redeemer, Iola), Mike Andersland (Scarville), Albin Levorson (Somber), Jon Aho (Pinewood), Tom Metcalf (Heritage), Gary Peterson (Concordia, Eau Claire), Dan Malsch (St. Luke, Mt. Vernon), Allen Daniels (Parkland), Julian Olsen (Norseland), Randy Mostrom (Nazareth), Doran Slater (Lake-wood), Howard Hougan (Holy Cross, Madison)

### 9. EDUCATION AND YOUTH

**Pastors**—N. Merseth, R. Carter, J. Dalke, J. Dukleth, B. Homan, P. Lehenbauer, G. Obenberger, D. Schmidt, J. K. Smith, M. Bartels.

**Delegates**—James Faugstad (Scarville), David White (Emmaus), Duane Boerner (English, Cottonwood), Melvin Johnson (Our Savior's Bagley), Robert Ore (Christ, Klamath Falls), Julius Hammermeister (Christ the King, Bell Gardens), Gary Bergstrom (Good Shepherd, Bloomer), Benjamin Anderson (Our Savior's, Albert Lea), Orlando Chervestad (Oak Park), Arlen Dethlefsen (Christ, Santa Rosa), Godfred Gerth (Pinewood), Harvey Ringen (St. Matthew, Myrtle Creek), Loyd Cochran (Holton)

### 10. PUBLICATIONS

**Pastors**—K. Schmidt, T. Bartels, R. Fehr, M. Harstad, D. Lillegard, D. Marzolf, D. Schlicht, J. Shep, F. Stubenvoll, M. Smith

**Delegates**—Dave Davis (Good Shepherd, Richardson), Julius Rialson (Zion, Tracy), Leighton Humphrey (Lake Mills), Ray Belmont (Christ, Port St. Lucie), Peter Erickson (Hartland), Gordon Dally (Christ the King, Bell Gardens), Duane Steinhauer (Concordia, Eau Claire), Gary Meyer (St.

- Luke, Mt. Vernon), Norman Holte (Mt. Olive, Mankato), Paul Chamberlin (Trinity, Brewster), Irvin Gunderson (Norseland), Gerhart Ordal (Bethel, Sioux Falls), Marlin Goebel (Faith, Hillman)
11. FINANCES  
**Pastors**—R. Newgard, W. Frick, W. Halvorson, P. Haugen, J. Krikava, H. Larson, J. B. Madson, S. Sparley, G. Reichwald, C. Wosje, B. Huehn  
**Delegates**—Leslie Just (Immanuel, Audubon), Byron Blinn (Bethany, Port Orchard), Cleo Kjenslee (Bethany, Luverne), Alfred Olson (St. Paul, Lengby), Dale Songstad (First Shell Rock), Walter Bressler (Holy Scripture, Midland), Grant Langfald (Center), Roger Ittner (Peace, Jefferson City), Allert Berger (Parkland), Robert Bernard (River Heights), Robert Soule (Our Savior's, Princeton), William Krukenberg (Our Saviour, Lake Havasu City), Michael Osland (First American), Don Schuster (St. Timothy, Lombard), Lonny Burrack (Bethlehem, Warroad), Larry Rude (Advisory)
12. CHRISTIAN SERVICE  
**Pastors**—D. Thompson, D. Faugstad, N. Harstad, M. Krentz, W. Mack, T. Skaaland, D. McElwain, E. Unseth, R. Waldschmidt, N. Krause, John Petersen, T. Rank, D. Sabrowsky.  
**Delegates**—Erwin Stoppelman (Faith, Tustin), Ellsworth Butt (Trinity, West Bend), John Dean (Emmaus, Chicago), Luther Okland (Center), Walter Wanschneider (St. Paul, Lengby), Erik Soule (Our Savior's, Princeton), Jay Schooler (Trinity, Sebastian), Wilbur Maves (Newport), Robert Myrant (Our Saviour, Lake Havasu City), Herman Oelkers (Richland), Al Wollenzien (Western Koshkonong), Olin Opstedall (Bethel, Sioux Falls), Oliver Hofstad (Oak Park), Walter Predoehl (Our Savior, Grants Pass), Joel Junkans (Peace, Jefferson City)
13. MISCELLANEOUS  
**Pastors**—G. Schmeling, E. Ekhoﬀ, G. Guldberg, T. Gullixson, W. Gullixson, G. Haugen, J. Krueger, Jonathan Madson, K. Mellon, J. Moldstad, Jr., W. Petersen, O. Trebelhorn, J. Willitz  
**Delegates**—John Costello, Sr. (Jerico), Wilmer Broer (Redeemer, New Hampton), Louis Wang (Bethel, Yuba City), Lawrence Tyler (Holy Cross, Madison), Paul Dahle (Lime Creek), Marvin Gronwoldt, Sr. (Immanuel, Riceville), Ed Hendrickson (Hartland), Carl Albers (Trinity, Sebastian), Anton Rieken (Faith, Parkersburg), Martin Tjernagel (Bethany, Ames), David Roembke (Western Koshkonong), Art Anderson (Bethany, Luverne), Otto Henning (Holy Scripture, Midland), Harlan Nelson (Norwegian Grove)
14. SYNODICAL MEMBERSHIP  
**Pastors**—P. Madson, A. Kuster, M. Marozick, W. McMurdie, D. Nelson, P. Petersen, M. Tweit, L. Vinton  
**Delegates**—Lenwick Hoyord (Redeemer, Iola), Leonard Engel (Trinity, West Bend), Reuben Holt (Somber), Robert Edwards (Our Saviour's, Madison), William Overn (Heritage), Leroy Meyer (St. Timothy, Lombard), Clarence Cook (Bethany, Princeton), Lloyd Radloff (Western Koshkonong), Earl Aasen (First American), Leon Quimby (Grace, Vero Beach)
15. MINUTES  
**Pastors**—D. Larson, P. Madson  
**Delegates**—John Mikels (Redeemer, Iola), Gary Carlson (River Heights)
16. PASTORAL CONFERENCE RECORDS  
**Pastors**—Joseph Petersen, F. Schmugge, B. W. Teigen
17. RESOLUTIONS  
**Pastors**—G. Reichwald, W. Gullixson
18. TELLERS  
**Pastor**—M. Bartels, M. Smith, D. Weber  
**Candidates**—M. Ernst, D. Schroeder
19. CHAPLAIN  
**Pastor**—W. Halvorson
20. HEAD USHER  
**Pastor**—G. Haugen
21. PARLIAMENTARIAN  
**Pastor**—M. Tweit
22. ORGANIST  
**Pastor**—D. Marzolf

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

June 1988

ESTEEMED MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF OUR EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD: GRACE BE UNTO YOU AND PEACE FROM GOD OUR FATHER AND FROM THE LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST. AMEN.

As we begin this 71st annual convention of our Evangelical Lutheran Synod, we do well to look to the Apostle Paul for a keynote expression which will set the tone for our deliberations. We believe, therefore, that his stirring words to the Corinthians in the fifteenth chapter of his first letter tell us just what we need to hear. There we read, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." I Cor. 15:58.

This marvelous exhortation can well be applied to each and everyone of us and also to every phase of our work. It can be applied to our doctrinal position as well as the various endeavors which we seek to carry out.

What are the reasons for which the Apostle speaks these words of encouragement to the Corinthians? We can see from the word, "Therefore," that his statement does not stand alone but is connected with something which he has said previously. Apparently there were some amongst the Corinthians that had doubts about the resurrection of the body. In verse twelve we read, "How say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead?" Who these people were we do not know for certain, but they were in serious danger of losing their faith and leading others astray.

The Apostle, therefore, writes this extraordinary 15th chapter of his first letter. It is called the "resurrection chapter," and contains a marvelous exposition of Christ's resurrection and what it means for the truth of the entire Christian Gospel and for our own bodies which shall some day return to dust.

In verses 1-11 he states the facts of the Christian faith, namely that, "Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the Scriptures." He then points out how the risen Saviour was seen a number of times after he arose. He goes on to demonstrate convincingly that the whole Christian faith depends upon Christ's resurrection. "If Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain."

He proceeds in this marvelous chapter to answer questions concerning the resurrection of the body, how it is "sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory." All of this will take place suddenly, "Behold I show you a mystery: we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump; for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed." And then he breaks into that triumphant song of victory, concluding with the stirring words, "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? . . . Thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

After he has given this most glorious exposition of the centrality of Christ's resurrection to the whole Gospel, after he has assured the believers that they too shall arise with glorified bodies and shall triumph over death and the grave; after he has shown them that death has lost its sting so that they may face it with confidence and assurance; it is then that he comes with the exhortation, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

His exhortation is based completely upon the beautiful Gospel. The Gospel is the motivating force. No threats of the Law. No scare tactics. No Madison Avenue public relations pitch. No. Only the simple message Christ died for your sins and rose again. Now you are redeemed from your sin and shall also be raised

from the dead so that your corruptible body shall be made incorruptible and your mortal flesh shall be given immortality.

The message of Paul to the Corinthians applies to us as well. We too are the recipients of the blessed Gospel. Jesus died, and was buried and rose again the third day also for us. We, too, come under the blessed promise, "As in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive." We wait, along with the saints of old, that great day when the trumpet shall sound and we shall be raised incorruptible. We sing with the hymnwriter:

When he shall come with trumpet sound  
O may I then in him be found  
Clothed in his righteousness alone  
Faultless to stand before the throne.  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.

Since we have, by God's free grace alone, through the working of the Holy Spirit been called to such an exalted position as heirs of his wondrous salvation, so also the exhortation of the Apostle Paul applies to us as well: "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

First of all we are to "be stedfast." We are to be fixed, settled, firm and solid in our own inner faith and conviction. We are to grasp the fact that the great victory which Christ has won for us and the glorious promises that he has given us apply personally to us. We have so great a salvation, so great a future. The victory is ours personally. We are to abide in this conviction with happy and thankful souls.

We are also to be "unmoveable." This word refers to outwards solicitation and attack. "Be not shifted from your position." When attacks come upon our faith or our doctrinal position, some with open denial, and some with subtle error that leads us to compromise our confession, some with temptation to immorality, we are to remain unmoveable. As the writer to the Hebrews states, "be not carried away by diverse and strange teachings: for it is good that the heart be established by grace." Heb. 13,9.

Down through the ages there have been countless Christians who have thus stood stedfast and unmoveable. The holy apostles of the Lord are prime examples. But let me call attention to the laymen and women who stood fast in the face of extreme danger. The Lutheran Reformation has been called the greatest laymen's movement of all time. The men who submitted the Augsburg Confession to the National Convention at Augsburg were not the theologians, but the laymen. A layman read the document. They risked their lives and fortunes in adopting this confession as their own. The first three laymen who risked their necks for the cause of Lutheranism were John Ehinger, burgomaster of Memmingen; Michael Caden, a citizen of Nuremberg; and Alexis Fraentraut of Brandenburg. Wolfgang of Anhalt, who stood at Luther's deathbed and recorded his last words, was declared an outlaw and had to flee for his life. Women also were stedfast and unmoveable. Maria of Hungary, widow of the King, was a devoted follower and student of Luther.

Countless pastors and laymen throughout the ages have likewise stood stedfastly in the faith. We have only to think of Luther and the many brave men that worked with him and followed him. As we look back in our own synod we see that people were willing to give up everything in order to preserve the precious truths of Scripture. As they gathered at Lime Creek in June of 1918 and surveyed the devastation that had come upon their church, it took a substantial measure of stedfastness and unmoveableness in order to carry on.

Both pastors and laypeople need to be reminded of the Apostle's exhortation today as much as in the days of the Corinthians. False teachers abound today as they did at the time of the Apostle. Paul warns us that the time will come "when they will not endure sound doctrine." II Tim. 4,3. And John warns us, "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world." I John 4,1.

The new church body which was formed on January 1, 1988, and which claims the title of "The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America," openly denies that

the Bible is the inerrant and infallible Word of God. "Gay Lutherans" are accepted into the public life of the church. They have their own magazine called "Concord." One issue reports that "The St. Olaf Lesbian and Gay Alumni Association was formed in December 1985 to bring together gay grads of the Lutheran liberal arts college." On January 1, 1988, three gay candidates were recommended for ordination in the new church.

The TV Evangelists are prime examples of casting aside morality and conviction for personal satisfaction in one form or another. The credibility of sincere pastors who labor tirelessly for Christ is not enhanced by those who preach repentance on Sunday but consort with women of ill repute during the week.

There is a different spirit abroad in our times. It is a spirit of restlessness, of discontentment, and a seeking for advancement that is detrimental to a church. Pastors and lay people disregard doctrinal differences if the "grass looks greener on the other side of the fence." The old loyalty and willingness to sacrifice in order to belong to an orthodox church body are not as prevalent as in days gone by. Success, advancement, personal gain, numbers, and self-fulfillment often, in our day, militate against the apostles pleading to be "stedfast and unmoveable." Our synod, being made up of sinful human beings, is not immune from such temptations any more than others. We live in this world and are affected by its siren voices.

Pastors, are you serving a small congregation in an obscure place? Let that not discourage you. Whether you have 50 members or 500 the mission is still the same. In fact, there is joy amongst the angels of heaven over one sinner that repenteth. Your task is to feed those souls with the bread of life so that they may someday enter the halls of heaven. What a glorious task the Lord has given you! You have been called to proclaim the everlasting Gospel! Jesus has given you your assignment when he said, "Feed my sheep. Feed my lambs." Peter tells you "Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind: Neither as being Lord over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away." I Peter 5, 2-4.

Laypeople, does the neighboring church have more elaborate programs and freedom to believe whatever one pleases? Do not feel hampered or restricted because you belong to a confessional church body. Jesus tells you, "If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed, and ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." John 8, 31-32. The Apostle Paul enjoins, "Continue thou in the things which thou has learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou has learned them." II Tim. 3, 14. To sacrifice any of God's truth for the sake of outward popularity is a dangerous matter and weakens our testimony in this world.

All of us who are members of the ELS will do well, then, to hear and to heed the Apostle's admonition to be steadfast, unmoveable and to hold fast to the clear truths of God's Word.

We do well to consider also the last portion of Paul's exhortation, "Always abounding in the work of the Lord."

During the past two years it has been my privilege to visit more than half of the congregations of our Synod. I have been greatly impressed by the dedication and determination on the part of the laypeople and the pastors who make up our church body. There exists a great love for the Lord and for the work of the Lord which we are doing in our Synod. People are interested in our mission program, our Bethany College and Seminary, and all our Synod's undertakings. They want more information about the progress we are making.

A good motto for our Synod, in addition, of course, to the irreplaceable "It is written," would well be these words of Paul, "Always abounding in the work of the Lord." If it were simply some program that we wanted to accomplish for our own self-satisfaction or self-glorification we would be on the wrong track. But it is the "work of the Lord." When we preach the Gospel, call on prospects, visit the sick, attend meetings, encourage the pastor and promote unity and harmony in the congregation, it is the "work of the Lord" we are doing. When we build a church, paint the parsonage and mow the lawn it is the "work of the Lord"

because it serves to show our love for him. When we give according to our means for this work we are doing his will. In fact, as soon as Paul finishes this resurrection chapter he immediately begins talking about the special collection which was being gathered for the poor in Jerusalem.

This year we are celebrating the 20th anniversary of our work in Peru. How many souls will be in heaven because the saving message of Jesus Christ and him crucified has been taught there. We should abound in our efforts to expand our program in that area. What faithful servants have represented us in Peru these 20 years! Truly the "Fields are White to Harvest."

Reaching out here at home is also in keeping with the work that the Lord wants us to do. There are expanding areas of our country that are without a confessional Lutheran Church. The growth of our new home mission stations is a great joy to us. Our home missionaries are to be commended for their tireless efforts in seeking to bring people to the Lord.

"Abounding in the work of the Lord" applies also to our college and seminary. Our college is gaining more and more recognition as a quality school and one which has not sacrificed its principles. The "one thing needful" is as clearly taught today at Bethany as in the days of its founding. Our seminary is producing faithful pastors who will go out and cause the Lord's work to abound even more.

Another area where we must make a sincere effort to abound in the work of the Lord is to preserve unity in our midst. This, too, takes effort, prayer and work. When Dr. C. F. W. Walther was on a visit in Europe in 1860 to regain his health, he wrote a letter in which he described the unity he perceived in the Missouri Synod. To Walther unity was a precious gift. He wrote, "United under this great principle (namely the Word of God and the Lutheran Confessions) we are knit together by a cordial, fraternal confidence. . . . Oh, how I rejoice, therefore, that God has given me the great grace to participate in the fellowship of our Synod! May the gracious and merciful God, from whom this unity is a pure gift of grace, continue to preserve it among us. May he make us faithful that also on our part we may preserve this precious Jewel. May he make us constantly stronger and more faithful through our unity." We need to abound in working to preserve that unity in our midst also as the Apostle enjoins upon us, "Endeavor to keep the unity in the bond of peace." Eph. 4,3. We need to give heed to his words to the Colossians, "Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you do also. And above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms, and hymns, and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him." Col. 3, 12-17.

And when we abound in such work what will be the result? "Ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." Such faithful service to the Lord will not go unrewarded. To the pastors Peter writes, "When the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away." I Peter 5,4. And all those who have served him in faithfulness and love, out of faith in the crucified Saviour, will someday hear the glorious words, "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." Matt. 25,34.

Let us go forward then with confidence and joy, heeding the words of the Apostle, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

In Jesus' name. Amen.

# REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

## ORDINATIONS AND INSTALLATIONS

The Rev. Larry Vinton was installed as pastor of Saint Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church, Detroit, Michigan, on June 21, 1987. Your synodical president preached the sermon and Circuit Visitor Paul Schneider performed the rite of installation. The Rev. J. Kincaid Smith served as lector and the Rev. Craig Ferkenstad as liturgist.

Candidate of Theology Michael K. Smith was ordained and installed as pastor of First Lutheran Church, Suttons Bay, Michigan, on June 28, 1987. The candidate's father, the Rev. J. Kincaid Smith, was the preacher and the ordainer. Circuit Visitor Paul Schneider was liturgist and performed the rite of installation. Mr. Kurt A. Smith, brother of the candidate, was lector.

The Rev. Donald Moldstad was installed as pastor of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Naples, Florida, on June 28, 1987. His father, the Rev. John Moldstad, Sr., preached the sermon and performed the rite of installation. The Rev. Lewis Gerbhardt and the Rev. Ken Mellon directed the worship.

Candidate of Theology Joel Willitz was ordained and installed as pastor of Newport Evangelical Lutheran Church, Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin, and St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Portage, Wisconsin, on June 28, 1987. The candidate's father, the Rev. John Willitz, preached the sermon and Circuit Visitor Kenneth Schmidt performed the rite of ordination and installation. The Rev. John Shep served as liturgist.

The Rev. Henry D. Gieschen was installed as pastor of the Hillman-Alpena, Michigan, parish on July 12, 1987. The preacher for the occasion was the Rev. Paul Schneider, circuit visitor, who also performed the rite of installation. The Rev. J. Kincaid Smith was the liturgist and the Rev. Larry Vinton served as lector.

Candidate of Theology Nathan Krause was ordained and installed as pastor of the Crookston-Fertile, Minnesota, parish on July 26, 1987. The candidate's father, the Rev. Harmon Krause, performed the rite of ordination and installation. Mr. Steven Schmeling, a fellow seminary graduate, preached at the morning service which was held at Grace Lutheran Church in Crookston and also at the evening service which was held at First Evanger Lutheran Church in Fertile. The Rev. Martin Doepel served as liturgist.

The Rev. Robert Becker was installed as pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, Weston, Ohio, on August 2, 1987. President Orvick preached the sermon and the Rev. Paul Schneider performed the rite of installation. The Rev. J. Kincaid Smith served as liturgist.

Mr. Craig F. Owings was installed as principal and upper grades teacher of Lakewood Lutheran School, Lakewood, Washington, on August 16, 1987.

The Rev. David Lillegard was installed as pastor of the American Lutheran Church in Mayville, North Dakota, on September 6, 1987. The Rev. Martin Doepel preached the sermon and Circuit Visitor Paul Madson performed the rite of installation and also served as liturgist.

The Rev. Frederick Stubenvoll, Jr., was commissioned at Christ Lutheran Church, Port St. Lucie, Florida, on September 20, 1987. The Rev. John Wilde preached the sermon and the Rev. Charles Keeler conducted the liturgy.

Candidate of Theology Mark Bartels was ordained and installed as associate pastor of King of Grace Lutheran Church, Golden Valley, Minnesota, on October 11, 1987. The candidate's father, the Rev. Harry Bartels, performed the rite of ordination and installation. The candidate's brother, the Rev. Timothy Bartels preached the sermon and the Rev. Alf Merseth served as liturgist.

The Rev. Craig Ferkenstad was installed as pastor of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Bloomer, Wisconsin, on November 1, 1987. The Rev. Warren Granke preached the sermon and Circuit Visitor Kenneth Schmidt performed the rite of installation and served as liturgist.

The Rev. Mark Marozick was installed as pastor of Redeemer Lutheran Church, New Hampton, Iowa, and Trinity Lutheran Church, Calmar, Iowa, on

November 8, 1987. Visitor W. Frick preached and performed the rite of installation. The Rev. G. Guldberg served as liturgist.

The Rev. Thomas Fox was installed as pastor of Pinewood Lutheran Church, Burlington, Massachusetts, on November 8, 1987. The Rev. David Kehl of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod preached the sermon and the Rev. James Krikava, alternate circuit visitor, performed the rite of installation. The Rev. Richard Schleicher also of the WELS served as liturgist.

The Rev. Michael Krentz was installed as pastor of the Holton and Hesperia Lutheran Churches on February 7, 1988. The Rev. Paul Schneider, circuit visitor, preached the sermon and also performed the rite of installation. The liturgist was the Rev. Larry Vinton and the lectors were the Rev. J. Kincaid Smith, the Rev. Michael K. Smith and the Rev. William K. Hein.

The Rev. Burgess Huehn was installed as pastor of Bethany Lutheran Church, Ames, Iowa, on February 28, 1988. Your synodical president preached the sermon and the Rev. Wilfrid Frick, circuit visitor, performed the rite of installation.

The Rev. Glenn Obenberger was installed as pastor of Parkland Lutheran Church, Tacoma, Washington, on March 6, 1988. The Rev. Edward Bryant preached the sermon and the Rev. Paul Anderson, circuit visitor, performed the rite of installation. The Rev. Jerrold Dalke served as liturgist.

The Rev. Robert Waldschmidt was installed as pastor of Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, Grass Valley, California, on April 10, 1988. The Rev. Nile Merseeth preached the sermon, the Rev. W. Werling did the installing and the Rev. James Behringer served as liturgist (WELS).

The Rev. John Schmidt was installed as pastor of Wayfarers' Chapel, Ventura/Fillmore, California, on April 17, 1988. The Rev. Adolph L. Harstad preached the sermon and performed the rite of installation.

The Rev. Daniel Sabrowsky was installed as pastor of Christ Lutheran Church, Santa Rosa, California, on May 15, 1988. The Rev. Robert Waldschmidt preached the sermon, the Rev. Wilbert Werling performed the rite of installation and the Rev. John Boehringer (WELS) served as liturgist.

The Rev. Paul Madson was installed as pastor of Bethel Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, on June 5, 1988. The Rev. Norman Madson preached the sermon and the Rev. Wayne Halvorson, circuit visitor, performed the rite of installation.

Candidate of Theology David Webber was ordained and installed as pastor of Scriptural Lutheran Church, Cape Girardeau, Missouri, on June 5, 1988. Dr. Greg Jackson (WELS) preached the sermon and President Orvick performed the rite of installation.

The Rev. Daniel Faugstad was installed as pastor of the Hawley-Ulen, Minnesota, parish on Sunday, June 5, 1988. President W. Petersen preached the sermon and Visitor Martin Doepel performed the rite of installation.

The Rev. William McMurdie was installed as pastor of Lakewood Lutheran Church, Tacoma, Washington, on June 12, 1988. Circuit Visitor, the Rev. Paul Anderson, officiated.

## MEMBERSHIP REQUESTS

The following pastors have applied for permanent membership in the Evangelical Lutheran Synod. The proper letters of request are on file.

The Rev. Mark Bartels, associate pastor of King of Grace Lutheran Church, Golden Valley, Minnesota.

The Rev. Robert Becker, pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, Weston, Ohio.

The Rev. Nathan Krause, pastor of the Crookston-Fertile, Minnesota, parish.

The Rev. Joel Willitz, pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Portage, Wisconsin, and Newport Evangelical Lutheran Church, Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin.

The Rev. Michael Smith, pastor of First Lutheran Church, Suttons Bay, Michigan.

The Rev. Burgess Huehn, pastor of Bethany Lutheran Church, Ames, Iowa, by transfer from the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

The Rev. Daniel Sabrowsky, pastor of Christ Lutheran Church, Santa Rosa, California, by transfer from the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

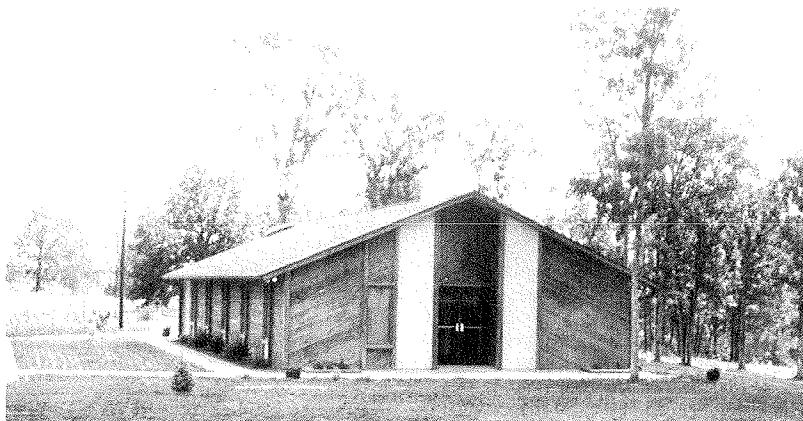


The Rev. David Webber has applied for membership in the Evangelical Lutheran Synod. The Colloquy Committee recommends his acceptance.

The following congregations have applied for membership in the Evangelical Lutheran Synod. The proper documents have been submitted.

Peace Lutheran Church, Jefferson City, Missouri.

Grace Lutheran Church, Weston, Ohio.



**Peace Lutheran Church, Jefferson City, MO**



**Grace Lutheran Church, Weston, OH**

## **DEDICATIONS**

Peace Lutheran Church, Jefferson City, Missouri, dedicated its new house of worship on November 8, 1987. The congregation has been faithfully served by the Rev. Hugo Warnke of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod while awaiting a pastor from the Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

The new Peace Lutheran Church building in Colorado Springs, Colorado, was dedicated on March 27, 1988. Your synodical president preached the festival sermon and performed the rite of dedication. The Rev. Steven Sparley is pastor.



**Peace Lutheran Church, Colorado Springs, CO**

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Bloomer, Wisconsin, celebrated the completing of payments on the parsonage property with a Mortgage Burning Ceremony and Service of Dedication on May 1, 1988.

Groundbreaking ceremonies were held on December 6, 1987, and the cornerstone was laid on April 3, 1988, for the new sanctuary of Our Saviour Lutheran Church, Lake Havasu City, Arizona.

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

Bethany College celebrated a Grand Homecoming on July 10-12, 1987, to commemorate its 60 years as a college of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and 75 years as an institution. Synod President George Orvick preached the Sunday morning sermon and Prof. Erling Teigen was the liturgist.

Zion Lutheran Church, Tracy, Minnesota, celebrated its 50th anniversary on August 16, 1987. Prof. Juul Madson, former pastor of the congregation, preached the morning sermon. Synod President George Orvick was guest speaker for the afternoon program.

**Zion Lutheran Church, Tracy, MN**



Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Amherst Junction, Wisconsin, celebrated the 60th anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone and the dedication of the church at a festival service on August 30, 1987. Your synodical president was the speaker for the service.



**Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Amherst Junction, WI**

Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Madison, Wisconsin, celebrated the 25th anniversary of the dedication of its house of worship on September 13, 1987. The guest preacher for the occasion was President George Orvick, former pastor of the congregation. After dinner speaker was the Rev. James Olsen.

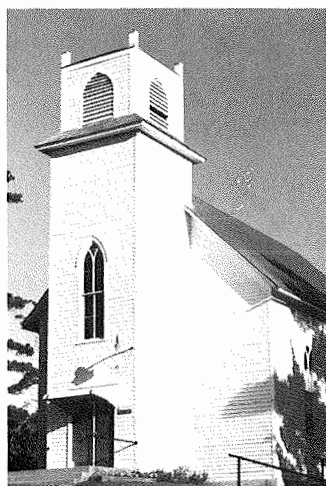


**Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Madison, WI**

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church of Okauchee, Wisconsin, celebrated its 40th anniversary on October 11, 1987. The guest speaker was Professor Mark Bitter of Northwestern College, Watertown, Wisconsin. Pastor Gaylin Schmeling served as liturgist.



**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Okauchee, WI**



**St. Paul Lutheran Church, Lengby, MN**

St. Paul Lutheran Church, Lengby, Minnesota, celebrated the 100th anniversary of the building of its edifice on November 1, 1987. President Orvick preached for the morning service and the Rev. G. F. Guldberg, former pastor of the congregation, preached for the afternoon anniversary service.

Bethany Lutheran Church, Luverne, Minnesota, celebrated the 35th anniversary of its church building, the 37th anniversary of the congregation and the 20th anniversary of its educational unit on November 15, 1987. Speakers for this special occasion were the Rev. Norman A. Madson, Jr., and the Rev. Paul Petersen, both being former pastors of the congregation.

First English Lutheran Church, Ashland, Wisconsin, celebrated the 100th anniversary of the building of its edifice on December 6, 1987. The Rev. Norman Harstad, pastor of the congregation, preached the festival sermon.



**Bethany Lutheran Church, Luverne, MN**

**First English Lutheran Church,  
Ashland, WI**



Emmaus Lutheran Church, Chicago, Illinois, celebrated the 100th anniversary of its organization on April 17, 1988. Your synodical president preached the sermon for the afternoon service. The Rev. Carl Wosje is pastor.

Wayfarers' Chapel, Ventura, California, celebrated its 15th anniversary on March 13, 1988, at the same time the Wayfarers' Chapel at Filmore, California, celebrated its 5th anniversary. President Orvick was the guest speaker. The congregation was begun as a mission by the Rev. Alvin Wagner. The Rev. Waldschmidt also served as co-pastor.

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Yelm, Washington, celebrated the 10th anniversary of its incorporation on April 17, 1988. The Rev. William McMurdie, first pastor of the congregation, was the preacher for this special occasion.

Trinity Lutheran Church, Sebastian, Florida, celebrated its 5th anniversary on



**Emmaus Lutheran Church, Chicago, IL**

May 8, 1988. The guest speaker for the occasion was the Rev. Lewis Gerbhardt.

The 20th anniversary of our work in Peru will be celebrated at Synod convention this year.

## **THE FOLLOWING HAVE OBSERVED ANNIVERSARIES OF ORDINATION OR OF SERVICE**

The Rev. Arnold V. Kuster—50 years—Pastor Kuster was ordained on March 6, 1938, at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Sarnia, Ontario, Canada. His ordination certificate was signed by Paul Lindemann, president of the English District of the LCMS.

The Rev. Donald McElwain observed the 25th anniversary of his certification as a lay minister on June 6. He was received as pastor into our Evangelical Lutheran Synod a few years ago.

## **RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**

The Rev. Thomas Petersen resigned as pastor of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Bloomer, Wisconsin and from the Evangelical Lutheran Synod on July 4, 1987.

The Rev. Ronald Mathison resigned as pastor of Hiawatha Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota and from the Evangelical Lutheran Synod on July 7, 1987.

The Rev. Gary Faleide resigned from the clergy roster of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod on November 1, 1987.

The Rev. Thomas Kuster resigned from the clergy roster of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod on January 1, 1988. His membership was transferred to the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. He has served as professor at Dr. Martin Luther College for many years.

The Rev. Russel Halvorson resigned as pastor of Bethel Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, South Dakota for health reasons. He is presently occupied in another profession.

The Rev. Warren Granke resigned as pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, Madison, Wisconsin and from the Evangelical Lutheran Synod on May 22, 1988.

The Rev. Richard Long resigned as pastor of Resurrection Lutheran Church, Marietta, Georgia and from the Evangelical Lutheran Synod on June 5, 1988.

The Rev. Richard Gudgeon has resigned as pastor of Indian Landing Lutheran Church and from the Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

The following were appointed to the Ad Hoc Committee on Foreign Mission Manpower Needs: The Rev. Kenneth Schmidt and the Rev. Carl Wosje.

The Rev. John Moldstad, Jr., was appointed to fill the vacancy on the Doctrine Committee created by the resignation of the Rev. Gary Faleide.

Mr. Robert Smith was appointed to the Board for Home Missions to replace Mr. Edwin Gibson who resigned.

The Rev. Kenneth Schmidt was appointed to the Board of Regents to replace the Rev. Warren Granke.

Mr. Albert Rovey has also resigned from the Board for Home Missions and no replacement has been appointed.

## **RETIREMENT**

The Rev. Hugo Handberg retired as pastor of Parkland Lutheran Church, Tacoma, Washington on February 15, 1988.

The Rev. Alvin Wagner retired as pastor of the Wayfarers' Chapel, Ventura, and Filmore, California on April 15, 1988. The Rev. Wagner began the work at Wayfarers' Chapel after his retirement from St. Paul's Lutheran Church, North Hollywood, California.

The Rev. Raymond Branstad retired as pastor of First American Lutheran Church, Mayville, North Dakota on August 1, 1987.

## **DEATHS**

Mrs. Dorothy Theiste, widow of the Rev. Hans Theiste, passed away on September 6, 1987. Christian burial services were held at King of Grace Lutheran Church, Golden Valley, Minnesota on September 9, 1987. Pastor Erwin Ekhooff preached the sermon and President Orvick spoke on behalf of the Synod.

## **CHURCH CLOSINGS**

Hiawatha Lutheran Church disbanded and the membership has joined with other churches in greater Minneapolis area.

After its church edifice was destroyed by fire, the Concordia Lutheran Church, Clearbrook, Minnesota disbanded and all the members joined the Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Bagley, Minnesota.

The Clearwater Lutheran Church, Oklee, Minnesota closed on January 1, 1988.

## **WITHDRAWAL**

Indian Landing Lutheran Church, Rochester, New York withdrew its membership from the Evangelical Lutheran Synod on February 28, 1988.

## **INTER-SYNODICAL MATTERS**

### **THE WISCONSIN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD**

The 49th Biennial Convention of our sister synod was held August 3-7, 1987, at Northwestern College, Watertown, Wisconsin. I attended the convention and brought greetings on behalf of our Synod.

On January 28, 1988, representatives of our Doctrine Committee met with the WELS Committee on Inter-Church Relations. Matters of concern to both synods were discussed, such as the split in the Lutheran Confessional Church (Sweden, Norway, Finland); the doctrine of the Lord's Supper; the situation in East Germany; the meeting of WELS representatives with those of the Confessional Lutheran Church (USA); and the joint meeting of WELS, ELS, and LCMS representatives in Minneapolis in December of 1987.

The matter of the establishment of a new Synodical Conference was discussed. Three representatives from each synod will meet to lay groundwork. I have appointed the Rev. Gaylin Schmeling, Prof. W. Petersen and Prof. J. B. Madson to this committee.

The Evangelical Lutheran Confessional Forum meets biennially and so no meeting was held in 1987. The next meeting is scheduled for October 17 and 18, 1988 at Mankato.

The WELS has been very helpful in supplying pastors when we needed manpower. Several are applying for membership in the Evangelical Lutheran Synod at this convention. A vicar also from the WELS has been assigned to our Oklee, Minnesota parish. The WELS has also cordially invited our pastors and congregations to participate in their five-year evangelism training program. Such brotherly assistance is very much appreciated. We extend a cordial welcome to those WELS pastors who have accepted calls into the Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Many of them are well acquainted with our Synod through the "Bethany-Mequon Program," where pre-seminary students received part of their training at Bethany.

The 1987 WELS convention also officially transferred the Bethany Pre-seminary Program to the campus of Northwestern College. The convention passed a resolution regarding this program, part of which reads as follows: "Resolved, b) That we thank our sister Evangelical Lutheran Synod for their work in effectively preparing potential candidates for our ministry."

President Mischke writes, "The program has served us well and we have quite a number of good, faithful pastors in our ministry today because of it. On behalf of our synod I want to thank the ELS and Bethany College for the excellent assistance given us in this program at a time when we were not yet ready for it."

## **THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN FREE CHURCH (East Germany)**

The Evangelical Lutheran Free Church in East Germany continues its valiant struggle to uphold the truth. They have suspended relations with the Altlutherische Kirche (Old Lutheran Church) because of the latter's position on Scripture. They are carrying on talks with the Independent Lutheran Church of West Germany (SELK). I have frequent correspondence with President Gerhard Wilde. They held their annual conference May 27-29 at Crimmitschau. Greetings were sent from our Synod, but I did not attend. I did meet with Pastor Johannes Huebener of the Free Church who was in attendance at the LBK convention in Uppsala in May. He explained how difficult it is for the church body to separate from the Old Lutheran Church and from SELK because of family ties, etc. We should pray for our brethren in the Eastern Zone of Germany and do all we can to assure them that we are supportive of their efforts to contend for the truth.

At the same time our Doctrine Committee is recommending that we withdraw the hand of fellowship from the Altlutherische Kirche because of their position on Scripture which allows the historical critical method of Bible interpretation to be upheld.

## **THE LUTHERAN CONFESSIONAL CHURCH (Sweden, Norway, Finland)**

I have attended two doctrinal discussion meetings with this church body (1973 and 1979) and four of their recent conventions. I am sorry to report that at the July 1987 convention a tragic event took place. A small contingent of pastors and laymen, including the chairman, the Rev. Per Jonsson, broke fellowship with the rest of LBK and walked out of the convention. They also broke fellowship with the Wisconsin Synod. Although they have cut off all communication with me, they still claim to be in fellowship with our Synod. They number about 70 souls. The remaining portion of the LBK (about 300 souls) elected the Rev. Lars Engquist as chairman and continues in fellowship with the WELS and the ELS.

The split in the church body was sad to behold. In a schismatic fashion the church board, under Per Jonsson, refused to meet with the WELS for doctrinal discussions on the two problem areas of the Lord's Supper and the Office of the Ministry during the course of the year. They finally agreed to meet on one evening, July 23rd, and one morning, July 24th. During this time they would not open with prayer and would not allow the WELS to bring greetings to the con-



vention. They announced to the convention that no church fellowship was to be practiced with the WELS. When the convention opened and the roll was called every congregation that did not reject a certain article on the Lord's Supper which appeared in the WELS paper, the *Northwestern Lutheran*, was refused the right to have delegates seated and to take part in the convention. (A letter of clarification was at hand regarding the article but this was ignored.) When some of the laymen objected to such tactics, the chairman led the walkout. The remaining pastors and lay people were left in great sorrow and tears. I have never witnessed such a sad event in my ministry. The larger group then reconvened with the Rev. Lars Engquist as chairman. I attended their sessions, together with the three WELS representatives and encouraged them in their distress.

During the discussions on the evening of July 23rd and the morning of July 24th I pleaded with the Jonsson faction not to take such action. I reminded them of the great damage they were inflicting upon the cause of confessional Lutheranism in Scandinavia. I urged patience and further discussions, but all such pleading was in vain and the separation took place. The pleas of the WELS representatives were also unheeded.

The action of the Jonsson faction was schismatic and separatistic. It pays no heed to the fact that we are to "endeavor to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace." Eph. 4,3. It also creates a triangular fellowship situation when it claims to be in fellowship with us, but not with the WELS or the Engquist part of the LBK. Our Doctrine Committee is recommending that fellowship with the Jonsson group be in abeyance until doctrinal discussions are held and agreement is reached. I wholeheartedly support the recommendation of our committee.

On May 12-15, 1988, I attended the convention of the LBK (Engquist group) which was held in Uppsala. They were determined to get on with the work of spreading the Gospel in Scandinavia and the meetings were uplifting and encouraging. They expressed a sincere desire and need to remain in fellowship with the ELS and the WELS. The Norwegian portion of the LBK is in need of a pastor and has asked if anyone in our Synod would be able to come over and help out at least for one year.

## THE LUTHERAN CHURCH-MISSOURI SYNOD

Representatives of the WELS, ELS and the LCMS met at the Minneapolis Airport on December 17, 1987. Information of interest and concern to all three bodies was shared and discussed. The LCMS representatives reported on their continuing dialogue with the ELCA, the Episcopalians, the Orthodox church and the Roman Catholics. They claimed that it was important to take part in these dialogues to witness to the truth. The ELS and WELS representatives questioned the validity of discussions with non-Lutheran groups when we Lutherans cannot come to agreement. The doctrines of fellowship, church, ministry and the role of women were mentioned as being areas that would need much discussion. Another meeting has been scheduled for November 10-11, 1988, in St. Louis.

## SYNODICAL AFFAIRS CIRCUIT VISITORS' WORK

The visitors of our ten circuits continue to provide valuable assistance in the administration of the Synod. They assist congregations in the arranging for vacancy service; they officiate at many events; they conduct call meetings and mediate in controversies; they lend much aid and counsel to pastors and congregations. I would encourage all congregations to make use of the advice and counsel of the circuit visitors and to arrange for regular visitations. Such visitations can only help to encourage both pastors and congregations.

A Visitor's Conference was held on September 21, 22, 1987, in Minneapolis. Reports were heard from each visitor concerning church conditions in his circuit. A paper was presented by the Rev. Raymond Branstad on "How to Conduct Visitations." Many other items on synodical administration were discussed. Several visitations have been conducted in the past year. The conference was funded by a generous grant from Aid Association for Lutherans.

## **"LIFE IN THE PARSONAGE" SEMINARS**

Because of the stress which pastors and their wives face as they live in the parsonage, we have been holding two-day seminars for them. Seven such seminars have been held during the past two years. Mr. Fred Matzke of Wisconsin Lutheran Child and Family Service has presented five of them. Two more are scheduled and then the whole Synod will have been covered. Pastors and wives have expressed much appreciation for the opportunity of getting together to share their experiences and to grow in their appreciation and understanding of "Life in the Parsonage."

## **WOMENS' SOCIETIES**

In the 16th chapter of Romans the Apostle Paul commends many women who labored with him in the Gospel. There was Phebe, a servant of the church at Cenchrea; there was Priscilla a "helper in Christ"; there was Mary, "who bestowed much labour on us"; there was Tryphena and Tryphosa who "labor in the Lord" and others whom Paul praises for their service to the church.

Likewise today many faithful women serve the church in various capacities. One of these is through our Women's Missionary Societies. These are growing throughout our Synod and stir up much interest and support for home and foreign missions. The Bethany Women's Auxiliaries also support our college and seminary in the same way.

Having been a parish pastor for 33 years, I am well familiar with the love, energy and enthusiasm with which the ladies' aids and circles of our Synod engage in various projects to help their local churches and the work of the Synod. May God bless these faithful servants.

## **YOUTH CONVENTION**

What a tremendous undertaking it was to bring people from all over the country to Tacoma, Washington, for the annual LYA convention. Our young people showed real interest in being together with fellow Christians. Many lasting friendships were made and the knowledge of the Word of the Lord and the work of the Lord increased. This year the convention will be held August 5-7 at Bethany Lutheran College. Let's encourage our youth to attend.

Once again we are pleased to have a YOUTH HONORS CHOIR at our convention. Here are many dedicated youth who come at a considerable expense to themselves in order to sing praises to the Lord. We thank Prof. Dennis Marzolf for his capable direction of the group as well as Prof. Steve Jaeger for his assistance.

## **SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE**

The first meeting of the 75th Anniversary Committee was held on April 29th. This committee is charged with the responsibility of planning for the observance of the 75th anniversary of the Synod in 1993. Members of the committee are: Mr. Willis Anthony, Mr. Harvey Roberson, the Rev. John Moldstad, Jr., the Rev. David Nelson, the Rev. Alf Merseth, the Rev. Richard Newgard and the Rev. M. E. Tweit. I serve as chairman of the committee and the Rev. John Moldstad, Jr., is the secretary. The committee realizes that it has a tremendous challenge before it. It is discussing how we may properly give praise and thanks to God for the rich blessings we have enjoyed these 75 years. It is discussing how the anniversary may be celebrated on the congregational, circuit, and synodical levels. The committee is open to suggestion and would welcome any ideas that members of the Synod might like to offer.

## **HOME MISSION EXPANSION**

Our Board for Home Missions is very busy in administering the home mission program of our Synod and planning for the opening of new missions. They will hold a special planning seminar in August, funded by Aid Association for Lutherans. The "Partners in the Gospel" offering has given our Synod a wonder-

ful opportunity to reach out with the Gospel. The total received for the offering at the end of April was \$431,903.62. We are now at the half-way mark and we need to take time to assess our progress in each congregation. Each individual should also be reminded of this great opportunity and the fulfillment of each commitment is vital to the completion of the offering. If pastors, individuals, or congregations see opportunities for mission expansion in their area, they should communicate this information to the Board for Home Missions. Estates and special gifts are excellent ways, also, to enhance our "Partners in the Gospel" fund. The fund will be self-perpetuating so that loans are made, but then paid back to keep the fund available for ongoing use.

Our Synod needs to establish more congregations. This must be one of our prime objectives. Many of our rural congregations are in areas of declining populations. New congregations must be started to insure our future. But how the Lord has blessed us! In 1948 we numbered 68 congregations and we now have over 120. We have nearly doubled in size in the past forty years! Surely we ought to be encouraged by such growth.

Our main reason for working for the establishment of new churches is not that we are overly concerned about numbers. We are not likely to become one of the "big three or four" of Lutheran bodies. Our concern must be to save souls! We have the Gospel and the great commission to go and spread it to everyone we can reach. We must always do the best we can with what we have where we are.

## **FOREIGN MISSIONS**

It is now twenty years since we first began our foreign mission work in Peru. How time flies! Many dedicated and courageous missionaries have given large portions of their lives in the Lord's service in that endeavor. Many board members have likewise donated hours of time and effort in the administration of foreign mission affairs. Mr. Loyd Miller has served on the board for more than 25 years and has therefore been along in establishing and managing our foreign work since the beginning. He served as field secretary and chairman for many of those years. To him and all board members and especially to the missionaries we say a hearty "Thank you, and praise the Lord for your service."

A special ad hoc committee was appointed in accordance with last year's convention resolution (Res. #10, p. 87, 1987 Synod Report) to study the manpower needs on the Peru field. The two men appointed were the Rev. Ken Schmidt and the Rev. Carl Wosje. Their report is presented to this convention. If it is possible, we certainly hope that we can soon return to a four-man team on the field. The work is difficult, the opportunities abound, and so much more could be done with a four-man mission team.

We commend the board for the fine planning they have done for the celebration of the 20th anniversary at this convention. May we all be inspired to continue to carry on the work with zeal and enthusiasm.

## **BETHANY LUTHERAN COLLEGE**

These have been exciting days for our college! The \$2,000,000 gift from Schwan Sales Enterprises for the purpose of building a new fine arts building has placed a tremendous opportunity and challenge before our Synod. The college administration is to be highly commended for planning for the new building. Faculty, alumni, community members and the Board of Regents and Trustees have all had the opportunity for input for the new building. The departments of music, drama, and art will be greatly benefitted. In this world where there is so much violence and evil, we need to give our youth the opportunity to follow the advice of the Apostle Paul. "Finally brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." Phil. 4.8. Let us continue to work together for our college and especially, at this time, to bring about the construction of the new Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center. Many of us remember, with gratitude to the Lord, the fine example, scholarship and leadership of Dr. S. C. Ylvisaker in helping our Bethany to become established. How fitting it is that this building should be named in his honor.

## BETHANY LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

We thank God for the faithful teachers at our seminary. They adhere firmly to God's Word in each and every doctrine and teach this Word to the students. They impart in each future pastor a love for the truth and at the same time a love for souls. They emphasize both scholarship and the practical approach necessary for a successful ministry. We hope that parents and congregations will urge their sons to consider the ministry as the most important work in the world, that of feeding the flock of Christ and bringing others into the fold. We need to remember our seminary with gifts, endowments, wills and estates so that the present and future needs of our "school of the prophets" are met.

## THE MANIFOLD TASKS OF THE SYNOD

Other boards of the Synod and their work should not go unmentioned. Each and everyone has an important task. The work of the Board for Education and Youth is hindered by lack of funds and yet they carry on with determination. The Board for Evangelism has greatly increased its efforts to make our people more conscious of spreading the Gospel. Each congregation has been given the opportunity to attend workshops in a five-year evangelism program sponsored by our sister synod, the WELS. A proposal to enlarge the Board for Evangelism should be adopted. After all, our main purpose is to spread and teach the Gospel.

The Board for Publications continues to produce our fine *Lutheran Sentinel* under the capable editorship of the Rev. Paul Madson. Other projects to carry out our objective of producing Christian literature are constantly on their agenda.

The Board for Stewardship keeps our pastors and congregations highly informed about the proper attitudes that we should have as Christian stewards and about the progress that we are making in meeting the needs of doing the Lord's work. So far this year their efforts are producing fruit as at the end of April we were some \$20,000 ahead of last year in our giving for budgetary purposes.

Our Doctrine Committee has many different assignments. It must study those doctrines which are assigned by the Synod. It answers questions submitted by congregations and individuals. It keeps abreast of doctrinal trends and issues in the world about us. In our Synod there has been an ongoing discussion about the doctrine of the Lord's Supper. At the pastoral conference this fall the Doctrine Committee will present a thorough study on the subject and so there will be an opportunity for a full discussion of the matter. We need to be a Synod that is concerned about doctrine. In this way the truth is preserved in our midst and for future generations.

The Board of Trustees has the overall management of the Synod's business affairs as its responsibility. What a tremendous task this is! The board has succeeded in reducing the Synod's indebtedness from approximately \$575,000 to \$175,000 by selling residences owned by the Synod for Bethany professors. Two more remain to be sold. The board has encouraged the building up of the Synod's Foundation. The Foundation now manages over \$1,300,000. Most of this is made up of the Foreign Mission Endowment Fund, the Partners in the Gospel Fund and the President's Office Endowment Fund. This last fund has recently received another \$50,000 gift so that it now contains over \$350,000 in cash plus 39 acres of land. Interest from this fund helps to pay the president's salary and administrative costs. The board makes loans to mission congregations at the recommendation of the Board for Missions. It is responsible for the maintenance of all the Synod's properties.

The board is well pleased with the faithful service of our new Deferred Giving Counselor, the Rev. Richard Wiechmann. We hope he will be invited to preach in the congregations of the Synod and that he will have the opportunity to show how we can be faithful stewards of the gifts of God when we plan our estates.

The other boards and committees are faithfully carrying on the duties assigned to them. May the Lord richly bless their efforts.

## THE ASSIGNMENT COMMITTEE

The Assignment Committee met on May 6th and made the following assignments:

Candidate of Theology Micah Ernst to Peace Lutheran Church, Jefferson City, Missouri.

Candidate of Theology David Jay Webber to Scriptural Lutheran Church, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Webber graduated from Concordia Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana, and was received by colloquy.

Candidate of Theology Daniel Schroeder has been assigned to Faith Evangelical Lutheran Parish, Queensland, Australia.

Vicar Michael Madson was assigned to Bethany Lutheran Church, Princeton, Minnesota.

Vicar Daniel Basel was assigned to the Northwood, Iowa, parish

Vicar Richard Tragasz was assigned to the East-West Paint Creek parish at Waterville, Iowa.

Vicar Michael Schwab of the WELS was assigned to the Oklee, Minnesota, parish.

## PASTORS' ANNIVERSARIES

We thank the Lord for the faithful service of the Rev. A. V. Kuster who celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination this past year. We are privileged to honor him at this convention.

We are also pleased to congratulate the Rev. Donald B. McElwain who was certified as a lay minister in the Missouri Synod 25 years ago on June 7, 1963. He became a pastor in our Synod a few years ago.

At this time we would also like to call to your remembrance the sainted Professor G. O. Lillegard. April 23rd was the 100th anniversary of his birth. The Rev. Lillegard served as missionary to China, pastor of Harvard Street Lutheran Church, Cambridge, Massachusetts, and as professor in our Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary.

## SERVICE OF RECOGNITION OF CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

A group of faithful servants of the Lord and of the children of our Synod is our Christian Day School teachers. They often go unrecognized, but we want them to know that they are not unappreciated. They deal directly with carrying out Christ's great commission and his instruction to Peter, "Feed my lambs." At a service during this convention we shall express our thanks to the Lord and to the teachers for the faithful work they have done. All teachers, regardless of length of service, are to be recognized. Pastors should announce this in the congregations in case there are teachers who do not know about the service.

## PRESIDENT'S ACTIVITIES

It has been a real privilege to serve our Synod this past year. We have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the members of the various churches where we have been invited to speak. This year we have preached or spoken at the following congregations: St. Matthews, Detroit, MI; St. Paul, Clintonville, WI; St. Martin, Shawano, WI; Ascension, Eau Claire, WI; Good Shepherd, Bloomer, WI; 60th anniversary Bethany College; St. Luke's, Avaldsness, Norway; Grace, Weston, OH; Zion, Tracy, MN; Our Savior's, Amherst Junction, WI; Pinewood, Burlington, MA; Resurrection, Marietta, GA; Holy Cross, Madison, WI; Norseland and Norwegian Grove, St. Peter, MN; Richland, Thornton, IA; Western Koshkonong, Cottage Grove, WI; King of Grace Lutheran, Golden Valley, MN; St. Paul and Ebro Corners, Lengby, MN; Indian Landing, Rochester, NY; Our Savior's, Princeton, MN; St. Paul, Escondido, CA; Our Saviour, Lake Havasu City, AZ; Emmanuel, Columbus, OH; Bethany, Ames, IA; Wayfarers' Chapel, Ventura and Fillmore, CA; Peace, Colorado Springs, CO; St. Matthew, Myrtle Creek, OR; Christ Lutheran, Sutherlin, OR; Emmaus, Chicago,

IL; Christ Lutheran, Santa Rose, CA; LBK Convention, Uppsala, Sweden; Scriptural, Cape Girardeau, MO; and Faith, San Antonio, TX.

I have thus had the opportunity to preach or speak in over 60 congregations, half of the Synod, in two years of service in this office. In addition I have attended the General Pastoral Conference, the Lake Michigan area pastoral conference; the California-Arizona pastoral conference; Circuit No. 2 pastoral conference at Brewster, MA; Circuit No. 5 pastoral conference at Somber, IA; Circuits No. 6 and 9 pastoral conference at Belview, MN. I have also attended the North Iowa Circuit meeting at Somber, IA; and the Circuit 10 meeting at Myrtle Creek, OR.

Being in these various congregations has given me the opportunity of preaching the blessed Gospel and also promoting the work of the Synod which springs from the love for the Gospel.

## CONCLUSION

Our Synod certainly has a mission to accomplish here on earth. The Lord is using us to preach and teach the blessed Gospel of our Saviour to many people in many ways. Let us continue to heed the Lord's directive, "If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8, 31-32.

All blessing, honor, thanks and praise,  
To Father, Son and Spirit  
The God who saved us by His grace,  
All glory be His merit;  
O Father in the heavens above,  
The work begun performs Thy love,  
Thy worthy name be hallowed.

Soli Deo Gloria!

George M. Orvick, President

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE AND REPORT ACTION OF THE SYNOD

### Resolution No. 1: President's Message

*WHEREAS, President Orvick has reminded us of the free gift of grace given to us by God through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and,*

*WHEREAS, As faithful Christians we are to respond to God's love by remaining steadfast in faith and unmoveable in doctrine and morality (1 Corinthians 15:58) even though heterodoxy and immorality are prevalent in this world, and,*

*WHEREAS, The members of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod are found to be diligent in the work of the Kingdom of God,*

*A. BE IT RESOLVED, That we thank the Lord for the Gospel of Salvation and for keeping our Synod steadfast, unmoveable and abounding in good works until the present, and,*

*B. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we pray to the Lord to continue to grant the Synod strength and continued faithfulness, and to fill the members with a spirit of unity, confidence and joy, knowing that the "labor is not in vain in the Lord."*

**Resolution No. 2: President's Activities**

*WHEREAS, President Orvick visited more than half the congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the past two years and tirelessly attended to the innumerable responsibilities and obligations of his office,*

*BE IT RESOLVED, That the Synod commend President Orvick for his faithful service to the Lord and the Evangelical Lutheran Synod.*

**Resolution No. 3: President's Message and Report**

*BE IT RESOLVED, That the President's Message and Report be printed in the 1988 Synod Report.*

## **SYNODICAL MEMBERSHIP ACTION OF THE SYNOD**

**Resolution No. 1: Membership Applications of Pastors**

*WHEREAS, It has been established that in each application for synodical membership the requirements of the constitution of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod have been met,*

*BE IT RESOLVED, That the following pastors be received into permanent membership in the Evangelical Lutheran Synod:*

*1. The Rev. Mark Bartels, associate pastor of King of Grace Lutheran Church, Golden Valley, Minnesota;*

*2. The Rev. Nathan Krause, pastor of the Crookston-Fertile, Minnesota parish;*

*3. The Rev. Michael Smith, pastor of First Lutheran Church, Suttons Bay, Michigan;*

*4. The Rev. Joel Willitz, pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Portage, Wisconsin and Newport Evangelical Lutheran Church, Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin.*

**Resolution No. 2: Membership Applications of Pastors**

*WHEREAS, The Colloquy Committee of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod has approved the Rev. Robert Becker, pastor of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Weston, Ohio and the Rev. David Webber, pastor of Scriptural Lutheran Church, Cape Girardeau, Missouri, and,*

*WHEREAS, It has been established that in their applications for synodical membership the requirements of the constitution of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod have been met,*

*A. BE IT RESOLVED, That the Rev. Robert Becker be re-*

*ceived into permanent membership in the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, and,*

*B. BE IT RESOLVED, That the Rev. David Webber be received into permanent membership in the Evangelical Lutheran Synod.*

**Resolution No. 3: Membership Transfers of Pastors**

*WHEREAS, The Rev. Burgess Huehn, pastor of Bethany Lutheran Church, Ames, Iowa and the Rev. Daniel Sabrowsky, pastor of Christ Lutheran Church, Santa Rosa, California have been transferred to the Evangelical Lutheran Synod by officials of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod,*

*A. BE IT RESOLVED, That the Rev. Burgess Huehn be received into permanent membership in the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, and,*

*B. BE IT RESOLVED, That the Rev. Daniel Sabrowsky be received into permanent membership in the Evangelical Lutheran Synod.*

**Resolution No. 4: Membership Applications of Congregations**

*WHEREAS, It has been established that in each application for synodical membership the requirements of the constitution of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod have been met,*

*BE IT RESOLVED, That the following congregations be received into membership in the Evangelical Lutheran Synod:*

- 1. Peace Lutheran Church, Jefferson City, Missouri;*
- 2. Grace Lutheran Church, Weston, Ohio.*

**Resolution No. 5: Constitution Review**

*WHEREAS, Our Savior Lutheran Church, Naples, Florida has submitted its newly-adopted constitution for review, and,*

*WHEREAS, The Synodical Membership Committee has reviewed it and found it to be in agreement with the constitution and doctrinal position of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod,*

*BE IT RESOLVED, That we thank them for submitting it and remind other congregations that adopt new or revised constitutions also to submit theirs for review.*



# ESSAY FOR THE 71ST CONVENTION OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD

## CURRENT ISSUES IN MISSION FROM A LUTHERAN PERSPECTIVE

by  
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May God bestow on us His grace,  
With blessings rich provide us,  
And may the brightness of His face  
To life eternal guide us  
That we His saving health may know,  
His gracious will and pleasure,  
And also to the heathen show  
Christ's riches without measure  
And unto God convert them. (TLH 500, v. 1)\*

With these words Luther shows that Psalm 67 is also a prayer of the Christian Church. It is the prayer of people who are built upon the foundation of the Apostles and the Prophets; it is the prayer of people who are committed to showing forth "Christ's riches without measure." We also, heirs of Luther, are concerned about showing forth those same riches which have no measure; we are concerned about mission. Having this concern, we wish to examine issues in mission on the basis of Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions so that our response to them might be a proper Christian and Lutheran one. We now look at three current issues in mission: 1) The Missionary Character of New Testament Christianity; 2) The Missionary Character of the Lutheran Church; and 3) The Goal of Mission.

\*Abbreviations for hymnals cited in this paper are the following: THL—the Lutheran Hymnal, LW—Lutheran Worship.

## I. *The Missionary Character of New Testament Christianity*

New Testament Christianity possesses a missionary character. In other words, mission is not something that the Christian Church does if she can, but rather, mission is something that she does because it is her very nature to do so. If she is not missionary, she is not Christian.

### A. *The missionary character of New Testament Christianity<sup>1</sup> has as its basis the missionary character of Christ's work.*

In the Nicene Creed the church confesses her apostolic character: "I believe in one holy, catholic (universal) and apostolic Church." "The word *apostolic* tells of the identity of the church of all times with the church of the beginning."<sup>2</sup> The Church of all times is *apostolic* because she has the doctrine of Christ which has been passed on to her through the Apostles.

That the church today is no other than the church of yesterday and the day of Pentecost; . . . that there is only one Gospel for all the centuries of history until the last day, just as there is only one Gospel for the people of all nations and all races; that the Gospel is given us in the witness of the apostles, and nowhere else, and that this witness cannot be supplanted by any other source of revelation; — such are the thoughts that are contained in the statement of the church's apostolicity.<sup>3</sup>

This understanding of the term *apostolic church* is historically as well as Scripturally correct.<sup>4</sup> Even so, the term "apostolic church" could be legitimately assigned broader meaning which would be quite significant in the discussion of the missionary character of New Testament Christianity.<sup>5</sup> This is so because the word *apostolic* and *mission* deal with the same concept.<sup>6</sup>

The words *mission* or *missionary* as such do not appear in our English New Testament. These words come to us through the Latin *mitto* which the Vulgate used to translate the Greek *apostello* and its synonym *pempo*,<sup>7</sup> words that mean *send*. A study of the way that the Apostle John uses these words in his Gospel is valuable for demonstrating the missionary (apostolic) character of New Testament Christianity.

The Evangelist John first uses the word "send" in the Prologue

<sup>1</sup>In the present discussion only material from the New Testament will be examined. The Old Testament material is treated in many other places, such as Edgar Hoenecke's "The Mission Mandate In Isaiah and Other Old Testament Books." *Wisconsin Lutheran Quarterly*, Vol. 79, No. 4, Winter 1983, 263ff.

Material from the Lutheran Confessions will be dealt with in other parts of this paper.

<sup>2</sup>Herman Sasse, *We Confess Jesus Christ*, trans. Norman Nagel. Concordia, St. Louis, 1984, 94.

<sup>3</sup>Sasse, 95.

<sup>4</sup>Ephesians 2:20; John 17:20; II Peter 3:15-16.

<sup>5</sup>Berard L. Marthaler, *The Creed*, Twenty Third Publications. Mystic, CT, 1987, 317.

<sup>6</sup>The relationship between apostolic and mission is not only a linguistic one as will be seen as the present thesis is developed.

<sup>7</sup>*Theological Dictionary of the New Testament*, Vol. 1, ed. Gerhard Kittel, translated and edited by Geoffrey W. Bromiley. Erdmans, Grand Rapids, 404.

to his Gospel where he refers to John the Baptist as one who was *sent* (a)<sup>8</sup> from God (1:6).<sup>9</sup> The principal *Sent One*, in John's Gospel, however, is the Word Himself, the Son of God. The Word was with God from the beginning and has access to the inner council of God because He is God Himself (1:1). This Word becomes flesh (1:14) and enters fully into the world of men: wholly one of them, except without sin, and still wholly God. Jesus reveals the mystery of God's triune nature: He who believes in Him believes not in Him but in Him who *sent* (p) Him (12:44); he who sees Jesus sees Him who *sent* (p) Him (12:45), for He and the Father are one (10:30).<sup>10</sup>

In the world He who has been *sent* (a) by God, Jesus, speaks the words of God (3:34). The words which comes from His mouth are the words of the Father who has *sent* (p) Him (14:24); His doctrine is not His own, but His who *sent* (p) Him (7:16). The words He speaks are spirit and life (6:63). His work is life-giving, for Jesus has come from heaven in order to do the will of Him who *sent* (p) Him (6:38) so that everyone who believes in Him will be raised up to everlasting life on the last day (6:40).

The world is not responsive to the *Sent One*. Because they do not have the word of God in them, they do not believe in the one whom He *sent* (a) (5:38). They say that the one whom the Father sanctified and *sent* (a) into the world is a blasphemer (11:36). Therefore, they demonstrate that they do not honor the Father, for they have not honored the Son whom He has *sent* (p) (5:23).

The mighty, divine acts of Jesus demonstrate that God has *sent* (a) Him (11:42). When His people see that He is the one who has fulfilled the Law and the Prophets (6:68-69), they believe that the Father has *sent* (a) Him (17:8). Because God did not *send* (a) His Son into the world to condemn the world, but rather that the world through Him might be saved (3:17), the Son must be lifted up on the cross (3:14). By being lifted up on the cross He fulfills the Scripture and draws all people unto Himself (12:32).

Jesus is the true Apostle<sup>11</sup> of God, the *Sent One*, the authoritative representative of God Himself, for He is the incarnate God. For this reason He cannot be destroyed, not even by death. He lays down His life only to take it up again (10:17).

When Jesus appears to His disciples on the evening of His resurrection, He says something seemingly incredible to them: "As the Father has *sent* (a) Me, I also *send* (p) you" (20:21).<sup>12</sup>

<sup>8</sup>In this portion of the paper an (a) or (p) after an italicized form of the verb "send" indicates which word, *apostello* or *pempo*, appears in the Greek text.

<sup>9</sup>Biblical citations in this paper are taken from the *Holy Bible: The New King James Version*. Thomas Nelson, Nashville, 1979.

<sup>10</sup>The Holy Spirit is also *sent* (p) by the Father and by the Son (John 14:25, 15:26, 16:7).

<sup>11</sup>Hebrews 3:1.

<sup>12</sup>The Triune God is mentioned in three of the four formulations of the Great Commission: Matthew 28:20; John 20:21-23; Acts 1:4-8.

With these words He invests His disciples with the same authority that He has so that they are sent just as He was sent. "... the sending of Jesus by God meant that in the words, works, and person of Jesus men were veritably confronted not merely by a Jewish Rabbi but by God himself. It follows that in the apostolic mission of the church the world is veritably confronted not merely by a human institution but by Jesus the Son of God. . . ." <sup>13</sup>

Jesus had already told the disciples this. They know what their privileged position is and they know the significance of their calling: "He who receives whomever I *send* (p) receives Me; and he who receives Me receives Him who *sent* (p) Me" (13:20). Their apostleship, their status as *sent* ones, is of great significance for the world, for it is through them that the world comes to believe that the Father has *sent* (a) the Son (17:21). But, the lot of those who are sent (apostles) will be difficult; they should expect the same opposition that Jesus met, for he who is *sent* (a) is not greater than he who *sent* (p) him (13:16). Nevertheless, they are to go forward. They are also *sent ones*, the missionaries (apostles) <sup>14</sup> of God, *sent* by Jesus who was the *Sent One* par excellence, the Missionary of God. These then go, bearing the full authority of the Godhead. They are *sent*, they have their mission to forgive sins. Where they go there is forgiveness; where they do not go there is no forgiveness.

Nothing that the Apostles receive from Christ is received for themselves. What they receive, with the exception of the prerogatives that are given exclusively to them, is for the church and is passed on to the church so that she is apostolic. To be apostolic means to be sent. To be an apostolic church, then, means also to be a sent church, a missionary church. To be a missionary church, a sent church, means to serve as the authorized and authoritative representative of Christ in the world, and, with the full assurance and power of this authority, to declare unto men the gracious forgiveness of all their sins. To be a missionary church means to be sent to the world by Christ just as Christ was sent for the world by the Father.

B. *The make-up of Christian revelation demonstrates the missionary character of New Testament Christianity.*

The fundamental elements revealed in the New Testament Scriptures lead inescapably to the conclusion that New Testament Christianity possesses a missionary character. The *anthropology* of the New Testament sounds rather pessimistic to human ears when it describes man as completely sold to sin, an enemy of God, under the wrath of God and unable to save him-

<sup>13</sup>C. K. Barrett, *The Gospel According to St. John: An Introduction with Commentary and Notes on the Greek Text*, Second edition. Westminster, Philadelphia, 1978, 569.

<sup>14</sup>Mark 3:14.

self. The *theology* proper of the New Testament is *monotheistic* and offers man no recourse to other "gods" whose justice might not be as stringent as that of the Holy One of Israel. On the other hand, that same theology reveals a God who desires that all men be reconciled to Him. The *soteriology* of the New Testament points to a single means, Jesus Christ, by which the sinner can be reconciled to God. The New Testament teaching concerning the *Means of Grace* knows only of one Word by means of which reconciliation is communicated through a divinely instituted *ministry*.

All of this most clearly implies mission. Moreover, Paul, in Romans 10, employs this as his great argument for mission. Step by step he builds his argument on the fundamental truths of the Christian faith. Men cannot save themselves by their supposedly righteous acts (vv. 1-3); the righteousness that avails before God is the righteousness of Christ alone, a righteousness of faith (6-11); this holds true for all men, for there is only one God with whom they may deal (12); they can call on this One, then, only if someone is sent to them with the Word in order that they might hear it and believe (13-15, 17).

12) For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. 13) For "*whoever calls upon the name of the LORD shall be saved.*" 14) How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? 15) And how shall they preach unless they are sent? (a)

### C. *The missionary character of New Testament Christianity is demonstrated by its Means of Grace.*

The Christian Word and Sacraments are means by which God sincerely offers His gracious forgiveness to sinners. While they are principally means of grace, they also reveal clearly the missionary character of New Testament Christianity. In one very important message where Paul talks about the coming judgment of all men, he also speaks of the universal reconciliation through the once and for all sacrifice of the holy Christ. All this, then, is related to what Paul terms "the ministry of reconciliation" (II Cor. 5:18) and "the word of reconciliation" (5:19). Reconciliation is through the Word spoken authoritatively by those whom Christ sends.

19) . . . God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. 20) Therefore we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.

The Sacrament of the Altar, although instituted for Christians, also has its missionary function as St. Paul so clearly spells out in I Corinthians 11:26:

For as often as you eat of this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till he come.

The missionary function of Baptism is also made most clear when that Sacrament is specifically mentioned in the words of the Great Commission:

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. (Mt. 28:19)

#### D. *Excursus on Matthew 28:19-20*

The Scripture passage just cited is probably the New Testament text most commonly associated with mission. While an extended treatment of the Great Commission is not possible here, there are a number of issues raised by that text that are directly related to the concerns of this section of the paper.

1. *Even though the Great Commission was given to the original Apostles, it was directed to the whole church so that it can correctly be said that the church is apostolic (missionary) and will continue to be so until the end of the world.*

A good deal of effort has gone into demonstrating that the Great Commission applies to the church of all ages. Some of the proofs offered to demonstrate that are the following: a) The essential character of men will not change, nor will the will of God toward men change; therefore, the church will always need to speak to the world about sin and about the Savior. In other words, the church will always be a missionary church. b) When Jesus gave the Great Commission, other believers, in addition to the Apostles were present; therefore, the Great Commission belongs to the whole Church. c) Christ's promise to be present to the end of the age, found in juxtaposition to the Great Commission, indicates that the Great Commission is to be in effect in the post-Apostolic church too, until the end of the world. d) The task of making disciples of all nations is an enormous one, one that was not completed in the Apostolic age; therefore, the Great Commission is binding on the church until the end of time.<sup>15</sup>

In addition to these proofs, the short reference in Acts 20:28 is of particular importance in the discussion of the continuing validity of the Great Commission and the abiding missionary character of New Testament Christianity. The Apostle Paul says:

"Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood."

These words appear in Paul's farewell speech to the Ephesian elders. Paul had spent three years in Ephesus. During that time all of Asia had heard the word of the Lord Jesus (Acts 20:31). The Apostle, having been informed that he would no longer see the Ephesians (20:25), takes leave of them. He tells the elders that they are to take care of the church. There seem to be no problems.

<sup>15</sup>Walter A. Maier, *A Short Explanation of Matthew 28:16-20*. Concordia Theological Seminary Press, Ft. Wayne, no date, 19ff.

It appears that the transition from the Apostolic age to the post-Apostolic age is made without undue difficulty. Under the direction of the Holy Spirit the apostolic function is passed on to the church with the understanding that the church will do what the Apostles were doing, without, of course, adding to or subtracting from the Apostolic doctrine.

It is noteworthy that the matter treated in Ephesus (Acts 20:28) is taken up later by Paul when he has contact with the Ephesians by letter. In that letter he affirms that the work of the church is not done only by the original apostles. God has given apostles and prophets to the church, but he has also given pastors and teachers. Under these the church is to do the very same thing that was commanded in the Great Commission: increase until the full number of the elect is gathered in; strengthen herself in the doctrine of Christ.

10) [Now Jesus is the One] who descended . . . [He] is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things. 11) And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, 12) for the equipping of the saints for the work of the ministry,<sup>16</sup> for the edifying of the body of Christ 13) till we all come to the unity of the faith and the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

So, wherever Christians exercise the office of the keys, the pastors in the way appropriate to them and the laymen in the way appropriate to them, there the apostolic function is being fulfilled and the mission of the church is being carried out. It will continue to be carried out according to Christ's will and with the promise of His continued presence until all the elect are gathered, that is, until the end of the age.

2. *If Christianity possesses an inherent missionary character, then why did God deem it necessary to give missionary commands such as that found in Matthew 28:19-20?*

The answer to this question is twofold. In the first place, the mission command is quite necessary due to the weakness of the flesh and the perversity of men. Because the Christian is not only saint but also sinner, he needs to be reminded of his proper work in the church, for it is very easy to pass over the things that are really important.

Of course, it is not the command that moves men to do the mission. The New Testament message, by its very nature, is designed to elicit mission. Those who hear the message of Christ in believing hearts engage in mission in some way or other. Peter and John's response to those who had forbidden them to speak and teach of Jesus is well known: "We cannot but speak the things that we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20). The message of forgiveness through the life, death and resurrection of Christ evokes such confidence toward God that those who believe will

<sup>16</sup>*eis ergon diakonias.*

also speak, or send someone to speak for them, in spite of the negative consequences that may ensue on account of having spoken. As the Apostle Paul says, "We believe and therefore speak" (II Cor. 4:13).

In the second place, the mission command is necessary to inform the Christian that he is acting responsibly and correctly when he is involved in mission. It would be disconcerting, at best, to work at the mission all one's life, only to come to doubt at the end that one was doing something pleasing to God. So, while the command is not the primary motivation for mission, it is necessary and does serve to keep the church on the correct path, to direct her when she is uncertain about her work, and to be a warning against laziness.

It should also be noted here that the various forms in which the Great Commission was given serve as a protective measure for the church. The Great Commission is recorded in at least three different places. The Evangelist John focuses in on the *moral dimension* of the mission and records that the church is to be engaged in mission wherever there are sinners: "I send you . . . if you forgive the sins of any they are forgiven . . ." (Jn. 20:21). Matthew emphasizes the *sociological dimension* of the mission and notes that it is not only among one's own kind but among different kinds of people, *panta ta ethne* (Mt. 28:19),<sup>17</sup> that the church is to do mission. Luke draws attention to the *spatial dimension* of the mission: Jerusalem, very near; Judea, near; Samaria, far; the end of the earth, very far (Acts 1:8). Those who say that the only legitimate mission of the church is directed to those who have not yet heard the Gospel must be directed to John and the moral dimension of mission; those who contend that the church's mission is not global must be directed to Luke and the spatial dimension of mission; those who contend that the mission is only for those of suitable "cultural" development must be directed to Matthew and the sociological dimension of mission.

The Christian Church has a missionary character. It is her nature to be involved in mission. The church's mission is to fulfill the apostolic function, and, as the authoritative representative of God and of His Christ, declare the gracious forgiveness of sins to men. When the church speaks of her "mission" she is speaking precisely about that; when she speaks of her "missions" she is speaking about the same thing but, according to common usage, with a broader scope in mind. The church is always engaged in mission. "Mission is nothing but the church of God in motion—

<sup>17</sup>David P. Scaer, *Life, New Life and Baptism*. Concordia Theological Seminary Press, Ft. Wayne, no date, 15.



the actualization of a universal, catholic<sup>18</sup> church. . . . The catholic church and mission—these two no one can separate without killing both, and that is impossible.”<sup>19</sup>

## II. *The Missionary Character of the Lutheran Church*

There are a number of critics who contend that the Lutheran Church has not been faithful to the missionary character of New Testament Christianity. The Lutheran Church is not a missionary church, they assert. This charge has come from the Roman Catholics<sup>20</sup> on one hand, and from the Lutheran Pietists on the other.<sup>21</sup> The accusation coming from the Pietistic camp has had widest publication, so that one will be dealt with here.

Martin Luther would probably have been quite happy to shake off the secular power's influence in the government of the church. Nevertheless, even after the Reformation, the state continued to play a role in the government of the church as it had done in the past. This had no adverse consequences for mission until the interests of the church became more closely identified with the interests of the state.<sup>22</sup> As a result of this confusion, doubt arose concerning the Lutheran Church and mission, and with that doubt the missionary energy of early Lutheranism was hampered.<sup>23</sup>

When Gustav Warneck (1934-1910), the “father of mission science,”<sup>24</sup> began studying Protestant missions, he laid the blame for the problem at the door of the Reformers: “We miss in the Reformers not only missionary action, but even the idea of missions, in the sense in which we understand them today.”<sup>25</sup> While the Reformers in general are blamed, Luther is singled out for criticism. Some of the more specific allegations against him are as follows: 1) Luther did not look upon the non-Christian world (other nations) as a sphere of labor for himself or his followers; 2) according to Luther, Christianity had already fulfilled its universal calling to be the religion of the world; 3) at best

<sup>18</sup>The word “Catholic” means “universal” or “throughout the world.” It is worthy of note that the early Christian confessors understood clearly that the Christian Church was to extend to all parts of the world. The difference between the local character of the pagan religions and the universal character of the Christian faith did not escape the notice of the Church Fathers as is clear from their employment of the word “catholic” in the Ecumenical Creeds.

<sup>19</sup>Wilhelm Loehe, *Three Books About the Church*, translated and edited by James L. Schaaf. Fortress, Philadelphia, 1969, 59.

<sup>20</sup>James A. Scherer, *Gospel, Church and Kingdom: Comparative Studies in World Mission Theology*. Augsburg, Minneapolis, 1987, 68.

<sup>21</sup>Scherer, 54.

<sup>22</sup>Werner Elert, *The Structure of Lutheranism: The Theology and Philosophy of Life of Lutheranism Especially in the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries*, trans. Walter A. Hansen. Concordia, St. Louis, 1962, 401.

<sup>23</sup>Elert, 399.

<sup>24</sup>Scherer, 54.

<sup>25</sup>Gustav Warneck, *Outline of a History of Protestant Missions from the Reformation to the Present Time*. Fleming H. Revell, New York, 1906, 9.

Luther thinks of an occasional or incidental preaching among non-Christians.<sup>26</sup>

The unfortunate thing about these charges is that they have been taken up as the authoritative, last word about Luther's view of missions and have been given broad circulation.<sup>27</sup> An example of what many read about early Protestant missions is found in the work of Robert Hall Glover and J. Herbert Kane. For them the Reformers . . .

. . . seem to have had no serious sense of responsibility for direct missionary efforts in behalf of heathen or Muslim. Despite their clear concepts and statements of the fundamental doctrines of evangelical faith, they showed a remarkable ignorance of the scope of the divine plan and of Christian duty in relation to the Gospel. Great mission fields lay round about them, especially in North Africa and western Asia, while large communities of Jews were scattered among them. Yet for these they did nothing and apparently cared nothing.<sup>28</sup>

It is unfortunate that Warneck's judgment has been uncritically accepted by so many, even though Luther scholars have shown that his view was one-sided.<sup>29</sup> Even at the time that he wrote, Warneck's conclusions were opposed by others. However, since only his work was translated into English, English readers have only been able to hear his opinion and not that of those who opposed him, men who believed that Luther did indeed have a theology of mission.<sup>30</sup>

### *Luther's Theology of Mission*

Mission occupies a very important place in Luther's theology, and therefore in the theology of the Lutheran Church.<sup>31</sup> One place to begin looking for a theology of mission in Luther is in his writings on the Sacrament of the Altar.

In 1528 Luther wrote a lengthy work titled *Confession Concerning Christ's Supper*.<sup>32</sup> One of the things that was of concern

<sup>26</sup>Warneck, 10ff.

<sup>27</sup>Mission historian Kenneth Scott Latourette incorporates part of Warneck's view in his *History of the Expansion of Christianity*, Vol. III. Harper and Brothers, New York, 1939, 25. Justo L. Gonzalez, from whose hand comes much good material on church history for the Spanish speaking world, passes on Warneck's judgement, although with modifications, in his *Historia de las Misiones*. La Aurora, Buenos Aires, 1970, 185.

<sup>28</sup>Robert Hall Glover, *The Progress of World-Wide Missions*, revised and enlarged by J. Herbert Kane. Harper and Brothers, New York, 1960, 40.

The same view is held in Kane's *A Concise History of the Christian World Mission*. Baker, Grand Rapids, 1978, p. 73.

<sup>29</sup>Scherer, 54.

<sup>30</sup>Bunkowske, 77.

<sup>31</sup>Hans-Lutz Poetsch, *Basics in Evangelism*, trans. H. P. Hamann. Lutheran Publishing House, Adelaide, 1985, 40-47.

<sup>32</sup>*Luther's Works*, Vol. 37, Helmut Lehman general editor. Fortress, Philadelphia, 1958, 153. Subsequent references to the American Edition of *Luther's Works* will be cited with the letters LW followed by the volume and page number.

to him in that Great Confession was the relation between the forgiveness of sins and the Sacrament. In his discussion of that matter he mentions two terms: *the merit of Christ* and *the distribution of merit*. By "the merit of Christ" Luther means the life, death and resurrection of Christ by which he has won the forgiveness of sins for the whole world. By "the distribution of merit" he means the way by which that forgiveness is brought to the sinner.

... the *merit of Christ* and the *distribution of merit* are two different things. ... Christ has once for all merited and won for us the forgiveness of sins on the cross; but this forgiveness he distributes wherever he is, at all times and in all places, as Luke writes in chapter 24[:46f.], "Thus it is written, that Christ had to suffer and on the third day rise (in this consists his merit), and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached in his name (here the distribution of his merit comes in)." (LW 37:192)

In these lines appear a number of items that are worthy of attention here: 1) The redemptive work of Christ is complete; 2) That redemptive work must now be brought to the world, something that happens through Word and Sacrament.<sup>33</sup> 3) When the merit of Christ is distributed, Christ is present and is actually the one who distributes it. 4) Luther relates the important concept of "distribution of merit" to one of the texts of the Great Commission, Luke 24:46ff., and thus draws the whole matter into mission.

Luther's concept of "the merit of Christ" and "the distribution of merit" is a significant part of his theology.<sup>34</sup> This becomes all the more obvious when one sees that Luther includes the matter in his *Large Catechism* where the essentials of Christian teaching are expounded for the benefit of the common Christian. There Luther repeats what he wrote in his Great Confession:

Neither you nor I could ever know anything of Christ, or believe in him and take him as our Lord, unless these were first offered to us and bestowed on our hearts through the preaching of the Gospel by the Holy Spirit. *The work is finished and completed*, Christ has acquired and won the treasure for us by his sufferings, death, and resurrection, etc. But if the work remained hidden and no one knew of it, it would have been all in vain, all lost. *In order that this treasure might not be buried but put to use and enjoyed*, God has caused the Word to be published and proclaimed, in which he has given the Holy Spirit to offer and apply to us this treasure of salvation. (LC II, 38) [emphasis added]<sup>35</sup>

A few paragraphs later on in his *Large Catechism* treatment of the Third Article Luther returns to the concept of "the merit of Christ" and "the distribution of merit." This time, however, he

<sup>33</sup>LW 37:193.

<sup>34</sup>See, for example, LW 40:213.

<sup>35</sup>Citations from the Lutheran Confessions are made with reference to *The Book of Concord: The Confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church*, trans. and edited by Theodore G. Tappert. Fortress Press, Philadelphia, 1959.

draws in more elements that clearly point to the missionary character of his thinking. He points to the church as the agency that distributes the merit of Christ through Word and Sacrament; he points to the church as the agency that gathers into herself that which has not yet been gathered; he points to the Holy Ghost as the one who does the gathering even though He uses the agency of the church.

... Creation is past and redemption is accomplished, but the *Holy Spirit* carries on his work unceasingly until the last day. For this purpose he has appointed a community on earth, through which he speaks and does all his work. For he has not yet gathered together all his Christian people, nor has he completed the granting of forgiveness. Therefore, we believe in him who daily brings us into this community through the Word, and imparts, increases, and strengthens faith through the same Word and the forgiveness of sins. (LC II, 61, 62) [emphasis added]

For Luther the matter of the distribution of Christ's merit and the extension of the church is not just a matter of drawing a cold conclusion from Christian doctrine. No, it is a very present and urgent matter that is to be attended to also in prayer.

... Now, we pray for both of these, that it [the kingdom] may come to those who are not yet in it, and that it may come by daily growth here and in eternal life hereafter to us who have attained it. All this is simply to say: "Dear Father, we pray Thee, give us thy Word, that the Gospel may be sincerely preached throughout the world and that it may be received by faith and may work and live in us. (LC III, 53, 54)

Other aspects of Luther's theology of mission, stated elsewhere, are quite in keeping with these basic ideas:

1. All men are under the curse, but God wishes to bless all men. So, the blessing has to go out to the whole world. Not all will receive the blessing because not all will believe. Nevertheless, the blessing has gone out over Jew and Gentile and keeps on going out.<sup>36</sup>

2. Christ reigns through Word and Sacrament against the devil and men. Therefore, the Gospel and Baptism must pass through the entire world, as Mark says, "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature" (WA 31 I, 232, 25).

3. All the heathen are to praise God. They must believe in Him if they are to praise him. If they are to believe, preachers must be sent who can proclaim the Word to them (WA 31, I, 228, 33).

4. There are never enough Christians; there should always be more. Therefore, we should always go farther and preach Christ where he has not been preached before and where he has not been known before (WA 16:216, 12).

<sup>36</sup>D Martin Luthers Werk: Critische Gesammt-ausgabe, band 24, Herman Bachhus nachfolger. Weimar 1908, 392, 6. Subsequent references to the Weimar edition of *Luther's Works* will be made with the letters WA followed by the number of volume, page and paragraph.

5. It is the best work of all that the heathen have been led out of idolatry to the knowledge of God (WA 47, 466, 5).

Luther's theology of mission is a theology that looks upon mission in a very broad sense. Mission is putting into practice the ministry of Word and Sacrament. That ministry is carried out where Christians already exist, for there also sinners are continually being called into the church and maintained in it. But that ministry of Word and Sacrament is not limited in time nor in space, for it is a ministry that will last until the end of time and will extend to all parts of the world.

Luther's theology of mission does not eliminate the layman from participation in the mission.<sup>37</sup> While the Christians are to call ministers who serve in their stead, the Christians also remain priests before God and always have the power of the keys, which means that they are also able to proclaim the forgiveness of sins<sup>38</sup> in the way appropriate to them in their calling.

### *Luther and the Great Commission*

Even though there are many places where Luther speaks in favor of mission, some critics still contend that he was not a man of mission. This claim is based on the fact that Luther was of the conviction that no one since the time of the Apostles has had the apostolic command to go into all the world to preach the Gospel to every creature.<sup>39</sup> However, a brief look at the Reformer's understanding of the apostolate will show that he was not speaking against mission.<sup>40</sup>

For Luther an Apostle was a person ordained by God without means and called with the [special, apostolic] gifts of the Holy Spirit.<sup>41</sup> Therefore, not all those who serve Christ are apostles.<sup>42</sup> On the other hand, Luther can say that the merit of Christ is distributed by none other than the Lord Himself.<sup>43</sup> Therefore, there is really no difference between the function of the Apostles and the function of those who preach the Word in the post-Apostolic age, for the Word and Sacrament preached and administered by the original Apostles and by the post-Apostolic preachers are Christ's and are actually preached and administered by Him.<sup>44</sup>

<sup>37</sup>Elert, 389.

<sup>38</sup>LW 40:27.

<sup>39</sup>LW 13:64.

<sup>40</sup>In his comment about the Great Commission Luther was speaking about the divine call and not about the worldwide scope of missions (Eugene Bunkowske, "Luther, the Missionary," *God's Mission in Action*, ed. Eugene W. Bunkowske and Michael A. Nicol. Great Commission Resource Library, Ft. Wayne, 1986, 63. (This essay also appears in *A Lively Legacy*, ed. Kurt Marquart. Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, 1985.)

<sup>41</sup>WA T III, 3880. See also LW 54:287.

<sup>42</sup>LW 25:141.

<sup>43</sup>LW 37:192.

<sup>44</sup>LW 24:66.

Luther's often quoted statement about the Great Commission must be seen in that light. In his view, no one, after the Apostles, has the commission to be an independent, "globetrotting" missionary who may go and preach wherever he wishes. The Apostles fulfilled the Great Commission as far as they were permitted. Now the Church—which has the true apostolic succession because she is the people of God who have the promise and believe it<sup>45</sup>—continues to fulfill the Commission. She does that not through men called directly by God, but through men called by God through the believers. The Great Commission is still in force, and the proclamation of the Gospel is . . .

... as if one threw a stone into the water; the stone causes ripples, circles, and streams round about it; and the ripples always roll them farther and farther; one drives the other until they come to the shore. Although the water becomes calm in the center, the ripples do not rest but keep on flowing. It also goes this way with the preaching of the Gospel. It was begun through the apostles and continues, and is carried farther through the preachers here and there in the world, is driven out and persecuted; yet it is made known farther and farther to those who have never heard it before. . . . (WA 10 III, 140, 2)<sup>46</sup>

In light of all this it is impossible to hold that Luther had no concern about mission or missions.<sup>47</sup> Luther had a definite, positive theology of mission, one that he put into practice in a number of ways:

1. His writings had the missionary purpose of bringing the Gospel to light.
2. His Bible translation was just the beginning of the task of bringing the Scriptures to many people who had never had them in their native language.
3. His Catechisms were mission tools and continue to serve as such.
4. His prayer books and sermon books were effective mission tools for communicating the Gospel outside of Wittenberg, the cradle of the Reformation.
5. One-third of the nearly 16,000 students enrolled at the University of Wittenberg between 1520 and 1560, some 5,000, went out to other lands to preach the Gospel.
6. Even though some of Luther's later writings demonstrated skepticism concerning the possibility of converting many Jews, Luther had earlier given advice on how to lead a Jew to Christ and had anticipated writing a more detailed booklet on the subject.

<sup>45</sup>LW 4:33.

<sup>46</sup>Translation from Elert, 392-3, 387.

<sup>47</sup>It should be noted here that Luther's hymns also reveal his missionary concern. Luther wrote approximately 36 hymns. Of those, one is completely dedicated to mission (TLH 500), while others contain very clear references to the mission task (TLH 224 and 137; LW 223). TLH 259 is an adaptation of a longer hymn and is very appropriately related to mission. At least fourteen percent of Luther's hymns deal specifically with mission.

7. In his writings Luther never omitted thoughts on missionary activities among the Muslims.

8. Luther's hymns were a vital missionary tool. Not only did his hymns promote mission, but they fulfilled an even more important task of proclaiming and teaching the Gospel and thus preparing for its further extension.<sup>48</sup>

Just as Martin Luther had a great concern about mission,<sup>49</sup> so the Lutheran Church has a definite missionary character. What remains for the Church of the Augsburg Confession is to continue faithful to its missionary character by faithfully serving with its ministry of Word and Sacrament, at home or abroad, among those who have already heard or among those who have never heard the Gospel of forgiveness.

### III. *The Goal of Mission*

Paul's address to the Ephesian elders (Acts 20:17-35) provides a valuable testimony concerning the goals of the great Apostle's work. That address is of special interest for three reasons: 1) It is Paul's public assessment of his work; 2) it was made in the presence of those with whom he had worked quite intensely over a period of time; 3) it was made at the end of Paul's career as a journeying missionary.

Paul's goal in mission was to preach the kingdom of God (25), a goal that for him meant to testify to Jews and Greeks concerning repentance toward God and faith toward the Lord Jesus Christ (21). It was not readily apparent that the kingdom of God was advancing as a result of Paul's work, for what accompanied him was tribulation as well as penury (33-35). The means for advancing the kingdom of God was the Word of God's grace, for it was through that Word that his hearers could receive an inheritance among the sanctified (32). While he began teaching those things that were most immediately helpful to the eternal well-being of his hearers (20), Paul did not consider his preaching complete until he had preached the whole counsel of God (27).

It was of concern to Paul that the divinely instituted office of

<sup>48</sup>The points mentioned here are essentially from Bunkowske, 67-72.

<sup>49</sup>The following selections point out Luther's mission concern: Bunkowske, op. cit.

Thomas Coates, "Were The Reformers Mission Minded?" *Concordia Theological Monthly*, XL (October 1969), 600-11. (This article is a summary of Karl Holl, "Luther und die Mission," *Gesammelte Aufsätze zur Kirchengeschichte*, Vol. III, J.C.B. Mohr, Tübingen, 1928, 234-243.)

Werner Elert, op. cit., 385-402.

John Warwick Montgomery, "Luther and the Missionary Challenge," *In Defense of Martin Luther*. Northwestern, Milwaukee, 1970, 160-169.

Ewald Plass, *What Luther Says*, Vol. I. Concordia, St. Louis, 1959, 957.

James A. Scherer, op. cit., 51-66.

Ernst Wendland, "Luther on Missions," *Luther Lives*, ed. Edward C. Fredrich. Northwestern, Milwaukee, 1983, 55-68.

the ministry be filled in order that the church of God be cared for (28). The public ministry was established in those places where Paul worked, but he was never under the illusion that the preaching of the Gospel would establish a permanent, visible organization that would exist in a particular place until the end of time. The Apostle knew that the devil would make an effort to destroy the congregations that he had founded. Evil forces from within and from without would attack the flock (29-30). In all of this the Word of God's grace would be the only aid to which the faithful overseers of the flock would have recourse. The same Word of God's grace by which the church had been built up in the first place would be the only thing that could preserve her (30).

After this brief overview of Paul's mission goals it is now in order to review two contemporary ideas concerning the goal of mission.

#### a. *The Kingdom of God*

For many today the key concept in missiology is the kingdom of God.<sup>50</sup> But the fact is that not all who pray the Second Petition of the Lord's Prayer share the same understanding of the concept "kingdom of God." The World Council of Churches, for example, at its 1980 meeting in Melbourne, Australia "understood *kingdom* to refer to the rule or reign of God, and therefore to be related to the mission task of proclaiming and embodying *God's rule in the entire creation* [emphasis added].<sup>51</sup> After defining "the kingdom of God" in that sense, the Council saw itself justified in making a rather wide variety of issues its goal in mission.

In their witness to the kingdom of God in words and deeds the churches must dare to be present at *the bleeding points of humanity* and thus near those who suffer evil, even taking the risk of being counted among the wicked. . . . Without losing sight of the ultimate hope of the kingdom of God or giving up their own critical attitude, the churches must dare be present in the midst of *human struggles*. [emphasis added]<sup>52</sup>

Those who ask for a clarification of the phrases "the bleeding points of humanity" and "human struggles" can discover that these include such matters as economic exploitation, nuclear proliferation, the abuse of human rights, etc.<sup>53</sup> Those who ask how it is possible for the World Council to include in its goal for mission matters that have not been included in the most classical definitions of mission<sup>54</sup> will have to look at the way in which the Council understands the phrase "kingdom of God."

<sup>50</sup>Scherer, 131.

<sup>51</sup>Gordon S. Huffman, Jr., "Biblical Motifs in Modern Mission Theology," *Bible and Mission: Biblical Foundations and Working Models for Congregational Ministry*. Augsburg, 1986, 103.

<sup>52</sup>*International Review of Missions*, Vol. LXIX, Nos. 276-277, Oct. 1980-Jan. 1981, 398.

<sup>53</sup>Op. cit. 401.

<sup>54</sup>Carl E. Braaten, *The Apostolic Imperative: Nature and Aim of the Church's Mission and Ministry*. Augsburg, Minneapolis, 1985: 63.



According to the Conciliar documents and their interpreters, the Council's view of the kingdom and its progress in the world is the following: The term "kingdom of God" is to be understood in contrast to the "demonic" kingdom or the kingdom of the devil.<sup>55</sup> The "demonic powers" of Ephesians 6:12<sup>56</sup> are to be understood as all kinds of evil and injustice in the world, such as poor labor conditions and the abuse of workers' rights. When the demonic powers are forced to retreat, that is, when poor labor conditions are improved and when workers' rights are restored, there is, by definition, an advance made by the kingdom of God. Those who are concerned, therefore, about advancing the kingdom of God should be "present at the bleeding points of humanity" and "must dare be present in the midst of human struggles."

The logic of this position is quite straightforward. Nevertheless, the argument and its conclusion are flawed because the term "kingdom of God" is, from a Confessional Lutheran viewpoint, improperly defined. The flaws in the Conciliar view concerning the "kingdom of God" become apparent when the Confessional Lutheran view of the kingdom is reviewed.

According to the Lutheran view, God rules men by means of two powers,<sup>57</sup> which are sometimes called kingdoms or realms. Both powers are blessings of God on earth.<sup>58</sup> The first kingdom is the power of the church or the power of the keys.<sup>59</sup> This kingdom, which Luther and the Confessions call the kingdom of God,<sup>60</sup> deals with men by remitting or retaining their sins,<sup>61</sup> and uses the Word and Sacrament to carry out that function. The kingdom of God grants not bodily but eternal things.<sup>62</sup>

The second kingdom, the kingdom of the world, has to do with the order of things in this present age.<sup>63</sup> This kingdom is concerned with the maintenance and defense of bodily things;<sup>64</sup> force and reason are used to achieve its ends.<sup>65</sup> While the devil can wreak all kinds of havoc in the kingdom of the world and does appear to be its master, the kingdom of the world remains God's instrument to preserve the bodies of men.<sup>66</sup>

The errors made by the World Council of Churches and its interpreters in respect to the understanding of the kingdom of

<sup>55</sup>Scherer, 57 and 141.

<sup>56</sup>*Mission and Evangelism: An Ecumenical Affirmation*, compiled by Jean Stromberg. World Council of Churches, Geneva, 1983, passim.

<sup>57</sup>AC 28:1.

<sup>58</sup>AC 28:4.

<sup>59</sup>AC 28:1, 5.

<sup>60</sup>LW 45:88.

<sup>61</sup>AC 28:5.

<sup>62</sup>AC 28:8.

<sup>63</sup>AC 28:11; WA 49, 143, 7.

<sup>64</sup>AC 28:11.

<sup>65</sup>AC 28:11; LW 46:239.

<sup>66</sup>LC III, 80.

God are the following: 1) Complete justice is not done to the term "kingdom of God" when it is simply set in opposition to "kingdom of the devil."<sup>67</sup> While it is true that there is a definite opposition between the kingdom of God and the kingdom of the devil,<sup>68</sup> that truth does not exhaust the Biblical and Confessional concept of "the kingdom of God." Any discussion of the concept of the "kingdom of God" should take into consideration the difference between "kingdom of God (church)" and "kingdom of God (world)," something that the World Council doesn't seem to be willing to do. 2) The concerns of the kingdom of God (church) are eternal, not temporal; the concerns of the kingdom of God (world) are temporal, not eternal. When the two concerns are not kept separate, confusion results, as has resulted in the emphases and policies of the World Council. 3) The means employed by the kingdom of God (church) are different from those employed by the kingdom of God (world). The church is to use the Gospel; the world is to use reason and force. The Council does not make this distinction. 4) Since the character of the kingdom of God (church) is spiritual and invisible, its progress is observable only in relation to the marks of the church, the Word and Sacraments. The World Council, on the other hand, looks for progress in the kingdom at those places where social, economic and political conditions are improved.

Those who hold to the view currently espoused by the World Council of Churches make the church a "sign" of the kingdom of God.<sup>69</sup> This is just another way of claiming that the church is not the goal of mission, but rather that the existence of the church is an indication ["sign"] that the kingdom of God is coming in the form of a more just and equitable society. Here is one of several places where the World Council and its brand of Liberation Theology finds common ground with the Liberation Theology of the Roman Catholic Church. As the "father" of Liberation Theology, the Peruvian priest, Gustavo Gutierrez writes:

Since *the Church is not an end in itself*, it finds its meaning in its capacity to *signify* the reality in function of which it exists. Outside of this reality the Church is nothing; because of it the Church is always provisional; and it is toward the fulfillment of this reality that the Church is oriented: *this reality is the Kingdom of God* which has already begun in history. *The break with an unjust social order* and the search for new ecclesial structures . . . have their basis in this ecclesiological perspective. [emphasis added]<sup>70</sup>

<sup>67</sup>Johannes Aagaard, "Missionary Theology," *The Lutheran Church—Past and Present*, ed. Vilmos Vajta. Augsburg, Minneapolis, 1977, 210.

<sup>68</sup>LC III, 54. It is also important to note that when the Apology of the Augsburg Confession (VII and VIII, 17) speaks of the opposition between the kingdom of Christ and the kingdom of the devil, it is speaking of the opposition between the church and the devil.

<sup>69</sup>IRM LXIX, 411. See also Huffman, 103.

<sup>70</sup>*A Theology of Liberation: History, Politics and Salvation*, trans. and edited by Sister Caridad Inda and John Eagleson. Orbis, Maryknoll, 261.

When the church becomes simply a "sign" of the kingdom, the two kingdoms are mingled and a great lack of clarity concerning the mission of the church arises. The only way to avoid this lack of clarity is to maintain the distinction between the two kingdoms and the distinctive role that the Christian has in each one. The Christian is a member of both kingdoms. In so far as he is a Christian he is in the kingdom of God (church); in so far as he is a person living in this present age he is in the kingdom of God (world).<sup>71</sup> He has, therefore, concerns, obligations if you will, in both kingdoms. Since his desire is to do good to all men, especially those who are of the household of faith (Gal. 6:10), he will not close his eye to social, economic and political inequities and abuses.<sup>72</sup> On the other hand, the Christian will always remember that the mission of the church is to absolve people of their sins through Word and Sacrament so that men thereby may be gathered into Christ's eternal kingdom, the church, and be maintained in it.

#### b. *World evangelization*

One of the recent contributions made by those Protestants who call themselves Evangelicals has been that of engaging the World Council of Churches in a debate concerning the mission of the church. In the opinion of some, the Evangelicals were able to force the World Council to modify somewhat, although very little, its conception of mission.<sup>73</sup>

Like the World Council, the Evangelicals can speak about the kingdom of God as the goal of mission.<sup>74</sup> For them, however, the kingdom of God is not related to social action in the same way that it is for the Council. The kingdom of God, in the view of the Evangelicals, is closely related to the church and evangelism.<sup>75</sup>

A key concept in the Evangelicals' vocabulary is "world evangelization."<sup>76</sup> In itself the term could be taken to refer to that commendable labor by which every generation of Christians dedicates itself to the task of taking the Gospel to those who have not

<sup>71</sup>LW 45:90.

<sup>72</sup>No effort is being made here to deal with the complex matter of Christian social ethics. One example of how Christians engaged in foreign missions can work in both kingdoms without compromising their role in either is seen in the way that the Norwegian missionaries in Alaska at the opening of the present century dealt with the matter.

<sup>73</sup>Donald A. McGavran, *Momentous Decisions in Missions Today*. Baker, Grand Rapids, 1984, 6 & 17.

<sup>74</sup>*The Lausanne Covenant*, 1. See also McGavran, 26-30.

<sup>75</sup>*The Lausanne Covenant*, 3.

<sup>76</sup>*Ibid*, passim. The term "world evangelization" is generally associated with John R. Mott who spoke of that issue in a 1910 address titled "The Evangelization of the World in this Generation" (*Classics of Christian Missions*, ed. Francis M. DuBose. Broadman Press, Nashville, 1979, 317ff). His address was a rousing exhortation to get on with the task of world evangelization, but it contained no plan as to how that was to be done.

heard it before. It will have to be acknowledged, however, that the phrase "world evangelization" carries with it other theological freight.

Among the many missiologists who use the term "world evangelization" is Donald A. McGavran, the "father" of the specialized discipline of "Church Growth."<sup>77</sup> For McGavran the worldwide reign of Jesus Christ will be brought in only through world evangelization. By world evangelization he does not just mean the communication of the Gospel, but rather the conversion of large segments of the world's population.

... if God's rule is to be worldwide, if all knees in all the tens of thousands of *ethne* are to bow, and if universal mercy, justice, and peace are to prevail, then it is essential that not merely a few individuals here and there but whole peoples . . . be composed of Bible-believing, Bible-obeying, Spirit-filled Christians.<sup>78</sup>

In McGavran's view, when large segments of humanity become Christians, righteous societies are established and the kingdom of God is ushered in.

If the Church of Jesus Christ wants to help bring in the rule of God, of which a Christian social order is part, it must accept as axiomatic that a redeemed society is built of redeemed persons. . . . a much larger proportion of humanity must become practicing Christians before God's rule of righteousness, mercy, peace, and justice will prevail worldwide.<sup>79</sup>

Here McGavran demonstrates that his millennialistic<sup>80</sup> expectations for the world are similar in nature to the secular hopes of the World Council of Churches. He differs in that he believes that a just and righteous social order would be a by-product of church growth that must take place through evangelism. But, even though some of his fellow millennialists<sup>81</sup> question the Biblical character of his expectations, McGavran has high hopes that through world evangelization something very close to the kingdom of God will be ushered in.

The Great Commission is a command. It is the biblical motive for Christian mission. In all six continents, as Christians, filled with the Holy Spirit, obey this command, we shall see communities transformed, coun-

<sup>77</sup>"Church Growth" is used *generically* to refer to the extension of the church. McGavran and his associates at one time preferred to use the term "Church Growth" to refer to the *specialized discipline* studied at the Institute for Church Growth located at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California. Other groups, since the founding of the Institute for Church Growth, have used the term to refer to their *particular theories and methods* that are to bring about church growth. In the present portion of the paper Church Growth, with initial capital letters, refers to the mission theology of Donald McGavran and his associates.

<sup>78</sup>McGavran, 27.

<sup>79</sup>McGavran, 27.

<sup>80</sup>See AC XVII where millennialism is condemned.

<sup>81</sup>J. Robertson McQuilkin, *Measuring the Church Growth Movement*. Moody, Chicago, 1973, 72.

tries rejuvenated, urban areas becoming cities of God, and whole nations marching upward to Zion. The world will be transformed into a place much closer to that which God will bring in on the great day when His will will "be done on earth as it is in heaven."<sup>82</sup>

If the term implies that a millennial reign of Christ will be brought in through the worldwide acceptance of the Gospel, then world evangelization is not a valid goal of mission. If the term means that the just and righteous worldwide reign of God is brought about by the universal presence of evangelized people, then world evangelization involves another confusion of the Lutheran concept of the two kingdoms.<sup>83</sup>

The Church Growth Movement as a whole has many flaws, as has been carefully documented elsewhere.<sup>84</sup> Its principal problem, however, has to be its theology of growth. Its concept of growth is dependent on an Arminian presupposition of free will<sup>85</sup> that attributes to all men the power to make a beginning of turning toward God, and on a seemingly post-millennialistic assumption<sup>86</sup> that toward the end of the age more and more people will accept the Gospel, thus transforming the world into a more just and upright place in which to live. Even though not all its adherents agree with the theology of Church Growth, its aims and methods find a ready market in religious North America where there is tendency to look at church growth as a means of survival for the church, a way of broadening her programs, or an instrument for somehow increasing her leverage in the world.

### c. *The Apostolic Church*

Now, where does the Lutheran Church stand in respect to the goal of mission? Lutherans are found in both of the camps mentioned above: 1) Most Lutherans are members of the Lutheran World Federation which is associated with the World Council of Churches and which shares many of the Council's views on mission.<sup>87</sup> 2) Other Lutherans are quite interested in the Church Growth Movement and are trying to incorporate Church Growth concepts into their view of mission. 3) Other Lutherans, probably the majority of those formerly associated with the Synodical Conference, as well as some others throughout the world, wish to distance themselves from both of the above mentioned alternatives and at the same time continue active in mission.

<sup>82</sup>McGavran, 30.

<sup>83</sup>Sasse sees the slogan "world evangelization in this generation" as an example of the "theology of glory" (op. cit., 52).

<sup>84</sup>Steve O. Scheiderer, *The Church Growth Movement: A Lutheran Analysis—A Research Report Submitted in Partial Fulfillment of the Requirements for the Sacred Theology Master Degree*. Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, 1985.

<sup>85</sup>McGavran, 45 & 47.

<sup>86</sup>McQuilken, 68.

<sup>87</sup>Scherer, 81-83, and Aagaard, 206.

As they examine their mission goals, those who claim to be heirs to the Lutheran heritage will have to keep before them Luther's *theology of the cross*. Accordingly it will have to be recognized that the mission of the church is always carried out under the cross. That does not mean that there is constant human suffering, but rather that the church of God in this world is hidden. In this world God does not come to man in open triumph.<sup>88</sup> God is hidden to the world and is revealed only in His Word. Therefore, the church will not be seen as the only hope of the downtrodden, even though she is that, nor will the church be seen in her triumphant march toward Zion, even though she is making that march which will end in the church triumphant. The church will always be seen as weak and poor, powerless and useless, even though she alone possesses that which is necessary to build up men and give them the richest inheritance.<sup>89</sup>

In light of all this, then, what is the goal that the Lutheran Church should set for herself? The Lutheran Church sets no goal for herself other than that which has already been set for her, namely, to be apostolic. She makes no claim to apostolicity through the laying on of hands, and she cannot be apostolic simply by calling herself that. Her apostolic character is found elsewhere. 1) The Lutheran Church is apostolic because she holds to the prophetic and apostolic writings of the Old and New Testament as the only rule and norm of her teaching and makes that doctrine her own through her Confessions.<sup>90</sup> 2) The Lutheran Church is apostolic because it takes seriously the apostolic function. She believes that all "legitimate ministers of the Gospel are true successors of the apostles"<sup>91</sup> because "the authority of the ministry depends on the Word of God."<sup>92</sup> That means that the apostolic doctrine is to be confessed and proclaimed to the whole world just as the Lutherans did at Augsburg in 1530,<sup>93</sup> and as they have also done and continue to do in many other ways and places.

While she acknowledges her apostolic character, the Lutheran Church also recognized that the fulfillment of her mission depends on the will of the Triune God. Her mission is His mission, for He has created it and He directs it. She desires to work

<sup>88</sup>Sasse, 49.

<sup>89</sup>Walter von Loewenich, *Luther's Theology of the Cross*, trans. Herbert J. A. Bouman. Augsburg, Minneapolis, 1976, 126f.

<sup>90</sup>While Luther and the Lutheran Confessions do not dedicate a great deal of time to a discussion of the apostolicity of the church (Sasse, 89.), it is, nonetheless, clear that both assume that the link between the Apostles and the post-Apostolic church is essentially a doctrinal link (FC, Part I: Epitome, Rule and Norm, 1-7).

<sup>91</sup>Johann Gerhard as quoted in Elert, 400.

<sup>92</sup>*Treatise on the Power and Primacy of the Pope*, 10.

<sup>93</sup>On the missionary character of the Augsburg Confession see Hans-Lutz Poetsch, "Confession and Evangelism." *Evangelium/Gospel*, 1980, No. 1, 5.

tirelessly like Paul who in his labor always recognized that it was God who gave the increase (I Cor. 3:7). She desires to work as if everything depended on her, yet she is aware that God calls His elect when and where He wills.<sup>94</sup>

Without doubt God also knows and has determined for each person the time and hour of his call and conversion. . . . The same applies when we observe that God gives his Word at one place and not at another; that he removes it from one place but lets it remain at another. (FC XI, 56, 57)

This, however, does not give her cause to be lazy, sit back and neglect her apostolic function. For while she does not know what God has set in store for every occasion, she does know that He has given her the Word which she is to use to call unceasingly to all men:

. . . But since [God] has not revealed . . . to us [the time and hour in which a person will be called and converted], we must obey his command and operate constantly with the Word, while we leave the time and hour to God. (FC XI, 56)

With that in view, she makes provision for the work that has been graciously given to her: She plans carefully, thankful for the opportunities set before her, certain of the fact that her work in mission is in accord with God's will:

. . . we must by all means cling rigidly and firmly to the fact that as the proclamation of repentance extends over all men (Luke 24:47), so also does the promise of the Gospel. Therefore Christ has commanded to preach "repentance and forgiveness of sins in his name among all nations." For God "loved the world" and gave to it his only begotten Son" (John 3:16). . . . It is Christ's command that all in common to whom repentance is preached should also have this promise of the Gospel proclaimed to them (Luke 24:47; Mark 16:15). . . . And we should not regard this call of God which takes place through the preaching of the Word as a deception. . . . For the Word through which we are called is a ministry of the Spirit—"which gives the Spirit" (II Cor. 3:8) and a "power of God" to save (Rom. 1:16). (FC XI, 27-29)

May that truth guide and temper all our thoughts and plans, while it at the same time guards us against all complacency about the work set before us in mission.

*Soli Deo Gloria*

<sup>94</sup>AC 5.

## REPORT OF THE DOCTRINE COMMITTEE OF THE ELS TO THE 1988 CONVENTION

The committee held its four regularly scheduled meetings during the past year. In addition, representatives of the committee met with the CICR of the WELS in January of this year and with representatives of both the LCMS and WELS in joint meeting on December 17, 1987 (cf. President's Report). Following the resignation of Pastor Gary Faleide from the committee shortly after the 1987 Convention, Pres. Orvick appointed Pastor John Arthur Moldstad to fill the vacated position until the next convention.

When Pres. Wilhelm Petersen of Bethany Lutheran Seminary declined nomination to the chairmanship of the committee, Pastor Gaylin Schmeling was elected to succeed him. The committee then resolved to express its appreciation to the outgoing chairman for his several years of leadership of the committee.

During the past year the committee has continued to study several topics with which it has been engaged. It also dealt with several resolutions directed to it from the 1987 Synodical Convention.

### ROLE OF MEN AND WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

Resolution No. 7 of the floor committee on Doctrine at the 1987 ELS Convention calls for the standing Doctrine Committee to bring a "definitive statement which reflects the Scriptural position on the roles of men and women in the church to the 1988 Convention for consideration or adoption." (1987 SR, p. 76) In response to this directive the Doctrine Committee presents the following theses to the 1988 Convention:

The role of men and women in the church is a matter that has been much discussed in recent years. Especially the ordination of women into the holy ministry, women's suffrage and the holding of leadership positions in the church are issues with which many church bodies have been wrestling. Our Evangelical Lutheran Synod wants to be completely loyal to the Word of God. The following theses set forth the position of our church body based on clear passages of Scripture. In these theses we are not dealing with the role of man and woman in the secular world, but chiefly their role in the church.

ON THE BASIS OF SUCH SCRIPTURE PASSAGES AS GENESIS 1-3; I CORINTHIANS 11:3-16; I CORINTHIANS 14:33b-36; EPHESIANS 5:22-26; GALATIANS 3:28; I TIMOTHY 2:11-15; I PETER 3:1-7; ROMANS 16 AND PHILIPPIANS 4:3 WE LEARN:

1. God created man and woman in His own image, that is, He created them with a true knowledge of Him and with perfect righteousness and holiness. Even though our first parents lost this image in the fall into sin, yet God in His grace promised the Savior and in Him restored this image.

2. This spiritual equality of man and woman is a blessed reality, as St. Paul writes in Galatians 3:28: "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, *there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.*"

3. Through faith in Christ all Christians are members of the universal priesthood of believers and as such are in full possession of all its rights and privileges and are exhorted to exercise them.

4. At the creation of man and woman God established an order, or structure, by assigning individual identities to each sex. According to Genesis 2, Eve was created to be a helper to Adam and as such was subordinate to him. Subordination, however, does not mean inferiority or slavery; rather it implies order (structure) and differences in responsibility.

5. The headship/subordination principle is clearly taught in Scripture. In Genesis 3:16 the Lord says to the woman: "Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you." The original structure at creation remained in effect after the fall into sin.

6. The headship/subordination principle is clearly set forth also in the New Testament. In I Corinthians 11:3 Paul says "the head of the woman is man," and



in Ephesians 5 the apostle tells wives to submit to their husbands "for the husband is the head of the wife." (Eph. 5:22-23) The apostle Peter exhorts wives to be in subjection to their husbands, singling out Sarah as an example, who obeyed Abraham, calling him Lord. (cf. I Peter 3:1-7)

7. The headship of man does not in any way mean that he is to demand demeaning submission; rather it is an arrangement for good order.

8. The prime example of the goodness and necessity of the headship/subordination relationship is found in the relationship between God the Father and God the Son. Biblical Christianity has always taught that the Father and the Son are equally God; there is no difference in their degree of divinity. And yet in I Corinthians 15:28 the Son himself is said to be subject to the Father. It is interesting to note that here the same verb is used for the Son's subjection to the Father as is used for the woman's subjection to the man in Ephesians 5 and I Timothy 2. The purpose of the Son's submitting to the Father is not to put the Son in an inferior position, but to bring about a beautiful plan. The purpose of the wife submitting to her husband and of the woman being submissive within the Christian congregation is not "to put her in her place," but to carry out a beautiful plan, viz., the establishment of a marriage that not only lasts but is also a wonderful harmony, and the establishment of an orderly and harmonious fellowship with the congregation. Scriptural submission is good, not an affliction.

9. Our Lord has revealed that he wants the headship (leadership) principle to be upheld in the church. It is his will that men hold the position of leadership. I Timothy 2:11-14 and I Corinthians 14:34ff. forbid women to hold the pastoral office.

10. The same principle applies to woman suffrage. Scripture forbids the woman "to have authority over a man." (I Timothy 2:12) The Evangelical Lutheran Synod throughout its history has held that the vote is an exercise of such authority.

11. However, this position does not forbid consultation between men and women in the church. To that end, informal meetings may be held at which women may have opportunity to seek information and express their views. But the final decisions are to be made by the men. The Lord himself has placed this responsibility upon the men and they are to carry this out, not in a dictatorial fashion, but in a manner that is sensitive to the feelings and wishes also of the women.

12. While Scripture forbids the woman from usurping authority over the man, it does not forbid her from using her talents in areas of church work which do not conflict with the public administration of the means of grace.

13. As members of the priesthood of believers there is much for women to do in the church. In Romans, chapter 16, the apostle Paul sends greetings to women who had been of assistance to him. He mentions *Priscilla* and her husband *Aquila* as "fellow workers in Christ Jesus" (v. 3) and a certain *Mary* "who labored much for us." (v. 6) And in his letter to the Philippians he urges the congregation to "help these women who labored with me in the gospel." (4:2) Nor should we forget the many women who ministered to our Lord during his earthly ministry whose names are recorded in the Gospels.

14. From the above passages it is evident that women used their talents in the Lord's service and they were commended for it. The church today can learn from the early church to do the same, but always within the parameters which God himself has established. In the past there has perhaps been too much emphasis on what women cannot do rather than on what they can do thus giving some women the impression that they are second class members and that their talents are neither needed nor appreciated.

15. While we must continue to uphold the Scriptural principles so far as ordination of women and their exercising authority over the man is concerned, it is clear from the passages under study that women's participation in the work of the Gospel is a blessing to the church. God has given the ministry of the Gospel to all believers; it is the office of the pastoral ministry that he has restricted to men. As ministers of the Gospel (members of the priesthood of believers) women may, for example, lend their counsel in open congregational forums, teach

parochial school, Sunday school, vacation Bible school, direct choirs, serve on committees, assist the pastor and elders in calling on the sick, shut-ins and singles, and also assist in works of charity in the congregation and community.

16. Finally, Christian women also have the responsibility of encouraging men to fulfill their obligation of leadership in this God-ordained order.

17. When men and women labor together in the Gospel, taking heed to the Word and working within the Scriptural limits, then truly God is glorified and the church is edified.

## **GUIDELINES FOR BOARD FOR CHRISTIAN SERVICE**

Pursuant to Resolution No. 5 of the convention committee on Doctrine as adopted by the convention (cf. 1987 SR, page 75), the Doctrine Committee resolved to send to the Board for Christian Service an addition to the first part of Guidelines, point No. 4, to wit:

In choosing organizations as channels for this purpose, the board will be careful to put into practice our Scriptural principles pertaining to this matter (principles relating to the two kingdoms, to giving the appearance of evil, to fellowship, to stewardship, to giving and taking offense, etc.).

## **CONVENTION ESSAY REVISION**

Because the essay presented to the 1984 convention of the ELS entitled *Holy Scripture Is The Word of God* was referred to the Doctrine Committee for review (cf. 1984, SR, p. 9) and because of perceived unclarity in some of the wording of the essay, the Doctrine Committee presents the following revision of paragraphs 12-18 as its effort toward clarifying the message of the essay. (Paragraph numbering is that of the essay as it appeared in the 1984 convention report.)

### **A. The Word Made Flesh.**

#### **1. The Testimony of the Bible To Its Own Origin and Authority.**

12. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not" (John 1:1-5).

13. These words, the introduction to the Gospel of John, are a major source of our understanding of the doctrine of the Trinity and the dual nature of Christ, the God-man conceived by the Holy Ghost and born of the virgin Mary. They also convey to us the concept of the Word made flesh. They affirm that Jesus Christ is one with the Father and the Holy Spirit in the Trinity. Jesus Christ, the "Logos," is God incarnate.

14. In the Greek New Testament version of John I the original term for Word is "Logos." The concept of a "logos" was known in both Hebrew and Greek antiquity. It referred to the whole truth, the fundamental principle, or the completeness of knowledge about a given subject. John uses the word "Logos" here to refer to Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, who is one with God in creation and redemption, and who is revealed in the entirety of the inspired Word of God. Though the oneness of Christ in the Trinity and his revelation in the Word of Scripture are described in other Bible references, the Apostle John is the only one of the inspired writers of the Bible to use the specific term "Logos" in referring to Christ. We find it in I John 1:1, where the Savior is spoken of as "The Word of Life." In Revelation 19:13, John says: "His name is called the Word of God."

15. The author of the Epistle to the Hebrews refers to God who has spoken to mankind and to his Son who is the Word incarnate and who is revealed in the message from God: "God who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in times past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken to us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the world; who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high" (Heb. 1:1-3).

Though the term "Logos" is not used with reference to Christ in this passage, Hebrews is in full agreement with the introductory words of the Gospel of John. Jesus is spoken of as being one with the Father in the reality of the Trinity. Jesus Christ is the Word incarnate.

16. Jesus declares that he is manifested through the Word in John 8:31-32 when he says "to the Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my Word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." Through the Word of Scripture one comes to know Jesus Christ the incarnate Word. The "Logos" of John's Gospel represents Christ as the Word made flesh and shows that he is revealed in the written Word of Scripture. While there is an intimate connection between the Word made flesh and the written Word, their distinction must be recognized.

17. The Apostle John opens his first epistle with reference to "that which was from the beginning," namely, "the Word of Life" (I John 1:1). This is a reaffirmation of the "Logos" concept which John spoke of in his Gospel. In the fifth and seventh verses of I John 2 the Apostle speaks of the Word of God which emanates from Jesus Christ, the Word of God. John says that it is a Word of God that has been heard from the beginning. In the book of Revelation John introduces himself as one who has borne record of the Word of God and has given testimony to the life of Christ and has described all that he saw. In one of the apocalyptic visions that follow, John speaks of Jesus: "He was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood; and his name is called the Word of God" (Rev. 19:13). Here again John uses the terminology "Word" or "Logos" as a descriptive name for Jesus.

18. The sacred Scriptures are themselves an infallible and unalterable account of God's revelation to man. Yet they are not merely the black and white of the printed page. They are the life-giving Word, the fundamental principle of God's will and grace toward man. There is an intimate connection between Christ, the Word of God incarnate, and the Scriptures. They are his testament. He in turn testifies to the truth of Scripture: "Search the Scriptures. . . They are they which testify of me." (John 5:39) Any philosophical or theological device which drives a wedge between Christ and the Scriptures is destructive of both. In treating the doctrine of election the writers of the "Formula of Concord" declare: "The Scripture presents this doctrine in no other way than to direct us thereby to the Word." (SD XI:12) Christ and the Scriptures are inseparable. Anything that diminishes the Scriptures diminishes Christ, the Word of God.

## **LORD'S SUPPER**

Certain issues in connection with the doctrine of the Lord's Supper continue to be debated in our midst. The 1987 General Pastoral Conference therefore requested that the Doctrine Committee prepare a review of Dr. B. W. Teigen's book entitled, *The Lord's Supper in the Theology of Martin Chemnitz*, for presentation to the next General Pastoral Conference. The Doctrine Committee will prepare such a review in connection with a thorough presentation on the doctrine of the Lord's Supper.

## **CHURCH IN EAST GERMANY**

In recent years the Doctrine Committee has taken note of the deterioration of the doctrinal confessional position of the Evangelical Lutheran (Old Lutheran) Church of East Germany, a deterioration which has led the Evangelical Lutheran Free Church of East Germany to suspend fellowship relations with its former sister body. In view of these developments the Doctrine Committee of the ELS makes the following recommendation to the 1987 convention of the ELS:

WHEREAS, The Evangelical Lutheran (Old Lutheran) Church [Evangelisch-Lutherische (alt-lutherische) Kirche] of East Germany (DDR) has espoused positions on the doctrines of Scripture and Church Fellowship which are not in accord with our confessional position; and,

WHEREAS, The Evangelical Lutheran Free Church (Evangelisch-Lutherische Freikirche) of East Germany, with which church body we are still in fellowship, has suspended fellowship relations with the Evangelical Lutheran (Old Lutheran) Church, and,  
 WHEREAS, Efforts by the CICR of the WELS to meet with representatives of the Evangelical Lutheran (Old Lutheran) Church in order to discuss these issues have been rejected; therefore  
 BE IT RESOLVED, That the Evangelical Lutheran Synod regretfully acknowledge that there no longer exists a God-pleasing basis for church fellowship with the Evangelical Lutheran (Old Lutheran) Church of East Germany (DDR).

#### **LUTHERAN CONFESSIONAL CHURCH (Scandinavia)**

The president's report includes background information on the schism that has developed in the fledgling Scandinavian church body known as the Lutheran Confessional Church (LBK). In the light of developments to date the Doctrine Committee of the ELS proposes the following resolution to the ELS convention:

WHEREAS, A minority group of the Lutheran Confessional Church (Scandinavia) has severed fellowship with that church body on the basis of that church body's alleged departure from Scriptural teaching, and,  
 WHEREAS, Said minority has also advised the members of the church not to practice fellowship with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod because of alleged doctrinal differences on the Lord's Supper and the Ministry, and,  
 WHEREAS, It has rejected pleas for further theological discussion of the disputed issues and has acted in a schismatic and separatistic manner, and,  
 WHEREAS, Nonetheless, it has not to this point declared severance of fellowship relations with the ELS, thereby creating a triangular fellowship relations situation, and,  
 WHEREAS, However, the ELS fervently desires a restoration of fellowship between these opposing groups, be it therefore  
 RESOLVED, That the ELS hold in abeyance any practice of fellowship with this schismatic group of the LBK until attempts at restoration of the bond of fellowship prove fruitless.

#### **CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION**

The Church of the Lutheran Confession is a church body that was formed in 1960 primarily by pastors and congregations of ELS and WELS which found their synods inadequate in their doctrine and practice of fellowship. In January 1988 representatives of this Church of the Lutheran Confession met with representatives of the CICR of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod to discuss matters that have kept these bodies apart for more than a quarter of a century. Both groups of representatives have expressed a degree of satisfaction with the results of this joint meeting and have agreed to schedule another. They have also agreed to invite representatives of the Doctrine Committee of the ELS to the next meeting. The Doctrine Committee will be considering this invitation.

With the church in turmoil on many fronts there is great need both for continued watchfulness on the part of all God's people—especially on the part of the designated watchmen on the walls of Zion—and for mutual encouragement to steadfastness and true unity. May the Lord keep us firmly established "on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone." (Eph. 2:20)

Christ is our Cornerstone, on Him alone we build;  
With His true saints alone the courts of heaven are filled.  
On His great love our hopes we place  
Of present grace and joys above.

Gaylin Schmeling, chairman  
J. B. Madson, secretary

## MEMORIAL

A memorial to the Evangelical Lutheran Synod regarding the role of women. This memorial was voted upon unanimously at our quarterly meeting of May 15. WHEREAS, The issue of the role of women in the church has been debated for years in the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, and,  
WHEREAS, Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Madison feels this position on the role of women often hinders its mission outreach,  
BE IT RESOLVED, That Our Saviour's be allowed to explore options concerning the role of women and that the Evangelical Lutheran Synod continue to study this issue with a concern for a correct biblical understanding and practice.

Bill Anderson, congregation president  
Karl Kanvik, vice president

## DOCTRINE ACTION OF THE SYNOD

### Resolution No. 1: The Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

*WHEREAS, The Synod President's report makes mention of past and future meetings between representatives of our Synod and of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod to discuss matters of concern to both Synods, and,*

*WHEREAS, It is important that sister synods meet together and work together to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, and,*

*WHEREAS, We do treasure our fellowship with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, therefore,*

*A. BE IT RESOLVED, That we praise and thank God for the blessings of this fellowship, and,*

*B. BE IT RESOLVED, That we encourage our synodical officials, pastors and congregations to continue to cultivate the fellowship that we enjoy with our sister synod.*

### Resolution No. 2: The Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

*WHEREAS, The Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod has been very helpful in supplying pastors and vicars when our Synod has experienced a shortage of the same, and,*

*WHEREAS, Our sister synod has cordially invited our pastors and congregations to participate in its 5-year evangelism training program, therefore,*

*BE IT RESOLVED, That we express our sincere thanks to the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod for its brotherly concerns and assistance in these areas.*

**Resolution No. 3: Convention Essay of 1984**

*WHEREAS, The essay presented to the 1984 convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod entitled HOLY SCRIPTURE IS THE WORD OF GOD was referred to the Doctrine Committee for review (cf. 1984 SR, p. 9), and,*

*WHEREAS, There was perceived unclarity in some of the wording of the essay, and,*

*WHEREAS, The Doctrine Committee has presented a revision of paragraphs 12-18 as its effort toward clarifying the message of the essay, and,*

*WHEREAS, The essayist concurs with this revision, therefore,*

*BE IT RESOLVED, That we adopt the revision as presented by the Doctrine Committee.*

**Resolution No. 4: The Lord's Supper**

*WHEREAS, Certain issues in connection with the Lord's Supper continue to be debated in our midst, and,*

*WHEREAS, These issues also affect our relationship with other Lutheran bodies, and,*

*WHEREAS, The 1987 General Pastoral Conference has requested a review of Dr. B. W. Teigen's book entitled The Lord's Supper in the Theology of Martin Chemnitz, and such a review is being prepared and will be presented as requested, and,*

*WHEREAS, These issues must be carefully studied and considered in order to assure that peace and harmony in Christ might be preserved among us, and that the world may know our confession, therefore,*

*A. BE IT RESOLVED, That we commend to the 1988 Pastoral Conference these issues for consideration and discussion, allowing a full airing of all the points in controversy, and,*

*B. BE IT RESOLVED, That the Doctrine Committee be asked to prepare a report for the 1989 Synod Convention on the progress of these discussions, and,*

*C. BE IT RESOLVED, That we pray to our Gracious God that he will guide these discussions so they will be conducted in a spirit of love and harmony.*

**Resolution No. 5: The Evangelical Lutheran Free Church of East Germany**

*WHEREAS, The Evangelical Lutheran Free Church in East Germany has continued to testify valiantly to the truth of God's Word in difficult circumstances, and,*

*WHEREAS, This church has recently had to take the painful step of suspending fellowship relations with the Altlutherische*

*Kirche because of the latter's espousal of a higher critical approach to the Bible, therefore,*

*A. BE IT RESOLVED, That the Evangelical Lutheran Synod commend the Evangelical Lutheran Free Church for its firm stand on the truths of God's Word, and,*

*B. BE IT RESOLVED, That we implore the Lord of the Church that he continue to encourage and strengthen the Evangelical Lutheran Free Church of East Germany in its testimony to the truth.*

**Resolution No. 6: Church in East Germany**

*WHEREAS, The Evangelical Lutheran (Old Lutheran) Church (Evangelisch-Lutherische [alt-lutherische] Kirche) of East Germany (DDR) has espoused positions on the doctrines of Scripture and Church Fellowship which are not in accord with our confessional position, and,*

*WHEREAS, The Evangelical Lutheran Free Church (Evangelisch-Lutherische Freikirche) of East Germany, with which church body we are still in fellowship, has suspended fellowship relations with the Evangelical Lutheran (Old Lutheran) Church, and,*

*WHEREAS, Efforts by the CICR of the WELS to meet with representatives of the Evangelical Lutheran (Old Lutheran) Church in order to discuss these issues have been rejected, therefore*

*BE IT RESOLVED, That the Evangelical Lutheran Synod regretfully acknowledge that there no longer exists a God-pleasing basis for church fellowship with the Evangelical Lutheran (Old Lutheran) Church in East Germany (DDR).*

**Resolution No. 7: Memorial From Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Madison, WI**

*WHEREAS, To encourage or permit a congregation of the Synod to "explore options concerning the role of women" may precipitate actions which compromise the congregation's and the Synod's doctrinal position, and,*

*WHEREAS, Exploring such "options" may also cause offense to sister congregations in the Synod, therefore*

*A. BE IT RESOLVED, That Our Saviour's Lutheran Church continue to conform its doctrine and practice concerning the role of women to the position of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, and,*

*B. BE IT RESOLVED, That Our Saviour's Lutheran Church and all the congregations of the Synod be encouraged to continue to study the role of women using the Doctrine Committee's document.*

**Resolution No. 8: Guidelines for the Board for Christian Service**

*BE IT RESOLVED, That the Synod adopt the addition, prepared by the Doctrine Committee, to the guidelines for the Board for Christian Service.*

**Resolution No. 9: Role of Men and Women in the Church**

*A. BE IT RESOLVED, That the theses of the Doctrine Com-*

*mittee on the Role of Men and Women in the Church be used as a document for study in our congregations and pastoral conferences, and,*

*B. BE IT RESOLVED, That these theses be considered at the next synodical convention for adoption.*

**Resolution No. 10: Lutheran Confessional Church (Scandinavia)**

*WHEREAS, A minority group of the Lutheran Confessional Church (Scandinavia) (under the Rev. Per Jonsson) has severed fellowship with that church body at its 1987 convention, and,*

*WHEREAS, The majority group of the Lutheran Confessional Church (Scandinavia) (under the Rev. Lars Engquist) remains in fellowship with the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, and,*

*WHEREAS, Further fellowship with the minority group of the Lutheran Confessional Church (Scandinavia) (under the Rev. Per Jonsson) would create a triangular relationship, therefore*

*A. BE IT RESOLVED, That the Evangelical Lutheran Synod continue fellowship with the majority group of the Lutheran Confessional Church (Scandinavia) (under the Rev. Lars Engquist), and,*

**NOTE:** Prof. Erling Teigen requested that his opposition to this resolution be recorded.

*B. BE IT RESOLVED, That the Evangelical Lutheran Synod regretfully temporarily discontinue fellowship with the minority group of the Lutheran Confessional Church (Scandinavia) (under the Rev. Per Jonsson),*

**NOTE:** Prof. Erling Teigen requested that his opposition to this resolution be recorded.

*C. BE IT RESOLVED, That the Evangelical Lutheran Synod encourage its Doctrine Committee and synodical officials to continue attempts to restore the bond of fellowship, and,*

*D. BE IT RESOLVED, That such attempt to restore fellowship be carried on only through the proper synodical channels.*

**Resolution No. 11: Per Jonsson Letter**

*WHEREAS, A letter was received from the Lutheran Confessional Church (Scandinavia) under the signature of the Rev. Per Jonsson.*

*BE IT RESOLVED, That Resolution #10 of this report be our answer to this letter.*



## **REPORT OF THE BOARD FOR HOME MISSIONS**

Our Savior has surely blessed the mission efforts of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod. This fact gives us great reason to rejoice. First, because it brings glory to the name of Christ, to whom many souls are gathered through our work. Second, because it increases the number of congregations and souls joined together to serve God in our Synod.

### **ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD**

The Board for Home Mission is composed of the following members: the Rev. Erwin Ekhoft, chairman; the Rev. Glenn Obenberger, secretary; Mr. Al Holman, treasurer; the Rev. S. Petersen, field secretary; Prof. William Kessel, area mission developer; Mr. Edwin Gibson, chaplain; Mr. Albert Rovey. During the course of the year, Mr. Gibson and Mr. Rovey resigned from the board because of the press of personal and business affairs. Mr. Robert Smith has been appointed to the board.

### **MEETINGS**

Since the 1987 convention, the board met in August, November, February, and May. Several members of the board (Ekhoft, Kessel, Petersen) conducted a seminar for home missionaries, "Planning the Harvest," in Vero Beach, Florida, in January, 1988. Funding for the seminar was provided by Aid Association for Lutherans. The entire board will participate in a "Mission Planning" seminar in August, 1988, at which selected potential mission sites will be evaluated and prioritized.

### **PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS**

During the past year, the board has participated with the Board of Trustees in the sale of property in Richardson, Texas. Also the board has worked with the trustees and the Planning and Coordinating Committee in establishing guidelines for the management and use of "Partners in the Gospel" funds. In conjunction with Bethany Lutheran College, the board helped arrange for student volunteer evangelists to assist in canvassing mission fields at Port St. Lucie and Jensen Beach, Florida. In order to assist mission congregations with their outreach efforts, the board has established a program through which it will reimburse missions one third of their advertising expenses.

### **MISSION CONGREGATIONS**

Among the highlights of our Synod's mission work during the past year, we might list the following:

—Christ Lutheran Church in Port St. Lucie, Florida and Our Savior Lutheran Church in Lakeland, Florida continue to grow. Land has been purchased and building construction is planned for the future.

—The Rev. F. Stubenvoll began work in Jensen Beach, Florida conducting the first worship service in February.

—St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Colorado Springs, Colorado has relocated to the northeast corner of the city. This relocation was made possible through a sale-trade of property arrangement.

—The Rev. W. Mack of Klamath Falls, Oregon and the Rev. H. Mosely of Grants Pass, Oregon have left bi-vocational status and are serving their congregations as full-time pastors with mission support.

—Good Shepherd Lutheran congregation, Richardson, Texas continues to grow and serve its membership in its church building although part of its property has been sold to reduce indebtedness.

—Christ the Cornerstone Lutheran Church in Phoenix, Arizona has purchased land through the generous gift of a congregation member.

—In Warroad, Minnesota the Rev. R. Fehr serves Bethlehem Lutheran Church, a mission which is planning to purchase land and construct a church building. This mission is supported primarily by sister congregations in Circuit #7.

—Resurrection Lutheran congregation, Marietta, Georgia is exploring the possibility of relocating its church.

—Trinity Lutheran Church, Sebastian, Florida and Faith Lutheran Church, Oregon, Wisconsin continue to grow and prosper.

## 1987 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

### Subsidies to Congregations

#### (ELS and Lutheran Brotherhood)

	Expenses
Good Shepherd, Richardson, TX	\$ 9,708.00
Faith, Oregon, WI	11,004.00
Trinity, Sebastian, FL	14,004.00
Resurrection, Marietta, GA	8,830.00
Our Savior, Lakeland, FL	16,000.00
Christ the Cornerstone, Phoenix, AZ	18,999.96
Christ, Port St. Lucie, FL	23,000.00
Bethel/Shepherd of Hills, Yuba City, CA	12,775.00
Immanuel, Detroit Lakes, MN	1,000.00
Grace, Crookston, MN	<u>2,000.00</u>

\$117,320.96

### Other Expenses

Mission Expansion	\$14,541.33
Advertising/Printing	2,075.00
Board Expenses	4,995.92
Moving Expenses	3,722.99
Bi-Vocational Ministry (H. Mosley)	<u>3,348.80</u>

28,681.07

### Total Expenses

\$146,002.03

### Working Funds

Lutheran Brotherhood	(-) 42,332.00
Synod Budget	<u>(-)100,200.00</u>

### TOTAL

142,532.00

Deficit (recovered from Reserve Fund)

\$ (3,470.03)

## PARTNERS IN THE GOSPEL FUNDS

The Evangelical Lutheran Synod's decision to conduct a home mission offering, "Partners in the Gospel," reflected its desire to expand the Synod's home mission work. The board feels strongly that although funds from this offering are now available for use, this fact does not justify a reduction of the amount the Synod commits to the work of the Board for Home Missions from the regular Synod budget. To reduce the amount the Synod designates for home mission work simply because funds are available from the offering is to defeat the expansionary purpose of the campaign.

## 1988 HOME MISSION BUDGET

### SUBSIDIES:

Good Shepherd, Richardson, TX	\$ 7,000.00	
Faith, Oregon, WI	9,500.00	
Trinity, Sebastian, FL	9,000.00	
Resurrection, Marietta, GA	6,832.00	
Our Savior, Lakeland, FL	14,200.00	
Christ the Cornerstone, Phoenix, AZ	13,700.00	
Christ, Port Saint Lucie, FL	18,994.00	
Jensen Beach, FL	33,500.00	
Our Savior, Grants Pass, OR	3,200.00	
St. Andrew, Colorado Springs, CO	6,000.00	
Christ, Klamath Falls, OR	5,000.00	
Grace, Crookston, MN	2,300.00	
Bethlehem, Warroad, MN	<u>1,200.00</u>	
		\$130,426.00

### OTHER EXPENSES:

Mission Expansion	\$25,000.00	
Advertising/Printing	2,500.00	
Board Expense	10,000.00	
Moving Expenses	<u>8,000.00</u>	
		<u>45,500.00</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$175,926.00</b>

### Working Funds

Lutheran Brotherhood	(-) 48,330.00
Synod Budget	<u>(-)110,000.00</u>

### Projected Deficit

158,330.00  
\$ (17,596.00)

## 1989 PROPOSED HOME MISSION BUDGET

### SUBSIDIES:

Good Shepherd, Richardson, TX	\$ 4,000.00	
Faith, Oregon, WI	7,000.00	
Trinity, Sebastian, FL	4,000.00	
Resurrection, Marietta, GA	4,831.00	
Our Savior, Lakeland, FL	11,600.00	
Christ the Cornerstone, Phoenix, AZ	8,300.00	
Christ, Port Saint Lucie, FL	15,500.00	
Jensen Beach, FL	33,500.00	
Our Savior, Grants Pass, OR	3,200.00	
St. Andrew, Colorado Springs, CO	4,800.00	
Christ, Klamath Falls, OR	2,500.00	
New Mission	<u>31,000.00</u>	
		\$130,231.00

### OTHER EXPENSES:

Mission Expansion	\$25,000.00	
Advertising/Printing	2,500.00	
Board Expense	10,000.00	
Moving Expenses	<u>10,000.00</u>	
		<u>47,500.00</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>		<b>\$177,731.00</b>

### Working Funds

Lutheran Brotherhood	(-) 45,830.00
Synod Budget	<u>(-)112,901.00</u>

### Projected Deficit

158,731.00  
\$ (19,000.00)

## THANK YOU

During the past year, various individuals, congregations, and other organizations have contributed special gifts toward our mission efforts. We gratefully acknowledge these special gifts.

May God continue to bless our efforts as the Evangelical Lutheran Synod preaches the Word of Life through its home mission work.

S. Petersen, field secretary

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE PARTNERS IN THE GOSPEL OFFERING

Our Partners in the Gospel has continued for another year and has brought us much joy in the Lord. We join in thanking God for His abundant grace given us in Christ Jesus our Savior. We pray that God will continue to bless us as we seek to complete our Partners in the Gospel offering.

At a previous synodical convention we agreed to have a Synod-wide offering for the purpose of starting new missions and helping mission congregations to expand their missions. The plan for this offering was set forth as follows:

**PLAN—** The love offerings for home missions given by our **PARTNERS IN THE GOSPEL** will form a capital fund; to subsidize home missionaries; to purchase land for church sites; to build and/or acquire church buildings and parsonages; to help mission congregations expand their worship facilities.

Some of the capital funds are already in use in helping to start and to expand our mission congregations. The Board for Home Missions is making plans to increase the use of these funds.

The gathering of the Partners in the Gospel offering was to cover a three-year period (1986-1989). We are pleased to make the following report to the Synod and its congregations regarding the activities of the committee and the progress of the offering to this date. Your committee has sought to keep the pastors and congregations informed throughout the year as to the progress of the offering. This has been done by letters, bulletin inserts and financial statements. Brief histories of our mission congregations have been published in our *Lutheran Sentinel*, showing how they have benefited from your support and expressing the appreciation of their members for your gifts.

Of the 120 congregations of our Synod, 108 congregations have participated to a greater or lesser extent. By March of 1988 there were pledges made totaling \$662,226. Of this amount \$296,136 has been sent to the treasurer. There remains to be given on the pledges \$366,389. There are also congregations and individuals who have not made pledges but are making cash gifts. These cash gifts total \$124,719. The total amount given on pledges and by cash to date is \$420,856. At the time of our 1988 synodical convention we will be half-way through the three-year period with one-half of the pledges still to be given. We urge the congregations and individuals to continue their whole-hearted support of this important undertaking in order that our goal for an expanded proclamation of the Gospel of Christ may flourish.

Steven Petersen, secretary

# **ADDENDUM TO THE REPORT OF THE BOARD FOR HOME MISSIONS GUIDELINES FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE "PARTNERS IN THE GOSPEL" FUND**

At its May 9 and 10, 1988 meeting, the Board for Home Missions considered for the first time the Planning and Coordinating Committee's "Guidelines for the Administration of the 'Partners in the Gospel' Fund," which is to come before this convention. It was the consensus of the members of the board that several points under "II Disbursements" were unclear and might misrepresent the intent of the guidelines. Therefore, the Board for Home Missions submits the following amended guidelines for consideration.

## **I. Investments**

- A. The proceeds of the "Partners in the Gospel" offering shall be a self-perpetuating fund.
- B. The proceeds of the offering and the interest of the investment of those proceeds shall be deposited in a special account in the Evangelical Lutheran Synod Foundation.
- C. The Evangelical Lutheran Synod Foundation Committee shall, each November, make recommendations to the Board of Trustees of the Foundation regarding the investment of these funds and the amount available for allocation in the following year in order to assure that the fund remains self-perpetuating.
- D. The Evangelical Lutheran Synod Foundation Committee shall make reports on the status of the fund to the Board of Trustees of the Foundation at its regular quarterly meetings.
- E. The Board of Trustees of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod shall report the amount of funds available to the Board for Home Missions every November.

## **II. Disbursements**

- A. Those who may be considered as recipients of this fund are:
  1. Home Mission congregations
  2. Established congregations through which the Board for Home Missions desires to carry out synodical mission work in their geographical areas.
  3. The Board for Home Missions for the purpose of mission development and expansion.
- B. The Board for Home Missions shall determine the eligibility for the use of these funds.
  1. Disbursing at its own discretion all the interest money generated during the previous year which is made available every November for the following year.
  2. Recommending to the Board of Trustees of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod for the disbursement of the capital fund for loans.
- C. All loans from the fund shall be negotiated with the Board of Trustees of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod with the understanding that loans to mission congregations shall be made in accordance with the Synod guidelines entitled "Loans to Mission Congregations of the Synod."

## **SALARY PACKAGE FOR HOME MISSIONARIES**

The board has adopted the following salary package for home missionaries for 1989, in accordance with the Evangelical Lutheran Synod Handbook (p. 29, H):

Base Salary	\$16,000
Car Allowance	3,000
Yearly Increment	100

Pension: 6% of base salary, car allowance and yearly increment	
Health Insurance	Premium to be paid in full (The Synod Plan)
Housing	To be provided
Utilities	To be paid in full

Glenn Obenberger, secretary

## REPORT OF THE BOARD FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

This year, 1988, marks the 20th anniversary of our Synod's work in Peru. The 1969 Synod Report contains this information in the Report of the Board for Missions to the Synod: "In keeping with synodical resolutions, the Rev. & Mrs. Theodore F. Kuster with their four children and Mr. & Mrs. Orlin Myrlie arrived in Lima, Peru on July 16th, 1968 to begin missionary work. The first objective was to improve their knowledge of the Spanish language and the customs of the country and then gather together groups of people willing to hear the saving Gospel. There was no way to judge the degree of success that the Holy Spirit would grant to their teaching and preaching efforts."

Twenty years later, with the Holy Spirit's blessing and the dedicated work of many pastor and lay missionaries, our Peru mission continues to prosper. The statistical report for 1987 lists 450 baptized souls in the various areas that our missionaries serve and 300 communicant members. We have sought from the beginning to establish an indigenous Peruvian Lutheran Church, one that will eventually be supported and operated totally by the Peruvian people. In many ways the church there is already indigenous as much of the preaching and teaching is being done by the nationals. But because of the low level of income among those whom we serve the goal of having a totally self-supporting church in Peru will not quickly, nor easily, be reached. After twenty years we still strive toward that goal and some day, with God's blessing, we believe it will be accomplished. To that end our missionaries devote much of their time to seeking out and training young Peruvian men who will become the pastors and leaders among their people.

Our field staff this past year has included only the two missionaries, Timothy Erickson and Daniel McMiller, since Martin Teigen has been on a sabbatical in the states furthering his theological education. When he returns to Peru in July of this year we will again have three missionaries on the field. With the return of David Lillegard last August and the absence of Missionary Teigen, Missionaries Erickson and McMiller have had their hands full. Even with the return of Missionary Teigen the workload will be more than what three men can really handle. For that reason the Board for Foreign Missions is requesting permission from the Synod at this convention to call a fourth missionary to the field under conditions that will be set forth at the end of this report. First of all we would like to give you some information about the work.

1. *PLACES NOW BEING SERVED.* There are six places in the Lima area where our missionaries either hold services, conduct Bible classes or supervise work being done by national leaders. These are: Anno Nuevo, Dulanto, Mariano Melgar, Reynoso, San Gabriel, and Santa Beatriz. They also make regular trips to Barranca, Chimbote, Pacclon, Llaclla and some other villages north of Lima. Our board has given the missionaries permission to purchase a building in Chimbote, at a very reasonable cost, in which services and classes may be held. Because of a promising national leader in Chimbote there is opportunity for growth and a central meeting place for the group there would be of great help.

2. *FIELD VISIT BY BOARD MEMBERS.* Chairman Jim Olsen and the Rev.

Wayne Halvorson visited our Peru mission from January 16th to the 31st. They were accompanied by three people from a film production company of Chicago, who are producing two films for our board in commemoration of the 20th anniversary of our work in Peru. These films will be seen for the first time at our Synod convention and will be made available to our congregations thereafter. The Rev. Olsen and The Rev. Halvorson also had several days of conferences with our two missionaries which were most beneficial to our field team and to our board.

**3. NEW FURLOUGH ARRANGEMENT FOR OUR MISSIONARIES.** For many years our foreign missionaries were on a three-year-three-month schedule for furlough time. A few years ago this was changed to a one-year-one-month arrangement. After a three-year trial with that schedule the board, with the full agreement of the missionaries, will be going to a two-year-two-month schedule for furloughs beginning in 1989. We feel that this new arrangement will be the best of the three.

**4. THE HELPING HANDS PROGRAM.** We are truly amazed and very grateful for the continued financial support received through Helping Hands. Since the program was begun in the spring of 1985 there has been a consistent pattern of generous contributions. In 1987 more than \$50,000 was received in donations and another \$20,000 was realized from the Schwan endowment making a total income for last year of more than \$70,000. Add that to the \$34,000 balance from the previous year and you have \$104,000 total cash. Take from that the \$40,000 needed to support our third missionary, Dan McMiller, and we ended the year with a balance of \$64,000. We graciously thank all those who have supported this program during the past year. We also wish to thank Mr. & Mrs. Loyd Miller and Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Radloff for the many donated hours of work in taking care of the Helping Hands mailings and also Mr. & Mrs. Robert Soule and Mrs. Betty Carlson for the many donated hours of work in receiving the funds and taking care of the record keeping.

**5. FAITH MISSION SOCIETY.** During the past year our Peru mission also received helpful financial assistance from Faith Mission Society headquartered in Hillman, Michigan. A total of more than \$13,000 was received from this society of which \$4,800 was for designated projects and \$8,200 for general use in our mission. We wish to thank Mr. & Mrs. Marlin Goebel for all of the donated time they give to this mission society and also to the members of the Faith Mission Society Board. We also extend our thanks to the many contributors who have chosen Faith Mission Society as their vehicle for supporting our Peru mission.

**6. LARGE GIFTS RECEIVED IN 1988.** Our board received the good news at our January meeting that our Peru mission has become the recipient of two large estates. From the Whipple-Olson-Wilson estate a gift of \$100,000 has been received. It is an endowment and only the interest will be used each year. Mr. Harold Roe of Amherst Junction, Wisconsin also remembered our foreign mission in his will in the amount of \$10,000. How appreciative we are of the fine example of Christian giving by these people. They have given "the gift that will keep on giving."

**7. A GENERAL THANK YOU.** There have been many other individuals and groups that have supported our foreign mission very generously during the past year. Among the groups are several women's missionary societies throughout the Synod. To one and all we say a hearty "thank you, and may God bless you for your kindness."

#### **8. THE FOREIGN MISSION BOARD NEEDS FOR 1989.**

	<b>Teigen</b>	<b>Erickson</b>	<b>McMiller</b>
Base salary	\$16,500	\$16,500	\$16,500
Increment (\$250 to 20 yrs.)	4,500	2,750	1,250
Rent	7,500	7,500	6,500
Utilities	1,700	1,700	1,700
Children's Schooling	7,200	7,200	—
Car Allowance	2,500	2,500	2,500
Health Insurance	2,200	2,200	2,200
Term Insurance	108	108	108

Pension (6% base, increment car allowance)	1,400	1,300	1,200
Furlough	3,000	3,000	2,000
Disability Insurance	385	325	230
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$46,993</b>	<b>\$45,083</b>	<b>\$34,188</b>
All other expenses (Helping Hands)			6,566
<b>Total (Helping Hands)</b>			<b>\$40,754</b>

(Note: All the expenses under the McMiller column are paid out of the HELPING HANDS FUND)

#### **OTHER EXPENSES**

*Furnishing replacement	\$1,500
*Board Expense	7,000
*Peru Accountant	700
*Field Travel	1,000
*Printing & Literature	1,250
*Office Supplies	1,250
*Visa Expense	1,500
Vehicle replacement	8,000
*Field Visit	2,500
*Language Study	1,000
*Utilities for MSEL P	
Building	3,000
Total	<u>\$28,700</u>
From HELPING HANDS for items pro-rated	-6,566
	<u>\$22,134</u>

Repayment to HELPING HANDS (Loan for MSEL P Building)	+1,000
	<u>\$23,134</u>

\*These items in the budget we have assessed 1/3 to the "Helping Hands" program, since one of the three missionaries is supported by that program..

#### **SUMMARY**

Tiegen Expenses	46,993
Erickson Expenses	45,083
All "Other Expenses":	23,134
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$115,210</b>

#### **9. A REQUEST TO THE SYNOD.**

WHEREAS, The fields are white unto harvest in the land of Peru and there is a great need for a fourth missionary to help with that harvest, and,

WHEREAS, The Board for Foreign Missions feels that it has the funding for the support of a fourth missionary without adding to the Synod budget, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Synod give its approval to the calling of a fourth missionary to our Peru mission in 1988.

Norman Madson, field secretary



## **ADDENDUM TO THE REPORT OF THE BOARD FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS**

**Subject: Endowment Fund for Peru Seminary  
and an additional worker.**

### **Preamble**

Although leadership training of future Peruvian pastors has been constant for several years in our mission, smaller amounts of funding have gone into our Peru seminary effort. Now, with a growing student body and a growing national church, it is imperative we have at least one missionary dedicating his full-time labor to the seminary training. As the church grows, so grows the demand for more leadership, hence the need and demand for more training. We have indicated something of these needs in the past.

Therefore, it is with great joy and heartfelt thanks that the board wishes to report to the Synod, the promise of a corporate gift of endowment in the amount of \$1,000,000 from Schwan's Sales Enterprises, Inc., Marshall, Minnesota. This very recent gift of endowment makes possible the expansion of our missionary staff beyond the three missionaries serving us and beyond the fourth missionary called for in our regular report.

WHEREAS, A generous gift of \$1,000,000 has been offered to the ELS from Schwan Sales Enterprises, Inc., for the creation of an endowment which would provide for an additional worker in our Peru mission; and,

WHEREAS, This gift has been offered for the purpose of endowing the chair of a seminary professor and for other seminary needs to provide for the theological training of future pastors; and,

WHEREAS, Such an additional worker is greatly needed to expand our work in this area, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Synod accept this gift with gratitude to the Lord and with sincere appreciation to the donor; and,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Synod authorize the Board for Foreign Missions to call an additional worker to the Peru field.

Board for Foreign Missions  
J. Olson, chairman

## **REPORT OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSION MANPOWER NEEDS**

Our assignment was to "study whether the work in Peru can indeed continue to exist as a viable mission with a total staff of three (two funded by the Synod and one by the Helping Hands Program) and report its findings to the 1988 convention." (Synod Report, 1987, p. 87, Res. 10)

We interviewed or received communications from the following: the Rev. Martin Teigen, an Evangelical Lutheran Synod foreign missionary who is now home on a sabbatical; the Rev. James P. Olsen, the chairman of the Board for Foreign Missions; the Rev. Wayne Halvorson, secretary of the Board for Foreign Missions; the Rev. Duane Tomhave, administrator of the WELS Board for World Missions; and the Rev. Harold Essmann, chairman of the WELS executive committee for Latin American Missions.

Here we would report the input we received from these men. The Rev. Martin Teigen made the following comments:

"I have worked on the Peru field for about 12 years and under varying circumstances. I have been the only worker on the field, I have worked in a

two-man team, a three-man team and a four-man team. On the basis of that experience it is my opinion that the most ideal way to carry on our work, given the nature of our mission, is to have four men on the field, at least. I offer the following reasons for that judgment:

- "1. Two men can just barely keep up with the work that we are now doing, not to mention the matter of providing materials and instruction for the program of theological education. The experience of the two missionaries on the field at the present time will testify to that.
- "2. A third man on the field, yours truly, will be working with the program of theological education and will be unable to contribute much toward lightening the heavy load that the two missionaries on the field are now bearing.
- "3. Therefore, a) in order to maintain the work that we now have, b) in order to maintain our program of theological education, and c) in order to continue reaching new people, we will need another theologically trained man who will be involved in pastoral and evangelistic work, bringing to four the number of theologically trained men on the field."

The Rev. Halvorson expressed his concern that there is just more work than can be done adequately by the present three-man team. It was his opinion that it will take the present three-man team just to maintain the present mission field. With just a three-man team it was his opinion that many invitations and opportunities to share the Gospel would have to wait or even have to be turned down. He also expressed his concern about the large amount of time it took to cover the long distances between our mission stations. Another concern he had was that there should be a large enough staff on the mission field to provide adequate fellowship for the mission workers and their families with people of a similar cultural background. On the basis of his personal observations it was his opinion that we need a minimum of four missionaries on our foreign mission field.

The Rev. Olsen also expressed concerns about the problems of loneliness and lack of adequate spiritual fellowship for the missionaries if we have only a three-man team on the mission field. He said that feelings of personal loneliness are quite common among foreign missionaries and the work of the Gospel ministry can be hampered if this loneliness is not remedied. One good way to remedy this problem is by providing a large enough staff of workers so that there is adequate opportunity to share with people of one's own culture, especially in times of crisis. He also expressed a concern for adequate spiritual fellowship with people of one's own spiritual level and culture. With a four-man team it would be possible to conduct regular Bible classes among missionary families, whereas with a three-man team this would be quite difficult since many times one or two of the workers would be away due to preaching trips, furloughs, pastoral calls, etc.

Both of the men from the Wisconsin Synod shared the Wisconsin Synod guidelines for staffing requirements as outlined in their "Church Planting and Outreach Strategy" guidelines for foreign missions. We quote the following paragraph on staffing from these guidelines.

"The Board for World Missions does not wish to have isolated missionary families at any location. Expansion into an isolated area of an existing mission field should be done with a minimum of two missionaries. Our optimum world missions church planting team is five missionaries. All of them are expected to be street missionaries with one serving as a mission coordinator, another specializing in theological training and another concentrating in communications materials in the national language. This number also allows for the basic church planting work to continue even when one or more of the men are on furlough or a field vacancy exists. Our normal maximum called expatriate staff in any given field or country is seven.

"Exceptions are recognized both in pre-existing situations and in areas where the Lord grants abundant numerical blessings before a national work force can be trained."

We might summarize the personal comments of the Rev. Tomhave and the Rev. Essmann as follows:

- A. From experience they recommend that there be an absolute minimum of three expatriate missionaries on a field any time. Therefore, there would be a need for a four-man team so that there would always be that extra man to fill in when someone is sick or on furlough. It is also best to have a four-man team on a mission field so that even during the furlough of one of the missionaries, there would still be three missionaries on the field. This would prevent a possible confrontation between just two men.
- B. A two-man team is absolutely not satisfactory. A three-man team is much more effective. However, with a three-man team on the field, the effective force is down to two in furlough situations.
- C. These men also cited concerns about mutual Bible study and a great need for fellowship as additional reasons for the minimum number of three missionaries being on the field at all times.
- D. However, these men did cite instances where the WELS does have three-man mission teams on foreign mission fields due to monetary restraints and a lack of manpower.

Kenneth V. Schmidt  
Carl R. Wosje  
Ad Hoc Committee on ELS Foreign Mission  
Manpower Needs

## MISSIONS

### ACTION OF THE SYNOD

#### **Resolution No. 1: The Calling of a Fourth Missionary to our Peru Mission**

*WHEREAS, The Ad Hoc Committee on Foreign Mission Manpower Needs has called attention to the need for a fourth missionary in Peru, and,*

*WHEREAS, Through the "Helping Hands" program the Board for Foreign Missions has sufficient extra-budgetary funds for the support of a fourth missionary, therefore,*

*A. BE IT RESOLVED, That the Synod give its approval to the calling of a fourth missionary to our Peru mission in 1988, and,*

*B. BE IT RESOLVED, That the continuance of this position be contingent on the availability of these extra-budgetary funds.*  
**Resolution No. 2: Pastoral Recruitment**

*WHEREAS, The Synod is faced with expanding opportunities in Home and Foreign Missions, and,*

*WHEREAS, The supply of pastors for the near future does not appear sufficient to meet the needs of our established congregations, our home missions, our foreign mission and our institutions of higher education, therefore,*

*BE IT RESOLVED, That all pastors, congregations and teachers redouble their efforts to encourage young men to prepare for the ministry.*

**Resolution No. 3: Endowment Fund for Peru Seminary and an Additional Worker**

*WHEREAS, The Evangelical Lutheran Synod has been offered a gift of \$1,000,000 from Schwan Sales Enterprises, Inc. to endow the chair of a seminary professor in our foreign mission and for other seminary needs to provide for theological training of national pastors, and,*

*WHEREAS, Such a position in Peru is much needed to expand the work of our mission seminary program, therefore,*

*A. BE IT RESOLVED, That the Synod accept this gift with gratitude to the Lord and with sincere appreciation to the donor, and,*

*B. BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board for Foreign Missions develop guidelines for use of this endowment fund in consultation with the Planning and Coordinating Committee and the Board of Trustees, and,*

*C. BE IT RESOLVED, That the Synod authorize the Board for Foreign Missions to call an additional worker to this position funded by this endowment, after funds are available and after consultation with the Planning and Coordinating Committee and the Board of Trustees.*

**Resolution No. 4: 25 Years of Service of Loyd Miller**

*WHEREAS, Mr. Loyd Miller has served on the Mission Board of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod for these past 25 years, and,*

*WHEREAS, During his term of service he has served ably as foreign field secretary and as chairman of the board especially during the difficult time of the establishment of the Peru missions, and,*

*WHEREAS, The Lord has richly blessed our work, also through the work of Mr. Miller,*

*BE IT RESOLVED, That we praise the Lord for providing such workers to the church and that we commend and thank Mr. Miller for giving so much in service to the Synod and for the Savior.*

## REPORT OF THE BOARD FOR EVANGELISM

The Board for Evangelism met two times since last June's convention; on October 28, 1987, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and again on March 9, 1988, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Additional meetings are already scheduled for June 1 and 2, 1988; and September 26, 1988, at King of Grace Lutheran Church in Golden Valley, Minnesota.

The Rev. Rick Long, Mr. Dave Skogen and the Rev. Joseph Burkhardt served as the official board members with Professor Steven Reagles and President Orvick serving as advisory members. The Rev. Long was elected chairman and the Rev. Burkhardt as secretary.

The Board for Evangelism has been working to encourage Synod-wide participation in the WELS five-year program aimed at cultivating active outreach throughout the Synod. Eleven pastors have been chosen to act as contact people in the Evangelical Lutheran Synod in order to promote all aspects of evangelism.

In addition, a quarterly newsletter entitled JewELS has been printed and distributed to the pastors throughout the Synod. The contents aim at practical ideas for the pastors in the work of evangelism.

Also, the board has submitted and continues to submit articles for publication in the *Lutheran Sentinel*. The purpose of these articles is to promote individual witnessing, not programs. The board decided that the format would involve personal experiences that draw conclusions for practical application.

The board has further worked in the area of canvassing. Guidelines are being drawn up between the Board for Home Mission and Bethany College for student canvassing in areas around the country.

During the year, members of the board have also been involved in attending or promoting various meetings and seminars, including the WELS "School of Outreach," an evangelism seminar at Mequon Seminary, a workshop at DMLC and the WELS plenary session of their evangelism board.

The board chairman participated in the Home Mission's seminar in Vero Beach, Florida during January. Material and information was presented on prospect development, record keeping and follow-up.

The board continues to concern itself with such matters as evangelism and church growth, liturgy and evangelism, information and resources for the pastor and congregation and ways of distributing this information to the Synod.

The 1987 convention display and short presentation went well. The board decided to have a display at the 1988 convention in order to display many of the resource materials available to pastors and congregations in the Synod.

Finally, it might be noted that the board has been asked by President Orvick to center the theme of the 1989 Synod convention around the theme of evangelism.

Joseph P. Burkhardt, secretary

# **REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS AND PRESIDENT OF BETHANY LUTHERAN COLLEGE**

## **BOARD OF REGENTS**

Members of the board during the past year: The Rev. John A. Moldstad, Sr., chairman, Vero Beach, FL; Mr. William Overn, vice chairman, St. Paul, MN; The Rev. Raymond Branstad, secretary, Brooklyn Center, MN; The Rev. Ed Bryant, recording secretary, Port Orchard, WA; Mr. Holger Aussen, Jasper, MN; Mr. Paul Chamberlin, South Chatham, MA; The Rev. Warren Granke, Madison, WI; Dr. Donald Peterson, Madison, WI; Mr. Harold Theiste, Wayzata, MN; The Rev. Milton E. Tweit, advisory member, Lawler, IA.

## **THE FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF**

These persons have served on the faculty and administrative staff during the past year:

Rachel Anthony, Home Economics

Jean Benson, English

William Bukowski, Art

Andrew Burmeister, Director of Computer Science, Computer Science, Physics

Gregory Costello, Comptroller

Steve Erickson, Admissions Counselor

Charles Felber, Mathematics

Mark Harstad, German, Hebrew, English, Religion

Al Hattis, Economics

Arlene Hilding, Music, Organ

Rudolph Honsey, Hebrew, Latin, Religion

Steve Jaeger, Director of Admissions, Soccer Coach

Calvin Johnson, Financial Aid Director

William Kessel, Dean of Academic Affairs, Sociology, Geography, Religion

Thomas Kuster, Philosophy

Sigurd Lee, English, Humanities, Drama

Dorothy Lindsay, English

Marjorie Lewis, Music

Juul Madson, Greek, Religion

Matt Madson, Art

Dennis Marzolf, Music, Choral Groups, Voice

Daniel Metzger, English, Religion, German, Latin

Marvin Meyer, President

Irene Mickelson, Mathematics

Dale Mordue, Physics

Dennis Natvig, Treasurer, Business Manager

Ruth Nyhus, Physical Education, Volleyball, Tennis

Edward Otto, Military Science

Andrew Overn, Art

Jerral Parrish, Librarian

Wilhelm Petersen, Religion

Steve Reagles, Dean of Students, English, Religion, Speech

Glenn Reichwald, Greek, Religion, Political Science

Susan Rosoff, Instrumental Music

Kenneth Rupnow, Mathematics

Barbara Schoenbaum, Spanish, English

John Sehloff, Biology

Dean Shoop, Business, Athletic Director

Kelly Spaulding, Instrumental Music

Erling Teigen, Philosophy, English, Religion, Chaplain  
 Paul Tweit, Director of Development, Administrative Assistant  
 Cynthia Weberg, Chemistry  
 Art Westphal, Assoc. Director of Admissions, Basketball and Baseball Coach  
 Mark Wiechmann, Psychology, Education, Vocational Counseling  
 Nancy Wiechmann, Business  
 Richard Wiechmann, Development, Deferred Giving  
 Ronald Younge, Registrar, Biology, Director of Continuing Education  
 Jo Ann Zins, Piano  
**EMERITI:**  
 Sophia Anderson  
 Edna Busekist  
 Norman S. Holte  
 Bjarne W. Teigen

## STAFF

Professor Louella Balcziaik has resigned her position as Business Education instructor, after 24 years, due to health reasons. She and her husband are retired and living in Mankato. Mr. Ernest Geistfeld resigned his position as development director to pursue other personal interests. The college is grateful for his ten years of service to our institution. We wish both of these former staff members well as they leave Bethany.

Professor Erling Teigen suffered a severe heart attack in mid-August and spent the fall semester recuperating. We are happy to announce his recovery and he is now back in an active role on our campus. Our Dean of Students, Professor Reagles, has given up his administrative position in order to take on more teaching duties. We are grateful to Professor Reagles for serving as dean of students for the past five years.

Our college faculty continues to grow professionally through additional formal education, as well as by attending regional and national seminars and conferences. It is important to the development of the staff that we allocate ample resources so that the faculty can continue to grow professionally. Professor Daniel Metzger is presently on leave, working at Marquette University on his Ph.D. Professor Metzger was granted an 18-month leave-of-absence for this purpose. Professor William Bukowski was awarded a sabbatical for the fall semester and spent much of his time in Italy and France studying art. He returned the spring semester with renewed excitement. During his leave two recent alumni, Mr. Matthew Madson and Mr. Andrew Overn, cared for his classes. Our business professor, Dean Shoop, has been awarded a sabbatical for the spring semester of the 1988-89 year. He plans to work on his MBA at Mankato State University.

Mr. Andrew Burmeister joined our staff in late summer in the area of computer science. There were several administrative changes as well—Mr. Paul Tweit, director of development; Mr. Richard Wiechmann, deferred giving and annual funds; and Mr. Steve Jaeger, director of admissions.

I am happy to announce that Dr. William Kessel, the college's academic dean, was awarded the Ray Williams Award by the Midwest/Central Region of Academic Affairs Administrators. This award is given annually to the two most promising younger higher education administrators entering the profession.

During a special service on February 9, the college observed the following anniversaries:

30 years	Glenn Reichwald	Professor of Greek, Religion, and Political Science
20 years	Arlene Hilding	Professor of Music and Organ

The board and administration greatly appreciate the faithful and dedicated service of the entire staff and faculty. We thank our Lord and Savior for supplying Bethany Lutheran College with such workers.

## ENROLLMENT

The 1987-88 enrollment was as follows:

	1st Semester	2nd Semester
Freshmen	164	157
Sophomores	110	108
Specials	6	2
Part-time	30	20
Totals	310	287
FTE	289	275

The enrollment figures show a gain over last year. It should be noted this was Bethany's largest full-time enrollment ever. We are hopeful that our enrollment will continue to show increases in the years ahead. Thus far prospects for the fall of 1988 are looking good.

## CURRICULUM AND OTHER ACADEMIC PROJECTS

The college continues to evaluate and study its curriculum. It is the president's hope that following the completion of our self study a major curriculum study can be undertaken. The evaluation allows Bethany to meet the needs of the students in a changing world but yet maintain its commitment to offer a quality, Christian liberal arts program.

In last year's synod report it was noted that our students compare very favorably in their general education development (social sciences, problem solving, arts, physical sciences). The growth is so favorable, ACT has asked Bethany to be part of a pilot study to attempt to find the underlying reasons for success. This is indeed a feather in our cap.

The college is in the middle of a self study for continued accreditation by North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. Dr. William Kessel is the coordinator for the college and Mr. Ronald Younge is his associate. With the assistance of our entire staff, the self study will be complete by late summer and will be submitted to NCA. A team of educators will be on our campus March 27, 28, and 29, 1989, to engage in a peer evaluation of our institution. At the conclusion of their visit and a thorough evaluation of our self study, they will make their recommendation to the association regarding our status as a member. The process is for the purpose of institutional growth and development.

Mr. Ronald Younge, our director of continuing education, is working to develop ways for the college to deliver its services in some non-traditional ways. Presently, we are planning to offer some evening classes in the fall. We are also making use of the summer by offering the youth choir workshop, art camp, and several athletic camps. It is our hope that these non-traditional offerings will enhance our traditional program through more visibility and additional resources.

The long relationship between Bethany Lutheran College and Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Seminary of Mequon, Wisconsin, as partners in training men to enter the seminary, has come to a close. Bethany's purpose in this partnership was to prepare men wishing to enter the seminary who had not followed the traditional WELS track. These men now will be served by Northwestern College. Previously it was impossible for Northwestern to handle them along with the traditional track. We are sad to see the program leave but are thankful to have had the opportunity to serve our sister synod in that capacity.

The administration of the college is attempting to develop a transfer program with Northwestern College. If successful, our pre-seminary students who receive an A.A. degree from Bethany will complete a B.A. degree at Northwestern in two years and be ready to enter our seminary. Hopefully, this transfer program will be available within the next year.

The major gift from Schwan's Sales Enterprises, Inc., for our new fine arts center was reported in last year's Synod Report. After much work and analysis and an



additional commitment from Schwan's Sales Enterprises, Inc., together with commitments from others, the Board of Regents has approved a project of \$3.5 million. The budget for the facility has been set at \$2.25 million and an endowment to assist with maintenance of the facility and development of the programs at \$1.25 million. Many more details regarding this program will be made available at the convention.

## PHYSICAL PLANT

An elevator was installed in Old Main last summer. The alumni of the college, in recognition of its 60th anniversary under the ownership of our Evangelical Lutheran Synod and the 75th anniversary of its conception, raised approximately 50 percent of funds needed for the installation of the elevator. This much-needed addition has helped a great deal in our desire to make our institution more accessible to all our constituents. We are indeed pleased with this addition.

Plans are under way to replace the windows of the top three floors of Old Main during the spring and summer months. The urgency to care for this need has become more apparent the last couple of years. It is hoped that the college will be able to fund the cost (\$100,000) out of its own funds. The remaining two floors will have the windows replaced during the summer of 1989.

## GRANTS

Two grants, exceeding \$23,000 over two years, were received from Aid Association for Lutherans. The grants were given to assist in the planning and implementation of the fund drive for the S. C. Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center. The college is most grateful to AAL in assisting with this undertaking.

Our women's auxiliary continues to impact Bethany with its support. This year they have taken on projects totaling more than \$12,000, which enhances the opportunities for our students. Projects this year include \$2,000 for scholarships and \$10,000-\$12,000 for the Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center. Again, many thanks to these wonderful ladies.

## FINANCE AND AUXILIARY SERVICES

The bookstore continues to improve its profitability. Many thanks to those churches and individuals who make use of our bookstore.

The 1986-87 school year ended in the black and helped reduce the operating deficit to \$8,717. It is our hope to completely eliminate all operating deficits this year. There is some capital indebtedness due to campus improvements.

Our gifts continue to assist in our operations and in improving our programs and facilities. The president and Board of Regents are grateful to those individuals and companies willing to support the programs on Bethany's campus.

The following is a summary of receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1987:

### REVENUES

Tuition and Fees	\$ 1,148,984
Synod Subsidy	157,000
Private Gifts and Grants	189,447
Other Sources	126,534
Auxiliary	806,769
	<hr/> \$2,428,734

## EXPENDITURES

Educational and General	\$1,497,787
Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds	145,878
Scholarships & Grants	188,852
Auxiliary	560,420
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	\$2,392,937
Excess	\$35,797
Prior Deficit	(44,524)
Total Accumulated Deficit	<hr/>
	\$(8,717)

## CONCLUSION

In this year and the upcoming two years, as we strive for the necessary resources to succeed in our desire to raise \$3.5 million for the S. C. Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center, it would be good for us to reflect on how Dr. S. C. Ylvisaker viewed Bethany—"where our young men and young women are encouraged to study and appreciate what is noble and pure and beautiful, where they are exercised in habits of Christian culture, where they learn to express through the medium of song or other forms of art that which is beautiful and noble, and in general develop that sense of spirit of refinement which enriches our whole life."

As we close another year, thanks to our church and those individuals who continue to support Bethany Lutheran College. May the everlasting peace and love of our risen Christ be with all of you.

John A. Moldstad, Sr., chairman  
Raymond M. Branstad, secretary  
Marvin G. Meyer, president

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS AND PRESIDENT OF BETHANY LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Our seminary continues to carry out its important task of training pastors for the Gospel ministry. We are grateful to the Lord for blessing the seminary with another school year. As we continue to thank our gracious Lord for His unending blessings we also pray that He will continue to open hearts to study for the ministry and that He will bless the instruction in His Word, to the end that those who go forth from this institution to proclaim the Gospel will not only be faithful to that Word but that they will also be filled with a genuine love for souls and thus be effective instruments of the Holy Spirit in building Christ's Kingdom.

### THE BOARD OF REGENTS

The Board of Regents which is responsible for the operation of the seminary, met quarterly during the year and the president of the seminary submitted a report to each meeting. The board members are: Mr. Holger Aussen, Jasper, MN; the Rev. Raymond Branstad, Brooklyn Center, MN; the Rev. Edward Bryant, Port Orchard, WA; the Rev. Warren Granke, Madison, WI; the Rev. John A. Moldstad, Sr., Vero Beach, FL; Mr. William Overn, St. Paul, MN; Mr. Paul Chamberlin, Brewster, MA; Dr. Donald Peterson, Madison, WI; Mr. Harold Theiste, Wayzata, MN; and the Rev. M. E. Tweit, advisory member, Lawler, IA.

### FACULTY

The following professors taught in the seminary during the 1987-88 school year: J. B. Madson, R. E. Honsey, W. W. Petersen, and Norman A. Madson, Jr.

## ENROLLMENT

The enrollment continues to hold steady. Again this year the enrollment was twelve, which included two vicars, Micah Ernst who vicared in the Northwood, IA, parish under the supervision of the Rev. Alf Merseth, and Daniel Schroeder who vicared at Bethany Lutheran Church, Princeton, MN, the Rev. David Nelson, pastor. The enrollment breakdown was as follows: four juniors, two middlers, four seniors, and two vicars.

## ACTIVITIES

Our annual vicar workshop was held at the end of the school year. The returning vicars reported on certain phases of their vicarages. President George Orvick delivered an informative presentation on the purpose and work of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod. The Rev. Donald Moldstad, a member of the Board for Education and Youth, spoke to the students on *Ministering to Youth*. Brief presentations were also given on the Synod's pension and insurance plan, deferred giving, and the bookstore.

Two summer institutes were sponsored by the seminary, one at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Madison, WI, on June 29-July 1, and the other at the seminary July 7-9. Exegetical and homiletical papers were delivered by Professor J. B. Madison and President W. Petersen. Both institutes were well received by the pastors. We are grateful to Aid Association for Lutherans for funding these institutes, thus making it possible for our pastors to attend at a minimum of expense.

The seminary, together with the college, sponsored the annual Reformation lectures on October 28-29. The lectures this year commemorated the centenary of the death of Dr. C. F. W. Walther. The lecturers were Dr. Robert Kolb, Professor of religion at Concordia College, St. Paul, MN; Dr. August Suelflow, Director of Concordia Historical Institute, St. Louis, MO; and Professor Arnold Koelpin, of Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, MN.

An invitation from the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary was extended to the seminary students and faculty to attend a two-day mission seminar at Mequon, Wisconsin. The seminar was held on January 27-28 and was found to be informative and inspirational.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

As we have previously reported, the seminary has been blessed with several Scholarship Endowment Funds. These funds are invested and the dividends are used for student scholarships. In addition to these funds the seminary also received gifts from organizations and individuals throughout the Synod, to be used for student scholarships. This means that each year we are able to give the students a substantial scholarship to help them with their tuition. The students are extremely grateful for this financial assistance as they pursue their theological education.

## SEMINARY ENDOWMENT FUND

We reported to the Synod last year that the Board of Regents was in the process of setting up an endowment fund to be used for seminary needs. This fund is now a reality and we are happy to report that during the year the seminary received notice of a \$100,000 bequest from the Minnie Whipple estate. An additional \$2,000 was received in memory of Gudrun Moldstad. These monies have been invested and the dividends will be used for seminary needs.

## COMPUTER

The seminary received an IBM Compatible Personal Computer and also a Hewlett Packard LaserJet printer. This was made possible through the joint efforts of several AAL branches. The computer is a welcome addition to the seminary equipment and is available to students as well as staff.

## BEQUESTS

In addition to the bequest from the Minnie Whipple estate the seminary also received a bequest of \$19,996.72 from the Lillian Wichmann estate. One-half of this amount was designated for the Ernest Larsen Scholarship Fund and the remainder to the seminary, to be used for seminary needs. We are indeed grateful to the Lord for moving these members of the Synod to remember the seminary in their estates.

## FINANCES

The following is a summary of budget receipts and expenditures for the past fiscal year, July 1, 1986 to June 30, 1987.

### REVENUES

Tuition and Fees	\$ 26,450
Synod Subsidy	46,000
Gifts and Grants	33,141
Miscellaneous	6,711
Restricted Scholarships & Grants	<u>17,788</u>
	\$130,090

### EXPENDITURES

Educational & General	\$98,808
Maintenance and Utilities	10,708
Restricted Scholarships & Grants	<u>15,819</u>
	\$125,335
Excess of Current Fund Toward Deficit	\$2,786
Excess of Restricted Scholarships & Grants	1,969

The financial situation at the seminary continues to improve. The current projection is that the seminary will also show a balance in the 1987-88 school year. We are grateful to the Synod for its subsidy and also to individual members and organizations who have remembered the seminary with special gifts.

May our gracious Lord continue to bless our seminary.

Wilhelm W. Petersen, president  
John A. Moldstad, Sr., chairman  
Raymond A. Branstad, secretary

## HIGHER EDUCATION ACTION OF THE SYNOD

### Resolution No. 1: Staff

*WHEREAS, The Lord has blessed Bethany Lutheran College with excellent instructors and staff, and,*

*WHEREAS, Their dedication to "The One Thing Needful" has caused Bethany to flourish as a Christian liberal arts college,*

*A. BE IT RESOLVED, That the Synod give its heartfelt appreciation to Louella Balcziaik and Ernest Geistfeld for their faithful completed service, and,*

*B. BE IT RESOLVED, That the Synod also give thanks and congratulations to Professors Glenn Reichwald and Arlene Hilding for their 30 and 20 years of service, respectively, and,*

*C. BE IT RESOLVED, That the Synod give thanks to God for the restoration of Professor Erling Teigen's health allowing him to continue his called duties.*

**Resolution No. 2: Staff**

*WHEREAS, Several professors have furthered their formal education through leaves, sabbaticals and seminars, and,*

*WHEREAS, The faculty and staff are continually being challenged to grow in excellence,*

*A. BE IT RESOLVED, That the Synod commend the college faculty and staff for obtaining additional formal education, and,*

*B. BE IT RESOLVED, That the administration continues to encourage professional growth.*

**Resolution No. 3: Enrollment at Bethany Lutheran College**

*WHEREAS, Last year's enrollment was the largest full-time enrollment ever, and,*

*WHEREAS, The future looks bright for still larger enrollments,*

*BE IT RESOLVED, That the Synod commend the Office of Admissions of Bethany Lutheran College for its diligent work and the staff for offering excellent education and facilities.*

**Resolution No. 4: Curriculum and Other Academic Projects**

*WHEREAS, The long relationship between Bethany Lutheran College and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary of Mequon, Wisconsin, as partners in training men to enter the seminary, has come to a close because the men will now be served by Northwestern College, and,*

*WHEREAS, This relationship greatly strengthened the fellowship between our synods,*

*A. BE IT RESOLVED, That we thank our gracious God for the opportunity we had to work together with our brothers in Christ to prepare men to enter the seminary of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, and,*

*B. BE IT RESOLVED, That we encourage the continued cooperation of our synods through the development of the proposed transfer program with Northwestern College for our pre-seminary students, so that after they graduate from Bethany Lutheran College they may complete the requirements for a B.A. degree in two years.*

**Resolution No. 5: Physical Plant and Grants**

*WHEREAS, Numerous improvements, including the installation of the elevator in Old Main, have been made to the physical plant, and,*

*WHEREAS, AAL and the Women's Auxiliary have contributed over \$35,000 towards completed and planned building projects,*

*A. BE IT RESOLVED, That the Synod commend the alumni*

and staff of Bethany for the continued physical plant improvements, and,

*B. BE IT RESOLVED, That the Synod thank AAL and the Women's Auxiliary for their gifts.*

**Resolution No. 6: Auxiliary Services**

*WHEREAS, The bookstore and other auxiliary services have finished the 1986-87 fiscal year in the black and helped reduce the operating deficit of the college to \$8,717,*

*BE IT RESOLVED, That the Synod thank the managers of the auxiliary services for their continued efforts.*

**Resolution No. 7: Activities**

*WHEREAS, The summer institutes are a benefit to both pastor and congregation,*

*A. BE IT RESOLVED, That the Synod commend Bethany Lutheran Seminary for sponsoring such summer institutes, and,*

*B. BE IT RESOLVED, That the Seminary continue to sponsor such institutes for pastors to continue their professional growth.*

**Resolution No. 8: Activities**

*WHEREAS, Our seminary students and faculty attended a two-day informative and inspirational mission seminar on January 27-28 of this year at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, Wisconsin, and,*

*WHEREAS, The Synod rejoices in this expression of our church fellowship with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod,*

*BE IT RESOLVED, That our seminary faculty and students continue to seek and promote further opportunities for joint teaching and learning.*

**Resolution No. 9: Scholarships**

*WHEREAS, The Seminary has been blessed with several endowment funds and additional gifts from various organizations and individuals to be used for tuition scholarships, and,*

*WHEREAS, The Seminary students are extremely grateful for this substantial financial assistance, therefore*

*A. BE IT RESOLVED, That the Synod thank the donors for their generosity, and,*

*B. BE IT RESOLVED, That the Synod stress the extreme importance of these gifts and encourage groups and individuals to continue to contribute to the seminary scholarship funds.*

**Resolution No. 10: Seminary Endowment Fund**

*WHEREAS, The training of men for the public ministry is a primary goal of our Synod in carrying out "The Great Commission," and,*

*WHEREAS, The Minnie Whipple bequest, the Gudrun Molstad memorial and the Lilian Wichman bequest were given for the purpose of helping to train men for the preaching ministry,*

*A. BE IT RESOLVED, That the Synod hereby express its sincere thanks to the families of these women, and,*

*B. BE IT RESOLVED, That the Synod continues to support this important teaching ministry with its gifts of love.*

**Resolution No. 11: Anniversaries**

*WHEREAS, Bethany Lutheran College celebrated its 60th Anniversary as a college of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and 75 years as an institution on July 10-12, 1987,*

*BE IT RESOLVED, That we thank God for the many years of blessings which have been bestowed upon our Synod and students through Bethany Lutheran College.*

**Resolution No. 12: Construction of the Fine Arts Building**

*WHEREAS, The Evangelical Lutheran Synod, at its 1987 convention approved the "construction of a Fine Arts Building on the Bethany campus as soon as the necessary funds are available." (cf. Synod Report 1987, p.97, Res.8,B.), and,*

*WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees and the Board of Regents have set the goal for the program at \$3.5 million with \$2.5 million for construction and \$1 million for an endowment fund, and,*

*WHEREAS, Bethany Lutheran College has received, as of May 15, 1988, cash and pledges in excess of \$2.75 million,*

*A. BE IT RESOLVED, That the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and Bethany Lutheran College rejoice over this commitment of many individuals and many other friends of the institution,*

*WHEREAS, The architect in consultation with the builder has given assurance that a suitable building can be erected for \$2.5 million,*

*B. BE IT RESOLVED, That the Evangelical Lutheran Synod authorize construction of the Fine Arts Building on the Bethany Lutheran College campus as soon as reasonably possible.*

## **REPORT OF THE BOARD FOR EDUCATION AND YOUTH**

The Board for Education and Youth met twice since the last Synod convention. An additional meeting was held by the subcommittee on youth work. The Rev. Raymond Branstad serves as chairman and the Rev. Craig Ferkenstad as recording secretary. The work of the board covers three concerns and therefore is divided into three subcommittees. During the past year the board assisted the congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod through the following:

### **SUBCOMMITTEE ON YOUTH WORK**

The committee for youth work sponsored Camp Indianhead at Camp JIM near Brainerd, Minnesota; 110 campers attended. This year it will be under the direction of the Rev. Harvey Abrahamson and held the third week of July. Other camps

were held for our youth in the Madison, Wisconsin area and in the state of Washington. We seek reports from various camps throughout our Synod in the hope of sharing ideas.

The 1987 Lutheran Youth Association Convention was held in Dupont, Washington in August, under the direction of Mr. Larry Rude. Over 100 youth were in attendance, including more than 60 from the Midwest. Our Pacific Northwest congregations planned a beautiful convention with trips to Mt. Rainier and the ocean. The convention was well received.

The 1988 Lutheran Youth Association Convention will be held at Bethany College, August 5, 6 and 7. The theme for this year's convention will be "Living in Harmony." We have contacted regional pastors and lay people in order to organize means of transportation for the youth.

The 1989 Lutheran Youth Association Convention will be held in the Wisconsin Dells area the first weekend in August. We are investigating the possibility of Florida in the following year.

A Youth Leadership Seminar was conducted by the committee simultaneous with the Washington Youth Convention. More than 15 pastors and lay youth leaders participated. A seminar is being planned at Bethany during the 1988 Lutheran Youth Association Convention.

Response to a Synod-wide survey on youth work was very poor, indicating that one of our root problems is lack of attention to this most serious area of our Synod's work. We continue to seek many ways to encourage and help our churches and pastors in the area of ministering to youth.

The committee is currently working on a book for Lutheran youth work, in order to assist our pastors and lay people. It is scheduled to be completed by Synod convention, 1989.

In the past twelve months the board has published three issues of "Young Branches," a Lutheran magazine for youth in our Synod. Its purpose is to strengthen our youth in their faith and better incorporate them into the work and life of our Synod.

Thirty-four youth participated in last year's honor choir which practiced and performed during Synod convention. The committee continues to promote the program and has provided some funds for its operation. We express our thanks to Mr. Steven Jaeger and Professor Dennis Marzolf for their work with this choir.

Through various mailings we encourage youth retreats on the circuit level. This year circuit youth retreats reportedly were held in Michigan, the East Coast, and Florida. We urge all our congregations to consider these valuable gatherings.

In the past year we have investigated the liability insurance coverage for Synod youth events and find it lacking. We are presently seeking action to provide adequate coverage.

WHEREAS Synod sponsored events off the Bethany College campus, such as seminars, board meetings, etc., are not under present liability coverage and therefore at great risk, and,

WHEREAS the Synod has directed the Board for Education and Youth to investigate insurance liability coverage for Synod sponsored youth activities (Synod Report 1987, p. 102, Res. 4).

A. BE IT RESOLVED that \$2,000.00 be added to the 1989 budget for the Board for Education and Youth to purchase temporary policies to cover Synod sponsored youth activities, and,

B. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees be encouraged to investigate more economical means of protection for youth activities and all Synod sponsored events.

#### **SUBCOMMITTEE ON PARISH EDUCATION**

Members of the subcommittee are: the Rev. Joseph Burkhardt, the Rev. Craig Ferkenstad, and Mr. Mark Wiechmann.



Two congregations availed themselves of the family educational program "Living in Grace" which was purchased and promoted by the committee.

A series of eight articles in the *Lutheran Sentinel* were published dealing with family issues. They were printed under the title "A Letter Home."

Sunday School Institutes have been encouraged through mailings and direct request. However, only four circuits of the Synod held such institutes during the past year.

Three quarterly mailings have been made to congregations of the Synod with material for Sunday School training and various information for the pastor's education endeavors.

A devotional flier ("Advent Devotions for the Family") was produced and distributed by the committee. We thank the art department of Bethany Lutheran College for their assistance.

The 1986 convention directed the Board for Education and Youth to establish a central clearing house for materials which are available through the board (Synod Report, 1986, p. 84, Res. 1). At the September 1987 meeting, the board designated the recording secretary of the board, together with the Lutheran Synod Book Company, to serve as contact persons to direct individuals to the proper sources.

#### **SUBCOMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOLS:**

Members of the subcommittee are: Mr. Gary Carlson, Mr. Ray Diepenbrock, and Mr. Larry Rude.

The committee assists the twelve congregations of our Synod who presently operate Christian Day Schools and the forty teachers who staff these schools. Other congregations send children to schools of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Continuing education grants were provided for fifteen teachers. All schools receive a synodical visitation on an every second year cycle.

The teachers of the Synod met in district conferences. The Midwest Conference was held October 29-30 at Western Koshkonong Lutheran School, Cottage Grove, Wisconsin. The Pacific-Northwest Conference was held January 18 at Our Redeemer Lutheran School, Yelm, Washington. Pastors also are encouraged to attend these teacher's conferences. In addition our teachers of the Pacific-Northwest meet twice each year in joint conferences with the WELS.

The 1987 convention directed the board to research the possibility of reestablishing subsidies for ELS students attending area Lutheran high schools of our fellowship (Synod Report, 1987, p. 102, Res. 2). It is the board's belief that any such subsidy to students enrolled in area Lutheran high schools must be in a substantial amount if it is to influence any potential enrollment by having an impact on tuition now averaging \$1,500. This subsidy, we feel, would have to be in amounts equal to 20% of that tuition (\$300). With ninety ELS students currently enrolled in such schools, that would amount to \$27,000 which would have to be included in the Synod's budget. Anything less, in our opinion, is of no effect.

The board would recommend the following salary schedule for Evangelical Lutheran Synod's teachers:

Teachers who hold a Bachelor's Degree

Base Salary \$13,200

Yearly Increment 200 per year of service up to 20 years

Teachers who hold a Master's Degree or its equivalent

Base Salary \$13,900

Yearly Increment 225 per year of service up to 20 years

To both of the above add the following:

Pension to be figured at 6% of the above

Health Insurance to be paid (Synod Plan)

Housing is to be furnished

Utilities are to be paid in full

#### Additional Recommendations:

1. Other duties assigned to a teacher (but not those expected because of his regular congregational membership) such as principalship, should also be adequately remunerated.
2. Congregations are encouraged to provide financial support for the teacher's continuing education and teachers should be encouraged to take at least three hours of graduate or undergraduate work during each three year period.
3. The congregation should insist that the teachers attend the annual teachers' conference and should provide ways and means to do so.
4. The congregation should encourage male teachers to attend the Synod convention and should provide ways and means to do so.
5. A sick leave of 10 days shall be granted each year, these may be accumulated to a maximum of 50 days. For any sick leave beyond the accumulated amount, the cost of substitute teaching may be deducted from the salary of the teacher who is absent.
6. Personal emergency leaves are not to exceed 5 days each year. The cost of substitute teaching is to be deducted from the teacher's salary for all days over 5 days. In the event of a death or serious illness in the immediate family, an additional leave shall be granted, its extent to be determined by the Board for Christian Education.
7. Each substitute teacher is to be paid a minimum of \$35 per day.

#### CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL STATISTICS 1987-88

##### Teachers:

Total: 59 (23 are part-time or specialists)

Men: 14 Women: 45

##### Schools:

Total Number: 12

Enrollment:	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
	113	94	88	86	75	66	63	61	54	Total: 700 (1987 was 723)

##### Pre-schools:

Total Number: 6

Enrollment: 114

Average % of congregation's children enrolled: 73.7%

Range: 30%-100%

Average % of student body that are members: 67.3%

Range: 33%-95%

##### Salaries and Benefits:

7 Schools meet or exceed Synod standards

5 Schools below Synod standards

#### JOINT CONCERNS

A budget request was prepared and sent to the Planning and Coordinating Committee as follows:

Subcommittee on youth work	\$ 6,000
Subcommittee on parish education	3,000
Subcommittee on Christian Day Schools	8,725
Board expenses	<u>4,000</u>
Total request	\$21,725

Craig A. Ferkenstad, secretary

## **EDUCATION AND YOUTH ACTION OF THE SYNOD**

### **Resolution No. 1: Liability Coverage for Synod Sponsored Youth Activities**

*WHEREAS, Synod sponsored events on the Bethany College campus, such as seminars, board meetings, etc., are not under present liability coverage and therefore at great risk, and,*

*WHEREAS, The Synod has directed the Board for Education and Youth to investigate insurance liability coverage for Synod sponsored youth activities (Synod Report 1987, p. 102, Res. 4),*

*BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees be encouraged to investigate more economical means of protection for youth activities and all Synod sponsored events.*

### **Resolution No. 2: Subsidy for ELS Students Attending Lutheran High Schools**

*WHEREAS, The 1987 convention directed the Board for Education and Youth to research the possibility of reestablishing subsidies for ELS students attending area Lutheran high schools of our fellowship (Synod Report, 1987, p. 102, Res. 2), and,*

*WHEREAS, The board research has concluded that encouraging increased enrollment would require a high school tuition subsidy of at least 20% of the total tuition, and,*

*WHEREAS, At current tuition and enrollment figures this would add approximately \$27,000.00 (90 students at \$300.00 each) to the Board for Education and Youth budget, and,*

*WHEREAS, This would substantially increase our synodical budget,*

*BE IT RESOLVED, That local congregations be encouraged to provide such a subsidy program at the local level.*

### **Resolution No. 3: Recommended Salary Schedule for Teachers**

*WHEREAS, The Board for Education and Youth has resubmitted its 1987 recommended salary schedule for teachers of our Synod, and,*

*WHEREAS, This schedule is intended to serve as a realistic guide for the minimum salaries of our Christian Day School teachers,*

*A. BE IT RESOLVED, That the Synod reaffirm its commitment to this revised schedule as the recommended compensation for teachers in our day schools, and,*

*B. BE IT RESOLVED, That the Synod strongly urge our congregations to implement this schedule as a minimum standard (adjusted for local conditions) for our teachers, and,*

*C. BE IT RESOLVED, That Synod congregations be encouraged to adjust salaries annually for cost of living increases, and,*

*D. BE IT RESOLVED, That the synodical school visitors be urged to include salary review in their regularly scheduled visitations.*

## REPORT OF THE BOARD FOR CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Two meetings of the Board for Christian Service have been held since our last report to the Synod.

The board was organized by re-electing the Rev. Gottfred Guldberg as chairman. The Rev. John E. Smith was re-elected secretary, Mr. Paul Tweit was re-elected insurance manager. He cares for Pastor's and Teacher's Term Life Insurance. Prof. Norman Holte was re-elected Pension Fund Officer. He also represents our board at the meetings of the Wisconsin Synod's Committee for Counseling Called Workers. Robert Soule, Jr. who was elected to serve on the board at the 1987 Synod Convention, resigned.

The following actions were taken by the board during the past year.

1. Re: Needs of Retired Pastors and Pastors' Widows. The Board for Christian Service granted a \$10 monthly increase in subsidy January 1, 1988.

2. Re: The Pastors and Christian Day School Teachers' Term Life Insurance. It was resolved at the 1983 convention of the Synod to raise this coverage from \$15,000 to \$30,000 beginning January 1, 1985. The board carried out this resolution. The new coverage went into effect January 1, 1985. This raises the individual premium for each policy from \$52.20 to \$118.80 per year. Will each congregation please take note of this increase in premium and help meet the cost of the increased coverage by paying the premium for your pastor and Christian day school teachers.

3. Re: The World Needs Fund. Since our last report to the Synod \$11,000 has been sent to Peru to help some of our seminary students in our Peruvian mission who have T.B. This money is allocated for medication and nutrition. Our missionaries are responsible for dispersing this money. The board sent \$5,000 to Direct Relief International. Our gift will be used to help with emergency shipments of medical equipment to wherever it is needed in the world. The board used \$3,000 to help families who lost their possessions in fires. At the present time, March 1, 1988, there is \$4,000 in the fund.

4. Re: Distribution of the World Needs Fund to help called workers in the time of emergency. (cf. Synod report, 1987, p. 75, Res. 5 and p. 106, Res. 1) The Board for Christian Service has always helped called workers whenever it was possible, but our guidelines should show how and under what conditions. The Doctrine Committee has completed its study of the World Needs Fund Guidelines, but the board has not as yet had the opportunity to consider the suggestions made by the Doctrine Committee.

5. Re: Pastor's Pension Fund. The Board for Christian Service is very concerned about the small number of new pastors who have been enrolling in the Synod's Pension Fund with National Life of Vermont. We hope that each pastor realizes that your pension fund is set up to be used at the time of retirement. The Synod has no other plan available for called workers.

6. Re: Proposed Board Budget for 1989. The following budget was prepared and sent to the Planning and Coordinating Committee for its consideration:

Subsidy Payments	\$ 6,285.60
Retirement Fund Payments	13,915.20
Group Life Insurance	3,500.00
Board Expense	<u>1,500.00</u>
Total	\$25,200.80

John E. Smith, secretary

## **CHRISTIAN SERVICE ACTION OF THE SYNOD**

### **Resolution No. 1: Retirement Fund Payments**

*WHEREAS, The church is concerned with called workers not only while they are active in the ministry, but also after their retirement, and,*

*WHEREAS, The Synod has provided retirement assistance through its subsidy and/or retirement programs, and,*

*WHEREAS, A pastor who retires without being fully vested may receive a benefit of less than \$160 per month, and,*

*WHEREAS, The Synod supplements the retirement income for that worker up to the \$160 level, and,*

*WHEREAS, Not all synodical workers are enrolled in the available synodical program or other similar programs and thus will be deprived of retirement benefits, and,*

*WHEREAS, In the future the Synod will be unable to provide retirement benefits for workers who have not enrolled in a retirement program, therefore,*

*A. BE IT RESOLVED, That congregations make themselves aware of what retirement benefits are available to their called workers through programs in which they may be currently involved, and,*

*B. BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board for Christian Service make available to all congregations a detailed explanation of what retirement programs are available through the Synod, and,*

*C. BE IT RESOLVED, That if they are not already doing so, we encourage all congregations to participate with their called workers in making contributions to their retirement programs, and,*

*D. BE IT RESOLVED, That the Synod, through the Board for Christian Service, explore the feasibility of establishing a Synod wide equalized retirement program for all its called workers.*

### **Resolution No. 2: Group Term Insurance**

*WHEREAS, The cost of the group term insurance policy for the called workers of the Synod was raised to \$118.80 per year per worker as of 1985, and,*

*WHEREAS, The congregations of the Synod have been encouraged by the 1986 and 1987 Synod conventions (1986 Synod Report pp. 88-9 and 1987 Synod Report pp. 106-7) to contribute the full amount of the premium on behalf of their called workers, and,*

*WHEREAS, The response of the congregations has been 25% short of total participation, and,*

*WHEREAS, The Synod must assume the cost of the premium for the remaining 25% of the Synod's workers from its budget for the Board for Christian Service, therefore,*

*A. BE IT RESOLVED, That the congregations of the Synod be*

*reminded of their God given responsibility toward their called workers and their dependents, and,*

*B. BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board for Christian Service be instructed to make a special attempt to apprise all congregations through a special letter to each pastor and lay delegate of the costs of the insurance program and the need for full funding by all congregations, and,*

*C. BE IT RESOLVED, That we pray that all congregations of the Synod will take to heart their responsibility and will fully fund the premium for their called workers.*

## REPORT OF THE BOARD FOR PUBLICATIONS

The responsibilities of the board include the publication of the *Lutheran Sentinel* and the *Lutheran Synod Quarterly*, Christian literature and Synodical promotional materials.

Members of the board are: the Rev. W. C. Gullixson, chairman; the Rev. A. V. Kuster, vice chairman; Daniel Browning, secretary; the Rev. Richard Wiechmann, treasurer; Howard Siewert and Robert Deering. By appointment of the chairman, the Rev. Wiechmann also acts as inventory manager and the Rev. Kuster fulfills the duties of bulletin insert coordinator.

The board met in regular session twice during the 1987-1988 term: September 14, 1987 (Mankato) and March 28, 1988 (Minneapolis).

### LUTHERAN SENTINEL

In grateful recognition of their skillful and dedicated service in the monthly publication of the *Lutheran Sentinel*, the board reappointed, at its September 1987 meeting, the Rev. Paul Madson as editor; the Rev. John Dukleth as managing editor and Mrs. Louise Lien as business manager.

Under the talented direction of the *Sentinel* staff, the *Lutheran Sentinel* is mailed to over 5,700 subscribers every month. The board is grateful that the growth of the synodical membership and the continued support of the *Sentinel* by the Synod congregations has meant a continuous yearly increase in the total subscription count for the past five years. Credit is also due to Editor Madson and his many contributors for interesting, informative and edifying articles and features. The *Lutheran Sentinel* is repeatedly recognized as one of the finest Christian periodicals of its kind in the country.

Through the blanket subscription plan a congregation can ensure that, at least monthly, and for a mere \$4.00, one piece of Christ-centered literature will enter the home of each member. By any measure, the *Lutheran Sentinel* has to be one of the best investments a congregation can make in the spiritual health of its members. The Board for Publications urges all congregations not currently taking advantage of the *Lutheran Sentinel* blanket subscription plan to seriously consider including this Synod-subsidized monthly Christian magazine in the next congregation budget plan. Everyone benefits—the member, the home church, and the Synod.

During the latter half of 1987 the entire subscription list was transferred to a computer system supplied by the Graphic Publishing Company. Business Manager Louise Lien oversaw this important but time-consuming project. The board is thankful for the diligence and attention to detail provided by Mrs. Lien in bringing about this needed improvement.

The Board for Publications has completed the archival microfilming of all *Lutheran Sentinels* and *Tidende* issues from 1917 through August 1987. This is a significant accomplishment to ensure for posterity the preservation of a very important part of our Evangelical Lutheran Synod's history. The microfilms will be a secure backup to the two complete hardbound collections located in the Synod Archives. Annual *Synod Reports* from 1918 through 1986 were also included in the microfilming project.

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Sales of Synod-owned materials have increased in the past year due in large part to a more aggressive promotion by the Lutheran Synod Book Company and a special promotional brochure the Board for Publications had inserted in a 1987 *Lutheran Sentinel* issue.

The board has a good supply of the second Bible study booklet by Dr. Kessel, "The Living Church," and urges congregations to reconsider this excellent work as suitable material for upcoming church or home Bible study programs.

No new publications were produced by the board during the past year, but several potential projects are undergoing closer analysis by the board to ascertain their suitability for publication and sale. Due to the high costs associated with the development, publication and storage of printed materials, it becomes ever more important for the board to proceed cautiously with new projects. The board's annual budget contains no realistic provision to undertake anything but the most minor publication projects. A project of any magnitude shall require a special subsidy from another source. However, the board does not wish to stifle submission of materials or suggestions for publications, but welcomes and encourages the same.

The *Synod Report* is edited annually by the Synod secretary and the consistently excellent effort in this regard is much appreciated by the board. Likewise, the board thanks Dr. Thomas Kuster for his prompt publication of the *Convention Echo* newspaper after each Synod convention.

Seminary President W. Petersen acts as editor of the *Lutheran Synod Quarterly*. The board is grateful to President Petersen and his contributors for their devotion in publishing this periodical for the benefit of its 230 subscribers.

Bulletin inserts on behalf of other Synod boards and committees were published and distributed to Synod congregations four times this past year.

Daniel E. Browning, secretary

## PUBLICATIONS ACTION OF THE SYNOD

### Resolution No. 1: The Lutheran Sentinel

*WHEREAS, The Lutheran Sentinel is an official publication of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, and,*

*WHEREAS, Not all congregations currently have blanket subscriptions, therefore,*

*A. BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board for Publications seek innovative ways to promote the Lutheran Sentinel among our congregations, and,*

*B. BE IT RESOLVED, That the pastors be encouraged to actively promote subscriptions to the Lutheran Sentinel in their congregations.*

### **Resolution No. 2: Microfilming**

*WHEREAS, The past issues of the Lutheran Sentinel, Tidende, and Synod Reports have been microfilmed,*

*A. BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board for Publications be commended for this work, and,*

*B. BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board for Publications be encouraged to investigate the microfilming of other Synod publications.*

### **Resolution No. 3: "The Living Church" Bible Study**

*WHEREAS, The Synod directed the Board for Publications to produce this Bible study, "The Living Church," (cf. 1981 Synod Report, p. 37, Res No. 2), and,*

*WHEREAS, There is a large supply of this excellent Bible study by Dr. Kessel,*

*BE IT RESOLVED, That the congregations be encouraged to make use of this material in their Bible study programs.*

### **Resolution No. 4: The Lutheran Sentinel**

*BE IT RESOLVED: That the Synod thank and commend the Rev. Paul Madson, the Rev. John Dukleth and Mrs. Louise Lien for their faithful service to the publication of the Lutheran Sentinel.*

### **Resolution No. 5: Other Publications**

*BE IT RESOLVED, That the Synod thank and commend the Rev. Alf Merseth, Dr. Thomas Kuster and President W. W. Petersen for the excellent work of editing the Synod Report, Convention Echo, and the Lutheran Synod Quarterly, respectively.*

### **Resolution No. 6: Bulletin Inserts**

*WHEREAS, The bulletin inserts are an effective means of communication between Synod boards and committees, and the laity,*

*A. BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board for Publications be commended for this work, and,*

*B. BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board for Publications work together with the other boards and committees to continue and increase their efforts in this regard.*

## **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN WORSHIP**

The committee consists of Chairman E. T. Teigen, Secretary D. W. Marzolf and the Rev. W. C. Gullixson.

The committee was involved in preparation of worship services and devotions for the 1987 synodical convention and the 1987 pastoral conference. In addition to its regular meetings, the committee continues to observe development of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod Hymnal project.

In response to a specific request, the committee is presently engaged in a study of the role of liturgical form in the young or mission parish. As a part of its regular meetings the committee continues to study many new worship resources produced by different publishing houses in the USA.

Dennis W. Marzolf, secretary



# REPORT OF THE SELF STUDY COMMITTEE

The Self Study Committee met three times during the year. In addition there were two sub-committee meetings. The members are: Alf Merseth, Milton Tweit, Sig Lee, David Nelson and Richard Newgard. It presents the following recommendations for the Synod's consideration:

## **GUIDELINES FOR CHURCH RELATED ORGANIZATIONS**

### **I. ELIGIBILITY**

To be eligible for church related status an organization shall be in agreement with the confession, purpose and intent of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod as stated in the Synod's constitution.

### **II. APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

An organization seeking church related status shall submit its application to the synodical president along with a copy of its constitution and by-laws and/or documents stating its purpose and method of operation. The president shall present such application to the Synod for action at its convention.

### **III. GOVERNANCE**

A church related organization shall operate under the supervision of an appropriate synodical board assigned by the Synod.

1. The synodical board shall ascertain whether the organization is operating in accordance with the doctrinal position of the Synod.
2. The synodical board shall approve the membership of the Board of Directors of the organization, members of which shall be chosen from within our fellowship.
3. The synodical board shall receive complete financial statements and reports of operation from the organization for review, at least semi-annually.
4. The synodical board shall report to the regular conventions of the Synod regarding the finances and operation of the organization.

### **IV. SUPPORT**

- A. A church related organization may seek financial support directly or indirectly from the membership of the Synod.
- B. All fund raising appeals shall be reviewed by and coordinated through the Synod's Board for Stewardship.
- C. In the event of the dissolution of the organization, the distribution of the assets shall be determined by the Synod, keeping in mind the original intent and purpose of the organization.
- D. The Synod shall not be responsible for any liabilities incurred by the organization.

## **BOARD FOR EVANGELISM**

**WHEREAS**, The Board for Evangelism is a permanent board of the Synod, be it **RESOLVED**, That the Board for Evangelism be represented on the Planning and Co-ordinating Committee by its chairman or representative, and,

**WHEREAS**, The Board for Evangelism plays an important role in the life of the Synod, and,

**WHEREAS**, There is ever increasing need for the work of evangelism, be it **RESOLVED**, That membership on the Board for Evangelism be increased from three (3) to five (5) members, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the Board for Evangelism shall consist of three (3) clergy and two (2) laymen, elected by the Synod in staggered three-year terms. (This replaces IA in the Guidelines for the Board for Evangelism).

## **PASTORS' EQUALIZATION**

**WHEREAS**, The Self Study Committee has been requested to study the pastors'

equalization program it recommends that the following regulations governing equalization be adopted:

**RESOLVED,** That the

1. Travel costs shall be allowed at the most economical rate.
2. The equalizer shall determine the most economical travel costs and inform the pastors one month in advance.

**REALIGNMENTS OF CIRCUITS**

The Self Study Committee recommends the following realignment of circuits be adopted:

**CIRCUIT NO. 1**

**FLORIDA**

Lakeland - Our Savior  
Naples - Our Savior  
Port St. Lucie - Christ  
Sabastian - Trinity  
Vero Beach - Grace  
Jenson Beach -

**GEORGIA**

Marietta - Resurrection  
Savannah - Christ

**CIRCUIT NO. 2**

**MASSACHUSETTS**

Brewster - Trinity  
Burlington - Pinewood

**NEW YORK**

Scottsville - Redeemer

**CIRCUIT NO. 3**

**MICHIGAN**

Alpena - Faith  
Detroit - St. Matthew  
E. Jordan - Faith  
Hesperia - Hesperia  
Hillman - Faith  
Holton - Holton  
Midland - Holy Scripture  
Suttons Bay - First  
Saginaw - Gloria Dei

**OHIO**

Deshler - Peace  
Weston - Grace

**CIRCUIT NO. 4**

**ILLINOIS**

Chicago - Emmaus  
Chicago - St. Mark's  
Lombard - St. Timothy

**WISCONSIN**

Cottage Grove - Western Koshkonong  
Madison - Grace  
Madison - Holy Cross  
Madison - Our Saviour's  
Okauchee - Holy Trinity  
Oregon - Faith  
Portage - St. Paul's

West Bend - Trinity

Wisconsin Dells - Newport

**CIRCUIT NO. 5**

**WISCONSIN**

Amherst Jct. - Our Savior's  
Ashland - First English  
Bloomer - Good Shepherd  
Clintonville - St. Paul  
Eau Claire - Ascension  
Eau Claire - Concordia  
Eau Claire - Pinchurst  
Elderon - Our Savior's  
Iola - Redeemer  
Marinette - First Trinity  
Shawano - St. Martin

**CIRCUIT NO. 6**

**IOWA**

Ames - Bethany  
Calmar - Trinity  
Decorah - U.V. Koren  
Forest City - Forest  
Lake Mills - Lake Mills  
Lake Mills - Lime Creek  
Lawler - Saude  
New Hampton - Jerico  
New Hampton - Redeemer  
Northwood - First Shell Rock  
Northwood - Somber  
Parkersburg - Faith  
Riceville - Immanuel  
Scarville - Center  
Scarville - Scarville  
Thompson - Zion  
Thornton - Richland  
Waterloo - Pilgrim  
Waterville - East Paint Creek  
Waukon - West Paint Creek

**MINNESOTA**

Albert Lea - Our Savior's  
Hartland - Hartland  
Manchester - Manchester

**CIRCUIT NO. 7**

**MINNESOTA**

Audubon - Immanuel  
Bagley - Our Savior's

Crookston - Grace  
East Grand Forks - River Heights  
Fertile - First Evanger  
Grygla - St. Petri  
Hawley - Our Savior's  
Lengby - St. Paul  
Oklee - Nazareth  
Oklee - Oak Park  
Trail - Mt. Olive  
Ulen - Calvary  
Warroad - Bethlehem  
**NORTH DAKOTA**  
Mayville - First American

**CIRCUIT NO. 8**

**MINNESOTA**

Apple Valley - Heritage  
Belview - Our Savior's  
Belview - Rock Dell  
Cottonwood - English  
Gaylord - Norwegian Grove  
Golden Valley - King of Grace  
Jasper - Rose Dell Trinity  
Luverne - Bethany  
Mankato - Mt. Olive  
Princeton - Bethany  
Princeton - Our Savior's  
St. Peter - Norseland  
Tracy - Zion

**SOUTH DAKOTA**

Sioux Falls - Bethel

**CIRCUIT NO. 9**

**MISSOURI**

Cape Girardeau - Scriptural  
Jefferson City - Peace  
Piedmont - Grace

**TEXAS**

Richardson - Good Shepherd  
San Antonio - Faith

**COLORADO**

Colorado Springs - Peace

**CIRCUIT NO. 10**

**ARIZONA**

Lake Havasu City - Our Saviour  
Phoenix - Christ the Cornerstone

**CALIFORNIA**

Bell Gardens - Christ the King  
Bishop - Our Savior  
Chico - Chico  
Escondido - St. Paul  
Grass Valley - Shepherd of the Hills  
Santa Rosa - Christ  
Tustin - Faith  
Ventura & Fillmore - Wayfarer's Chapel  
Yuba City - Bethel

**CIRCUIT NO. 11**

**OREGON**

Grants Pass - Our Savior  
Klamath Falls - Christ  
Myrtle Creek - St. Matthew  
Sutherlin - Christ  
The Dalles - Bethany

**WASHINGTON**

Mt. Vernon - St. Luke  
Port Orchard - Bethany  
Tacoma - Lakewood  
Tacoma - Parkland  
Yelm - Our Redeemer

Alf Merseth, chairman  
Richard Newgard, secretary

## MEMORIAL

WHEREAS, The talents of retired persons can be a valuable resource pool, and,  
WHEREAS, Many of these retired persons are anxious to use their talents to  
the greatest degree in the work of the Lord, and,

WHEREAS, The talents of persons could be utilized in such areas as canvassing,  
etc.,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Synod consider establishing an organization  
which would be a means of implementing the talents of these persons.

Immanuel Lutheran Church  
Box 187  
Audubon, MN 56511

Peter Anderson, chairman  
Paul Miller, secretary

## REPORT OF THE LAYMEN'S DELEGATES EQUALIZATION FUND COMMITTEE

As chairman of the Laymen's Delegates Equalization Fund Committee it is my privilege and responsibility to contact the congregations of our Synod for funds to carry on the work of this committee for the annual convention of the Synod. The convention will be held at Mankato, MN, in June. It is a *must* that your congregation respond with a check to the fund so that our committee may render the best possible service to the laymen delegates. The purpose of the fund is to defray transportation costs of the delegates.

We are submitting a statement of cash receipts and disbursements for the 1987 convention period.

### Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements

Balance on Hand 4/1/87		\$ 5,199.72
Receipts:		
Church Assessments—	\$15,739.00	
Interest Income	418.88	
Total Receipts		<u>16,157.88</u>
Total		<u>\$21,357.60</u>
Disbursements:		
Delegates:		
Air Fares and Mileage	\$(13,056.40)	
Printing, postage, and expenses	(52.46)	
Total Disbursements		<u>(13,108.86)</u>
Balance on Hand 3/31/88		<u>\$ 8,248.74</u>

1. Mileage payments will be at the rate of \$.15 per mile up to 600 miles and \$.10 per mile over 600 miles (round trip) to a layman delegate who drives his own car. (Home to convention site.)

2. Air travel and bus fares are also accepted. These will be reimbursed in full if funds permit. Otherwise a pro ration of available funds will be made.

3. Only those delegates whose congregations remit to this fund will receive equalization from it.

4. Delegates must register at the convention showing name, congregation, round-trip mileage, and/or travel expenses in order to receive reimbursement.

5. Delegates are encouraged to ride together, whenever possible. This stewardship of money will enable the equalization fund to cover more of the expenses.

6. The chairman will receive \$.15 per mile or actual expenses, whichever is less, out of the fund to cover his costs of attending the convention. (Note if chairman is a delegate he shall be reimbursed according to rules for delegates set forth.)

Greg Costello, chairman

## REPORT OF THE BOARD FOR STEWARDSHIP

The Board for Stewardship was able to accomplish its business by conducting two meetings, one on August 12-13, 1987 and the other on January 21-22, 1988. All other goals were achieved by individual members through personal assignment and telephone.

The members of the board are the Rev. Paul Schneider, chairman; Mr. Howard Hougan, vice chairman; the Rev. David Nelson, secretary; Mr. Leslie Enter; Mr. A. T. Bliss, Jr. The Rev. M. Tweit continues to serve the board as a resource-consultant.

In an attempt to carry out the Synod Handbook guidelines to promote good, biblical stewardship throughout the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, the following has been done by the board since the last convention:

1) Regular letters were sent to all pastors, board members and Synod convention delegates providing stewardship encouragement and information, bulletin inserts and a monthly listing of contributions from the congregations.

2) Coin folders and special offering envelopes were provided for each congregation for both the Advent and Lenten seasons. Coin folders have now been discontinued by this board. Individual congregations must order them personally if they desire to make use of them. Special offering envelopes will still be provided.

3) The Rev. David Nelson has been responsible for providing articles to the LUTHERAN SENTINEL and also for producing bulletin inserts.

4) Mr. Leslie Enter is the "contact" man with LACE (Lutheran Association for Church Extension—WELS). He meets with this committee and is responsible for promoting this program within the Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

5) Mr. A. T. Bliss, Jr. has provided the statistics relating to the contributions from the congregations.

6) A special offering was conducted in the fall of 1987 (November 8) because of the budget deficit. Special envelopes were provided together with a letter from President Orvick. It was promoted at the General Pastoral Conference which met in Minneapolis in September.

7) The Rev. David Nelson is working on stewardship materials which can be used by children.

8) All members of the Synod have been urged to make use of the stewardship booklet, "WORKING TOGETHER," prepared and printed by this board, which gives information explaining and promoting the 1988 synodical budget. Adequate copies were shipped to every congregation.

9) The board is working with the seminary to assist in the training of our future pastors in the biblical principles of stewardship.

10) Plans are being made to organize a method of encouraging congregational Bible study.

11) The Rev. David Nelson sent another letter to all groups soliciting funds within the Synod asking for their schedule of planned appeals. This helps coordinate these "special offerings" within our Synod. All fund drives are to be approved by this board, according to the SYNOD HANDBOOK.

12) The Board for Stewardship sponsored a speaker (H. Gordon Baird) at the General Pastoral Conference who discussed the topics: "Pastor as a Leader" and "Potential Problem Analysis."

The Board for Stewardship continues to study the basic principles of stewardship together with such ideas as subscription giving, special offerings, giving *from* blessings vs. *to* need & budget, etc. The members continue to grow in knowledge and understanding and especially in the appreciation of God's directives as outlined in His Holy Word. In addition to this stewardship study much thought has gone into future planning and programs of stewardship education. The need continues to exist to help the various congregations who are struggling in the area of stewardship.

The board continues to study the possibility of conducting seminars or conferences for the lay people of the Synod as well as more seminars for the pastors. It remains the goal of this board to use the Word of God to instruct the people so that they, by God's grace, will "say" and "do" as did the great Apostle Paul, as he wrote to the Corinthians: *"And he (Christ) died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves, but for him who died for them and was raised again."* (II Corinthians 5:15)

May God's will be done and may He receive all the glory!

## CONTRIBUTIONS TO SYNOD—1987

	1987 Budget	1987 Non-budget
	\$ —	\$ —
Ascension, Eau Claire, WI		
Bethany, Ames, IA	97.00	101.00
Bethany, The Dalles, OR	105.00	—
Bethany, Luverne, MN	20,196.00	154.00
Bethany, Port Orchard, WA	11,026.00	207.00
Bethany, Princeton, MN	15,508.00	173.00
Bethel, Sioux Falls, SD	1,442.00	2,200.00
Bethel, Yuba City, CA	175.00	30.00
Calvary, Ulen, MN	4,153.00	50.00
Center, Scarville, IA	3,226.00	—
Chico Mission, Chico, CA	440.00	125.00
Christ, Klamath Falls, OR	791.00	—
Christ, Port St. Lucie, FL	2,512.00	—
Christ, Santa Rosa, CA	3,492.00	—
Christ, Savannah, GA	1,000.00	—
Christ, Sutherlin, OR	959.00	—
Christ the Cornerstone, Phoenix, AZ	5,181.00	5,765.00
Christ the King, Bell Gardens, CA	7,132.00	265.00
Clearwater, Oklee, MN	315.00	—
Concordia, Clearbrook, MN	502.00	—
Concordia, Eau Claire, WI	1,068.00	126.00
East Paint Creek, Waterville, IA	7,519.00	62.00
Emmaus, Chicago, IL	410.00	—
English, Cottonwood, MI	7,621.00	85.00
Faith, Alpena, MI	432.00	30.00
Faith, East Jordan, MI	1,090.00	—
Faith, Hillman, MI	426.00	—
Faith, Orange County, CA	1,320.00	—
Faith, Oregon, WI	3,000.00	155.00
Faith, Parkersburg, IA	2,150.00	25.00
Faith, San Antonio, TX	4,636.00	—
First, Suttons Bay, MI	3,044.00	234.00
First American, Mayville, ND	4,139.00	60.00
First English, Ashland, WI	620.00	61.00
First Evanger, Fertile, MN	1,059.00	41.00
First Shell Rock, Northwood, IA	4,925.00	—
First Trinity, Marinette, WI	8,271.00	—
Forest, Forest City, IA	2,411.00	1,190.00
Gloria Dei, Saginaw, MI	1,406.00	—
Good Shepherd, Bloomer, WI	3,093.00	109.00
Good Shepherd, Richardson, TX	2,984.00	71.00
Good Shepherd, Vallejo, CA	3,480.00	—
Grace, Crookston, MN	436.00	300.00
Grace, Madison, WI	14,479.00	15,136.00
Grace, Piedmont, MO	2,797.00	—
Grace, Vero Beach, FL	31,657.00	—
Grace, Weston, OH	1,250.00	—
Hartland, Hartland, MN	3,889.00	—
Heritage, Apple Valley, MN	4,598.00	—
Hesperia, Hesperia, MI	317.00	36.00
Hiawatha, Minneapolis, MN	1,340.00	10.00
Holton, Holton, MI	4,400.00	—

Holy Cross, Madison, WI	34,298.00	—
Holy Scripture, Midland, MI	19,057.00	75,260.00
Holy Trinity, Okauchee, WI	17,547.00	609.00
Immanuel, Audubon, MN	6,482.00	500.00
Immanuel, Riceville, IA	1,259.00	10.00
Indian Landing, Rochester, NY	684.00	27.00
Jerico, New Hampton, IA	16,903.00	268.00
King of Grace, Golden Valley, MN	57,415.00	272.00
King of Grace, Worthington, MN	—	—
U. V. Koren Memorial, Decorah, IA	1,580.00	70.00
Lake Mills, Lake Mills, IA	3,197.00	—
Lakewood, Tacoma, WA	1,845.00	1,459.00
Lime Creek, Lake Mills, IA	2,597.00	—
Manchester, Manchester, MN	1,132.00	188.00
Mt. Olive, Mankato, MN	29,304.00	720.00
Mt. Olive, Trail, MN	1,307.00	—
Nazareth, Trail, MN	2,102.00	840.00
Newport, Wisconsin Dells, WI	1,000.00	—
Norseland, St. Peter, MN	14,848.00	152.00
Norwegian Grove, Gaylord, MN	6,749.00	187.00
Oak Park, Oklee, MN	2,972.00	—
Our Redeemer, Yelm, WA	2,031.00	528.00
Our Savior's, Albert Lea, MN	25,630.00	531.00
Our Savior's, Amherst Junction, WI	1,344.00	65.00
Our Savior's, Bagley, MN	1,725.00	—
Our Savior's, Belview, MN	2,338.00	25.00
Our Savior, Bishop, CA	3,023.00	67.00
Our Savior's, Elderon, WI	1,600.00	—
Our Savior, Grants Pass, OR	1,565.00	115.00
Our Savior's, Hawley, MN	2,986.00	—
Our Saviour, Lake Havasu City, AZ	9,110.00	1,233.00
Our Savior, Lakeland, FL	2,041.00	35.00
Our Saviour's, Madison, WI	1,120.00	862.00
Our Savior, Naples, FL	1,784.00	—
Our Savior's, Princeton, MN	15,066.00	145.00
Parkland, Tacoma, WA	5,101.00	—
Peace, Colorado Springs, CO	278.00	—
Peace, Deshler, OH	12,509.00	139.00
Peace, Jefferson City, MO	3,081.00	178.00
Pilgrim, Waterloo, IA	4,755.00	138.00
Pinehurst, Eau Claire, WI	4,924.00	130.00
Pinewood, Burlington, MA	12,452.00	145.00
Redeemer, Iola, WI	907.00	140.00
Redeemer, New Hampton, IA	2,682.00	20.00
Redeemer, Scottsville, NY	1,140.00	410.00
Resurrection, Marietta, GA	2,552.00	25.00
Richland, Thornton, IA	14,226.00	150.00
River Heights, East Grand Forks, MN	25,800.00	3,529.00
Rock Dell, Belview, MN	3,831.00	—
Rose Dell Trinity, Jasper, MN	435.00	—
Saude, Lawler, IA	13,797.00	190.00
Scriptural, Cape Girardeau, MO	230.00	—
Shepherd of the Hills, Grass Valley, CA	45.00	—
Somber, Northwood, IA	2,280.00	—
St. Luke, Mount Vernon, WA	96.00	—
St. Mark's, Chicago, IL	587.00	100.00
St. Martin, Shawano, WI	18,600.00	430.00

St. Matthew, Myrtle Creek, OR	2,538.00	—
St. Paul, Clintonville, WI	3,844.00	181.00
St. Paul, Escondido, CA	648.00	—
St. Paul, Lengby, MN	712.00	—
St. Paul's, Portage, WI	1,025.00	—
St. Petri, Grygla, MN	649.00	—
St. Timothy, Lombard, IL	12,561.00	157.00
Synod, Scarville, IA	16,293.00	326.00
Trinity, Brewster, MA	4,146.00	103.00
Trinity, Calmar, IA	660.00	22.00
Trinity, Sebastian, FL	4,389.00	80.00
Trinity, West Bend, WI	14,814.00	—
Warroad, Warroad, MN	205.00	—
Wayfarers' Chapel, Ventura, CA	3,276.00	115.00
Western Koshkonong, Cottage Grove, WI	6,015.00	—
West Paint Creek, Waukon, IA	876.00	—
Zion, Thompson, IA	1,228.00	—
Zion, Tracy, MN	8,231.00	154.00



# BUDGET CONTRIBUTIONS TO SYNOD

## Total for Years Indicated

	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987
Ascension, Eau Claire, WI	\$ 513	\$ 320	\$ 241	\$ 115	\$ 37	\$ 15	—
Bethany, Ames, IA	1,298	775	117	—	40	42	97
Bethany, Luverne, MN	20,650	17,771	20,485	18,003	17,018	21,579	20,196
Bethany, Port Orchard, WA	14,952	17,205	18,020	18,535	9,199	12,684	11,026
Bethany, Princeton, MN	12,043	11,029	11,891	12,366	12,412	13,503	15,507
Bethany, The Dalles, OR	—	—	—	—	1,695	1,604	105
Bethel, Sioux Falls, SD	4,856	5,600	5,467	3,110	3,405	2,606	1,442
Bethel, Yuba City, CA	—	—	405	676	684	315	175
Calvary, Ulen, MN	5,714	2,548	3,987	3,465	3,935	2,959	4,153
Center, Scarville, IA	3,835	3,961	4,342	3,407	3,665	3,399	3,225
Chico Mission, Chico, CA	—	—	—	—	—	625	440
Christ, Klamath Falls, OR	—	—	—	—	—	—	791
Christ, Port St. Lucie, FL	—	—	—	—	1,246	4,234	2,512
Christ, Santa Rosa, CA	—	—	—	—	1,787	3,322	3,492
Christ, Savannah, GA	840	800	3,000	3,000	2,800	3,000	1,000
Christ, Sutherlin, OR	1,023	842	1,538	1,334	810	908	959
Christ the Cornerstone, Phoenix, AZ	—	—	—	1,865	5,224	7,062	5,181
Christ, the King, Bell Gardens, CA	2,688	2,683	2,627	3,387	3,123	5,672	7,132
Clearwater, Oklee, MN	807	880	1,170	805	150	447	315
Concordia, Clearbrook, MN	1,296	743	1,625	1,305	967	1,152	502
Concordia, Eau Claire, WI	5,147	768	2,225	3,247	1,607	4,647	1,068
East Paint Creek, Waterville, IA	8,307	8,543	7,880	6,565	7,429	7,484	7,519
Emmaus, Chicago, IL	—	—	—	—	—	—	410
English, Cottonwood, MN	14,288	14,836	15,783	13,671	13,118	12,805	7,621
Faith, Alpena, MI	1,204	300	160	150	197	420	432
Faith, East Jordan, MI	1,139	1,122	1,094	535	783	1,239	1,090
Faith, Hillman, MI	2,276	1,081	531	—	713	422	426
Faith, Orange Co., CA	160	827	1,070	1,225	1,735	3,240	1,320
Faith, Oregon, WI	1,899	2,190	2,758	2,269	3,738	1,705	3,000

# BUDGET CONTRIBUTIONS TO SYNOD—continued

## Total for Years Indicated

Faith, Parkersburg, IA	2,172	2,255	2,140	2,384	2,316	1,800	2,150
Faith, San Antonio, TX	2,308	2,775	3,265	3,482	4,890	13,507	4,636
First, Suttons Bay, MI	2,949	3,068	1,579	1,622	1,759	1,900	3,044
First American, Mayville, ND	5,637	4,212	6,132	6,787	5,564	4,619	4,139
First English, Ashland, WI	1,633	767	575	622	215	743	620
First Evanger, Fertile, MN	2,682	2,715	2,483	2,218	2,093	1,113	1,059
First Shell Rock, Northwood, IA	3,266	4,290	2,454	6,603	6,592	5,886	4,925
First Trinity, Marinette, WI	5,080	4,507	6,078	5,365	3,956	3,338	8,271
Forest, Forest City, IA	783	539	812	4,661	3,049	4,069	2,411
Gloria Dei, Saginaw, MI	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,406
Good Shepherd, Bloomer, WI	5,705	3,771	6,251	4,587	3,774	3,963	3,093
Good Shepherd, Richardson, TX	8,439	4,493	3,554	4,058	3,830	1,600	2,984
Good Shepherd, Vallejo, CA	—	—	—	—	—	—	3,480
Grace, Crookston, MN	5,849	5,229	5,927	4,405	1,505	1,206	436
Grace, Madison, WI	7,700	9,975	11,267	13,660	19,860	16,120	14,479
Grace, Piedmont, MO	542	1,242	2,345	3,196	3,659	2,915	2,797
Grace, Vero Beach, FL	28,090	49,404	34,572	32,611	38,722	34,198	31,657
Grace, Weston, OH	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,250
Hartland, Hartland, MN	4,746	6,202	4,237	3,923	3,490	3,080	3,889
Heritage, Apple Valley, MN	4,101	4,076	4,641	6,406	5,062	4,649	4,598
Hesperia, Hesperia, MI	—	—	56	240	330	404	317
Hiawatha, Minneapolis, MN	1,240	3,557	1,783	3,206	3,168	3,112	1,340
Holton, Holton, MI	4,697	4,456	3,727	6,675	5,703	6,269	4,400
Holy Cross, Madison, WI	31,024	33,500	28,961	28,514	33,610	33,593	34,298
Holy Scripture, Midland, MI	6,617	8,951	14,664	26,698	15,320	14,274	19,057
Holy Trinity, Okauchee, WI	12,867	14,332	15,982	19,355	15,186	16,494	17,547
Immanuel, Audubon, MN	3,345	4,673	3,941	6,872	5,776	5,448	6,482
Immanuel, Riceville, IA	1,243	1,226	715	944	1,261	1,013	1,259
Indian Landing, Rochester, NY	2,870	3,344	3,106	2,317	1,822	1,636	684
Jerico, New Hampton, IA	16,148	20,440	19,476	20,663	19,716	17,667	16,903

# **BUDGET CONTRIBUTIONS TO SYNOD—continued** **Total for Years Indicated**

King of Grace, Golden Valley, MN	42,629	49,427	46,071	42,216	49,590	44,947	57,415
King of Grace, Worthington, MN	—	—	—	20	—	15	—
U. V. Koren Memorial, Decorah, IA	—	—	—	—	—	951	1,580
Lake Mills, Lake Mills, IA	3,115	2,818	3,343	2,901	2,183	4,189	3,197
Lakewood, Tacoma, WA	2,965	2,996	1,731	3,625	3,260	1,622	1,845
Lime Creek, Lake Mills, IA	2,461	2,032	2,664	2,778	3,541	3,541	2,597
Manchester, Manchester, MN	1,480	1,682	1,152	1,329	1,528	1,369	1,132
Mt. Olive, Mankato, MN	29,881	31,429	30,517	35,326	25,674	27,076	29,304
Mt. Olive, Trail, MN	3,290	3,033	2,423	1,857	1,817	1,828	1,307
Nazareth, Trail, MN	3,903	2,832	100	300	3,794	2,976	2,102
Newport, Wisconsin Dells, WI	2,530	1,958	2,007	1,869	1,969	2,273	1,000
Norseland, St. Peter, MN	11,859	10,078	20,172	20,093	17,975	14,603	14,848
Norwegian Grove, Gaylord, MN	5,716	5,478	6,051	6,043	6,231	6,798	6,749
Oak Park, Oklee, MN	4,383	3,600	3,510	1,413	3,805	100	2,972
Our Redeemer, Yelm, WA	1,342	1,712	1,322	833	1,061	1,408	2,031
Our Savior's, Albert Lea, MN	19,555	22,367	22,023	19,006	21,478	23,149	25,630
Our Savior's, Amherst Junction, WI	3,324	3,106	2,699	2,673	1,882	1,480	1,344
Our Savior's, Bagley, MN	729	1,990	520	700	458	130	1,725
Our Savior's, Belview, MN	2,049	5,264	3,220	2,995	1,881	3,248	2,338
Our Savior, Bishop, CA	2,730	2,672	3,111	3,610	2,974	3,260	3,023
Our Savior's, Elderon, WI	1,420	1,250	1,650	2,204	1,840	1,859	1,600
Our Savior, Grants Pass, OR	—	—	—	—	—	1,544	1,565
Our Savior's, Hawley, MN	2,592	2,986	2,958	2,879	2,885	2,728	2,986
Our Saviour, Lake Havasu, AZ	4,398	4,480	6,237	5,830	9,213	7,800	9,110
Our Savior, Lakeland, FL	—	—	—	158	1,234	1,660	2,041
Our Saviour's, Madison, WI	2,471	507	900	997	760	1,591	1,120
Our Savior, Naples, FL	7,058	6,735	5,047	6,000	7,737	8,771	1,784
Our Savior's, Princeton, MN	10,297	15,683	14,084	11,820	15,946	14,396	15,066
Parkland, Tacoma, WA	11,763	7,655	7,980	10,881	6,402	4,485	5,101
Peace, Deshler, OH	—	—	3,002	1,685	2,337	2,705	12,509

# **BUDGET CONTRIBUTIONS TO SYNOD—continued** **Total for Years Indicated**

Peace, Colorado Springs, CO	1,440	1,136	1,448	1,431	650	550	278
Peace, Jefferson City, MO	—	—	—	—	—	—	3,081
Pilgrim, Waterloo, IA	6,030	7,000	7,045	6,232	5,497	5,967	4,755
Pinehurst, Eau Claire, WI	3,400	4,180	5,435	6,338	4,910	5,429	4,924
Pinewood, Burlington, MA	5,483	5,859	6,656	6,950	8,931	6,502	12,452
Redeemer, Iola, WI	1,015	735	500	564	756	940	907
Redeemer, New Hampton, IA	2,673	2,346	2,581	2,298	2,946	2,350	2,682
Redeemer, Scottsville, NY	591	820	1,105	1,290	1,100	1,253	1,140
Resurrection, Marietta, GA	626	1,141	1,619	878	2,265	2,146	2,552
Richland, Thornton, IA	15,024	17,639	21,072	15,890	17,517	17,390	14,226
River Heights, East Grand Forks, MN	24,321	38,613	22,825	29,419	21,863	27,212	25,800
Rock Dell, Belview, MN	5,120	4,865	4,349	4,241	4,045	4,115	3,831
Rose Dell Trinity, Jasper, MN	3,950	1,662	2,579	1,242	972	529	435
Saude, Lawler, IA	6,369	9,521	11,951	12,572	10,509	11,711	13,797
Scriptural, Cape Girardeau, MO	—	—	—	—	—	—	230
Shepherd of the Hills, Grass Valley, CA	—	—	—	—	—	155	45
Somber, Northwood, IA	6,106	3,865	3,579	2,545	3,354	2,636	2,280
St. Luke, Mount Vernon, WA	778	610	442	—	33	—	96
St. Mark's, Chicago, IL	3,668	3,513	3,213	2,879	1,462	1,164	587
St. Martin, Shawano, WI	15,025	15,863	15,895	15,828	20,246	18,599	18,600
St. Matthew, Myrtle Creek, OR	258	712	1,970	1,192	416	2,074	2,538
St. Paul, Clintonville, WI	4,457	3,321	3,139	5,081	2,411	5,268	3,844
St. Paul, Escondido, CA	333	458	621	891	1,082	575	648
St. Paul, Lengby, MN	2,533	2,339	780	3,289	2,654	2,004	712
St. Paul's, Portage, WI	3,401	4,902	2,312	851	2,309	1,067	1,025
St. Petri, Grygla, MN	922	576	373	498	719	317	649
St. Timothy, Lombard, IL	20,328	19,434	13,605	9,420	15,064	11,835	12,561

# **BUDGET CONTRIBUTIONS TO SYNOD—continued** **Total for Years Indicated**

Synod, Scarville, IA	12,074	16,154	13,720	14,628	14,901	14,552	16,293
Trinity, Brewster, MA	3,504	3,664	4,871	3,551	4,434	4,587	4,146
Trinity, Calmar, IA	2,171	1,339	1,881	1,872	1,373	2,533	660
Trinity, Sebastian, FL	—	—	—	1,983	3,093	3,892	4,389
Trinity, West Bend, WI	16,904	18,990	20,586	21,648	23,427	16,227	14,814
Warroad, Warroad, MN	—	—	—	—	—	—	205
Wayfarers' Chapel, Ventura, CA	1,225	1,230	1,398	2,712	2,945	3,274	3,276
West Paint Creek, Waukon, IA	2,832	2,136	1,675	1,425	1,036	1,212	876
Western Koshkonong, Cottage Grove, WI	7,285	3,610	1,220	3,765	4,010	610	6,015
Zion, Thompson, IA	1,185	1,857	2,080	1,211	922	1,782	1,228
Zion, Tracy, MN	<u>6,634</u>	<u>7,140</u>	<u>7,680</u>	<u>10,244</u>	<u>11,064</u>	<u>15,294</u>	<u>8,231</u>
Total Budget Income	\$659,126	\$710,689	\$692,012	\$718,222	\$719,357	\$722,655	\$725,861

P. Schneider, chairman

# REPORT OF THE PLANNING AND COORDINATING COMMITTEE

The Planning and Coordinating Committee of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod met on October 12-13, 1987 and January 11-12 and March 21-22, 1988.

The committee is composed of the officers of the Synod: the Rev. George Orvick, president; the Rev. John Moldstad, Sr., vice president; the Rev. Alf Merseth, secretary and Mr. Leroy Meyer, treasurer; representatives of the boards of the Synod: the Rev. G. Guldberg, Board for Christian Service; the Rev. W. C. Gullixson, Board for Publications; the Rev. E. Ekhoft, Board for Home Missions; the Rev. J. Olsen, Board for Foreign Missions; the Rev. P. Schneider, Board for Stewardship; the Rev. R. Branstad, Board for Education and Youth; laymen: Mr. Julian Olsen, Mr. Harvey Roberson, Mr. Norman Werner; Special Committee members (advisory): the Rev. Norman Madson and the Rev. Milton Tweit.

## 1989 BUDGET

At its October 1987 meeting the committee had a preliminary discussion on the 1989 synodical budget. At its January 1988 meeting budget requests were received from all the boards. These were discussed and a tentative budget for 1989 was adopted. This was submitted to the boards for their review and comments. At the March 1988 meeting the 1989 budget was finalized and is proposed to the Synod for its consideration and adoption as follows:

<b>BETHANY LUTHERAN COLLEGE</b>		
Operations	\$155,000	
Maintenance on college	21,500	
Maintenance on residences	4,000	
Interest	7,875	
Real Estate Taxes	2,300	
Faculty housing allowance (\$84,000 less \$16,000 interest applied)	68,000	\$258,675
<b>BETHANY LUTHERAN SEMINARY</b>		
Operations	53,000	
Maintenance on residences	2,000	
Real Estate Taxes	2,700	57,700
<b>CHRISTIAN SERVICE</b>		25,000
<b>EDUCATION AND YOUTH</b>		15,500
<b>EVANGELISM</b>		2,500
<b>FOREIGN MISSIONS</b>		109,010
<b>HOME MISSIONS</b>		
Operations	111,901	
Interest on mission properties	11,400	123,301
<b>PUBLICATIONS</b>		10,500
<b>SYNOD FUND</b>		
Interest on loans	6,120	
Deferred Giving Counselor	14,800	
Boards, Committees, etc.	45,970	
Administration	60,744	
Real Estate Taxes	3,700	131,334
<b>Total Budget</b>		<u>\$733,520</u>

## **GUIDELINES FOR THE USE AND MANAGEMENT OF THE PROCEEDS OF THE SPECIAL OFFERING FOR HOME MISSIONS** (cf. Synod Report 1986, p. 123-124)

These guidelines were assigned to a special subcommittee for study and were discussed again and are submitted for the Synod's consideration as follows:

WHEREAS, The Planning and Coordinating Committee felt that some clarification was needed in the "Guidelines for the use and management of the proceeds of the Special Offering for Home Missions" (cf. Synod Report 1986, p. 123-124). The committee restudied these guidelines and submits them to the Synod for its consideration as follows:

### **GUIDELINES FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE PARTNERS IN THE GOSPEL FUND**

#### **I. INVESTMENTS**

- A. The proceeds of the "Partners in the Gospel" offerings shall be a self-perpetuating fund.
- B. The proceeds of the offering and the interest of the investment of those proceeds shall be deposited in a special account in the Evangelical Lutheran Synod Foundation.
- C. The Evangelical Lutheran Synod Foundation Committee shall, each November, make recommendations to the Board of Trustees of the foundation regarding the investment of these funds and the amount available for allocation in the following year in order to assure that the fund remains self-perpetuating.
- D. The Evangelical Lutheran Synod Foundation Committee shall make reports on the status of the fund to the Board of Trustees of the foundation at its regular quarterly meetings.
- E. The Board of Trustees of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod shall report the amount of funds available to the Board for Home Missions every November.

#### **II. DISBURSEMENTS**

- A. Those eligible to receive funds are:
  1. Home Mission congregations
  2. Established congregations in areas which show mission potential
  3. The Board for Home Missions for the purpose of mission development and expansion
- B. The Board for Home Missions shall determine the eligibility for the use of these funds and make recommendations to the Board of Trustees of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod for the disbursement of these funds.
- C. Loans to mission congregations shall be made in accordance with the Synod guidelines entitled "Loans to Mission Congregations of the Synod"
- D. Loans to established congregations shall be negotiated with the Board of Trustees of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

### **PRIORITIZING OF FUTURE PROJECTS**

The committee is aware of this assigned task, has a subcommittee studying it and spends time in discussion.

The Synod should be aware of these future needs which can be undertaken when the funds are available, not necessarily in the following order: one new missionary per year, interest subsidy for one additional mission per year, replacing the floor in the women's dormitory in Old Main, full-time Deferred Giving Counselor, upgrading of women's dormitory exit, one additional foreign missionary, women's dormitory attic renovation (30 beds), fifth floor on men's dormitory (40 beds), student union, science-math building, new entrance to Old Main, gymnasium addition.

Alf Merseth, secretary

## REPORT OF THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

On April 29th the 75th Anniversary Committee held its first meeting in the seminary conference room. The appointed committee members present at this meeting were the Rev. David Nelson, the Rev. Alf Merseth, the Rev. John Moldstad, Jr., Mr. Harvey Roberson, the Rev. Richard Newgard, and President Orvick. Others who have been appointed to this committee, but were unable to attend the first meeting, are the Rev. Milton Tweit and Dr. Willis Anthony. The purpose of the meeting was to have a brainstorming of ideas as the committee begins its planning for the Synod's 75th anniversary which will occur in 1993. At this meeting the following resolution was proposed for consideration at this year's convention:

WHEREAS, The Lord, by His unending grace, has preserved our Synod in the purity of His Word for 75 years since its reorganization in 1918, and,

WHEREAS, We, as a Synod, are very grateful for this grace and want to express our heartfelt thanksgiving in special ways, and,

WHEREAS, We want to continue proclaiming the Gospel in its truth and purity to future generations,

- A. BE IT RESOLVED, That the Synod plan special congregational and circuit-wide commemorations beginning in the fall of 1992, with a synodical convention commemoration in 1993.
- B. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a special offering be gathered, so that we may have an opportunity to express our gratitude and expand our Gospel ministry.
- C. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the special offering begin at the 1993 Convention and continue through 1995, and,
- D. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the 75th Anniversary Committee continue to finalize these plans and report to the Synod at its 1989 Convention.

John A. Moldstad, Jr., secretary

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod held its regular quarterly meetings in 1987 on the following dates: February 16-17, May 11-12, August 10-11, and November 9-10. The board had special meetings on January 7, March 24 and June 15 and met via conference telephone call on September 8 and September 24. This report will also include business conducted by the board at its regular meeting on February 8-9, and a special meeting on January 8 and conference telephone calls on January 12 and February 29, 1988. The board also met jointly with the Board of Regents on November 9, 1987 and February 8, 1988.

The Trustee-Regents Subcommittee consisting of three members from each of those boards met quarterly on the following dates: January 16, May 1, July 27, October 6 and November 2, 1987 and on January 22 and April 25, 1988. This subcommittee discusses matters that are referred to it and makes recommendations to the two boards that it serves. M. E. Tweit or R. M. Branstad have served as chairmen of the subcommittee and the undersigned as its secretary.

The Trustee-Home Missions Subcommittee consisting of three members from



each of those boards met on January 18, 1987 and on January 29, 1988. This subcommittee concerns itself with home mission matters in which both boards are involved and where mutual understanding and cooperation of effort is necessary. E. Ekhoﬀ serves as chairman of this subcommittee and the undersigned as its secretary.

The Trustee-Foreign Missions Subcommittee consisting of three members from each of those boards meet as necessary to coordinate the work of those two boards in areas of common concern.

The Trustee-Regents-Publications Subcommittee consisting of representatives from those three boards and from the administration of Bethany Lutheran College meets as necessary. This subcommittee discusses the relationship between these boards in the areas of publishing, storage and marketing of the Synod's publications. President Orvick serves as chairman of this subcommittee and W. C. Gullixson of the Board for Publications serves as its secretary.

The work of these subcommittees is very helpful in promoting a better understanding between these boards in the areas of their common concerns and in turn leads to smoother operation in these phases of the Synod's work.

The Trustee-Regents Building Committee for the Fine Arts Facility, consists of the following: Wilbur Lieske, Alf Merseth and Ralph Olson of the Board of Trustees and R. M. Branstad, William Overn and Harold Theiste of the Board of Regents. This committee met on November 10 and December 28, 1987 and on January 22, March 4, March 28 and April 25, 1988. R. M. Branstad serves as chairman and the undersigned as secretary.

The members of the board serve on other ad hoc committees which are selected from time to time to study specific subjects assigned to them.

## ARCHIVES

The Committee on Archives and History met regularly this past year. In November our archivist, the Rev. Walther C. Gullixson, attended a conference on archives and history in St. Louis where he also presented a paper, "History and Archives in the Evangelical Lutheran Synod."

The committee has continued to urge congregations to submit microfilmed records and other official acts of the congregations.

Security of artifacts and documents together with proper inventorying of materials submitted has continued to occupy the committee as well.

The archivist reported to the committee on his St. Louis conference.

A list of accessions is included.

### Accessions to the Department of Archives & History

Minutes of the ELS Christian Day School Committee meetings 1927-1965.

Minutes of the ELS Christian Elementary Education board 1960-1972 from Prof. Tom Kuster.

Five boxes of G. O. Lillegard's files, sermons, pictures, books and term question papers from Laura Lillegard.

Pictures of Kasota Valley Home (1968) from Rev. Hugo Handberg.

Copies of installations, congregations' histories, records, and/or pictures from Pastors W. Frick, W. McMurdie, H. Mosley Jr., H. Larson, W. Werling, A. M. Harstad, D. Moldstad, A. Merseth, Donald B. McElwain, Dennis Schlicht.

"A Brief Record of the lives of the Rev. and Mrs. Bjug Harstad and their descendants" by the Rev. A. M. Harstad (1977).

A handwritten sermon by Dr. C. F. W. Walther on John 15, 26-16, 4; (1876) donated by the Rev. Alvin Wagner, Ventura, CA.

Nine microfilms of the *Lutheran Sentinel* (Kirke Tidende) 1917-1987.

Three microfilms of Evangelical Lutheran Synod convention reports 1918-1986 from the ELS Board for Publications.

Pictures of West Prairie Lutheran Church, rural Thompson, IA and Forest Lutheran Church, Forest City, IA from Clarence J. Myre (1983). Also a brief history of Forest Evangelical Lutheran Church from Dennis Schlicht.

"History and Archives in the Evangelical Lutheran Synod" essay presented at the 19th Conference on Archives and History, St. Louis, MO, November 1987 by W. C. Gullixson, p.em.

Bethany Lutheran College student transcripts (sealed) in two drawer steel file from Ron Young.

Bethany Lutheran College Association Seal from Cal Johnson.

Bethany Lutheran College Historical files (one box) from E. Teigen.

Historical files of Dr. S. C. Ylvisaker (one case) on loan from the Ylvisaker family. Two boxes historical materials gathered for the commemorative volume. Two interview tapes with Profs. Qualley and Jordahl, Decorah, IA.

Bethany Lutheran College Report (1987); Bethany Scroll Anniversary Edition (1987); Bethany Lutheran College Reunion Class of 1960 (1985); Bethany Lutheran College Grand Homecoming (1987); Bethany Lutheran College Minutes of Faculty Meetings and Workshops (1965-1980) sealed. These from P. Tweit, E. Teigen and W. Kessel.

Signed K. Lee, secretary

## BETHANY LUTHERAN COLLEGE AND SEMINARY PROPERTIES

The third and fourth floors of Old Main were rewired. Other minor necessary maintenance and improvements were accomplished. The college budget handled the cost of these improvements.

The Board of Trustees approved the recommended site for the Fine Arts Facility to be built at Bethany Lutheran College and authorized a building budget of \$2,250,000.

The Board of Trustees hired Cheever and Asleson Architects, P.A., Mankato and Associated Architects and Engineers, Minneapolis as architects and the R. W. Carlstrom Construction Company, Mankato as the contractor for the building of the Fine Arts Facility.

### BUDGET 1988

The Board of Trustees reviewed the 1988 budget allocations at a special meeting on January 8 and in a conference call on January 12, 1988 and reallocated it as follows:

#### BETHANY LUTHERAN COLLEGE

Operations	\$157,000	
Maintenance on college	21,500	
Maintenance on residences	4,000	
Interest	9,180	
Faculty housing allowance	68,000	
Real Estate Taxes	6,890	\$266,570

#### BETHANY LUTHERAN SEMINARY

Operations	48,000	
Maintenance on residences	2,000	
Real Estate Taxes	2,510	52,510

#### CHRISTIAN SERVICE

25,000

#### EDUCATION AND YOUTH

15,500

#### FOREIGN MISSIONS

105,000

#### HOME MISSIONS

Operations	110,000	
Interest on mission properties	14,120	124,120

#### PUBLICATIONS

10,500

#### SYNOD FUND

Interest on loans	11,270	
Deferred Giving Counselor	14,800	

Boards, Committees, etc.	48,000	
Administration	60,250	<u>134,320</u>
Total		\$733,520

## GENERAL

The Board of Trustees resolved to continue the Synod's \$200.00 per month interest subsidy to Faith Lutheran Church, Oregon, Wisconsin for 1988.

The Board of Trustees deferred the payments of Grace Lutheran Church, Crookston, Minnesota on its Synod loan until August 1, 1988.

The Board of Trustees authorized an expenditure to the Northwood-Lake Mills Lutheran Parish for housing and part utilities for its vicar for assistance for the secretary of the Synod.

The Board of Trustees authorized the purchase of additional office equipment for the secretary's office.

Mr. Ernest Geistfeld resigned as Deferred Giving Counselor. The Rev. Richard Wiechmann was hired to fill the position.

The Hiawatha Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota closed and sold its property. The Board of Trustees agreed to and signed an "Escrow and Disbursing Agreement" whereby the payments on the contract will be made to the Synod which will disburse these funds to the designated church organizations semi-annually. Various funds of the Synod will be recipients of some of these funds.

The Board of Trustees applied for a \$40,000 Lutheran Brotherhood Program Subsidy Grant to be received over a five-year period and used for our mission efforts in the Jensen Beach, Florida area.

## ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

The president of the Synod, the Rev. George Orvick, and the secretary of the Synod, the Rev. Alf Merseth, also serve as the chairman and secretary of the Board of Trustees.

The Rev. W. C. Gullixson, Prof. R. Honsey, Prof. Sigurd Lee, Prof. J. B. Madson and Mr. Gerhard Solli are serving one-year terms on the Committee on Archives and History.

The trustees elected to serve on the Trustee-Regents Subcommittee are Wilbur Lieske, Alf Merseth and Ralph Olson.

The trustees elected to serve on the Trustee-Home Missions Subcommittee are Albin Levorson, Alf Merseth and Ralph Olson.

The trustees elected to serve on the Trustee-Foreign Missions Subcommittee are Alf Merseth, Leroy Meyer and George Orvick.

The trustees elected to serve on the Trustee-Regents-Publications Subcommittee are Alf Merseth, Leroy Meyer and George Orvick.

Wilbur Lieske serves on the board's Housing Committee together with Dennis Natvig who also serves the board as Housing Administrator.

The trustees chosen to serve on the Fine Arts Facility Building Committee are Wilbur Lieske, Alf Merseth and Ralph Olson.

## SYNOD PROPERTIES

The Synod purchased the residence at 117 Lori Lane, Mankato, Minnesota as a residence for its president for \$105,000. A \$100,000 loan was arranged from the Evangelical Lutheran Synod Foundation at 10%. This loan is being amortized over a 20-year period with monthly payments of \$965.02.

The Synod purchased a parcel of land as a future church site for Our Savior Lutheran Church, Lakeland, Florida. A loan of \$17,000 was made from the "Partners in the Gospel" fund at 7.5%. This loan is to be amortized by the congregation over a 5-year period. No interest subsidy is provided.

The Synod purchased a 3.9-acre tract of land as a future church site for Christ Lutheran Church, Port St. Lucie, Florida. The loan was made from the "Partners in the Gospel" fund at 7.5%. The congregation is making payments on this loan. No interest subsidy is provided.

In accordance with the approval given by the Synod at its 1987 convention, all but two of the faculty residences have been sold. Those that remain for sale are 825 Main Street and 941 Marsh Street.

The Synod completed payment on the Lake Havasu City, Arizona property to Wilma Pedwell, the holder of the mortgage.

The Our Saviour Lutheran Church, Lake Havasu City, Arizona completed the payment of its loan from the Synod and the title to the property was transferred to the congregation.

The Board of Trustees approved the "Modification and Extension Agreement" with Lutheran Brotherhood on the Ames, Iowa property extending the loan to October 1, 1992, with terms as follows: balance \$73,431.92, interest 10.5%, monthly payments \$734.00. With the assistance of interest subsidy from the Synod the Bethany Lutheran Congregation takes care of those monthly payments.

The St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Colorado Springs, Colorado, in consultation with the Board of Trustees, traded its church property at 2215 Paseo Road for a 6.1-acre tract of land with a church building on it in the suburbs of the city for \$100,000. To finance this trade and pay the mortgage on its old property and to pay the expenses involved in the trade the Board of Trustees granted a synodical loan of \$130,000 to the congregation. The Synod will hold title to this property and the parsonage property at 2006 Snyder Avenue, Colorado Springs. The congregation began making monthly payments on this loan immediately.

The Board of Trustees authorized the purchase of a building to be used as the meeting place for the congregation in Chimbote, Peru for \$4,000. The funds for this purchase will come from the foreign mission reserves.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### Summary of Income and Expenditures and Changes in General Fund Balance (Deficit)

Year ended December 31, 1987

Budget contributions		\$725,861.16
Operating expenditures		\$857,599.44
Less: Income from publications	\$38,579.48	
Home missions special contributions		
for operating expenditures	7,502.00	
Home missions excess expenditures		
funded from reserves	3,470.03	
Foreign missions excess expenditures		
funded from reserves	1,842.66	51,394.17
Net expenditures before interest income		806,205.27
Interest income		64,049.67
Net expenditures		742,155.60
Net operating (deficit)		(16,294.44)
Other changes in General Fund balance:		
Increases:		
Estates appropriated for debt reduction	11,416.66	
Net proceeds from sales of residences	511,438.58	
Decreases:	522,855.24	
Payments on mortgages	104,282.89	
Net increase—other changes		418,572.35
Net increase		402,277.91

General Fund (deficit)—December 31, 1986

(576,941.12)

General Fund (deficit)—December 31, 1987

\$(174,663.21)

## WILLS AND GIFTS

\$14,000 was received from the Martin Robinson Trust.

The will of Lillian R. Wichmann has been received. Bethany Lutheran College, Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod Foundation, the Ernest Larson Scholarship Fund and Project Christo Rey are named as beneficiaries and will receive \$9,998.36 each.

The Synod is receiving a \$200,000 bequest from the estate of Minnie Whipple: \$100,000 is for Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary to be used for needy students and \$100,000 is for foreign missions. This \$100,000 for foreign missions has been set up as the Whipple-Olson-Wilson Endowment Fund in the Evangelical Lutheran Synod Foundation. The income of this endowment will be used for foreign missions according to guidelines established by the Board of Trustees.

\$1,000 was received from the estate of Bertha J. Nelson, Madison, Wisconsin.

\$10,000 was received for the Synod's Peru mission from the estate of Harold J. Roe, Amherst, Wisconsin.

Alf Merseeth, secretary

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND THE BOARD OF REGENTS

The Board of Trustees and the Board of Regents have had three joint meetings to discuss the planning for the construction of the Fine Arts Facility on the Bethany Lutheran College campus. These meetings were held on November 8, 1987 and on February 8 and May 17, 1988.

The boards elected a Building Committee of three members from each board. This committee has met monthly since November 1987 and works very closely with the architect.

Cheever and Asleson Architects, Mankato, Minnesota, together with Associated Architects and Engineers, St. Paul, Minnesota, were hired as the architects and the R. W. Carlstrom Construction Company, Mankato, Minnesota was hired as the builder.

The boards recommend the following for the Synod's consideration.

WHEREAS, The Evangelical Lutheran Synod, at its 1987 convention approved the "construction of a Fine Arts Building on the Bethany campus as soon as the necessary funds are available" (cf. Synod Report 1987, p. 97, Res. 8, B.), and

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees and the Board of Regents have set the goal for the program at \$3.5 million with \$2.5 million for construction and \$1 million for an endowment fund, and

WHEREAS, Bethany Lutheran College has received, as of May 15, 1988, cash and pledges in excess of \$2.75 million, be it

RESOLVED, That the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and Bethany Lutheran College rejoice over this commitment of many individuals and many other friends of the institution.

WHEREAS, The architect in consultation with the builder has given assurance that a suitable building can be erected for \$2.5 million, be it

RESOLVED, That the Evangelical Lutheran Synod begin construction of the Fine Arts Building on the Bethany Lutheran College campus as soon as reasonably possible.

## **REPORT OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD FOUNDATION**

The Evangelical Lutheran Synod Foundation meets concurrently with the quarterly meetings of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod Board of Trustees.

At its annual meeting on August 10-11, 1987 the Evangelical Lutheran Synod Foundation elected the following officers: the Rev. George Orvick, president; the Rev. Alf Merseth, secretary; Mr. Leroy W. Meyer, treasurer. These officers serve one-year terms.

The Evangelical Lutheran Synod Foundation Committee is made up of four members elected to two-year terms. Mr. Leroy Meyer and Mr. Eugene Schiller were elected in 1986 and Mr. Bernard Bogeskov and Mr. Glenn Annexstad were elected in 1987. Mr. Lars Petersen serves as an advisory member of the committee. The committee considers and makes recommendations to the foundation regarding the investment of its assets and the use of the income from those investments.

The foundation engaged Roland Reinholtz as the investment manager of its assets. The Foundation Committee and Treasurer Meyer regularly review with Mr. Reinholtz the investment of the foundation's assets.

During the year the foundation established the Whipple-Olson-Wilson Endowment Fund for foreign missions.

# Treasurer's Report

## BALANCE SHEET AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

Evangelical Lutheran Synod Foundation

Year ended December 31, 1987

	RESTRICTED						TOTAL	UNRESTRICTED			TOTAL - ALL FUNDS
	MERLE R. AASEN ESTATE	MERLE R. AASEN SEMINARY SCHOLARSHIP FUND	PRESIDENT'S OFFICE ENDOWMENT FUND	DELORES SCHWAN FOREIGN MISSION TRUST FUND	PARTNERS IN THE GOSPEL HOME MISSIONS FUND	WHIPPLE - OLSON - WILSON ENDOWMENT FUND		DONATED	BOARD OF TRUSTEES DESIGNATED	TOTAL	
<b>ASSETS</b>											
Investments:											
Investment management accounts	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 108,389.00	\$ 211,941.75	\$ 257,292.25	\$ 36,037.00	\$ 613,660.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 613,660.00
U.S. Treasury notes:											
Specific	-	-	97,050.00	100,000.00	-	-	197,050.00	-	-	-	197,050.00
Allocated	10,000.00	5,671.00	-	-	-	-	15,671.00	63,346.14	19,951.61	83,297.75	98,968.75
Stock	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30,000.00	-	30,000.00	30,000.00
Notes receivable	-	-	98,199.80	-	54,056.49	-	152,256.29	-	45,000.00	45,000.00	197,256.29
Money market account	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,815.18	-	11,815.18	11,815.18
Land	-	-	46,800.00	-	-	-	46,800.00	-	-	-	46,800.00
Due from (to) other funds	-	-	(31.14)	(11,941.75)	21,707.58	(37.00)	9,697.69	-	5,398.90	6,398.90	16,096.59
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>\$ 10,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 5,671.00</u>	<u>\$ 350,407.66</u>	<u>\$ 300,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 333,056.32</u>	<u>\$ 36,000.00</u>	<u>\$1,035,134.98</u>	<u>\$ 105,161.32</u>	<u>\$ 71,350.51</u>	<u>\$ 176,511.83</u>	<u>\$1,211,646.81</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>											
Liabilities:											
Investment program	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Fund balances:											
Balances - January 1, 1987	10,000.00	5,571.00	275,407.66	300,000.00	40,445.81	-	631,424.47	91,997.96	65,642.17	157,640.13	789,064.60
Add:											
Bequests	-	-	-	-	-	36,000.00	36,000.00	9,998.36	-	9,998.36	45,998.36
Contributions - net	-	100.00	75,000.00	-	292,610.51	-	367,710.51	165.00	-	165.00	367,875.51
Estates appropriated by Board of Trustees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,708.34	5,708.34	5,708.34
Balances - December 31, 1987	10,000.00	5,671.00	350,407.66	300,000.00	333,056.32	36,000.00	1,035,134.98	102,161.32	71,350.51	173,511.83	1,208,646.81
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<u>\$ 10,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 5,671.00</u>	<u>\$ 350,407.66</u>	<u>\$ 300,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 333,056.32</u>	<u>\$ 36,000.00</u>	<u>\$1,035,134.98</u>	<u>\$ 105,161.32</u>	<u>\$ 71,350.51</u>	<u>\$ 176,511.83</u>	<u>\$1,211,646.81</u>

Alf Merseth, secretary

# TREASURER'S REPORT

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The accompanying balance sheet of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod as of December 31, 1987 and the related summary of financial activities and statements of changes in fund balances and changes in financial position for the year then ended have been compiled by us.

A compilation is limited to presenting in the form of financial statements information that is the representation of the Trustees. We have not audited or reviewed the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on them.

We are not independent with respect to the Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

*Meyer, Placek & Associates*

Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois  
March 18, 1988



BALANCE SHEET - COMPARATIVE

Evangelical Lutheran Synod - Mankato, Minnesota

December 31, 1987

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	GENERAL FUND	FUND FOR CHRISTIAN SERVICE	CHURCH EXTENSION AND LOAN FUND	BETHANY LUTHERAN COLLEGE	BETHANY LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY	RESIDENCES AND REAL ESTATE	EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD FOUNDATION	1987 TOTAL	1986 TOTAL
Cash	\$ 68,404.85	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 68,404.85	\$ 34,230.06
Accounts receivable - contributions and other income	112,508.05	-	-	-	-	-	-	112,508.05	101,280.11
Inventory of publications	38,156.56	-	-	-	-	-	-	38,156.56	42,131.03
Prepaid expenses	1,920.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,920.00	1,650.00
Investments:									
Investment management accounts	-	-	-	-	-	-	613,660.00	613,660.00	200,000.00
Savings accounts	67,854.92	-	-	-	-	-	-	67,854.92	29,163.19
Money market funds	21,178.81	-	-	-	-	-	11,815.18	32,993.99	10,548.36
Contract for deed	10,828.27	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,828.27	11,718.00
Loans receivable from congregations	-	-	773,712.29	-	-	-	54,056.49	827,768.78	844,553.91
Notes receivable	13,132.05	-	-	-	-	-	143,199.80	156,331.85	158,000.36
Stocks - 600 shares Metro Machine & Engineering Corp. - pfd. - at par	-	-	-	-	-	-	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00
U. S. Treasury Notes (Note B)	-	-	-	-	-	-	296,018.75	296,018.75	296,018.75
Real estate and buildings	-	-	-	4,542,094.00	356,198.23	456,593.56	46,800.00	5,401,685.79	5,736,835.74
Due from (to) other funds	(413.10)	667.97	(16,351.46)	-	-	-	16,096.59	-	-
Total assets	<u>\$ 333,570.41</u>	<u>\$ 667.97</u>	<u>\$ 757,360.83</u>	<u>\$ 4,542,094.00</u>	<u>\$ 356,198.23</u>	<u>\$ 456,593.56</u>	<u>\$ 1,211,646.81</u>	<u>\$ 7,658,131.81</u>	<u>\$ 7,496,129.51</u>

NOTES:

(A) The accompanying notes are an integral part of this balance sheet.

(B) See Accountants' Compilation Report.

BALANCE SHEET - COMPARATIVE - CONTINUED

Evangelical Lutheran Synod - Mankato, Minnesota

December 31, 1987

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

	GENERAL FUND	FUND FOR CHRISTIAN SERVICE	CHURCH EXTENSION AND LOAN FUND	BETHANY LUTHERAN COLLEGE	BETHANY LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY	RESIDENCES AND REAL ESTATE	EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD FOUNDATION	1987 TOTAL	1986 TOTAL
Liabilities:									
Notes payable: (Note E)									
Working capital	\$ 200,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 380,000.00
Bethany Lutheran College Reserve Fund	-	-	-	30,000.00	-	-	-	30,000.00	68,000.00
Investment program	-	-	185,307.03	-	-	8,000.00	3,000.00	196,307.03	150,428.36
Life Loan Plan	106,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	106,000.00	106,000.00
Bank	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100,000.00
Accounts payable	30,360.01	-	-	-	-	-	-	30,360.01	23,039.13
Accrued interest payable	7,291.53	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,291.53	10,731.24
Unexpended restricted contributions (Note F)	150,485.42	-	-	-	-	-	-	150,485.42	122,638.58
Mortgages payable	-	-	292,878.55	131,744.09	-	168,018.96	-	592,641.60	850,473.58
Deferred income	14,096.66	-	-	-	-	-	-	14,096.66	-
Total liabilities	508,233.62	-	478,185.58	161,744.09	-	176,018.96	3,000.00	1,327,182.25	1,811,310.89
Fund balance (deficit):									
Unrestricted:									
Designated for investment	-	-	279,175.25	-	-	-	173,511.83	452,687.08	436,815.38
Undesignated	(174,663.21)	667.97	-	-	-	-	-	(173,995.24)	(571,273.15)
	(174,663.21)	667.97	279,175.25	-	-	-	173,511.83	278,691.84	(134,457.77)
Restricted (Note G)	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,035,134.98	1,035,134.98	631,424.47
Net investment in real estate and buildings	-	-	-	4,380,349.91	356,198.23	280,574.60	-	5,017,122.74	5,187,851.92
Total fund balances (deficit)	(174,663.21)	667.97	279,175.25	4,380,349.91	356,198.23	280,574.60	1,208,646.81	6,330,949.56	5,684,818.62
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ 333,570.41	\$ 667.97	\$ 757,360.83	\$ 4,542,094.00	\$ 356,198.23	\$ 456,593.56	\$ 1,211,646.81	\$ 7,658,131.81	\$ 7,496,129.51

## NOTES:

(A) The accompanying notes are an integral part of this balance sheet.

(B) See Accountants' Compilation Report.

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

Evangelical Lutheran Synod - Mankato, Minnesota

Year ended December 31, 1987

	GENERAL FUND	FUND FOR CHRISTIAN SERVICE	CHURCH EXTENSION AND LOAN FUND	BETHANY LUTHERAN COLLEGE	BETHANY LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY	RESIDENCES AND REAL ESTATE	EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD FOUNDATION	TOTAL
BALANCES (Deficit) - December 31, 1986	\$ (576,941.12)	\$ 667.97	\$ 279,175.25	\$4,335,327.87	\$ 356,198.23	\$ 501,325.82	\$ 789,064.60	\$5,684,818.62
ADD:								
Bequests	-	-	-	-	-	-	45,998.36	45,998.36
Contributions received - net	-	-	-	-	-	-	367,875.51	367,875.51
Portion of unrestricted estates appropriated for								
General Fund debt reduction and to ELS Foundation	11,416.66	-	-	-	-	-	5,708.34	17,125.00
Transfer value of land	-	-	-	30,000.00	-	(30,000.00)	-	-
Payments on liabilities by General Fund	(104,282.89)	-	-	15,022.04	-	89,260.85	-	-
Gains on sales of residences	-	-	-	-	-	229,758.00	-	229,758.00
Principal payments on President's house charged to budget	-	-	-	-	-	1,668.51	-	1,668.51
	(92,866.23)	-	-	45,022.04	-	290,687.36	419,582.21	662,425.38
	(669,807.35)	667.97	279,175.25	4,380,349.91	356,198.23	792,013.18	1,208,646.81	6,347,244.00
DEDUCT:								
Excess of expenditures and appropriations over income								
for the year ended December 31, 1987	16,294.44	-	-	-	-	-	-	16,294.44
Proceeds of sales of residences transferred to General Fund	(511,438.58)	-	-	-	-	511,438.58	-	-
	(495,144.14)	-	-	-	-	511,438.58	-	16,294.44
BALANCES (Deficit) - December 31, 1987	\$ (174,663.21)	\$ 667.97	\$ 279,175.25	\$4,380,349.91	\$ 356,198.23	\$ 280,574.60	\$1,208,646.81	\$6,330,949.56

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SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Evangelical Lutheran Synod - Mankato, Minnesota

Year ended December 31, 1987

INCOME

Contributions:			
Budgetary:			
Restricted	\$	41,658.06	
Unrestricted		<u>684,203.10</u>	\$ 725,861.16
Estate and trust income - unrestricted			17,125.00
- restricted			<u>45,998.36</u>
For special purposes:			
Bethany Lutheran College special		838.61	
Bethany Lutheran Seminary special		1,724.00	
Bethesda Lutheran Home		481.00	
The Lutheran Home, Belle Plaine		75.00	
Evangelical Lutheran Synod Foundation		75,265.00	
Faith Mission Society		253.64	
Foreign missions special		1,365.32	
Home missions special		8,081.50	
Aid Association for Lutherans grants:			
Visitors' conference		3,750.00	
Home missions seminar		3,500.00	
Language study - foreign missions		1,500.00	
Administration/team building		5,000.00	
Life in the Parsonage seminars		4,025.00	
Lutherans for Life		300.00	
Lutheran World Relief		178.28	
Project Cristo Rey		12.94	
Archives		25.00	
"World Needs"		11,764.59	
"Helping Hands"		49,861.00	
"Partners in the Gospel"		294,977.50	
Copy machine		5,700.00	
Ukraine radio - "Thoughts of Faith"		<u>244.89</u>	<u>468,923.27</u>
			1,257,907.79
Income from investments:			
General Fund - interest		29,492.21	
E.L.S. Foundation - interest		<u>68,081.20</u>	<u>97,573.41</u>
Total income from all sources			1,355,481.20
Less income for special purposes			<u>548,445.37</u>
Total income available for current purposes - carried forward			807,035.83

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - CONTINUED

Evangelical Lutheran Synod - Mankato, Minnesota

Year ended December 31, 1987

Total income available for current purposes - brought forward      \$ 807,035.83

EXPENDITURES

Bethany Lutheran College	\$ 159,000.00	
Bethany Lutheran Seminary	44,000.00	
Home missions	111,172.03	
Foreign missions	121,842.66	
Education and youth	11,724.00	
Christian service	24,277.38	
Publications	48,951.75	
Synod funds	336,631.62	
"World Needs"	13,580.81	
Lutheran Forum for Confessional Consultation	498.86	
"Helping Hands"	42,585.59	
Visitors' conference	4,070.27	
Copy machine	5,700.00	
Life in the Parsonage seminars	6,529.17	
Home missions seminar	3,226.00	
Language study/education - foreign missions	1,636.06	
"Partners in the Gospel" expenses	2,366.99	
Total expenditures	937,793.19	
Less expenditures financed by special funds:		
"Helping Hands"	\$ 42,585.59	
Publications	38,579.48	
"World Needs"	13,580.81	
Lutheran Forum for Confessional		
Consultation	498.86	
Home missions seminar	3,226.00	
Home missions special	10,972.03	
Visitors' conference	4,070.27	
Life in the Parsonage seminars	6,529.17	
"Partners in the Gospel"	2,366.99	
Copy machine	5,700.00	
Language study/education - foreign		
missions	1,636.06	
Foreign missions special	1,842.66	131,587.92
Expenditures financed by income available for current purposes		806,205.27
Excess of income over expenditures		830.56
<u>APPROPRIATED BY BOARD OF TRUSTEES</u>		
Portion of unrestricted estates:		
For General Fund debt reduction	11,416.66	
To Evangelical Lutheran Synod Foundation	5,708.34	17,125.00
Excess of expenditures and appropriations over income		
- decrease in General Fund balance		\$ (16,294.44)

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(B) See Accountants' Compilation Report.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FINANCIAL POSITION

Evangelical Lutheran Synod - Mankato, Minnesota

Year ended December 31, 1987

	GENERAL FUND	FUND FOR CHRISTIAN SERVICE	CHURCH EXTENSION AND LOAN FUND	BETHANY LUTHERAN COLLEGE	BETHANY LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY	RESIDENCES AND REAL ESTATE	EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD FOUNDATION	TOTAL
<u>SOURCES OF FUNDS</u>								
Proceeds of sales of residences	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 564,907.95	\$ -	\$ 564,907.95
Income for year	-	-	-	-	-	-	419,582.21	419,582.21
Budget payments on real estate loan	-	-	-	-	-	1,668.51	-	1,668.51
Decrease in inventory of publications	3,974.47	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,974.47
Contract for deed payments	889.73	-	-	-	-	-	-	889.73
Payments received on loans receivable from congregations	-	-	71,794.85	-	-	-	-	71,794.85
Deferred income	14,096.66	-	-	-	-	-	-	14,096.66
Increase in accounts payable	7,320.88	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,320.88
Increase in investment program loans	-	-	55,878.67	-	-	-	-	55,878.67
Decrease in due from General Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	55,763.20	55,763.20
Advances by General Fund	-	-	-	15,022.04	-	89,260.85	-	104,282.89
Decrease in notes receivable	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,668.51	1,668.51
Increase in unexpended restricted contributions	27,846.84	-	-	-	-	-	-	27,846.84
Bequests for debt reduction	11,416.66	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,416.66
Decrease in due from Church Extension and Loan Fund	8,309.08	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,309.08
Transfer of net proceeds of sales of residences	511,438.58	-	-	-	-	(511,438.58)	-	-
<u>TOTAL SOURCES OF FUNDS</u>	<u>\$ 585,292.90</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 127,673.52</u>	<u>\$ 15,022.04</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 144,398.73</u>	<u>\$ 477,013.92</u>	<u>\$1,349,401.11</u>

## NOTES:

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FINANCIAL POSITION - CONTINUED

Evangelical Lutheran Synod - Mankato, Minnesota

Year ended December 31, 1987

	GENERAL FUND	FUND FOR CHRISTIAN SERVICE	CHURCH EXTENSION AND LOAN FUND	BETHANY LUTHERAN COLLEGE	BETHANY LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY	RESIDENCES AND REAL ESTATE	EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD FOUNDATION	TOTAL
<u>DISPOSITION OF FUNDS</u>								
Increase in cash	\$ 34,174.79	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 34,174.79
Excess of expenditures and appropriations over income	16,294.44	-	-	-	-	-	-	16,294.44
Increase in savings accounts	38,691.73	-	-	-	-	-	-	38,691.73
Bank loans paid	100,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	100,000.00
Increase in money market funds	13,148.20	-	-	-	-	-	9,297.43	22,445.63
New loans to congregations	-	-	953.23	-	-	-	54,056.49	55,009.72
Payments on notes payable	28,000.00	-	-	10,000.00	-	10,000.00	-	48,000.00
Decrease in due to Foundation	55,763.20	-	-	-	-	-	-	55,763.20
Advances for other funds	104,282.89	-	-	-	-	-	-	104,282.89
Decrease in accrued interest payable	3,439.71	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,439.71
Decrease in mortgages payable	-	-	118,411.21	5,022.04	-	134,398.73	-	257,831.98
Increase in investment management accounts	-	-	-	-	-	-	413,660.00	413,660.00
Decrease in due to General Fund	-	-	8,309.08	-	-	-	-	8,309.08
Increase in accounts receivable	11,227.94	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,227.94
Increase in prepaid expenses	270.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	270.00
Decrease in working capital notes payable	180,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	180,000.00
<b>TOTAL DISPOSITION OF FUNDS</b>	<u>\$ 585,292.90</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 127,673.52</u>	<u>\$ 15,022.04</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 144,398.73</u>	<u>\$ 477,013.92</u>	<u>\$1,349,401.11</u>

NOTES:

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Evangelical Lutheran Synod - Mankato, Minnesota

December 31, 1987

(A) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:

The financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis. The significant accounting policies followed are described below to improve the usefulness of the financial statements.

The statements of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod are presented in accordance with the principles of fund accounting. Resources for various purposes are classified for accounting and reporting purposes into funds according to their nature and purpose.

The General Fund represents resources available for current operating purposes.

The Fund for Christian Service is the unexpended proceeds, plus accumulated earnings, from the sale, a number of years ago, of the Kasota Valley Home for the Aged. The funds were set aside for future use as the Synod directs. They are being used to fund operating deficits of the Board for Christian Service.

The Church Extension and Loan Fund represents resources used for loans to congregations for building and improvement programs.

The Bethany Lutheran College, Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary, and Residences and Real Estate funds represent the investment of the Synod in these physical properties.

The Evangelical Lutheran Synod Foundation is an "endowment" fund established by the Synod's Board of Trustees. In addition to donations specified for the Foundation, one-third of undesignated trust and estate income is appropriated to the Foundation each year.

In accordance with accepted practice for non-profit organizations, no provision is made for depreciation of equipment and furniture. Expenditures for such items are charged to operations in the year incurred.

(B) U. S. Treasury Notes:

Marvin and Delores Schwan Foreign Mission Trust Fund -	
\$100,000 - 8-3/8% due December 31, 1989	\$ 100,000.00
President's Office Endowment Fund -	
\$100,000 - 11-3/8% due February 15, 1989	97,050.00
Unrestricted - \$100,000 - 10-1/8% due May 15, 1993	98,968.75
	<u>\$ 296,018.75</u>



NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

Evangelical Lutheran Synod - Mankato, Minnesota

December 31, 1987

- (C) The value shown for Bethany Lutheran College is based on the net investment in plant as shown for the plant fund in the College's Audit report as of June 30, 1986 as adjusted below. The current, endowment and reserve funds of the College are not included in the assets of the Synod. The amount of \$4,542,094.00 was determined as follows:

Per audit report of the College as of June 30, 1986:	
Total invested in plant	\$4,693,732.00
Less obligations of the plant fund	181,638.00
Total net investment in plant - June 30, 1986	<u>4,512,094.00</u>
Transfer of value of land - residence razed	<u>30,000.00</u>
	<u>\$4,542,094.00</u>

The Bethany Lutheran College audit report indicates that \$1,172,680.00 of the "investment in plant" is attributable to an increase from a 1967 appraisal.

- (D) Residences and real estate have been stated at cost or acquisition in 1966 and subsequent years. Acquisitions prior to 1966 are recorded at appraisal values. The values may be summarized as follows:

<u>VALUATION METHOD</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Cost	8	\$ 407,393.56
Appraisal:		
Outside	1	19,900.00
Internal	<u>1</u>	<u>29,300.00</u>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<u>10</u>	<u>\$ 456,593.56</u>

- (E) Notes Payable:  
     Working Capital:  
         Demand loan from congregation at 8% \$ 200,000.00

Bethany Lutheran College Reserve Fund - Dated August 1, 1984 at prime interest rate less 2% with 10% minimum; \$10,000.00 principal due annually; interest rate adjusted January 1 and July 1.

Investment program notes are amounts loaned by individuals, congregations and organizations for varying periods at interest rates ranging principally from zero to 8%.

Life Loan Plan notes are amounts loaned by individuals at interest rates from 2% to 5-1/2%.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

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(F) Unexpended Restricted Contributions:		
"World Needs"		\$ 8,193.61
Home Missions funds		23,109.25
Foreign Missions funds		13,239.10
Bible study project		7,085.16
"Helping Hands" - regular funds		77,990.02
"Helping Hands" - office account		14,320.36
Other		<u>6,547.92</u>
		<u>\$ 150,485.42</u>
(G) Fund Balances - Restricted:		
Merle R. Aasen Estate (to be invested permanently with income used for missions)		\$ 10,000.00
Merle R. Aasen Seminary Scholarship Fund - original principal (to be invested permanently with income for scholarships)	\$ 5,000.00	
Additions	<u>671.00</u>	5,671.00
President's Office Endowment Fund		350,407.66
Marvin and Delores Schwan Foreign Mission Trust Fund		300,000.00
Partners in the Gospel Home Missions Fund		333,056.32
Whipple-Olson-Wilson Endowment Fund		<u>36,000.00</u>
		<u>\$1,035,134.98</u>
(H) The Evangelical Lutheran Synod is contingently liable as co-signer on mortgage loans for Ascension (Eau Claire, Wisconsin), Mount Olive (Mankato, Minnesota) and Grace (Madison, Wisconsin).		
(I) See Accountants' Compilation Report.		

SUPPLEMENTARY SCHEDULES

SEE ACCOUNTANTS' COMPILATION REPORT

EXPENDITURES AND INCOME

Evangelical Lutheran Synod - Mankato, Minnesota

Year ended December 31, 1987

	TOTAL	BETHANY LUTHERAN COLLEGE	BETHANY LUTHERAN SEMINARY	HOME MISSIONS	FOREIGN MISSIONS	EDUCATION AND YOUTH	CHRISTIAN SERVICE	PUBLICATIONS	SYNOD FUND	OTHER
Direct subsidies	\$ 288,839.76	\$ 159,000.00	\$ 44,000.00	\$ 85,839.76	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Board meetings and officers' expenses - administrative	78,509.19	-	-	5,067.95	5,452.96	8,665.60	505.18	1,212.64	57,604.86	-
Other administrative expenses - Schedule B	70,294.94	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	70,294.94	-
Area mission developer - salary and expenses	16,601.33	-	-	16,601.33	-	-	-	-	-	-
Travel and moving	12,437.36	-	-	3,662.99	8,774.37	-	-	-	-	-
Furlough expenses	5,251.00	-	-	-	5,251.00	-	-	-	-	-
Automobile allowances, etc.	13,448.00	-	-	-	13,448.00	-	-	-	-	-
Education allowances - children	6,675.00	-	-	-	6,675.00	-	-	-	-	-
Group insurance, etc. - net	3,564.87	-	-	-	474.67	-	3,090.20	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	1,521.21	-	-	-	1,164.11	-	-	357.10	-	-
Pension plan	18,430.20	-	-	-	3,315.00	-	15,115.20	-	-	-
Utilities - office	1,830.00	-	-	-	1,830.00	-	-	-	-	-
Printing and office expense	2,080.00	-	-	-	2,080.00	-	-	-	-	-
Salaries and allowances	116,568.55	-	-	-	77,568.55	-	-	-	39,000.00	-
Teacher rebates and education allowances	3,058.40	-	-	-	-	3,058.40	-	-	-	-
Support fund	5,566.80	-	-	-	-	-	5,566.80	-	-	-
Annual reports and "Convention Echo"	9,084.75	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,084.75	-	-
Lutheran Sentinel	29,084.39	-	-	-	-	-	-	29,084.39	-	-
Lutheran Synod Quarterly	2,114.42	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,114.42	-	-
General publications	7,098.45	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,098.45	-	-
Bethany College improvements	21,500.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21,500.00	-
Seminary maintenance	2,460.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,460.00	-
Residences and real estate expenses - Schedule B	44,698.78	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	44,698.78	-
Interest expense - Schedule B	101,073.04	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	101,073.04	-
Other:										
Copy machine	5,700.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,700.00
Life in the parsonage seminars	6,529.17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,529.17
Visitors' conference	4,070.27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,070.27
"World Needs"	13,580.81	-	-	-	6,000.00	-	-	-	-	7,580.81
Lutheran Forum for Confessional Consultation	498.86	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	498.86
"Helping Hands"	38,394.59	-	-	-	38,394.59	-	-	-	-	-
Home missions seminar	3,226.00	-	-	3,226.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
Language study/education	1,636.06	-	-	-	1,636.06	-	-	-	-	-
"Partners in the Gospel" expense	2,366.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,366.99
Total expenditures - carried forward	937,793.19	159,000.00	44,000.00	114,398.03	172,064.31	11,724.00	24,277.38	48,951.75	336,631.62	26,746.10

EXPENDITURES AND INCOME - CONTINUED

Evangelical Lutheran Synod - Mankato, Minnesota

Year ended December 31, 1987

	TOTAL	BETHANY LUTHERAN COLLEGE	BETHANY LUTHERAN SEMINARY	HOME MISSIONS	FOREIGN MISSIONS	EDUCATION AND YOUTH	CHRISTIAN SERVICE	PUBLICATIONS	SYNOD FUND	OTHER
Total expenditures - brought forward	\$ 937,793.19	\$ 159,000.00	\$ 44,000.00	\$ 114,398.03	\$ 172,064.31	\$ 11,724.00	\$ 24,277.38	\$ 48,951.75	\$ 336,631.62	\$ 26,746.10
Allocations:										
Bethany Seminary maintenance	-	-	2,460.00	-	-	-	-	-	(2,460.00)	-
Bethany College improvements	-	21,500.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	(21,500.00)	-
Residences and real estate expenses	-	38,500.00	6,198.78	-	-	-	-	-	(44,698.78)	-
Interest expense	-	41,469.66	-	14,655.82	-	-	-	-	(56,125.48)	-
Total expenditures - after allocations	937,793.19	260,469.66	52,658.78	129,053.85	172,064.31	11,724.00	24,277.38	48,951.75	211,847.36	26,746.10
Restricted receipts applied:										
Reserves	5,312.69	-	-	3,470.03	1,842.66	-	-	-	-	-
Life in the parsonage seminars	6,529.17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,529.17
Home missions special funds	7,502.00	-	-	7,502.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lutheran Sentinel	25,643.30	-	-	-	-	-	-	25,643.30	-	-
Publications - general	4,415.38	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,415.38	-	-
Annual report and "Echo"	6,612.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,612.00	-	-
"Partners in the Gospel"	2,366.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,366.99
"World Needs"	13,580.81	-	-	-	6,000.00	-	-	-	-	7,580.81
Visitors' conference	4,070.27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,070.27
"Helping Hands"	42,585.59	-	-	-	42,585.59	-	-	-	-	-
Home missions seminar	3,226.00	-	-	3,226.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
Copy machine	5,700.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,700.00
Lutheran Synod Quarterly	1,908.80	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,908.80	-	-
Lutheran Forum for Confessional Consultation	498.86	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	498.86
Language study/education	1,636.06	-	-	-	1,636.06	-	-	-	-	-
	131,587.92	-	-	14,198.03	52,064.31	-	-	38,579.48	-	26,746.10
Expenses to be financed by budgetary contributions - carried forward	806,205.27	260,469.66	52,658.78	114,855.82	120,000.00	11,724.00	24,277.38	10,372.27	211,847.36	

EXPENDITURES AND INCOME - CONTINUED

Evangelical Lutheran Synod - Mankato, Minnesota

Year ended December 31, 1987

	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>BETHANY LUTHERAN COLLEGE</u>	<u>BETHANY LUTHERAN SEMINARY</u>	<u>HOME MISSIONS</u>	<u>FOREIGN MISSIONS</u>	<u>EDUCATION AND YOUTH</u>	<u>CHRISTIAN SERVICE</u>	<u>PUBLICATIONS</u>	<u>SYNOD FUND</u>	<u>OTHER</u>
Expenses to be financed by budgetary contributions - brought forward	\$ 806,205.27	\$ 260,469.66	\$ 52,658.78	\$ 114,855.82	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 11,724.00	\$ 24,277.38	\$ 10,372.27	\$ 211,847.36	\$ -
Budgetary contributions:										
Restricted	41,658.06	524.00	4,212.80	22,030.48	14,743.41	-	147.37	-	-	-
Unrestricted - allocated	<u>684,203.10</u>	<u>259,945.66</u>	<u>41,287.20</u>	<u>92,825.34</u>	<u>105,256.59</u>	<u>11,724.00</u>	<u>24,130.01</u>	<u>10,372.27</u>	<u>138,662.03</u>	<u>-</u>
	725,861.16	260,469.66	45,500.00	114,855.82	120,000.00	11,724.00	24,277.38	10,372.27	138,662.03	-
Excess or (deficiency) of budgetary contributions over expenditures	(80,344.11)	\$ -	\$ (7,158.78)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (73,185.33)	\$ -
Other income available for current purposes:										
Estates and trust income - unrestricted	17,125.00									
Income from investments	<u>64,049.67</u>									
	830.56									
Less appropriations	<u>17,125.00</u>									
Decrease in General Fund	<u>\$ (16,294.44)</u>									

NOTE: See Accountants' Compilation Report.

OTHER EXPENDITURES - SYNOD FUND

Evangelical Lutheran Synod - Mankato, Minnesota

Year ended December 31, 1987

Other administrative expenses:	
Archives committee	\$ 2,148.28
Audit and legal	5,801.94
Coin folders	3,786.24
Evangelical Lutheran Synod convention	2,238.64
Evangelical Lutheran Synod Foundation	900.34
Deferred giving counselor salary and expenses	18,000.04
Doctrine committee	3,563.89
Nominations committee	1,418.64
Officers' assistance	7,665.72
Other committees, etc.	4,248.84
Planning and coordinating committee	3,835.72
Professors' equalization	5,274.00
Stewardship expenses	8,496.90
Visitors' expenses	<u>2,915.75</u>
TOTAL - As shown on Schedule A	<u>\$ 70,294.94</u>
Residences and real estate expenses:	
Taxes	\$ 2,444.06
Housing allowance	23,000.00
Repairs and improvements	18,496.69
Insurance	<u>758.03</u>
TOTAL - As shown on Schedule A	<u>\$ 44,698.78</u>
Interest expense:	
Working capital loans	\$ 23,331.85
Bethany Lutheran College Reserve Fund	4,812.23
Investment program	8,650.29
Life Loan Plan	4,564.50
Bank	1,821.58
Church property mortgages	26,700.69
Bethany Lutheran College improvements	14,750.04
Mortgages on residences	<u>16,441.86</u>
TOTAL - As shown on Schedule A	<u>\$ 101,073.04</u>

NOTE: See Accountants' Compilation Report.

## LOANS RECEIVABLE

Evangelical Lutheran Synod - Mankato, Minnesota

Year ended December 31, 1987

## Church Extension and Loan Fund

CONGREGATION	TOTAL LOANS	BALANCE	NEW LOANS	PAID 1987	TOTAL PAID	BALANCE
		12-31-86	1987			12-31-87
Ascension - Eau Claire, Wisconsin	\$ 19,300.00	\$ 16,841.50	\$ -	\$ 1,344.25	\$ 3,802.75	\$ 15,497.25
Christ - Sutherlin, Oregon	22,799.55	16,343.38	-	1,232.09	7,688.26	15,111.29
Faith - Oregon, Wisconsin:						
Church	141,670.62	115,344.85	-	3,072.75	29,398.52	112,272.10
Parsonage	65,143.02	62,999.67	-	1,708.79	3,852.14	61,290.88
First English - Ashland, Wisconsin	36,407.84	22,335.61	953.23	2,270.52	15,389.52	21,018.32
Good Shepherd - Richardson, Texas	384,977.59	209,479.78	-	2,300.00	177,797.81	207,179.78
Grace - Crookston, Minnesota	20,000.00	14,482.39	-	-	5,517.61	14,482.39
Heritage - Apple Valley, Minnesota	163,728.05	122,597.72	-	9,678.73	50,809.06	112,918.99
Mount Olive - Mankato, Minnesota	33,000.00	2,000.00	-	1,000.00	32,000.00	1,000.00
Our Saviour - Lake Havasu City, Arizona	85,954.50	37,119.77	-	37,119.77	85,954.50	-
Our Savior - Naples, Florida	47,167.16	23,375.87	-	3,431.15	27,222.44	19,944.72
Pilgrim - Waterloo, Iowa	129,821.67	51,950.75	-	2,464.53	80,335.45	49,486.22
St. Paul's - Chicago, Illinois	15,000.00	12,189.80	-	646.26	3,456.46	11,543.54
Trinity - Sebastian, Florida	161,225.00	137,492.82	-	5,526.01	29,258.19	131,966.81
	<u>\$1,326,195.00</u>	<u>\$ 844,553.91</u>	<u>\$ 953.23</u>	<u>\$ 71,794.85</u>	<u>\$ 552,482.71</u>	<u>\$ 773,712.29</u>
Evangelical Lutheran Synod Foundation						
Christ - Port St. Lucie, Florida	\$ 43,000.00	\$ -	\$ 43,000.00	\$ 241.67	\$ 241.67	\$ 42,758.33
Our Savior - Lakeland, Florida	17,000.00	-	17,000.00	5,701.84	5,701.84	11,298.16
	<u>\$ 60,000.00</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 60,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 5,943.51</u>	<u>\$ 5,943.51</u>	<u>\$ 54,056.49</u>

NOTE: See Accountants' Compilation Report.



## FINANCES

### ACTION OF THE SYNOD

#### Resolution No. 1: Report of the Board for Stewardship

*WHEREAS, The Board for Stewardship has provided the Synod with stewardship materials, such as the booklet "WORKING TOGETHER," as well as regular stewardship encouragement and information,*

*BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board for Stewardship be encouraged to continue the good work it has been doing.*

#### Resolution No. 2: Report of the Laymen's Delegates Equalization Fund Committee

*BE IT RESOLVED, That the Synod accept the report of the Laymen's Delegates Equalization Fund Committee.*

#### Resolution No. 3: Budget 1988

*BE IT RESOLVED, That the Synod approve the 1988 budget of \$733,520 as revised by the Board of Trustees in its January 8, 1988, meeting and in a conference call on January 12, 1988.*

#### Resolution No. 4: Report of the Planning and Coordinating Committee—1989 Budget

*BE IT RESOLVED, That the Synod adopt the 1989 Budget as recommended by the Planning and Coordinating Committee as follows:*

##### BETHANY LUTHERAN COLLEGE

Operations	\$155,000	
Maintenance on college	21,500	
Maintenance on residences	4,000	
Interest	7,875	
Real Estate Taxes	2,300	
Faculty Housing Allowance (\$84,000 less \$16,000 interest applied)	68,000	\$258,675

##### BETHANY LUTHERAN SEMINARY

Operations	53,000	
Maintenance on residences	2,000	
Real Estate Taxes	2,700	57,700

CHRISTIAN SERVICE 25,000

EDUCATION AND YOUTH 15,500

EVANGELISM 2,500

FOREIGN MISSIONS 109,010

##### HOME MISSIONS

Operations	111,901	
Interest on mission properties	11,400	123,301

PUBLICATIONS 10,500

## SYNOD FUND

Interest on loans	6,120	
Deferred Giving Counselor	14,800	
Boards, Committees, Etc.	45,970	
Administration	60,744	
Real Estate Taxes	<u>3,700</u>	<u>131,334</u>

## TOTAL BUDGET

\$733,520

### Resolution No. 5: 1989 Budget

*WHEREAS, The budget has remained approximately the same over the past years and is not keeping up with inflation, and,*

*WHEREAS, The work of the church is curtailed because of this failure to increase our budget, and,*

*WHEREAS, The Synod still has a deficit of approximately \$175,000, and,*

*WHEREAS, The convention has recognized that the fields are white to harvest, therefore,*

*BE IT RESOLVED, That individuals and congregations be encouraged in their giving that future budgets may reflect the inflation rate and meet increasing needs and opportunities in the work of the Lord.*

### Resolution No. 6: Report of the Board of Trustees

*BE IT RESOLVED, That the Synod adopt the report of the Board of Trustees.*

### Resolution No. 7: Report of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod Foundation

*BE IT RESOLVED, That the Synod accept the report of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod Foundation.*

### Resolution No. 8: Report of the Treasurer

*BE IT RESOLVED, That the Treasurer's Report be adopted.*

## MISCELLANEOUS

## ACTION OF THE SYNOD

### Resolution No. 1: Board for Evangelism

*WHEREAS, The Board for Evangelism is a permanent board of the Synod,*

*BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board for Evangelism be represented on the Planning and Coordinating Committee by its chairman or representative.*

### Resolution No. 2: Board for Evangelism

*WHEREAS, The Board for Evangelism plays an important role in the life of the Synod, and,*

*WHEREAS, There is an ever-increasing need for the work of evangelism,*

*A. BE IT RESOLVED, That membership on the Board for Evangelism be increased from three to five members, and,*

*B. BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board for Evangelism shall consist of three clergy and two laymen, elected by the Synod in staggered three-year terms. (This replaces IA in the Guidelines for the Board for Evangelism.)*

**Resolution No. 3: Realignment of Circuits**

*WHEREAS, The Lord has granted further growth to the Synod by increasing the number of congregations joining the Synod, and,*

*WHEREAS, The circuits of the Synod at present need realignment,*

*BE IT RESOLVED, That the circuits of the Synod be realigned as printed.*

**Resolution No. 4: Guidelines for Church Related Organizations**

*WHEREAS, Church Related Organizations wish to have the acknowledgement of the Synod, and,*

*WHEREAS, Guidelines are needed to determine the relationship under which ties to the Synod shall exist,*

*BE IT RESOLVED, That the following guidelines that apply to Church Related Organizations be adopted:*

**I. ELIGIBILITY**

*To be eligible for church related status an organization shall be in agreement with the confession, purpose and intent of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod as stated in the Synod's constitution.*

**II. APPLICATION FOR CHURCH RELATED STATUS**

*An organization seeking church related status shall submit its application to the synodical president along with a copy of its constitution and by-laws and/or documents stating its purpose and method of operation. The president shall present such application to the Synod for action at its convention.*

**III. GOVERNANCE**

*A church related organization shall operate in consultation with an appropriate synodical board assigned by the Synod.*

*1. The synodical board shall ascertain whether the organization is operating in accordance with the doctrinal position of the Synod.*

*2. Members of the Board of Directors of the organization shall be chosen from within our fellowship.*

*3. The synodical board shall receive complete financial statements and reports of operation from the organization for review, at least semi-annually.*

*4. The synodical board shall report to the regular conventions of the Synod regarding the finances and operation of the organization.*

**IV. SUPPORT**

*A. A church related organization may seek financial support directly or indirectly from the membership of the Synod.*

*B. All fund raising appeals shall be reviewed by and coordinated through the Synod's Board for Stewardship.*

*C. In the event of the dissolution of the organization, the distribution of the assets shall be determined by the Board of Directors in consultation with the appropriate synodical board, keeping in mind the original intent and purpose of the organization.*

*D. The Synod shall not be responsible for any liabilities incurred by the organization.*

#### **Resolution No. 5: Pastors' Equalization Fund**

*WHEREAS, The expenses of the Pastor's Equalization Fund are unregulated at present, and,*

*WHEREAS, Past history has shown occasional unreasonable expenses, and,*

*WHEREAS, The equalizer needs the authority to limit unreasonable travel expenses,*

*BE IT RESOLVED, That travel costs shall be allowed at the most reasonable rate.*

#### **Resolution No. 6: Guidelines for the Administration of the Partners in the Gospel Fund**

*WHEREAS, Further clarification was needed in the "Guidelines for the use and management of the proceeds for the Special Offering for Home Missions" (cf. Synod Report 1986, P. 123-124),*

*BE IT RESOLVED, That the Synod adopt the Guidelines as follows:*

### **GUIDELINES FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE PARTNERS IN THE GOSPEL FUND**

#### **I. INVESTMENTS**

*A. The proceeds of the "Partners in the Gospel" offering shall be a self-perpetuating fund.*

*B. The proceeds of the offering and the interest of the investment of those proceeds shall be deposited in a special account in the Evangelical Lutheran Synod Foundation.*

*C. The Evangelical Lutheran Synod Foundation Committee shall, each November, make recommendations to the Board of Trustees of the foundation regarding the investment of these funds and the amount available for allocation in the following year in order to assure that the fund remains self-perpetuating.*

*D. The Evangelical Lutheran Synod Foundation Committee shall make reports on the status of the fund to the Board of Trustees of the Foundation at its regular quarterly meetings.*

*E. The Board of Trustees of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod shall report the amount of funds available to the Board for Home Missions every November.*

#### **II. DISBURSEMENTS**

*A. Those who may be considered as recipients of this fund are:*

*1. Home Mission congregations*

*2. Established congregations through which the Board for*

*Home Missions desires to carry out synodical mission work in their geographical areas.*

*3. The Board for Home Missions for the purpose of mission development and expansion.*

*B. The Board for Home Missions shall determine the eligibility for the use of these funds:*

*1. Disbursing at its own discretion all the interest money generated during the previous year, which is made available every November for the following year;*

*2. Recommending to the Board of Trustees of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod for the disbursement of the capital fund for loans.*

*C. All loans from the fund shall be negotiated with the Board of Trustees of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod with the understanding that loans to mission congregations shall be made in accordance with the Synod guidelines entitled "Loans to Mission Congregations of the Synod."*

#### **Resolution No. 7: Prioritizing of Future Projects**

*WHEREAS, The Planning and Coordinating Committee has listed a number of important projects needed in the future, and,*

*WHEREAS, Future resources will need to be directed toward accomplishing these listed projects, and,*

*WHEREAS, The Lord has moved people in the past to support the projects of the Synod,*

*A. BE IT RESOLVED, That the Planning and Coordinating Committee be commended for calling attention to these future projects, and,*

*B. BE IT RESOLVED, That the committee continue to identify other projects required for future growth and improvement of the Synod.*

#### **Resolution No. 8: 75th Anniversary Committee**

*BE IT RESOLVED, That the Synod adopt the 75th Anniversary Committee's recommendation.*

*WHEREAS, The Lord, by His unending grace, has preserved our Synod in the purity of His Word for 75 years since its reorganization in 1918, and,*

*WHEREAS, We, as a Synod, are very grateful for this grace and want to express our heartfelt thanksgiving in special ways, and,*

*WHEREAS, We want to continue proclaiming the Gospel in its truth and purity to future generations,*

*A. BE IT RESOLVED, That the Synod plan special congregational and circuit-wide commemorations beginning in the fall of 1992, with a synodical convention commemoration in 1993.*

*B. BE IT RESOLVED, That the 75th Anniversary Committee continue to finalize these plans and report to the Synod at its 1989 convention.*

**Resolution No. 9: The Use of People's Talents**

*WHEREAS, The Lord has blessed the Synod with many talented people, and,*

*WHEREAS, The memorial from Immanuel Lutheran Church seeks a way to utilize these talents for the work of the Lord,*

*A. BE IT RESOLVED, That the Synod express its approval of the memorial, and,*

*B. BE IT RESOLVED, That the memorial be referred to the Self-Study Committee for setting up guidelines and for implementation, and report its progress to the next convention.*

**Resolution No. 10: Liturgical Studies**

*WHEREAS, The Committee on Christian Worship has reported that it is presently engaged in a study of the role of liturgical form in the young or mission parish,*

*A. BE IT RESOLVED, That the Committee on Christian Worship be commended for this study, and,*

*B. BE IT RESOLVED, That the committee report the results of this study to the next Synod convention.*

**Resolution No. 11: Date of the 1989 Synod Convention**

*BE IT RESOLVED, That the 72nd Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and the 33rd Annual Meeting of the Bethany Lutheran College Corporation be held June 18-22, 1989, at Bethany Lutheran College and Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary, Mankato, Minnesota.*

**Resolution No. 12: Board Assignment for Thoughts of Faith**

*WHEREAS, Thoughts of Faith has been recognized as a church related organization of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (cf Synod Report 1987, p. 155), and,*

*WHEREAS, The present Guidelines for Church Related Organizations require such organizations to be assigned to an appropriate synodical board, and,*

*WHEREAS, The focus of Thoughts of Faith is in foreign mission work,*

*BE IT RESOLVED, That Thoughts of Faith be assigned to the Board for Foreign Missions.*

## **MINUTES**

### **ACTION OF THE SYNOD**

**Resolution No. 1: Secretary's Minutes**

*WHEREAS, The Minutes Committee has heard the minutes of the secretary of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod for Synod Sunday, June 19, 1988, and found them to be correct,*

*BE IT RESOLVED, That the Synod adopt the minutes as read.*

**Resolution No. 2: Secretary's Minutes**

WHEREAS, *The Minutes Committee has heard the minutes of the secretary of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod for the Monday morning and afternoon sessions, June 20, 1988, and found them to be correct,*

BE IT RESOLVED, *That the Synod adopt the minutes as read.*

**Resolution No. 3: Secretary's Minutes**

WHEREAS, *The Minutes Committee has heard the minutes of the secretary of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod for the Tuesday morning and afternoon sessions, June 21, 1988, and found them to be correct,*

BE IT RESOLVED, *That the Synod adopt the minutes as read.*

**Resolution No. 4: Secretary's Minutes**

WHEREAS, *The Minutes Committee has heard the minutes of the secretary of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod for the Wednesday morning and afternoon sessions, June 22, 1988, and found them to be correct,*

BE IT RESOLVED, *That the Synod adopt the minutes as read.*

**Resolution No. 5: Secretary's Minutes**

BE IT RESOLVED, *That the president and vice president be instructed to approve the minutes of the secretary for Thursday, June 23, 1988.*

**PASTORAL CONFERENCE RECORDS  
ACTION OF THE SYNOD**

**Resolution No. 1: Pastoral Conference Records**

WHEREAS, *Records were submitted to the committee as follows:*

*General Pastoral Conference,  
Winkels for circuit #1,  
Annual joint conference of circuits #3 and #4 (Lake Michigan District) for 1988 and belatedly for 1987,  
Annual joint conference of circuits #6 and #8,  
Winkels for circuit #7,  
Annual conference and Winkels for circuit #9, and,*

WHEREAS, *Submission of pastoral conference records helps the Synod convention review the work in the various circuits, and,*

*WHEREAS, The conferences generally covered a good balance of doctrinal, historical and practical issues, and,*

*WHEREAS, This committee feels that more time could have been spent profitably in maintaining an awareness of the rapidly changing theological trends in other Lutheran church bodies,*

*A. BE IT RESOLVED, That the Synod stress the importance of holding regular conferences among the pastors in all circuits and the importance of attendance by all pastors, and,*

*B. BE IT RESOLVED, That all circuits bring a copy of their records to the Synod convention for review, and,*

*C. BE IT RESOLVED, That the various conferences be urged to pay special attention to the theological trends throughout Lutheranism.*

## **RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION OF THE SYNOD**

### **Resolution No. 1: Greetings**

**BE IT RESOLVED,** *That greetings be sent to the following:*

- 1. The Rev. George Gullixson*
- 2. The Rev. Homer Mosley*
- 3. The Rev. Adolph Harstad*
- 4. The Lutheran Confessional Church*
- 5. The S. C. Ylvisaker family*
- 6. The Rev. A. V. Kuster*
- 7. The Rev. Donald McElwain*
- 8. The Rev. Frank Fiedler*



# CHURCH LOCATIONS AND THE TIME OF SERVICES

(Not intended for mailing—use pastor's address)

## CIRCUIT NO. 1

STATE City-Church	Address	Services	Pastor
<b>FLORIDA</b>			
Lakeland—Our Savior	409 Yolonda Ct.	9:30	K. Mellon
Naples—Our Savior	1961 Curling Ave.	9:15	D. Moldstad
Port St. Lucie—Christ	1592 S.W. Floresta Dr.	10:00	C. Keeler
Sebastian—Trinity	US #1 & Schumann Dr.	10:00	J. Wilde
Vero Beach—Grace	2126 17th Ave.	10:00	J. Moldstad, Sr.
Jenson Beach—			F. Stubenvoll
<b>GEORGIA</b>			
Marietta—Resurrection	1111 Braswell Rd.	8:00 & 10:30	Vacant
Savannah—Christ	316 Tibet Ave.	11:00	P. Jecklin

## CIRCUIT NO. 2

<b>MASSACHUSETTS</b>			
Brewster—Trinity	6A and Lower Road	10:30 (S 9:30)	J. Krikava
Burlington—Pinewood	24 Wilmington Rd.	10:45	T. Fox
<b>NEW YORK</b>			
Scottsville—Redeemer	Scottsville	8:45	Vacant

## CIRCUIT NO. 3

<b>MICHIGAN</b>			
Alpena—Faith	233 Cavanaugh	9:00	H. Gieschen
Detroit—St. Matthew	4430 St. James	10:30 (S 9:30)	L. Vinton
E. Jordan—Faith	3 E. 1½ N. on Wilson Rd.	2:00 p.m.	Vacant
Hesperia—Hesperia	2 W., 2 N.	8:30	M. Krentz
Hillman—Faith	R. 1, Box 218 M-32 East	11:00	H. Gieschen
Holton—Holton	6655 Marvin Road	10:00	M. Krentz
Midland—Holy Scripture	4525 Cook Rd.	9:00	P. Schneider
Saginaw—Gloria Dei	2777 Harding	9:30	J. K. Smith
Suttons Bay—First	321 St. Mary's Ave.	10:00	M. Smith
<b>OHIO</b>			
Deshler—Peace	5-039 Rd. G	9:30	P. Lehenbauer
Weston—Grace	Main on Taylor	10:00	R. Becker

## CIRCUIT NO. 4

<b>ILLINOIS</b>			
Chicago—Emmaus	5440 West Gladys Ave.	10:45	C. Wosje
St. Mark's	1701 N. Tripp Ave.	10:30	H. Behrens
Lombard—St. Timothy	547 N. Main St.	10:15 (S 9:00)	M. Luttman
<b>WISCONSIN</b>			
Cottage Grove—			
Western Koshkonong	2633 Church St.	10:00 (S 9:00)	J. Olsen
Madison—Grace	1 South Rosa Road	9:30	Vacant
Madison—Holy Cross	2670 Milwaukee St.	8:15 & 10:30 (S 8:15 & 10:00)	S. Petersen
Madison—Our Saviour's	1201 Droster Rd.	8:00 & 10:15 (S 9:00)	J. Madson
			B. Homan

Okauchee—Holy Trinity	31581 Wisconsin Ave.	7:45 & 10:15 (S 7:45 & 9:30)	G. Schmeling
Oregon—Faith	143 Washington St.	9:00	G. Haugen
Portage—St. Paul's	6 miles N.W. on Hwy. 127	9:00	J. Willitz
West Bend—Trinity	1268 Pleasant Valley Rd.	8:00 & 10:00	K. Schmidt
Wisconsin Dells— Newport	5 miles S.E. on Hwy. 16	10:30	J. Willitz

## CIRCUIT NO. 5

Amherst Junction—Our Savior's	5 N.E.	10:30	Vacant
Ashland—First English	701 Vaughn Ave.	10:00	N. Harstad
Bloomer—Good Shepherd	1504 Vine St.	10:30 (S 10:00)	C. Ferkenstad
Clintonville—St. Paul	N. Park & Anne	10:30 (S 9:45)	J. Smith
Eau Claire—Ascension	1500 Peterson Ave.	9:00	O. Trebelhorn
Eau Claire—Concordia	3715 London Rd.	8:00 & 10:30 (S. 8:00 & 10:00)	F. Theiste
Eau Claire—Pinehurst	3304 Fern Ct.	8:15 & 10:45 (S. 9:00)	T. Bartels
Elderon—Our Savior's	Highway 49 N.	9:00	T. Skaaland
Iola—Redeemer	185 S. Washington	9:00	H. Vetter
Marinette—First Trinity	920 Wells St.	8:00 & 10:00	E. Stubenvoll
Shawano—St. Martin	5 miles S.W.	9:00 (S 8:30)	J. Smith

## CIRCUIT NO. 6

Ames—Bethany	3109 Diamond	10:00 (S 9:00)	B. Huehn
Calmar—Trinity	Charles & Clark	*	M. Marozick
Decorah—U.V. Koren	Decorah, IA	*	M. DeGarmeaux
Forest City—Forest	546 West M St.	10:45	D. Schlicht
Lake Mills—Lake Mills	1st Ave. N. & Grant St.	8:30	A. Merseth
Lake Mills—Lime Creek	4 N., 1 W.	9:45 or 11:00	A. Merseth
Lawler—Saude	10 N., 1 W, R. 2	*	M. DeGarmeaux
New Hampton—Jerico	9 N., 3 E., Rt. 1	*	M. DeGarmeaux
New Hampton—Redeemer	Sherman & Court	*	M. Marozick
Northwood—First Shell Rock	Central & 15th	10:30	A. Merseth
Northwood—Somber	10 W., 1 S.	9:45 or 11:00	A. Merseth
Parkersburg—Faith	608 Sixth St.,	10:15 (S 9:30)	W. Frick
Riceville—Immanuel	Riceville	8:30	A. Merseth
Scarville—Center	5 S., ¼ E.	*	J. Dukleth
Scarville—Scarville	Scarville	*	J. Dukleth
Thompson—Zion	Thompson	9:00	D. Schlicht
Thornton—Richland	304 Elm St.	10:30 (S 9:30)	G. Guldberg
Waterloo—Pilgrim	3815 Ansborough	9:30	D. Hoyord
Waterville—East Paint Creek	2 N.	*	M. DeGarmeaux
Waukon—West Paint Creek	6 E.	*	M. DeGarmeaux

## MINNESOTA

Albert Lea—Our Savior's	320 W. College St.	8:00 & 10:45 (S 9:00)	Vacant
Hartland—Hartland	404 Broadway	10:45 (S 9:00)	D. Schmidt
Manchester—Manchester		9:30 (S 10:30)	D. Schmidt

## CIRCUIT NO. 7

## MINNESOTA

Audubon—Immanuel	Highway 10	9:30	M. Doepel
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Bagley—Our Savior's	West Highway 2	9:00	R. Lawson
Crookston—Grace	1221 Barrette St.	8:30	N. Krause
East Grand Forks— River Heights	2214 Tenth Ave. N.W.	10:15 (S 9:00)	J. Petersen
Fertile—First Evanger	405 Wash. St., N.E.	10:30	N. Krause
Grygla—St. Petri	3 W., 2 N.	*	R. Fehr
Hawley—Our Savior's	6th & Joseph	*	D. Faugstad
Lengby—St. Paul	P.O. Box 26	10:30	R. Lawson
Oklee—Nazareth	9 N., 9 E.	*	T. Rank
Oklee—Oak Park	9 N., 4 E.	*	T. Rank
Trail—Mt. Olive	Trail	*	T. Rank
Ulen—Calvary	Ulen	*	D. Faugstad
Warroad—Bethlehem	Lake St.	*	R. Fehr
<b>NORTH DAKOTA</b>			
Mayville—First American	224 2nd St. N.E.	11:00 (S 10:00)	D. Lillegard

### CIRCUIT NO. 8

<b>MINNESOTA</b>			
Apple Valley—Heritage	13401 Johnny Cake Ridge Rd.	8:30 & 10:30 (S 9:30) Mon. 7:30	R. Dale
Belview—Our Savior's	Main Street	*	P. Haugen
Belview—Rock Dell	5 miles N.E.	*	P. Haugen
Cottonwood—English	110 E. Main St.	9:00 (S 8:30)	D. Larson
Gaylord—Norwegian Grove	8 S. Hwy. #22	9:00 or 10:30	N. Madson
Golden Valley—King of Grace	6000 Duluth St.	8:15 & 10:45 (S 8:15 & 10:00)	E. Ekhoft M. Bartels
Jasper—Rose Dell Trinity	Jasper	9:00	W. Halvorson
Luverne—Bethany	720 N. Kniss Ave.	10:30	W. Halvorson
Mankato—Mt. Olive	1123 Marsh St.	8:30 & 10:45 (S 8:30 & 10:00)	R. Newgard
Princeton—Bethany	801 S. 6th St.	8:15 & 10:45	D. Nelson
Princeton—Our Savior's	18977 17th St.	9:30	H. Abrahamson
St. Peter—Norseland	10 N.W. of St. Peter	9:00 or 10:30	N. Madson
Tracy—Zion	2nd and Emory St.	11:00 (S 10:15)	D. Larson
<b>SOUTH DAKOTA</b>			
Sioux Falls—Bethel	1200 S. Covell	10:30 (S 10:00)	P. Madson

### CIRCUIT NO. 9

<b>MISSOURI</b>			
Cape Girardeau—Scriptural	Rt. 1, 6 N.	10:00	D. Webber
Jefferson City—Peace	Hwy. 54 S., 8 miles	8:30	M. Ernst
Piedmont—Grace	114 E. Green St.	10:30	J. Krueger
<b>TEXAS</b>			
Richardson— Good Shepherd	650 W. Campbell Rd.	10:30	J. Burkhardt
San Antonio—Faith	14819 Jones Maltsberger	10:15	H. Larson
<b>COLORADO</b>			
Colorado Springs—Peace	6365 Oakwood Blvd.	10:30	S. Sparley

### CIRCUIT NO. 10

<b>ARIZONA</b>			
Lake Havasu City— Our Saviour	3163 Maricopa Ave.	9:30	J. Moldstad, Jr.
Phoenix—Christ the Cornerstone	6724 E. Hearn	10:00	R. McMiller

**CALIFORNIA**

Bell Gardens—Christ the King	6541 S. Eastern Ave.	9:00 (Sp. 11:30)	D. Haeuser
Bishop—Our Savior	162 Sneden St.	11:00	T. Gullixson
Chico—Chico	1046 Arbutus Ave.	10:30	W. Werling
Escondido—St. Paul	1418 Bear Valley Parkway	10:00	A. Harstad
Grass Valley—Shepherd of the Hills	13022 Labarr Meadows	8:30	R. Waldschmidt
Santa Rosa—Christ	1205 Guerneville Rd. #152	10:30	D. Sabrowsky
Tustin—Faith	(Call pastor for location)	10:00	Vicar Bork
Ventura & Fillmore—Wayfarers' Chapel		9:00 & 11:00	J. Schmidt
V—450 E. Harbor; F—Central Ave. & 3rd St.			
Yuba City—Bethel	1480 Hayne Ave.	9:00	N. Merseth

**CIRCUIT NO. 11****OREGON**

Grants Pass—Our Savior	230 Buysman Way	11:00	H. Mosley
Klamath Falls—Christ	127 N. Spring St.	9:30	W. Mack
Myrtle Creek—St. Matthew	436 N.E. Pacific Hwy.	11:00	Vacant
Sutherlin—Christ	161 W. 2nd Ave.	9:00	Vacant
The Dalles—Bethany	1820 Montana St.	10:30	F. Fiedler

**WASHINGTON**

Mt. Vernon—St. Luke	1524 E. Blackburn Rd.	11:00 (S 9:30)	J. Dalke
Port Orchard—Bethany	719 Sidney Ave.	8:15 & 11:00	E. Bryant
Tacoma—Lakewood	10202 112th St. S.W.	11:00 (S 9:30)	W. McMurdie
Tacoma—Parkland	12309 S. Pacific Ave.	10:30 (S 9:30)	G. Obenberger
Yelm—Our Redeemer	805 Yelm Ave. E.	10:30	Vacant

\*Consult pastor.

## CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOLS

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Port Orchard, WA 98366  
Tel. 206-876-1300

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2670 Milwaukee St.  
Madison, WI 53704  
Tel. 608-249-3101

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35181 Wisconsin Ave.  
Okauchee, WI 53069  
Tel. 414-567-0669

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Golden Valley, MN 55427  
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10202 112th St. S.W.  
Tacoma, WA 98498  
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Mankato, MN 56001  
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### **Our Redeemer Lutheran School**

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Yelm, WA 98597  
Tel. 206-458-7310

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P.O. Box 44006  
Tacoma, WA 98444  
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East Grand Forks, MN 56721  
Tel. 218-773-7101

### **Scarville Lutheran School**

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Scarville, IA 50473  
Tel. 515-568-3646

### **Trinity Lutheran School**

1268 Pleasant Valley Rd.  
West Bend, WI 53095  
Tel. 414-675-6627

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2646 Church Rd.  
Cottage Grove, WI 53527  
Tel. 608-873-9976

## **INDEPENDENT CONGREGATIONS IN FELLOWSHIP WITH THE ELS**

**Grace Lutheran Church**  
4435 S.E. Tualatin Valley Hwy.  
Hillsboro, Oregon 97123  
(503) 648-1393

Time of Worship 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.  
Pastor Thos. E. Dudley  
Rt. 3, Box 178  
Cornelius, Oregon 97113  
(503) 640-2001

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**  
1030 Redwood St.  
Vallejo, California 94590  
(707) 691-0115

Time of Worship 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Pastor Edward W. Halvorson  
149 Bret Harte Way  
Vallejo, California 94590  
(707) 642-7260

**Scriptural Lutheran Church**  
Rt. 2, Box 58  
Cape Girardeau, Missouri  
Pastor David Jay Webber  
Rt. 1, Box 59  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701  
(314) 334-4096

**Faith Evangelical Lutheran Parish**  
Our Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church  
Corner Bordman and Andrew St.  
Kallangur, Brisbane  
Queensland, Australia 4503  
c/o Selwyn Winter  
5 Dangerie St.  
Kallangur  
Queensland, Australia 4503  
(7) 204-6026

**St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church**  
Maryborough  
Queensland, Australia 4650  
c/o B. Hartwig, Parish Secretary  
3 O'meara Rd.  
Sandy Creek  
Gympie  
Queensland, Australia 4570  
(71) 865-271

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## **THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD FOUNDATION**

"The EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD FOUNDATION is established for the purpose of soliciting gifts, other than for current operating funds, for the Synod, its agencies, and as requested, for its congregations and for the theological seminary, college, and other institutions related to the Synod. The FOUNDATION is to encourage the making of wills, gift annuity agreements, trust agreements, insurance contracts, etc., under which the Synod or any of its parts or agencies may become an actual or contingent beneficiary."—(Adopted by the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, 1969.)

### **IS GOD'S WILL INCLUDED IN YOUR WILL?**

The FOUNDATION is ready to serve those who are concerned about their responsibility to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, as well as those who are concerned about the needs of our church. It stands ready to serve as no other agency can.

#### **A. GIFTS AND DONATIONS OF MONEY**

The EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD FOUNDATION is ready to receive, administer, and distribute gifts of money designated for the general work of our church or any specific phase of its activities. Such gifts may be designated for any purpose the donor may desire, and they may be divided in any way.

In keeping with the donor's wishes, the principal may be used for the purpose designated, or the principal may be held intact while the income alone is used for the work of our church.

#### **B. GIFTS OF REAL ESTATE AND OTHER PROPERTY**

The FOUNDATION is ready to receive, administer and distribute gifts of real estate, securities, or other property designated for the general work of our church or for any specific phase of its activities (including local congregations). If desired the FOUNDATION is ready to make arrangements whereby the donor will receive a gift annuity agreement income for life or a life income agreement income.

#### **C. BEQUESTS THROUGH WILLS**

In a very real sense your will is a continuation of your own life and influence. It is an expression of your wishes, a document that acts as your representative in distributing the material things you leave behind. Only you know how you wish them distributed. Only you have the power and the right to make your own will. If you don't have a will, the state makes a will for you

through the laws that apply when a person leaves no will.

The E.L.S. FOUNDATION urgently appeals to you: Make a will, and make your will a "Christian" will by remembering the Lord Jesus Christ and His Church in it.

Gift Annuity Agreements, Life Income Gift Agreements, Life insurance Gifts, Gifts Through Trusts and Memorial Gifts, may be used; and the FOUNDATION is ready to serve you or counsel with you.

**LEGAL FORM FOR GIFTS TO THE SYNOD FOUNDATION THROUGH WILLS (check with your attorney).**

I give, devise and bequeath to the EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD FOUNDATION (a Minnesota Corporation)

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(Insert sum of money or description of property which sum, or property, or proceeds thereof)

to be used as directed by the donor or, if no direction as to use is stated, as its Board of Directors may determine.

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# PAROCHIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1987

Number	State	Location	Circuit	Congregation	Membership	Pastor	Members			Baptized		Confirmed		Communed	Marriages	Burials	Services			Day Schools		Sunday Schools		Other Schools Enrollment		Summer Camp	Students		Contributions		Value of Property	Debt on Property	Legacies
							Baptized	Con- firmed	Voters	Children	Adults	Children	Adults				Special	Average Atten- dance	Sunday	Average Atten- dance	Enroll- ment	Teachers	Enroll- ment	Bible Class	Teachers		Vacation Bible School	Released Time	Synodi- cal Insti- tutions	Public H.S., Colleges			
1	Ariz.	Lake Havasu City	10	Our Saviour	1	J. Moldstad, Jr.	139	123	41	6	4		1,128	2	1	10	88	52	114			16	14	4	35			11	75,861	13,317	98,000	17,000	
2	Ariz.	Phoenix	10	Christ the Cornerstone	1	R. McMiller	39	29	11																								
3	Calif.	Bell Gardens	10	Christ the King	1	D. Hauser	64	50	16	2	1		603		2	16	22	111	48		4	40	8	6	54		1	5	37,887	5,554	80,000		
4	Calif.	Bishop	10	Our Savior	1	T. Gullixson	51	42	13							16	14	52	20			5	40	8	10								40,000
5	Calif.	Chico	10	Chico	3	W. E. Werling	4	4	2				45			1	1	10	52	4									256	1,865	170,000		
6	Calif.	Escondido	10	St. Paul	1	A. Harstad	79	122	52	4			721	3	1	11	39	53	72			16	15	5	35			5	69,426	2,871	400,000	7,291	
7	Calif.	Grass Valley	10	Shepherd of the Hills	1	R. Waldschmidt	6	6	3	1			84	1				52	8										5,043	45			
8	Calif.	Santa Rosa	10	Christ	1	D. Sabrowsky	58	47	12	1	2		470	1		9	28	52	45			14	33	5			2	7	46,000	3,892			
9	Calif.	Tustin	10	Faith	1	Vacant	39	37	9				240			14	20	52	21			3	14	2					28,585	4,739	5,000		
10	Calif.	Ventura-Fillmore	10	Wayfarers' Chapel	1	J. Schmidt	100	78	22	3			600	2	3	17	30	104	76			10	25	5	25				60,800	6,200	180,000	62,000	
11	Calif.	Yuba City	10	Bethel	1	N. Merseth	39	23	10	6			168	3		12	16	52	24			9	5	2					25,250	175	100,000	41,200	
12	Colo.	Colorado Springs	9	St. Andrew	1	S. Sparley																							278				
13	Fla.	Lakeland	1	Our Savior	1	K. Mellon	58	42	16	5	3		570	1		10	48	52	62			11	13	4	12			5	28,200	2,076	34,000	11,200	
14	Fla.	Naples	1	Our Savior	1	D. Moldstad	124	85	38	3			440			40	16	65				18	15	3	10		6		17	64,730	1,784	300,000	84,463
15	Fla.	Port St. Lucie	1	Christ	1	C. Keeler	53	43	9	2			437			11	29	52	48			15	20	4						2,512			
16	Fla.	Vero Beach	1	Grace	1	J. Moldstad, Sr.	272	234	28	4	1	3	2	2,880		3	13	91	52	164			38	64	7	20		1	14	99,321	42,100	535,000	64,892
17	Fla.	Sebastian	1	Trinity	1	J. Wilde	101	97	24	3	2	2	3	1,645			13	56	52	82			9	45	3				6	38,038	9,646	250,000	134,000
18	Ga.	Marietta	1	Resurrection	1	Vacant	105	66	17	9	1		463	1		16	27	72	70			25	17	4	38		4	9	40,443	5,911	250,000	5,000	
19	Ga.	Savannah	1	Christ	1	P. Jecklin	50	40	10				419			4	21	52	42			7	13	3				7	43,555	3,500	225,000		
20	Ill.	Chicago	4	Emmaus	1	C. Wosje	116	76	16	6			459			15	23	53	44			19	18	5	12				25,136	2,855	425,000		
21	Ill.	Chicago	4	St. Mark's	1	H. Behrens	40	39	12				294		3	6	18	52	23			4		1					18,675	658	375,000		
22	Ill.	Lombard	4	St. Timothy	1	M. Luttmann	216	172	18	9			1,166	5	5	15	41	52	82			25	15	6			2	3	20	69,916	16,610	690,000	190,686
23	Iowa	Ames	6	Bethany	1	B. Huehn	78	55	15	1			750	1	2	10	33	52	58			15	20	5	17				7	26,994	1,014	300,000	
24	Iowa	Calmar	6	Trinity	1	M. Marozick	78															12	10	4					21,567	2,735	177,000		
25	Iowa	Decorah	6	U.V. Koren Mem.	3	M. DeGarmeaux							96			9	9	50	11										6,628	1,580			
26	Iowa	Forest City	6	Forest	1	D. Schlicht	86	63	19				336		3	10	36	50	44			22		4	35			5	16,719	2,411	35,000		
27	Iowa	Lake Mills	6	Lake Mills	1	A. Merseth	124	93	20	2			405	1	3	11	63	50	42			18		4	24				4	16,013	4,087	65,500	
28	Iowa	Lake Mills	6	Lime Creek	1	A. Merseth	64	54	15				306	1	1	3	51	51	32			10		4					2	8,662	4,104	60,000	
29	Iowa	Lawler	6	Saude	1	M. DeGarmeaux	134	105	43	1			713	1	3	9	61	51	78			14	16	7	31		1	15	27,872	17,669	226,800		
30	Iowa	New Hampton	6	Jerico	1	M. DeGarmeaux	180	154	60	1			886		3	9	60	49	79			16	15	6					30,176	22,411	243,000		
31	Iowa	New Hampton	6	Redeemer	1	M. Marozick	160									8	49	53	60			21	12	5					24,896	3,978	215,000		
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