



"Ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's" (1 Cor. 6:20).

## LUTHERAN LAYMEN GLORIFY GOD

# The 48th REGULAR CONVENTION OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD

*Essay:* THE LUTHERAN  
LAYMAN IN A MODERN  
WORLD

Pastor Wilhelm Petersen

JUNE 26 - JULY 1, 1965

Held at  
**BETHANY LUTHERAN COLLEGE  
AND SEMINARY**  
Mankato, Minnesota

# LOOKING FORWARD TO 1968

*Jubilee Year*  
**EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD**

**“Our Golden Anniversary  
A Golden Opportunity”**

*To thank God for 50 years of grace*

*“Give thanks at the remembrance of His holiness.”*

*-- Psalm 97:12*

**LET US BEGIN NOW TO BUILD UP A THANKOFFERING  
THAT WILL BE WORTHY OF THE OCCASION**

**OUR FIVE YEAR GOAL:  
\$300,000.00**

# **48th REPORT**

## **REGULAR CONVENTION**

### **EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD**

**and the**  
**Ninth Annual Meeting of the**  
**Bethany Lutheran College and Seminary**  
**Corporation**

**Compiled by**  
**W. C. GULLIXSON, Secretary**

**HELD AT**  
**Bethany Lutheran College**  
**and Seminary**

**Mankato, Minnesota**  
**June 26 - July 1, 1965**



## THE OPENING AND ORGANIZATION OF THE CONVENTION

"Hear my prayer, O Lord, give ear to my supplications; in thy faithfulness answer me, and in thy righteousness. And enter not into judgment with thy servant: for in thy sight shall no man living be justified." Psalm 143:1,2 was the text used for the opening confessional service by the Rev. Neil Hilton, Waterville, Iowa. The service, which opened the 48th Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, was conducted in the chapel of Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato, Minn., on June 26, 1965, at 10:30 a.m. The Rev. Hugo Handberg served as liturgist and the Rev. G. A. R. Gullixson as organist.

Landstad's hymn "Before Thee God, Who Knowest All" was sung at the opening of the communion service. Pastor Hilton stated in his confessional address, "All of us are gathered here together as servants of the Word; every believer is such a servant of the Word. The Holy Spirit has given us saving faith, and as heirs of His kingdom, we are to serve Him, praise and honor Him. We are here this week at the Synod convention for the sake of God's Word. We should make the prayer of the Psalmist our own. We may be tempted to pride at the thought of God's Word being preserved in our midst, but we do not deserve that. We deserve darkness; we are not worthy of the mercies and grace of God shown to us; we are unprofitable servants. Though we have failed to keep the Law, yet God in His love sent His Son to fulfill the Law for us, to give His life a sacrifice for our sins. Therefore we may call on the Lord confidently, who looks not on our sins, but on the obedience and righteousness of His Son our Savior.

"As we draw nigh to the Lord's Table we receive the true body and blood of our Savior. He says to us 'Come sit at My Table, your sins are washed away.' As He thus strengthens our faith through the forgiveness of sins, He gives us new desire, zeal and love to perform that which is good."

At the conclusion of the service President B. W. Teigen bid the members of the Synod welcome on behalf of the college and Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, the Rev. H. Handberg, pastor.

President J. N. Petersen responded with appreciation for the words of welcome and expressed confidence that Bethany College and Mt. Olive Church would provide a good home away from home. He also announced the temporary Credentials Committee.

The first session of the convention was opened by the chaplain of the convention, the Rev. G. Schweikert of Rochester, N.Y.

The Roll Call was read by the secretary. Twenty-eight (later 42) who are Permanent Members responded; 12 were absent. Five Permanent Advisory Members were present (later 9) 5 absent. A total of 33 pastors and professors were present at the opening session of the convention; later there were 51 present.

Twenty-nine delegates were seated on opening day (later 61).

President Petersen then declared the 48th Regular Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and the 9th Annual Meeting of the Bethany Lutheran College and Seminary Corporation to be in session in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

## **Roll Call**

### **A. PERMANENT MEMBERS**

Pastors serving member congregations: T. Aaberg, P. Anderson, R. Branstad, G. Guldberg, G. A. Gullixson, G. H. Gullixson, W. Gullixson, H. Handberg, N. Harstad, N. Hilton, R. Honsey, A. Kuster, T. Kuster, H. Larson, S. Lee, D. Lillegard, J. Madson, N. Madson, P. Madson, W. McMurdie, A. Merseth, J. Moldstad, R. Moldstad, R. Newgard, N. Oesleby, J. Olsen, G. Orvick, J. Petersen, P. Petersen, W. Petersen, H. Preus, G. Schweikert, A. Strand, H. Theiste, V. Theiste, M. Tweit, E. Unseth, L. Vangen, G. Weseloh, F. Weyland, C. Wosje, P. Ylvisaker.

### **B. PERMANENT ADVISORY MEMBERS (not eligible to vote)**

Pastors serving non-member congregations or groups: A. Harstad, T. Teigen.

Pastors Emeriti: C. U. Faye, J. Unseth.

Professors: J. Anderson, I. Johnson, M. Otto, G. Reichwald, B. Teigen, Pres.

## **Congregation Admitted Into Membership With the Synod**

Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Waterloo, Iowa



**Pastor J. Olsen**



**Pastor G. H. Gullixson**

## **Pastors Admitted Into Membership**

The Rev. George H. Gullixson, 1st Evanger Lutheran Church, Fertile, Minn., and Calvary Lutheran Church, Ulen, Minn.

The Rev. James Olsen, Holton Lutheran Church, Holton, Michigan.

## Excused for Late Arrival

Pastors: J. B. Madson, N. A. Madson, David Lillegard, Herman Preus, T. N. Teigen, Norman B. Harstad.

## Excused for Early Departure

Pastors: G. Schweikert, V. Theiste, G. Weseloh, J. Olsen, Delegates: Walter M. Sheppard, Hiawatha, Mpls., Minn., Leo Cunningham, Lake Mills, Iowa.

## Congregations Excused for Not Sending Delegates

Clearwater Lutheran, Oklee, Minn.; Bethlehem Lutheran, Ellsworth, Minn.; Harvard Street Lutheran, Cambridge, Mass.; First Lutheran, Suttons Bay, Mich.; Trinity Lutheran, Calmar, Iowa; Bethany Lutheran, Luverne, Minn.; Trinity Lutheran, Rosedell, Minn.; W. Koshkonong, Cottage Grove, Wisconsin.

## Advisory Members

The Rev. Oscar J. Naumann, President of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The Rev. Daniel Estok, 2nd Vice-President of Evangelical Lutheran Churches, Westport, Connecticut.

The Rev. John Daniel, Streeter, Ill.

The Rev. Luther Bajus, Lakefield, Minn.

The Rev. Fred Bartling, Elizabeth, Ill.

The Rev. W. Schmidt, New Ulm, Minn.

Prof. R. Hoeneke, New Ulm, Minn.

Prof. Oscar Siegler, New Ulm, Minn.

Prof. Carl Schweppe, New Ulm, Minn.

Dr. Orlando Overn, Madison, Wis.

## 1965 Representatives Present Eligible to Vote

| PASTOR          | ADDRESS  | CONGREGATION                            | DELEGATE  |
|-----------------|--|---|---|
| T. Aaberg       | Scarville, Ia.<br>Scarville, Ia.                 | Center<br>Scarville                     | Milford Brudvig<br>Harry S. Olson<br>L. J. Cunningham<br>Perry Ferley |
| P. Anderson     | Lake Mills, Ia.                                  | Lake Mills                              | Lars S. Petersen<br>O. Leonard Pedersen<br>Charles Getchell           |
| R. Branstad     | Lake Mills, Ia.<br>Minneapolis, Minn.            | Lime Creek<br>Fairview                  |   |
| G. Guldberg     | Bagley, Minn.<br>Bagley, Minn.<br>Lengby, Minn.  | Concordia<br>Our Savior's<br>St. Paul's | Excused<br>Melvin Dale<br>Carl Knutson                                |
| G. A. Gullixson | Cottage Grove, Wis.                              | W. Koshkonong                           |   |
| G. H. Gullixson | Fertile, Minn.                                   | First Evanger                           |   |
| W. Gullixson    | Ulen, Minn.<br>Princeton, Minn.                  | Calvary<br>Bethany                      | Alvin Hansen<br>Christ Knutson  |
| H. Handberg     | Princeton, Minn.<br>Mankato, Minn.               | Our Savior's<br>Mt. Olive               | Glenn E. Reichwald<br>Dennis Natvig                                   |
| N. Harstad      | Belview, Minn.<br>Belview, Minn.<br>Delhi, Minn. | Our Savior's<br>Rock Dell<br>First      |   |
| N. Hilton       | Waterville, Ia.                                  | East Paint Creek                        | Oscar Jacobson<br>Palmer Delhi<br>Claus Sorum                         |
| R. Honsey       | Waukon, Ia.                                      | West Paint Creek                        | Excused   |
| A. Kuster       | Arlington, Mass.                                 | Harvard Street                          | Oscar M. Wilson   |
| T. Kuster       | Madison, Wis.<br>Chicago, Ill.                   | Our Saviour's<br>St. Paul's             | Einar Engebretson<br>Paul Staff<br>Excused<br>Fred Seydel             |
| H. Larson       | Oklee, Minn.                                     | Clearwater                              |   |
| S. Lee          | Audubon, Minn.                                   | Immanuel                                |   |
| D. Lillegard    | Hawley, Minn.<br>Fosston, Minn.                  | Our Savior's<br>Cross Lake              |   |
| J. Madson       | Trail, Minn.<br>Mayville, N. D.                  | Mt. Olive<br>First American             |   |
| N. Madsou       | Sheyeme, N. D.<br>Luverne, Minn.                 | Holy Cross<br>Bethany                   | Excused   |

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| P. Madson     | Jasper, Minn.<br>Forest City, Ia.<br>Thompson, Ia. | Rose Dell Trinity<br>Forest City<br>Zion | Excused               |
| W. McMurdie   | Tacoma, Wash.                                      | Lakewood                                 | Melvin Kloppen        |
| A. Merseth    | Amherst Junction, Wis.                             | Our Savior's                             | Emmer Hagenson        |
| J. Moldstad   | Thornton, Ia.                                      | Richland                                 | John R. Young         |
| R. Moldstad   | Suttons Bay, Mich.                                 | First                                    | Lenwick Hoyord        |
| R. Newgard    | Northwood, Ia.                                     | First Shell Rock                         | Lavern Hiller         |
|               | Northwood, Ia.                                     | Somber                                   | Russell Baker         |
|               | Story City, Ia.                                    | Bethany                                  | Excused               |
| N. Oesleby    | Eau Claire, Wis.                                   | Pinehurst                                | Douglas Carnes        |
| J. Olsen      | Holton, Mich.                                      | Holton                                   | Donovan Dahlby        |
| G. Orvick     | Madison, Wis.                                      | Holy Cross                               | Reuben Holt           |
| J. Petersen   | St. Peter, Minn.                                   | Norseland                                | Odis Holstad          |
|               |  |  | Lloyd Miller          |
| P. Petersen   | Waterloo, Ia.                                      | Pilgrim                                  | Orville Quist         |
| W. Petersen   | Madison, Wis.                                      | Grace                                    | Duane Olmanson        |
| H. Preus      | Calmar, Ia.  | Trinity                                  | Christian Olsen, Alt. |
| G. Schweikert | Rochester, N. Y.                                   | Indian Landing                           | Duane Wosje           |
| A. Strand     | Chicago, Ill.                                      | St. Mark's                               | Excused               |
| H. Theiste    | Tacoma, Wash.                                      | Parkland                                 | Layton N. Northrup    |
| V. Theiste    | Sioux Falls, S. D.                                 | Bethel                                   | Herman Wichmann       |
|               |  |  | Albert J. Langseth    |
|               |  |  | Adolph Jungemann      |
|               |  |  | Roger Butterfield     |
|               |  |  | Excused               |
| M. Tweit      | Ellsworth, Minn.                                   | Bethlehem                                | Donald Lipp           |
|               | New Hampton, Ia.                                   | Jerico                                   | Harvey Roberson, Alt. |
|               |  |  | Henry Knutson         |
| E. Unseth     | Lawler, Ia.  | Saude                                    | Orin Vaala            |
|               | Albert Lea, Minn.                                  | Our Savior's                             | Sophus Hanson         |
| L. Vangen     | Eau Claire, Wis.                                   | Concordia                                | Selmer Varland        |
| G. Weseloh    | Cottonwood, Minn.                                  | English                                  | Nanian Thompson       |
|               |  |  | Ellert Storlie        |
| F. Weyland    | Minneapolis, Minn.                                 | Enmaus                                   | Herman Frank          |
| C. Wosje      | Minneapolis, Minn.                                 | Hiawatha                                 | John F. Werner        |
| P. Ylvisaker  | Hartland, Minn.                                    | Hartland                                 | Arnold Jacobsen       |
|               | Manchester, Minn.                                  | Manchester                               | Walter Sheppard       |
|               |  |  | William Overn         |
|               |  |  | Harvey Bell           |
|               |  |  | Hartvick Nygaard      |
|               |  |  | Elmer Oakland         |
|               |  |  | Oscar Johnson         |
| Vacancy       |  |  | Dale Sorenson         |
| J. Madson     | E. Grand Forks, Minn.                              | River Heights                            |                       |
| Vacancy       | Lombard, Ill.                                      | St. Timothy                              | Raymond Dale          |
| T. Kuster     |  | Oslo                                     | Walter Peters         |
| Vacancy       | Volga, S. D.                                       | Our Redeemer                             | Tom Swenumson         |
| Vacancy       | New Hampton, Ia.                                   |  |                       |
| M. Tweit      |  |  |                       |

## Convention Committees

1. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE AND REPORT: *Pastors*—Herbert Larson (chrm.); Neil Hilton (sec.); Rudolph Honsey.  
*Delegates*—Einar Engebretson (St. Paul's, Chicago); John Werner (Tracy); Harvey Bell (Hartland).
2. NOMINATIONS: *Pastors*—Hans A. Theiste (chrm.); Ahlert H. Strand; George Orvick; Gottfred Guldberg.  
*Delegates*—Dennis Natvig (sec.) Mt. Olive, Mankato; Al Langseth, Parkland.
3. CREDENTIALS: *Pastors*—Hans A. Theiste; Robert Moldstad.  
*Delegates*—Ellert Storlie, Concordia, Eau Claire; Oscar M. Wilson, Our Saviour's, Madison; Layton Northrup, Indian Landing.
4. PROGRAM: *Pastors*—Paul Petersen; Alf Merseth.
5. PRESS: *Pastors*—Hugo Handberg; Prof. Julian Anderson
6. DOCTRINAL: *Pastors*—Eivind Unseth (chrm.); Rudolph Honsey; Sophus Lee; Ahlert Strand; John Moldstad.  
*Delegates*: Milford Brudvig, Scarville; Herman Frank, Cottonwood; John R. Young (sec.); Alvin Hansen, Bethany, Princeton; Palmer Dehli, East Paint Creek; Lars Petersen, Lime Creek; Lenwick Hoyord, Amherst Junction.



7. MISSIONS: *Pastors*—Raymond M. Branstad (chrn.); Robert Moldstad (sec.); Gottfred Guldberg; Luther Vangen.  
*Delegates*—Hartvick Nygaard, Hartland; Harry Olson, Scarville; Glenn Reichwald, Mt. Olive, Mankato; Russell Baker, Thornton; Orin Vaala, Saude; Duane Olmanson, Norseland, (Alt. Christian Olsen, Norseland).
8. HIGHER EDUCATION: *Pastors*—Hans A. Theiste (chrn.); Paul Ylvisaker, Arnold Kuster; Juul Madson.  
*Delegates*—Carl Knutson, Fertile; Sophus Hanson, Albert Lea; Duane Wosje, Grace, Madison; Oscar Pedersen, Fairview; Orville Quist, Norseland; Walter Sheppard, (sec.), Hiawatha, Minneapolis; Adolph Jungemann, Bethel, Sioux Falls.
9. ELEMENTARY EDUCATION: *Pastors*—Paul Anderson (chrn.); Milton Tweit; Wilhelm Petersen.  
*Delegates*—Al Langseth (sec.), Parkland; Thomas Swenumson, Redeemer, New Hampton.
10. YOUTH WORK: *Pastors*—Paul Madson, (chrn.); George Schweikert; Arnold Kuster; Prof. Julian Anderson (sec.); James Olsen.  
*Delegates*—Raymond Dale, St. Timothy; Paul Staff, St. Paul's, Chicago; Nanian Thompson, Concordia, Eau Claire; Perry Ferley, Lake Mills; Dale Sorenson, River Heights; Roger Butterfield, Bethel, Sioux Falls.
11. PUBLICATIONS: *Pastors*—Adolph Harstad (chrn.); Neil Hilton; Theodore Kuster (sec.); Richard Newgard; George H. Gullixson.  
*Delegates*—John Werner, Tracy; Arnold Jacobson, Emmaus.
12. FINANCES: *Pastors*—William McMurdie; Prof. Milton Otto (chrn.); Nils Oesleby; Carl Wosje (sec.); Torald Teigen.  
*Delegates*—Donald Lipp (Alt. Harvey Roberson), Jerico; Harvey Bell, Hartland; Layton Northrup, Indian Landing.
13. CHARITIES AND SUPPORT: *Pastors*—Luther Vangen (chrn.); Paul Petersen; Norman Harstad; James Olsen (sec.).  
*Delegates*—Herman Wichmann (St. Mark's, Chicago); Henry Knutson, Jerico; Reuben Holt, Northwood; Arnold Jacobson, Emmaus.
14. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS: *Pastors*—George Orvick (chrn.); F. R. Weyland (sec.); Alf Merseth; Victor Theiste.  
*Delegates*—Einar Engebretson (St. Paul's Chicago); Charles Getchell, Fairview; Christ Knutson, Our Savior's, Princeton.
15. PASTORAL CONFERENCE RECORDS: *Pastors*—Herbert Larson (chrn.); Theodore Aaberg (sec.); J. B. Unseth.
16. RESOLUTIONS: *Pastors*—Herman Preus (chrn.); Carl Wosje (sec.); Prof. Glenn Reichwald.
17. SYNODICAL MEMBERSHIP: *Pastors*—George A. R. Gullixson (chrn.); Gerhard Weseloh; Prof. B. W. Teigen.  
*Delegates*—Dennis Natvig (sec.), Mt. Olive, Mankato; Leo Cunningham, Lake Mills.
18. TELLERS: Candidates; Erling Teigen; Wayne Halvorson; Pastor N. A. Madson
19. CHAPLAIN: Pastor George Schweikert.
20. HEAD USHER: Pastor Victor Theiste.
21. PARLIAMENTARIAN: Pastor Juul Madson
22. CONVENTION SENTINEL: *Pastors*—Neil Hilton; Paul Anderson; F. R. Weyland.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord!

Esteemed members of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod:

"SON, GO WORK TODAY IN MY VINEYARD," Matt. 21, 28, is not only a solemn command, but also a gracious invitation from our Lord to all members of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, whether delegates or not, to our 48th annual convention.

The very fact that we are again permitted to gather together in Jesus' name to discuss matters pertaining to the work of the Lord's Vineyard is ample proof that the hand of God's mercy has not been shortened over against us, but rather it is evidenced that His mercy abounds more and more. While this brief word of our text would be adaptive to and ideally suited for many a spiritual gathering, whether a confirmation service, youth rally, mission service or a laymen's meeting, it is also very much in order for this occasion, as we are gathered to discuss and to pass resolutions, which pertain to the most important business in the world, the work of the Lord's Vineyard. This word of our text is designed to strike every spiritual nerve of the child of God, calling for self-examination and sincere repentance, calling for renewed consecration and dedication of our God-given gifts, calling for spiritual rejuvenation, so that the work of His Vineyard may progress more and more to His glory and remain a blessing to us and to others.

The child of God is thrilled in his innermost soul, when he considers the intimate and affectionate manner in which he is addressed by his Lord. With pride of possession in His voice, our Lord calls you and me *sons*. What a high and exquisite honor to be called *sons* and *daughters* of the Most High! This singular honor is described in the apostle Paul's letter to the Ephesians: "But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love, wherewith he loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, and hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come he might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us through Christ Jesus." Eph. 2,4-7.

Since we have received such undeserved honor and have been adopted as His sons and daughters, the Triune God, Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier, has a triple claim upon our hearts, our lives and our service. Everything we are and everything we have is a free gift of God. The apostle asks: "What hast thou that thou didst not receive? Now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it?" 1 Cor. 4,7.

Acknowledging that all gifts are freely given, we are not left in doubt as to the sphere of activity, in which we are to busy ourselves constantly. The Lord wants laborers in His Vineyard, in His Church. No form of agriculture is more laborious and strenuous

than the work of the husbandman in the vineyard. Workers are summoned to be prepared for much toil, pain, sweat and care. He wants workers, not shirkers in His Church. For faithful labor He has promised rich and precious rewards of grace.

Since we live in such a materialistic and secularistic world-and we are not immune from it—we need to be reminded again and again of the real business of the Church, “to teach and to preach repentance and remission of sins in His name.” Luke 24, 47. If the church is not busy with the saving Gospel, it must necessarily concern itself with something. In religious circles where the Gospel is looked upon as outdated or outmoded for such an “intellectual” age, the social problems of the day, desegregation, anti-poverty programs, humanitarian efforts of all sorts become the prime order of the day. While Christians are to be concerned about social ills, we know that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is man’s greatest need and supplies the answer to that dire need. We also know that it is God’s will that we direct all our talents, energies and powers to further the glorious message of the Gospel.

Having heard so many times the Lord’s mandate, “Son, go work today in my vineyard”, how have we as individuals and as a Synod responded? We gratefully thank God for the many consecrated and dedicated men and women in our congregations, who employ their talents and powers to further the work of the Lord at home and for the Synod. Many have their Synod at heart; they love it. However, it is a sad fact that only about one third of the Synodical membership supports the work of Synod whole-heartedly. Another third gives but feeble token support. The other third acts as if the Synod does not exist.

Have we all done what we could have done to encourage young men and women to enter the active service of the vineyard? When so few enter the active service of the church, something is wrong and that is not good. Let us all hear again our Saviour’s plea and invitation: “Son, daughter, go work today in my vineyard.”

If every member of the Synod would fervently heed the Lord’s call to labor more zealously, just think of what a strong working force our Synod could and would be! Then the “desert would rejoice and blossom as the rose.” Is. 35,1. Placing our spiritual and material gifts at the disposal of our Lord, we would be able to raise the proposed budget and to expand the much needed facilities at our Bethany and to follow through with the many mission opportunities before us.

Furthermore, we must work and pull together in our work. We cannot afford the luxury of idolizing our own independence to such a degree that we ignore the many programs, upon which we have agreed to labor together. United in doctrine, let us also be united in zeal and in spirit.

May our gracious Lord, who has so graciously called us to labor and has equipped us with all the tools to carry it out, grant us the will, enthusiasm and energy to work *today* in His Vineyard before the time clock runs out. There may be no tomorrow and for that

reason He speaks in the present tense. May He also grant us grace to work together, lest we fall separately. May He bless us in our resolves and help us to keep our eyes fixed on our real mission in this world, working in His Vineyard. As we labor to carry out His will, let us continue to sing with the hymn-writer, J. Heermann:

And grant me, Lord, to do,  
With ready heart and willing,  
Whate'er Thou shalt command,  
My calling here fulfilling.  
And do it when I ought,  
With all my strength, and bless  
The work I thus have wrought,  
For Thou must give success.

J. Petersen, President

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### Ordained

Candidate of Theology, George H. Gullixson, was ordained on August 2, 1964, at Fairview Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, where he had completed his vicarage under the supervision of Pastor Raymond Branstad. Pastor F. R. Weyland, Circuit Visitor, performed the rite of ordination and Pastor George A. R. Gullixson preached the sermon. On August 9, 1964, he was installed as pastor of the Fertile-Ulen congregations by Pastor Juul Madson, Circuit Visitor. Pastor Sophus Lee preached the sermon.

Candidate of Theology, James P. Olsen, was ordained and installed as pastor of Holton Lutheran Church, Holton, Michigan, on August 16, 1964, by Pastor George A. R. Gullixson, Circuit Visitor. Pastor George Orvick preached the sermon.

### Installed

The Rev. Walther C. Gullixson was installed as pastor of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, rural Princeton, Minnesota, and of Bethany Lutheran Church, Princeton, Minnesota, on July 19, 1964. Pastor F. R. Weyland, Circuit Visitor, performed the rite of installation and Professor Milton Otto, who had served as vacancy pastor, preached the sermon.

The Rev. Neil Hilton was installed as pastor of East Paint Creek and West Paint Creek Lutheran Churches, Waterville, Iowa, on November 15, 1964. Pastor Richard Newgard, Circuit Visitor, conducted the rite of installation. Pastor Milton Tweit, who had served as vacancy pastor, preached the sermon.

The Rev. Robert Moldstad was installed as pastor of First Lutheran Church, Suttons Bay, Michigan, and of Concordia Lutheran Church, Traverse City, Michigan, on March 28, 1965. Pastor George A. R. Gullixson, Circuit Visitor, conducted the rite of installation and Pastor Adolph Harstad preached the sermon. Pastor James

## ANNIVERSARIES OF ORDINATION



Professor M. H. Otto



Pastor Emeritus J. B. Unseth



Pastor W. C. Gullixson



Pastor N. C. Oesleby

Olsen, who had served as vacancy pastor, also took part in the service.

The Rev. Paul Petersen was installed as pastor of Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Waterloo, Iowa, on June 13, 1965, by Pastor Richard Newgard, Circuit Visitor. Pastor David Lillegard preached the sermon.

The Rev. Norman Madson, Jr., was installed as pastor of Bethany Lutheran Church, Luverne, Minnesota, and of Rose Dell Trinity Church, Jasper, Minnesota, on June 20, 1965. Vice-President Eivind Unseth conducted the rite of installation and also preached the sermon.

## **Anniversaries**

### **PASTORS**

Three of our pastors, Nils Oesleby, Walther Gullixson and Professor Milton Otto, Bethany College, celebrate this year their 25th anniversaries of service in the Gospel Ministry of our Synod. All are graduates of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri.

On June 27th, 1965, Pastor Joseph Unseth, celebrates the 65th anniversary of his ordination into the Ministry. It is of interest that Mr. Martin Teigen, father of President B. W. Teigen and Pastor Torald Teigen, was a classmate of Pastor Unseth and was ordained at Willmar, Minnesota, on the same day, June 27, 1900.

### **CONGREGATIONS**

First American Lutheran Church of Mayville, North Dakota, Juul Madson, pastor, celebrated the 40th anniversary of its organization on July 12, 1964. Pastor Hugo Handberg, a former pastor of the congregation, was the guest speaker.

Trinity Lutheran Church, Calmar, Iowa, celebrated its 20th anniversary last October, with Professor Julian Anderson as the guest speaker. H. A. Preus is the present pastor of Trinity.

Concordia Ev. Lutheran Church of Clearbrook, Minnesota, commemorated its 65th anniversary on July 26, 1964. A former pastor, John Moldstad, preached at the morning service; a son of the congregation, Pastor Alf Merseth, preached at the afternoon service. Since its organization on January 25th, 1900, the congregation has been served by the following pastors: G. P. Nesseth, C. Oesleby, G. Guldberg, U. L. Larson, J. B. Unseth, John Moldstad. At present it is served by Pastor Gottfried Guldberg.

## **Membership Applications**

Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Waterloo, Iowa, Paul Petersen, pastor, hereby applies for membership into the Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Its constitution and statement of subscription to the Synod's constitution are at hand.

The Rev. George H. Gullixson, Fertile, Minnesota, is applying for permanent membership into our Synod. His application with accompanying letter is at hand.

The Rev. James Olsen, Holton, Michigan, is applying for per-

manent membership into our Synod. His letter of application is at hand.

### **Resignations and Appointments**

Because Pastor Paul Petersen accepted a call to one of our mission congregations, he resigned from the Mission Board. Your president appointed Pastor Carl Wosje of Minneapolis to serve on the Board until convention time.

Your president appointed Mr. Stanley Reinholtz, Madison, Wisconsin, and Mr. Lenwick Hoyard, Iola, Wisconsin, to draw up guidelines for the Laymen's Equalization Fund. Mr. Oscar Wilson, Madison, Wisconsin, was asked to serve as an ex-officio member of this committee.

Upon the recommendation and request of the Publications Board, your president appointed a Final Catechism Review Committee. Appointed were: Professor Julian Anderson, Professor Milton Otto, Pastor Juul Madson, Pastor Paul Ylvisaker and Mr. Gerhardt Solli. The Synod is respectfully asked to endorse the appointment of this committee, which has already done considerable work. However, time does not permit its completion by the time of this convention.

Pastor Hugo Handberg was appointed by the President to conduct a survey of Bethany Lutheran High School.

A special committee of Pastors R. Branstad, John Moldstad and Gerhard Weseloh was appointed to deal with Pastor Norman Harstad's address at the Jerico convention. Since Pastor N. B. Harstad in his speech at the Jerico convention made apparent charges against certain members of the Synod, who were serving in an official capacity, the Synod had no choice but to investigate further the contents of his speech to determine whether definite charges were made and whether these charges, if made, were true or false.

If charges were made and were found to be true, the synodical servants so charged must be rebuked and the Synod owes Pastor Harstad a debt of gratitude for his concern for the welfare of the servants, acting on behalf of the Synod.

If charges were made and were found to be false, the maker of the false charges must be rebuked for violating the 8th commandment, "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor."

### **Visitations**

On Feb. 23, 1965, your president met with all the Circuit Visitors, with the exception of the two on the Coasts, to review with them the rules of Visitors and to encourage them to take the lead in conducting regular and systematic visitations in the congregations of their circuits.

On April 24, 1965, Pastor Rudolph Honsey conducted a visitation at the Indian Landing Lutheran Church, Rochester, New York. George Schweikert is the pastor.

Pastor Richard Newgard conducted a visitation in the Lime Creek Lutheran Church, Lake Mills, Iowa, on May 16, 1965. Paul Anderson is the pastor.

On November 9, 1964, your president conducted a call meeting on behalf of the Suttons Bay and Concordia congregations, Suttons Bay and Traverse City, Michigan.

In December, 1964, Vice-President Eivind Unseth visited the Parkland and Lakewood congregations on the West Coast.

On February 25, 1965, your president conducted a call meeting in Luverne, Minnesota, on behalf of the Bethany-Rose Dell Trinity congregations.

On May 24, 1965, Pastor Richard Newgard conducted a call meeting on behalf of Redeemer Lutheran Church, New Hampton, Iowa.

Pastor Milton Tweit conducted a call meeting on behalf of the East and West Paint Creek Lutheran Churches and also a call meeting on behalf of Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Waterloo, Iowa.

On October 20, 1964, Visitor G.A.R. Gullixson conducted a visitation at St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, Lombard, Illinois.

### **Future Workers**

Three vicars from our Bethany Seminary are assigned to congregations for the coming year. Mr. Erling Teigen is to serve at Fairview, Minneapolis, under the supervision of Pastor Branstad. Mr. Tom Kuster is to serve at Eau Claire, Wisconsin, under the supervision of Pastor Vangen. Mr. Wayne Halvorsen is to serve at Holy Cross, Madison, Wisconsin, under the supervision of Pastor Orvick.

Mr. Willard Olson, a member of Hiawatha, Minneapolis, completed his theological studies at the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, Wisconsin, and has been declared eligible for a Call into our Synod.

Redeemer Lutheran Church, New Hampton, Iowa, has called Candidate of Theology Willard Olson.

The problem of supplying Christian Day School teachers continues to give concern. All requests for teachers were filled with the exception of one. If there are not more preparing themselves for this noble calling, the future of our schools may face a very serious situation.

### **Inter-Synodical Matters**

An invitation from the Lutheran Synodical Conference through its secretary, the Rev. Arthur Bohlmann, was received on August 1, 1964, to reconsider our basis for withdrawing from the Synodical Conference and to return to the Conference. The Synod's reply to this invitation is to be found in the Doctrinal Report.

On January 13, 1965, a consultation meeting between representatives of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod was held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Representing the ELS were the following: President Joseph Petersen, Vice-President Eivind Unseth, Professor Milton Otto, and President of Bethany College, Professor B. W. Teigen. Representing the Wisconsin Synod were the following: President Oscar J. Naumann,



Vice-President Irvin J. Habeck and Gerhard Press, and President Carl Lawrenz of the Mequon Seminary. Among the agenda items discussed were: The Synodical Conference Overture to both Synods; our relationship to the Slovak Synod; our relationship to our Overseas Brethren; our relationship to the Church of the Lutheran Confession and to the Churches of the Lutheran Reformation; a report on the Nigerian Visit; mission expansion at home and abroad.

The hope was expressed that similar meetings between the two synods be held every year.

On May 4, 1965, a meeting between the doctrinal committees of the ELS and the SELC (Slovak) was held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The results of this meeting, together with a recommendation, are to be found in the Doctrinal Report.

### Deaths

Pastor John Jungemann passed away in Egan, South Dakota, on February 27, 1965. He was not a member of our Synod, but served our Volga congregation for many years. A memorial service was held in Oslo Lutheran Church on March 3, 1965, with Pastor



The Rev. Prof. G. O. Lillegard

Carl Wosje conducting the service. We extend our Christian sympathy to Mrs. Jungemann and family.

Dr. James Nelson, instructor of chemistry and physics at Bethany Lutheran College, died on March 2, 1965.

Professor Johannes P. Meyer, prominent servant of the Word in our sister synod, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, passed away in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on November 10, 1964, at the age of 91 years. The funeral service was conducted at St. Marcus Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, on November 13, 1964, with President Oscar J. Naumann preaching the sermon on the basis of John 3, 16. President B. W. Teigen and Pastor George A. R. Gullixson represented our Synod at the service. Professor Meyer will be remembered not only for his many years of service in the Kingdom, but also for his unyielding attitude to the authority of the Holy Scriptures.

The Reverend Professor George O. Lillegard died on June 14, 1965 and was buried June 18, 1965. He served as missionary to China, as pastor at Harvard Street Lutheran Church, Cambridge, Mass., and as a member of the Bethany Lutheran Seminary Faculty from 1952-1962. Pastor Hugo Handberg officiated at the service. Pres. J. N. Petersen spoke on behalf of the Synod. President Oscar Naumann of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod also spoke, and Pastor Herman Preus spoke on behalf of the family.

### **Miscellaneous**

Your president has tried to the best of his ability to attend pastoral conferences and board meetings. He is grateful to the members of the various boards for their help and diligence in carrying out assignments. He is also grateful to Vice-President Eivind Unseth for his assistance. Most of all we are all grateful to our Gracious Lord for guiding and sustaining our Synod during these perilous times. May He grant us wisdom, love and courage to go forward in his Name! Without His blessing and benediction, how could we even begin to make plans to expand the facilities at our Bethany and to open new mission fields, which beckon us from all sides?

We close our report with a portion of Solomon's prayer: "The Lord our God be with us, as He was with our fathers; let Him not leave us, nor forsake us." 1 Kings 8, 57.

Joseph N. Petersen, President

## **Action of the Synod:**

### **Resolution No. 1: The Mission of the Church**

*WHEREAS, We live in a time when much of visible Christendom is preaching the so-called social gospel with great zeal and devotion to the neglect of the saving Gospel, and*

*WHEREAS, The President in his message reminds us that the mission of the Church is to preach the Gospel of the free grace of God in Christ, which is the greatest need of men, be it*

*RESOLVED, That we rededicate ourselves to the great task which the Lord has given us with increased zeal and devotion and with an urgent appeal to all our members for full cooperation.*

**Resolution No. 2: Cooperation in Synodical Work**

*WHEREAS, The President has pointed out in his message that it is a misuse of Christian liberty for brethren to ignore the many programs upon which they have agreed to labor together and fail to cooperate wholeheartedly in the work of the kingdom, be it*

*RESOLVED, That the Synod remind all its members that, while we must ever firmly maintain our liberty in Christ—"Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free" (Gal. 5:1)—we should also guard against carnal misuse of our liberty; "For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another" (Gal. 5:13).*

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

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

# THE LUTHERAN LAYMAN IN THE MODERN WORLD

*By the Rev. Wilhelm Petersen*

We are living in a changing world that hasn't changed. In this changing world tremendous strides have been made in the fields of science, medicine, and engineering. As a result, we enjoy conveniences and a standard of living unprecedented in the annals of history. Because of modern means of travel man can get from one part of the world to the other in just a matter of hours. We may even live to see a man put on the moon! What further accomplishments will be made in the future—whether they will be for the good or ill of mankind—remains to be seen.

But this changing world hasn't changed. It is the same corrupt world it was on the day that Christ said of it: "Light is come into the world, and man loved darkness, rather than light, because their deeds were evil" (John 3:19). It is as true of the world today as it was of the time when the Psalmist wrote: "The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against the anointed, saying, 'Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us'" (Ps. 2:2,3). The reason that the world has not changed is that man carries in his bosom a heart which "is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" (Jer. 17:9). It is out of this heart that there "proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witnesses, blasphemies" (Matt. 15:19). This accounts for the distress amongst nations, the breakdown of morals within our country, the riots and demonstrations which are getting so commonplace, the intensification of crime, and the gradual departure on the part of many from the revealed Word of our Lord.

It is, then, in this changing-yet-unchanged world that we find ourselves today. How shall we meet the problems of these changing times? As Lutheran people we can do no better than to turn to the Word of God which not only is up-to-date, but as Daniel March has put it, "is so progressive as to be in advance of the most enlightened age." In this Word we find edification and direction; here our gracious God assures us of His Love and tender concern for us; here he reminds us of the purpose of our lives, namely to glorify Him; here He tells us that while we shall have tribulation in this world, yet we can be of good cheer because He has overcome the world; here we are assured of a blessed hereafter in the mansions of heaven.

The topic of this paper is THE LUTHERAN LAYMAN IN A MODERN WORLD. When we speak of the *Lutheran* layman we do not mean to say, or imply, that only Lutherans are Christians and that only Lutherans will be saved, for then we would be guilty of false doctrine from the outset. Nor when we speak of the Lu-

theran *layman* do we mean to overlook, or slight, the women and young people who firmly cling to, and rejoice over, the doctrines of the Lutheran church. We use the word "Lutheran" because we are Lutherans and are convinced that the Lutheran church according to its Confession teaches the Word of God in its truth and purity.

As Lutherans we have received a rich and glorious heritage. THE WORD ALONE—GRACE ALONE—FAITH ALONE are the principles upon which the Lutheran church is built. These were the principles which Martin Luther, whose name we bear, restored to the church, principles which for many years had been hidden under the rubbish of man-made doctrine. As Lutherans, we believe that a Lutheran doctrine must be a Bible doctrine. As Lutherans, we want to have the conviction which characterized the Lutheran laymen at the time of the Reformation. They were not ashamed of their faith.

When challenged by the emperor, layman Margrave George of Brandenburg exclaimed, "Rather than allow the Word of the Lord to be taken from me, rather than deny my God, I would kneel down before your majesty and have my head chopped off."

John the Constant was not vacillating when he said, "I am resolved to do what is right, without troubling myself about my crown. I want to confess my Lord. My electroal hat and ermine are not as precious to me as the cross of Jesus Christ. I shall leave these marks of my eminence on earth, but my Master's cross will transport me to heaven."

As Wolfgang, Prince of Anhalt, affixed his signature to the Augsburg Confession he said: "If the honor of my Lord Jesus requires it, I am ready to saddle my horse, leave goods and life behind, and rush into eternity to an everlasting crown. I would rather leave the country of my ancestors, staff in hand, rather gain my bread by shining the shoes of strangers, than to receive any other doctrine than that which is contained in this Confession."

When ridiculed because of his Lutheran faith, a famous man said: "If I be asked whether with heart and lips I confess that faith which God has restored to us by Luther as His instrument, I have no scruple, nor have I a disposition to shrink from the name Lutheran. Thus understood, I am, and shall to my dying hour remain, a Lutheran."

Such conviction and fearless testimony ought to be an inspiration to us as we live in this modern world. As Lutherans, we need not be ashamed of our heritage and testimony, for we possess the unalterable truth of God. In this paper we want to remind ourselves just who this Lutheran layman is in the sight of God, what he has been called to do, what challenge he must meet in this changing world.

## **WHO THIS LAYMAN IS IN THE SIGHT OF GOD**

It is important that we realize who we are in this modern world. From the Word of God we learn that we are by nature lost and condemned sinners, but by God's grace we have been redeemed by the atoning work of Christ and brought to faith by the gracious

operation of the Holy Ghost through the Gospel. St. Paul writing to the laity of Ephesus told them that by nature they "were dead in trespasses and sins" and therefore "were by nature the children of wrath," but that "God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us hath quickened us together with Christ (by grace are ye saved); and hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus" (Eph. 2:1-6).

A Lutheran layman, then, is one who believes that he is a sinner saved by God's grace. But he is more than this: Because of his redemption in Christ Jesus he, together with all other true Christians, is a spiritual priest in the sight of God. Peter wrote to the Christians scattered throughout Asia Minor, "Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people" (I Pet. 2:9a). And in the Book of Revelation the divine writer says of Jesus that He "hath made us kings and priests unto God." Holding this wonderful position, the individual Christian has direct access to the Father and is entitled, by God's grace, to all of the rights and privileges of God's children. This has been expressed very simply and strikingly in a hymn which has become a favorite in our circles,

Jesus, in Thy cross are centered  
All the marvels of Thy grace;  
Thou, my Savior, once hast entered  
Through Thy blood an holy place:  
Thy sacrifice holy there wrought my redemption  
From Satan's dominion I now have exemption;  
The way is now free to the Father's high throne,  
Where I may approach him, in Thy name alone.

It was this scriptural doctrine of the royal priesthood of all believers which Martin Luther restored to the Church through the Reformation. It is important that we be reminded of this truth in this modern world because there are many within the visible Christian church who neither know nor appreciate this blessed teaching of God's Word. Several years ago, the sainted Stuart Dorr delivered a synodical essay on **THE ROYAL PRIESTHOOD OF BELIEVERS**. In this paper he pointed out what much of Christendom has done with this clear and comforting teaching of the Bible. We quote from Pastor Dorr's paper:

We are kings and priests before God because of the fact that God in His limitless grace gave us Jesus, the Savior, and because God gives Him to us simply by leading us to believe in Him through the Gospel. And it is also clear, then, that the farther a person gets away from this central truth of Scripture the more priests he is going to interpose between himself and God. Consider, e.g., the system of the Pope of Rome. He teaches the people that Christ did not perfectly redeem them, that the way to God is not altogether opened, not completely cleared of sin. So, says the Pope, in effect, let me clear it for you. Here, I shall give you a priest who is properly accredited with God; I'll just put him in between you and God, and he will properly arrange things, what with saying masses, etc., so that God will know about you and will take pity on you. And

because you will be wishing to do some praying to God yourself, let me recommend the saints to you; they have a good standing before God; before you knock on God's door, you knock on theirs first; they will issue you some credentials that will get you safely into God's house . . . But the Pope is not alone in this thing. A good part of Protestantism is saddled with human authority of one kind or another. You do not have to have much of an awareness of what is going on in the religious world to know something of how preachers and bishops and congregations and synods and conferences, and what not, are forever handing down rules and regulations which are supposed to be binding upon a man in his relations to God. In fact, every denial of any part of the Gospel is just so much return to slavery, the slavery of sin and of the devil; it is just so much chipping away at this perfect liberty which God has given us in Christ. It is lessening, a weakening, of the royal priesthood of believers . . . We can come still closer to home. A great many who bear the name 'Lutheran,' because they let this or that becloud the glory of salvation by grace, for Christ's sake, through faith, have set up systems which interpose man and human beings between God and the believer. They have done it on a congregational level; they have done it on other levels. And on every level it is wrong. For to seek to take away from any Christian his royal priesthood in any degree is to seek to rob him of the sweet certainty that there is no barrier between him and God any more. To take away this or that privilege from a Christian, privileges which God has bestowed upon him as a king and a priest, is to tell him by deeds and words that Christ has not perfectly cleared the path to God for him.

We hope and pray that the lay people of our Synod will always appreciate the Lutheran doctrine of the royal priesthood of all believers in this modern world. How comforting to know that in this changing-yet-unchanged world we can go directly to our gracious Lord at any time and in any place to make known our wants and needs, to beseech His divine guidance and protection, and to be assured of His fatherly kindness and love. To be constantly aware of this truth will make us happy, confident Christians.

Someone may ask, "Well, if we are all priests in the sight of God, then why do we have the office of the ministry in our midst, and why is it so important?" God has not left that question unanswered. In Eph. 4:11 we read: "And he gave some, apostles, and some, prophets, and some, evangelists, and some, pastors and teachers, for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ." The office of the ministry is a special gift of God to the spiritual priests. This purpose of the ministry is, as Paul points out, "to edify the body of Christ." The "body of Christ" consists of true believers in Christ. There is, then, no conflict between the fact that the individual believer is a priest before God and the fact that the Lord has also arranged for the public ministry of the Word. This does not mean that some of the rights

and privileges have been taken away from the spiritual priest; neither does it mean that the one who occupies the office of the ministry has more authority, or power, or stands on a higher plane before God than the individual priest. "One is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren" (Matt. 23:8). Or as a prime minister of England has put it, "The ground is level at the foot of the Cross."

Dr. Walther in his book *The Church and the Ministry* points out the difference between the relationship of the spiritual priesthood of all believers and the divine institution of the holy ministry when he writes: "The holy ministry is the authority which God transfers to certain men who by their public ministry are to exercise all the prerogatives of the spiritual priesthood on behalf of the congregation; this the Lord does through the agency of the congregation, which is vested with the spiritual priesthood and the Office of the Keys." Again, "The holy ministry, or the ministerial office, is an office distinct from the priestly office which all believers possess."

There are, however, those who have come to some wrong conclusions because they fail to distinguish properly between the spiritual priesthood of believers and the office of the ministry. Some have exalted the public ministry in such a way as to restrict the preaching of the Gospel to pastors only. This is the erroneous view of the papacy and of all Romanizing Protestants, who say that only the priests, or pastors, can forgive sins, while lay people have no right to teach since they are only to hear and obey. Others have exalted the spiritual priesthood of all Christians in such a way that they have denied the divine institutions of the public ministry. The Quakers, for example, reject the doctrine that the Word should be proclaimed by ministers who have been especially called by the Christian congregations because they regard the called and ordained ministry as a limitation of the free activity of the Holy Ghost. For this reason they allow no kind of preaching other than that which is the function of all Christians as they are moved by the Spirit. This explains their silent meetings at which no one speaks until he has received the "inner light." If no one is impelled to speak by the "inner voice," they return home though not a single word has been uttered.

The Lutheran Church believes in the spiritual priesthood of all believers and in the divine institution of the public ministry. The royal priesthood is a private thing. It comes as a result of being a believer in Jesus and in no other way. The public ministry, on the other hand, is public; that is, it is exercised in a public way, on behalf of others. The one who occupies the office of the ministry is called by spiritual priests to preach the Word publicly in their midst, administer the Sacraments publicly in their name, to instruct the children, administer to the sick, do mission work in their area, all in their name, on their behalf, at their request.

Martin Luther has summed it all up very nicely when he writes:

Here the power of absolution is given to all Christians, although some, like the pope, bishops, priests, and monks, have appropriated it to themselves alone. They say publicly and



shamelessly that this power is given to them alone and not to the layman as well. But Christ is speaking here (i.e., John 20: 19-31) neither of priests nor monks. On the contrary, He says: 'Receive ye the Holy Ghost.' This power is given to him who has the Holy Ghost, that is, to him who is a Christian. But who is a Christian? He who believes. He who believes has the Holy Ghost. Therefore every Christian has the power . . . to retain or to remit sins. Now perhaps I shall hear the question: I may, then, baptize, preach, administer the Sacrament of the Altar? No. St. Paul says: 'Let all things be done decently and in order' (I Cor. 14:40). If everybody wanted to hear confession, to baptize, to administer the Sacrament, how unseemly that would be! Again, if everybody desired to preach, who would listen? If we were all to preach at the same time, what a confused chattering that would be, such as you now hear among the frogs! Therefore it should be thus: the congregation chooses a suitable person who administers the Sacrament, preaches, hears confession, and baptizes. To be sure, all of us possess this power; but no one except him who is chosen by the congregation to do so should presume to practice it publicly. In private, I certainly may use this power. If, for instance, my neighbor comes and says: 'My friend, I am burdened in conscience, speak a word of absolution to me': then I am at liberty to do so. But in private, I say, this must be done. If I wanted to sit in the church, another man, too, and we all wanted to hear confession, what rhyme or reason would there be in such conduct? Take an illustration. When a nobleman has many heirs, one is chosen, with the consent of all the others, who alone has the rule on behalf of the others. For what would happen if everybody wanted to rule over a country and its people?

We would close this first section of the paper with a comment on the proper relationship between the individual member of the congregation and the one who occupies the office of the ministry in the congregation. As one reads the Epistles, he is impressed with the bond of affection which existed between the early apostles and the lay people. "My beloved brethren" Paul writes to the Corinthians. "Dearly beloved" Peter writes to the Christians in Asia Minor. In the Book of Acts we read of how the people of Ephesus wept when Paul told them that he was leaving them. So, the ideal situation is that of mutual affection and respect between the lay people and the pastor, the pastor regarding his flock as a heritage of the Lord consisting of blood bought souls to be fed with the pure Word of God; the congregation looking upon the pastor as one sent by God to feed their souls. Then the work of the Kingdom will truly prosper!

# THE LUTHERAN LAYMAN AND THE GREAT COMMISSION IN THIS MODERN WORLD

## What This Commission Is

The Lutheran layman, who is a spiritual priest in the sight of God, has a command from his Lord to go out into the world with the Gospel. We speak of this as the Great Commission: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world" (Matt. 28: 19-20). This commission is addressed to everyone who calls himself, or herself, after Christ. That is the work which the Lord wants us to be doing for Him until He comes in glory on the Last Day.

There is a legend which says that when Christ ascended into heaven He called the holy angels together and told them how He had descended to earth and worked out eternal salvation for mankind by perfectly fulfilling the law of God and by suffering and dying on the cross for the sins of the world; and how He had ascended into heaven to prepare an everlasting home for man; how it was His plan that His followers on earth were to spread the message of salvation to the world. Then one of the angels asked Him, "But what if your followers do not make known the Gospel of salvation, then what are your plans?" "I have no other plans," replied the Savior.

That is just a legend, but it does point out the responsibility which we have as followers of the Lord. A true Lutheran layman will recognize his privilege and responsibility to fulfill the Great Commission. As lay people, scattered throughout several states, varied in background, engaged in different types of earthly work, we have ONE common interest, namely the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This Gospel which is the power of God unto salvation is the glorious heritage of each one of us. Because of the abundant grace of God, this Gospel has been handed down to us in its truth and purity. We sing of this in one of our treasured hymns,

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

This hymn very eloquently describes the comfort and the guidance which the Gospel gives us in life and in death, and it also points out our obligation to preserve it pure and unadulterated and to spread it to others.

We notice in the Great Commission what kind of a Gospel the Lord asks us to proclaim: "Teaching them to observe *all* things whatsoever I have commanded you." Many church leaders and churches in this modern world have overlooked this fact; consequently much mission work today is wasted time and energy. Unless we proclaim a Gospel in its truth and purity we will not truly build the kingdom of God.

In our Synod's *Explanation* we have this question and answer which pin-points the mission of the church: "What is the mission of the church?" Answer: "It is the mission of the church faithfully to preserve the means of grace pure and unadulterated, to use them diligently for its own edification, and to bring them to all who do not yet belong to the kingdom of God."—Home and Foreign Missions. Notice that the first mission of the church is "to preserve the means of grace pure and unadulterated." This is certainly in keeping with the Great Commission to teach all things that the Lord has commanded us. And it is not coincidental that the very first petition of the Lord's Prayer is Hallowed Be THY NAME. In our *Catechism* we learned that we hallow God's name when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity and we as children of God lead holy lives in accordance with it.

### **Knowing What the Gospel Is**

If we, as lay people, are to preserve and spread a pure Gospel, it is important that we know what this Gospel is and that we are able to distinguish between true and false doctrine. That is the command of the Lord Himself. It belongs to the general priesthood of believers that they judge and decide matters of doctrine according to the Word of God. It is important for us to realize this as we are living in times when many people couldn't care less about doctrine. To many people a church is a church, and they are not too concerned with what that church teaches.

In the well-known Sermon on the Mount, which was spoken to lay people, our Lord Jesus told them to "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravening wolves." And then He told them how to recognize them, namely "by their fruits," i.e., by what they teach and say. The fact that He warns against false prophets certainly implies that they exist, for otherwise His warning would be ridiculous; and it also implies that the sheep should judge and distinguish between true and false prophets.

Dr. Walther, on an eighth Sunday after Trinity, preached a powerful sermon on this text, using as his theme, **THE SHEEP JUDGE THEIR SHEPHERDS**, pointing out that the sheep are the judges; that therefore they shall know the true doctrine and be steadfast in it; that they must not let themselves be deceived by a mere good appearance; and finally that they must above all look for the proper fruits. Here are a few excerpts from this sermon: "This admonition by the Son of God shows us plainly how entirely false the principle is that the preachers should teach and the hear-

ers only listen, that the shepherds should lead and sheep only follow, that the clergy should resolve and the congregation only acquiesce. No, when Christ calls upon His hearers to beware of false prophets and to know the true and the false by their fruits, Christ thereby seats all hearers upon the seat of judgment and places the balance scale of truth in their hands, and bids them confidently execute judgment on their teachers." Again: "Therefore in divine matters no one is excluded from the judicial office. All Christ's sheep are judges, both learned and layman, man and wife, bachelor and spinster, young and old, for it concerns each one's soul, his own soul, his own life, his own salvation." Finally: "If you permit yourself to be deceived, you have deceived yourself. The responsibility is yours."

Naturally, it follows that if they are to judge, they must know the doctrine of the Gospel. We can learn a lesson from the Bereans, of whom we read in the Book of Acts that they didn't take everything at face value which Paul preached unto them. They checked his message out with the Old Testament scriptures, and Paul commended them very highly for this. He said of them: "These were more noble than those in Thessalonica in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the Scriptures daily, whether these things were so" (Acts 17:1).

The New Testament epistles also warn against false teachers and false doctrines, thus implying that lay people should be in a position to judge. Peter, writing to lay people scattered throughout Asia Minor said: "But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them" (II Pet. 2:1). And the Apostle John was writing to lay people when he wrote: "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God" (I Jn. 4:1). And to the members of the congregation at Rome St. Paul wrote: "Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offenses contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them" (Rom. 16:17).

From this Scriptural evidence it is certainly clear that laymen should concern themselves with the matter of judging doctrine on the basis of the Word of God. So far as our modern world is concerned, we believe that we are living in those days of which the Bible speaks: "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth and shall be turned unto fables" (II Tim. 4:3-4). We are living in times when much of the visible Christian church is riddled through and through with liberalism and modernism. By this we mean that many within the church question or deny many of the fundamental doctrines of Scripture using human reason as the test and guide, accepting only that which agrees with reason and politely discarding that which does not agree with their reason.

What do we mean by modernism? The Rt. Rev. James Pike, an

Episcopal bishop of California, was quoted in the Oct. 12, 1964, issue of the *San Francisco Examiner* as saying that the doctrine of the Holy Trinity was one of the "outdated, incomprehensible, and non-essential" teachings of the church that keep many people from accepting Christianity.

Just think of it! A man claiming to be a Christian theologian holding a high position in the church, an ardent advocate of the ecumenical movement, calling the doctrine of the blessed Trinity "non-essential"!

A very recent book on the theological market is one entitled *Honest to God* by John T. Robinson, the Anglican Bishop of Wokingham. In this book Bishop Robinson writes:

In the last century a painful but decisive step forward was taken in the recognition that the Bible does contain 'myth,' and that this is an important form of religious truth. It was gradually acknowledged, by all except extreme fundamentalists, that the Genesis stories of the Creation and Fall were representations of the deepest truths about man and the universe in the form of myth rather than history, and were none the less valid for that. Indeed, it was essential to the defense of Christian truth to recognize and assert that these stories were not history, and not therefore in competition with the alternative accounts of anthropology or cosmology (pp. 32-33).

Robinson also rejects such Christian doctrines as the Incarnation and Atonement of Christ. He writes:

The whole scheme of a supernatural Being coming down from heaven to 'save' mankind from sin, in the way that a man might put his finger into a glass of water, is frankly incredible to man 'come of age,' who no longer believes in such a *deus ex machina*.

He further says:

The 'full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world' supposed to have been 'made' on Calvary requires, I believe, for most men today more demythologizing even than the Resurrection (pp. 78-79).

In the May 7, 1965, issue of *Christianity Today* there was an article entitled "Promoters of Doubt or Builders of Faith?" written by a conservative Baptist pastor and instructor in which he points out that many Protestant colleges and seminaries today have departed from their original purpose of building faith and instead are now promoting doubt. He writes:

One of the greatest shocks of my life came when I transferred from a state college to a church-related college. The main reason for my transfer was my desire to study the Bible and liberal arts in a Christian atmosphere. I soon discovered, however, that the church-related college may be more critical of the Bible and Christian theology than the state college. In fact, I gained the impression that the liberal minister who taught me philosophy was trying to outdo the agnostic and atheist, although this doubtless was not his deliberate intention.

Later on when I graduated from college and enrolled in a liberal seminary, I discovered that the seminary was even more critical of the Bible than either the state college or the church-related college. Every Christian doctrine that I held and still hold dear was criticized and discarded by some of my liberal seminary professors. The creation accounts in Genesis were neatly discredited as being the work of two authors who were labeled "J and P." Adam's fall and the doctrine of original sin were charged to the psychology of the ancient Jew. The account of Noah and the flood was shrewdly undermined by pointing to the fact that the Babylonians also had a flood story. The Red Sea's opening for the children of Israel to escape from the Egyptians was said to be merely a legendary explanation of Israel's escape from Egyptian bondage. The account of the sun's standing still for Joshua was said to be an error on the part of the author of the Book of Joshua. Jonah in the belly of the whale was relegated to ancient mythology. The three Hebrews in the fiery furnace and Daniel in the lion's den were labeled Maccabean propaganda. The virgin birth of Jesus was laid to early Christian piety. The miracles Jesus did were either outright lies or charged to Jesus' psychological power. The crucifixion of Jesus was said to be only Roman execution and not atonement for the sins of the world. Jesus was said to be not the Lamb of God but just a great moral teacher. And his resurrection was termed a hallucination of the disciples or a carry-over from mystery religions.

After six years of this kind of liberal Christian education, I received two degrees and was turned loose on a church . . . When I left the seminary, I did not believe in the Bible; I did not believe that the blood of Jesus washed away my sins; I did not believe that the Church is a divine institution; I did not believe in heaven or hell. In short, I did not believe in anything that could not be supported by human reason—that is, by my own reason. And the sad part of it all was that I was proud of my attitude; after all, was I not a product of a liberal Christian education?

My sermons and addresses were filled with liberal teaching. I never preached on the Atonement, the Resurrection, or any of the other cardinal Christian doctrines. I suppose one could say that my sermons were more or less lectures on ethics. After the first few months of my pastorate, my parishoners got tired of listening to me and stayed home, and even I got bored with my essays on ethics. And then toward the end of my first pastorate I was re-enlightened, thanks to the working of the Holy Spirit . . . After my re-enlightenment, my preaching changed from that cold lecturing to warm proclamation of the good news of God . . . Thus, my experience in a liberal church-related college and a liberal seminary was of little benefit to me as a Christian minister. However, my experience was and is shared by many other young people. If someone were to

make a survey of all the graduates and students of liberal Protestant schools, he might be surprised to discover that the majority of them do not believe in the cardinal doctrines of the Church.

These, then, are a few examples of crass liberalism and modernism which openly and boldly reject the Christian faith—and this, mind you, in the Protestant church.

An even greater danger to the church in this modern world is “neo-orthodoxy.” This is more subtle and deceptive than outspoken modernism because it looks and sounds quite orthodox in that it seems to accept the teachings of historical Christianity. Pastor Blegen in a paper “The Inerrancy of Scripture” which was delivered at the Lutheran Free Conference last summer in Waterloo, Iowa, described neo-orthodoxy as “a sort of hybrid of modernistic thought and the old redemptive religion of authority. It is agreed that man is a sinner, but historic Christianity is not defensible at the bar of reason, and the Bible is not an infallible rule of faith and practice.”

Neo-orthodoxy speaks highly of the Bible, but does not believe that it is God’s verbally inspired Word. It speaks of “errors” and “contradictions” in the Bible. Karl Barth, who is considered to be the champion of neo-orthodoxy in his *Kirchliche Dogmatik* (*Christian Dogmatics*) says that the “Bible is all the way through fallible human words. The fallibility of the Bible, that is to say its liability to mistakes, also covers its religious, that is, its theological content.” Again: “According to the witness of the Scriptures about man, which also refers to the prophets and apostles, they could err, and they also have erred . . . but precisely with this fallible and erring human word they have spoken the Word of God.”

Emil Brunner, another neo-orthodoxist, speaks of “verbal inspiration with all its disastrous results” and he criticizes the Reformers by saying that they “were wrong when they made the biblical doctrine their final unassailable authority by identifying the word of God with the word of the Bible” (*Theological Quarterly*, October 1951).

Neo-orthodoxy regards the Bible to be a medium, record, and witness of God’s word. According to neo-orthodoxy, it is up to the individual to decide just what is the Word of God and what is not. According to them, the Bible is not objective truth and therefore not the authoritative Word of God. To neo-orthodoxy, the Bible becomes the Word of God only when it strikes a responsive chord in the heart.

The following quotation pretty well sums up what neo-orthodoxy has done to the Bible. A seminary professor, Ronald Osborn, writes in an article “Up From Emancipation” found in *The Pulpit*, November, 1960:

I have too many questions about the life of prayer in a world of sciences, especially in a world so conscious of psychology, to give myself unreservedly to the kind of devotion which antedated our present sophistication . . . I am also emancipated from Biblicism . . . The old-timers in our church-

es could give a chapter-and-verse for everything we did and demanded a proof text for every proposed innovation. The Bible was the infallible Word of God, and all man had to do was obey. It is a far cry from this old 'cover-to-cover' faith to the knowledge of the Bible which I share with others in the seminary community. The impact of natural science, of evolutionary thought, of historical criticism, of demythologizing, have left us with a Bible utterly unlike the Book our mothers read . . . I find that the Bible is still a powerful emotional symbol and that a good many ministers—perhaps even I—resort to a proof text when trying to dragoon reluctant laymen into the support of missions or the practice of tithing . . . While I confess that the passing of the old-line generally recognized authority of the Bible has left popular Protestantism with a gaping hole in its foundations, I must say in all honesty that old Biblicism is washed up and I cannot seek to revive it.

Neo-orthodoxy has also crept into the Lutheran church. The Lutheran Church of America has long been on record as rejecting the verbal inspiration of the Bible. A book highly recommended in that body, *Read and Live*, by Dr. John Brokhoff states: "The Bible has a human side. It is true that the Bible came from God, but it must be remembered that God used men in the writing of the Bible . . . On its human side the Bible has its errors and contradictions."

Prof. Warren Quanbeck of the American Lutheran Church writing in a book *Theology in the Life of the Church* speaks of God's revelation to man taking place in acts rather than in words when he says, "God's revelation has taken place in events, the culminating event being the incarnation of the Word in Jesus the Messiah. Through these events God gives Himself to those who respond in faith." In other statements by Professor Quanbeck it is apparent that he does not believe that there is such a thing as revealed truth. He believes that before one can determine what truth is, one must use the critical process which, as he says, "requires trained literary skills, and sensitive qualities of appreciation." If that were true, then we could not be sure of our salvation, for—as Prof. B. W. Teigen said in his paper "Scripture as Revelation" delivered at the Free Conference—"it may take some time and considerable study before one can find the answer to the question, *What must I do to be saved?* And if such a one thinks he has found it, he may be mistaken, since he may be lacking 'trained literary skills and sensitive qualities of appreciation.'"

With this sort of theological thinking going on within Lutheranism, it is not surprising that the Lutheran World Federation which met in Helsinki in 1963 could not agree on the central doctrine of the Bible, namely that a poor, lost sinner is justified by grace alone through faith. Even the secular *Time* magazine in its August 23, 1963, issue noted: "The doctrine of justification by faith alone was the keystone of the Reformation. Although modified in various ways by Calvinists and Anabaptists, justification by faith was accepted by every Protestant church. But at Helsinki, justification and its



meaning for modern man came in for some questioning." And Dr. Gerhard Gloege of Bonn University was quoted as saying: "It is an open secret that today neither the church nor the world knows what to do with this doctrine of justification. For the fathers it was the fountain and rule of faith and life. For the church today it is clearly an embarrassment."

Even in the Missouri Synod, which for many years stood as a bulwark against all liberalism, today there are some professors and pastors who question or deny Scriptural truths. A few years ago Dr. Martin Sharlemann, a professor at Concordia Seminary, delivered a paper in which he stated: "In this paper I propose to defend the paradox that the Book of God's truth contains errors." And in the Missouri Synod now there is a controversy going on between liberals and conservatives over such doctrines as the verbal inspiration of the Bible, the creation account in the book of Genesis, the immortality of the soul, the question of church fellowship, to mention a few.

Why have I gone to such lengths to point out all this? If we are to be obedient to Christ's command to teach all things whatsoever He has commanded us we must know what is going on in the visible church. Surely, we do not delight in criticizing and finding fault, but when God's truth is at stake, we have no other recourse than to point out, to testify against, and to separate ourselves from, doctrinal error. God's Word demands of us that we "prove all things" and that we "test the spirits." We are to judge them by their fruits, that is, by what they teach and preach and write. (We do not point this out in a pharisaical attitude, "God, we thank Thee that we are not as others," but in humble gratitude that by God's grace we have been preserved from the doctrinal confusion which exists in so much of the visible Christian church.)

### **How the Layman Can Do His Part to Fulfill the Great Commission in His Local Congregation**

Having shown from the Bible that a vital part of the Great Commission is to preserve a pure Gospel and that a Lutheran layman must know what this Gospel is so that he may be able to judge between true and false doctrine, let us now consider how the layman in a positive way can promote and extend the Gospel and thus do his part in helping to fulfill the command to preach the Gospel to others.

First of all, the Lutheran layman can do his part by being a faithful and active member of his local congregation. It is here that he uses the means of grace for his own edification. It is here that the Gospel is preached to him and the Sacraments administered. Believing that he is but a stranger and pilgrim merely travelling through this world, he will regard his church as a very precious place, an oasis on the highway of life where he may find rest and refreshment for his soul. With the Psalmist he will say of his church: "Lord, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honor dwelleth" (Ps. 26:8).

It is also in the congregation that the layman has opportunity to use his God-given talents in the service of the Lord. If a congregation is to do its work effectively in a community, it needs consecrated laymen to give willingly of their time, energy, and talents. A church is really a business, a big business, the greatest business in the world, the results of which will be seen throughout all eternity. In this business, offices must be filled; bills must be paid; projects must be promoted. The church needs to keep up with the times in its business and administrative affairs. A truly living church can be an effective instrument of the Holy Spirit in building up the Church of Christ so that souls may be saved. In fact, a church exists for one purpose, namely to save blood-bought souls, and the layman has been called to be a partner in that blessed work.

In our modern world the cost of church work is also spiraling. The Lutheran layman will respond to this by giving generously of his means so that the work of the Gospel may be effectively carried on in his congregation. God has made it clear that the preaching of the Gospel should be supported by the free-will offerings of Christians. Lutheran lay people should see to it that their pastors are paid adequately so that they can do their work without suffering want. Luther says: "My office is a service which I should render to every one freely and without charge, so that I do not seek in it money or goods, honor or any other emolument . . . But surely, when I am attending to my ministry, it is your duty to guarantee my maintenance." And Dr. Peiper remarks that the "public ministry is not a commercial enterprise, in which the price may be adjusted to suit the value of the merchandise, since it is utterly unthinkable to set a price on the holy Gospel. The treasure offered in the Word of God is so stupendous that, as it has been received freely, so it must also be dispensed freely; but the minister must certainly be remunerated for his labor."

There is a story told of a Negro parson who had labored faithfully in his congregation without receiving any material remuneration. Finally, he appealed to his congregation for a stipulated salary. His parishioners were shocked at his audacity in asking for money. After a long silence one of them got up and said: "But, parson, de Holy Book tells us dat de water of life am free." The parson, however, equal to the occasion, settled the matter by saying, "Dat's true, brudder, but de congregation mus' pay for de pipin."

The matter of supporting the ministers of the Word is not optional with lay people, but has been clearly commanded by God. The Bible says, "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel" (I Cor. 9:14). And "the laborer is worthy of his hire" (Luke 10:7).

In supporting the work of the local congregation it is not enough merely to give moral and financial support. We should also advertise our church by godly conduct so that people can see that Christ lives in us and that His Gospel is the most important thing in life. Jesus says, "Let your light so shine before men, that they see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matt.

5:16). Peter writing to the Christians in Asia Minor who were living among heathen people says, "Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles" (I Pet. 2:12). Someone has said, "Be careful how you live; you may be the only Bible some people read." He was but echoing what Paul wrote to the Corinthians, "Ye are our epistle . . . known and read of all men" (II Cor. 3:2).

There is a story told of a man in Ohio who came to a pastor's office one day requesting membership in his church. He stated that his neighbor belonged to his church and that he was so impressed with the sincerity and joy and zeal for his church that he wanted to be a part of it too. He said, "That family has something which is missing in our home." Here is an example of Christian living preaching an effective sermon.

On the other hand, there is nothing that can do more harm to the Gospel than church people who do not live their faith. Not only is this a grievous sin against God, but it hinders people from coming into contact with the church. How often do we not hear, "Too many hypocrites in the church"—not that that is an excuse for not coming to church, but it does point out the harm which unchristian living can do to the church. Each one of us would do well to ask himself: "Am I leading a life that bespeaks the Gospel of Christ? Is my life leading someone to Christ, or away from Him?" The answers to these questions are very important because when the day of salvation is over, there are going to be two final, irrevocable sentences pronounced by our Lord: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord" (Matt. 25:21). Or else, "Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels" (Matt. 25:41).

In our modern world, we are a nation on wheels. People are constantly on the move. Upon moving to areas where there is no conservative Lutheran church the layman may explore the possibilities of starting a mission congregation. He can get in touch with the Mission Board who will be happy to look into any situation. That is why we have such a Board. We read that when the early Christians were scattered abroad they "went everywhere preaching the word" (Acts 8:4). We can learn from their example in this modern world.

### **How the Layman Can Do His Part in Fulfilling the Great Commission in the Synod**

The Lutheran layman can help to do his part in fulfilling the Great Commission also by supporting the work of the Synod. The Great Commission demands of us that we bring the Gospel to as many places and to as many people as we possibly can. As individual members of a local congregation we are limited; we cannot go very far beyond our own community. But we can through our Synod, which consists of many congregations, bring the Gospel to others.

One of the purposes of a synod is to do together what would be

almost impossible to do alone. By supporting a common treasury it is possible to maintain a school where pastors and teachers and missionaries are trained to go out and preach the Gospel. By supporting synodical work we can help establish and maintain mission congregations so that others can share the means of grace with us. "How shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher: And how shall they preach, except they be sent?" (Rom. 10:14).

The Lutheran layman should be interested in synodical work because this is the Lord's work. Our Synod exists for no other purpose than to do the Lord's work. In order to do this work, our Synod meets annually to discuss and plan the work of the Kingdom. We need laymen to lend their counsel and to serve on committees and boards. The Synod needs the financial support of all the people if it is to do the Lord's work effectively. Satan, who is the chief enemy of the Lord's work, seeks to hinder it by driving a wedge between the congregation and the Synod, picturing the Synod as a group of men sitting behind closed doors making plans to get our money. Unfortunately, the devil has been successful in advancing this image of the Synod to some lay people.

We need to remember that *each one* of us *is* the Synod. The Synod's work is *our* work. True, the Synod does elect officers and boards to carry out its work, but they do this only on our behalf.

A recent survey of our congregations revealed that only one-third of our constituency give regularly to synodical work. Only one-half of our communicant membership have taken part in our Golden Anniversary offering. Surely, it is not that the others are not able to give to the work. Perhaps it is partly due to us pastors who haven't stressed and promoted synodical work as zealously and effectively as we should have. Here is an area where you lay people can stress the importance of synodical giving at your church council meetings and voters meetings. Just think of what we could do if we could get 100 per cent cooperation on the part of our people. We could meet a budget twice this size proposed by our Finance Committee. We could almost double our Golden Anniversary offering. As a result, we could open several new missions every year.

In this changing-yet-unchanged world with Christianity on the wane we must promote the Gospel as it has never been promoted before. If we do not do this, we are in danger of losing it. We cannot expect the Lord's continued blessing if we fail to respond generously in carrying out His work. It is for the sake of the preaching of the Gospel that God permits this world to exist. The Bible says: "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come" (Matt. 24:14). For the sake of the Gospel our Lord demands our prayers, our testimony, and our earthly goods. What a dreadful thing, then, to hinder the upbuilding of Christ's kingdom by refusing to contribute that which God rightfully requires of us!

Luther complained about the people of Germany in his day, many of whom were sluggish and indifferent toward God's Word, so that

few gave willingly to the cause of the kingdom. Luther reminded them again and again that Germany possessed the Gospel in its truth and purity. He insisted that God would finally punish this sin by depriving them of His Word altogether. He wrote:

The fact that we have the Gospel and the ministry, what else is that than the blood and sweat of our Lord? He secured it for us by His agony and holy blood . . . Now, should Christ, the Son of God, deserve nothing better than that some men persecute the office which we owe to the blood He shed for us, while others withdraw their hand and do not support the preachers of the Gospel in order that it may be preserved unto us? Besides this, they even keep the children from hearing and learning it—all this in order that this office may be abolished and the shedding of Christ's blood and His Passion may be in vain? If these things are to happen in Germany, I shall indeed regret that I am a German or ever spoke or wrote a word of German. And if I could do with a good conscience, I should give all the advice possible and do all I could to get the Pope back with all his abominations to oppress, profane, and destroy much more than he did before. Formerly, when people served the devil and brought shame upon the blood of Christ, all pocketbooks were opened wide, and there was no end to their giving for churches and school and every kind of abomination. They compelled their children to enter convents, churches, and schools, at an exorbitant cost—all to no avail. But now that they are asked to establish schools and churches in which the pure Word of God is taught . . . they say they cannot give anything; all pocketbooks are locked with chains. I ask God for a blessed departure from this world lest I see the misery which must come upon Germany . . . God grant that I may be in error and that in this respect may be a false prophet. This would surely be the case if we should amend our ways and honor our Lord's Word and His precious blood in quite a different way than formerly.

History shows that Luther's prophecy regarding Germany came true. Germany has been a hot-bed of rationalism and liberalism down through the years. And look at the divided state of Germany today.

Let us apply this warning to ourselves. We possess the Gospel in its truth and purity. We have also been blessed materially. "Unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall much be required" (Luke 12:48). Let it therefore be our greatest concern to prove ourselves grateful toward God by giving cheerfully and liberally for the spreading of the Gospel in order that it may be preserved among us and be preached to as many others as possible.

We might also make a comment regarding methods in promoting synodical work; the Lord expects us to use our brains in working out practical methods of promoting His work. We often hear it said, "Just preach the Gospel and money will come in, young people will be moved to enter the ministry, etc." Certainly, it is true that

the Gospel must be the motive and basis for all church work, but we can, by effective planning, make it easier and more appealing to support this work. The members of the Golden Anniversary Committee are to be commended for their work in promoting our Jubilee Offering. We need more planning and promoting like this. Failure to plan and to promote effectively can hinder the work of the Gospel.

To sum up: As Lutheran laymen, who have been blessed with the Gospel, it is our privilege and responsibility to carry out the command of our Lord Jesus. We can do our part by treasuring this Gospel as our dearest possession; preserve it in its truth and purity, and promote it to the best of our ability by faithfully promoting the work of the Gospel in our congregations, leading godly lives, and supporting the work of our Synod. As we do this work, may our prayer be:

And grant me Lord to do,  
With ready heart and willing,  
What'er Thou shalt command,  
My calling here fulfilling,  
And do it when I ought,  
With all my strength, and bless  
The work I thus have wrought,  
For Thou must give success.

## OUR CHALLENGE IN THIS MODERN WORLD

The Great Commission of our Lord presents a real challenge to the Lutheran layman in this modern world. While we are permitted to live in a wonderful era in the history of the world with all its modern conveniences and opportunities, we also live in dangerous times. The Bible describes the last days as "perilous times." "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good. Traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof . . ." (II Tim. 3:1-5a). Again: "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly that in the latter times, some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrine of devils" (I Tim. 4:1). Certainly an accurate description of our modern world!

The times in which we live pose a real threat to the personal, spiritual life of the layman. We live in an age of materialism when many people are chiefly concerned with earthly, tangible things. They have permitted these things to blind them to spiritual and eternal values. Now there certainly is nothing wrong with working for, possessing and enjoying earthly things provided, of course, that they do not become our god in life. God has given us all things richly to enjoy. But the danger is that we become so involved in material things that we neglect the spiritual. Jesus cautions us:

"Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you" (John 6:27). And in so many of His parables Jesus warns against an undue emphasis on the material. (Cf. the parable of the Rich Fool. The Rich Man and Lazarus.) In our modern world where materialism reigns as god we need to remind ourselves often of the most penetrating question that has ever been asked: "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Mark 8:36-37).

We also live in a pleasure-mad age which threatens to lure our hearts and minds away from the Lord. The Bible says that in the last days people shall be "lovers of pleasure *more* than lovers of God" (II Tim. 3:4). Again, there certainly is nothing wrong with enjoying earthly pleasures. In our day of tensions and pressures we need a certain amount of relaxation and wholesome recreation. But when our attendance in God's House and our zeal for the Lord's work has to give way to the golf course, the beaches, and other amusements, then it is time to check up on ourselves and ask: "Am I seeking first the kingdom of God? Where is my true treasure? Is my affection on things above or on the fleeting pleasures of this world?"

Then there is the spirit of indifferentism which is so prevalent in our day. While it is true that church membership is at an all-time high (approximately 64 per cent of our country's population claims church membership) yet so much of this membership is shallow and superficial. The church is considered to be a nice thing to have and a place to attend when convenient. Lacking in our day is that spirit of dedication and commitment. But the Christian religion is not a religion of convenience. It calls for self-denial and cross-bearing. Christ wants followers, not fans. His terms for true discipleship do not allow for indifferentism or vacillation. "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me" (Matt. 16:24).

As Lutheran laymen who are truly concerned with a healthy spiritual life we need to watch and pray that we fall not into temptation, but that our hearts and minds remain fixed on those things which shall not pass away.

There is also a challenge *to the work* which the Lord has called us to do. On the one hand, there is the threat of atheistic Communism, which is committed to the destruction of religion. Communism refers to religion as the "opiate of the people." And where Communism has taken over, the preaching of the Gospel has been suppressed, Christians have been persecuted, and life in general has been made very difficult for the Christ-confessing Christian. The goal of Communism is world domination and the rapid success which they are having achieving this goal is indeed frightening. Should America ever fall to this power—which God in His mercy forbid!—we would be in the same situation as were the early Chris-

tians in time of persecution—and in which many Christians are today in Iron Curtain countries.

On the other hand, there is the Ecumenical Movement which is spreading like wild-fire in the visible Christian church. This Movement, which has as its avowed goal the merging of all churches into one organized union, has no regard for doctrinal differences. It has invited all churches, even the Roman Catholic Church, to take part in its activities. Even many Lutherans are active in this movement using as their reason the opportunity to witness as justification for their part in it.

Now we are not opposed to true ecumenism provided that it is based on agreement and unity in doctrine, but we have no business getting involved in unionistic entanglements where God has told us to "beware" and "avoid." The spirit of the Ecumenical Movement has been described by William Adams Brown of Union Theological Seminary in his book "Toward a United Church" in which he writes:

The Churches which unite in the Movement do not claim for themselves an exclusive possession of true Christianity. They recognize that others also possess truths which they themselves have not always cherished as they should . . . This association of churches, which differ in their understanding of God's will for His Church, in common worship, common work, and common study is *something new in Christian history* (p. 11) . . . What is new in the present Movement is the type of unity to which the churches have committed themselves. This is a unity which has broken once for all with the ideal of conformity and makes place for independence of thought and action in the program for the future (p. 16).

In other words, according to the Ecumenical Movement, no one church has the full truth and finally we have recognized it and can join in union where people can believe what they want to believe.

This spirit poses a real problem for the true Lutheran layman who is committed to the Bible as the Word of God and our authority in doctrine and life. It is not easy to swim against the stream. Our Lord has forewarned us that the going will at times be difficult. "If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own; but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you (John 15:18-20).

However, these obstacles should not depress nor frighten us, for we have the Lord's promise, also contained in the Great Commission, "Lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world" (Matt. 28:20). With His promise of presence, protection, and guidance we can go forward in His name confident that we have a guarantee of success even before we begin, for the Lord who has commanded us to do His work has made the promise. In the Old Testament, Isaiah, by divine inspiration optimistically wrote: "As the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not



thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater; so shall my Word be that goeth forth out of my mouth; it shall not *return unto me void*, but it *shall accomplish that which I please*, and it shall *prosper* in the thing whereto I sent it" (Is. 55:10-11). And St. Paul in the New Testament—Paul who certainly knew what opposition was—wrote: "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, 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).

Taking God at His word, trusting Him, and going forth in His name is the Lutheran layman's answer to the challenge which confronts him in this modern world.

We would close with a comment from Pastor Kurt Marquardt of Australia who wrote an article in the January 11, 1965, issue of *Lutheran News* entitled "Our Epiphany Challenge" in which he gives a keen analysis of the times in which we live:

The seriousness of the situation can hardly be overestimated. Our generation seems destined to live through some great and historic upheavals in Church and State. Nevertheless we face the future calmly and without fear. If demonic Communism comes, and martyrdom be our fate, then so be it. We pray only for faith and strength. And if the storms of doctrinal confusion should seem for a time to shatter the True Visible Church on earth into fragments, then we shall grieve, but shall not despair, for we know that the Church is founded upon the Rock and that the very gates of hell shall not prevail against her. After the storm, if the world stands, God will again send peace and unity, when, where, and how He pleases. This is not a time for fair-weather Christians. It is a time for soul-searching, for penitence, for truth, a time for prayer, for devotion, for sacrifice. If Christ be our Anchor, then come what come may: we shall not be moved! In the remaining time of grace—be it long or short—let us eagerly encourage each other in spiritual life, in faith and love, that we, our families, and our congregations, may cling to Christ where He manifests Himself; in His Word and Sacraments. And let us manifest Him to the desperate, dying world around us, by visibly living the King of God on earth, living it with a convincing urgency and a consuming love. And our King and Father will bless us with every good gift from above, and will grant us the final victory.

## REPORT OF THE DOCTRINAL COMMITTEE

During the past year the Synod's Doctrinal Committee met at regular intervals and found itself engaged in a number of special assignments. It must confess that it did not accomplish as much as it had hoped to get done. Nevertheless, there are a few matters herewith presented which should not be passed over lightly.

### Synodical Conference Overture

The following overture was addressed to our Synod by the 1964 convention of the Lutheran Synodical Conference.

*Whereas, The Lord of the Church has laid on the heart of Christians the concern for the unity of the faith, and*

*Whereas, It is God-pleasing that brethren of the faith be joined in the common task assigned to them by our Lord, and*

*Whereas, the God-given goals in the tasks before the Church are more readily attainable through united effort,*

*Be it therefore resolved that the Lutheran Synodical Conference in convention assembled at Ann Arbor, Michigan, July 28-30, 1964 urge the brethren of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod and of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod reevaluate the opportunities and the challenges with which our Lord confronts them in unity with brethren, and*

*Be it resolved that the brethren of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod and of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod be urged to reconsider the basis on which they withdrew from the Lutheran Synodical Conference, and*

*Be it further resolved to urge the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Synod to rejoin the common task of sound confessional Lutheranism through the agency of the Lutheran Synodical Conference; and*

*Be it finally resolved that the secretary of the Lutheran Synodical Conference forward copies of this resolution to the presidents of the respective Synods mentioned herein.*

Your Doctrinal Committee recommends that the following be our Synod's reply to this appeal:

*Whereas, The Lutheran Synodical Conference convention of July, 1964 addressed an overture to our Synod; and*

*Whereas, This communication asks our Evangelical Lutheran Synod to reconsider the basis for its withdrawal from the Lutheran Synodical Conference, and*

*Whereas, The above declaration asks us to rejoin the Lutheran Synodical Conference in the interest of preserving sound confessional Lutheranism,*

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the following be our reply to this invitation:

1) We readily admit that we should always be ready to re-

*view our actions as a Synod. This we have done and we are confirmed in our conviction that our reasons for withdrawing from the Lutheran Synodical Conference were valid.*

*2) It was our considered judgment that it was no longer possible for sound confessional Lutheranism to prevail in the Lutheran Synodical Conference. The desire to preserve confessional Lutheranism prompted the Evangelical Lutheran Synod to withdraw from the Lutheran Synodical Conference in 1963, in accordance with the Scriptural injunction of I Cor. 1, 10 and Rom. 16, 17;*

*3) Our re-entry into the Lutheran Synodical Conference in the face of doctrinal disagreement between us and present members of that federation would not contribute anything toward the maintenance and promotion of confessional Lutheranism;*

*4) We therefore respectfully decline the invitation to rejoin the Evangelical Lutheran Synodical Conference of North America.*

### **Our Inter-Synodical Relations**

The withdrawal of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod from the Lutheran Synodical Conference in 1963 left its relationship to the Wisconsin Synod and Synod of Evangelical Lutheran Churches (Slovak Synod) somewhat unclear. Your committee herewith offers the following report and recommendations.

#### **a) WISCONSIN SYNOD**

Although our respective withdrawals from the Synodical Conference were independent actions, there was no question about the fellowship relations between us and the Wisconsin Synod. In an endeavor to give formal recognition to this fellowship, the Praesidium of our Synod and a member of our Doctrinal Committee met with similar representatives from the Wisconsin Synod on January 14th of this year. Matters of mutual concern were discussed, among them the matter of giving more tangible expression to the unity that exists between the two synods. Besides the pulpit and altar fellowship that has been practised all along, it was suggested that the two synods formally arrange for some kind of regular forum for expressing and preserving the doctrinal unity and fellowship that exists between them. Your committee therefore recommends:

*RESOLVED, that the Synod request the Praesidium and Doctrinal Committee to explore ways and means of establishing a permanent forum "to give outward expression to the unity of spirit" that exists between us and the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.*

Our respective relationships to the Slovak Synod and the other Lutheran bodies also came under discussion. It was felt that there was not much we could do about approaching such bodies as the Lutheran Churches of the Reformation and the Church of the

Lutheran Confession at the present time. It was mutually agreed, however, that an invitation to meet with representatives of the Slovak Synod be extended by both the Wisconsin and Evangelical Lutheran Synod presidents.

**b) SYNOD OF EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCHES (SLOVAK SYNOD)**

Pursuant to the above agreement, the doctrinal committees of the SELC and the Evangelical Lutheran Synod met in Milwaukee on May 4, 1965. At this meeting your committee gave a review of our Synod's actions from 1955 to the present time. The SELC representatives stated their position to be the following:

They do not find any deviation from the word of God within the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod as a Synod, though there may be individuals who have deviated. Nor are they in disagreement with the official doctrine of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod; they do not find differences in practice a sufficient reason for breaking fellowship ties. They stated that they do not condone the lack of doctrinal discipline in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, but they were assured that matters were being taken care of and expressed the belief that said matters would be resolved in time.

In view of the above position and the SELC's participation in the Inter-Lutheran Agency discussions, and in view of the many years of close fellowship our two very-much-alike synods have enjoyed, we believe it proper for our Synod to address a communication to the SELC calling attention to the grave danger to which she is exposing herself. In particular, brotherly love impels us to remind the Synod of Evangelical Lutheran Churches that the failure to recognize false doctrine and unscriptural practice when it rears its head in other church bodies can only lead to losing the pure doctrine in one's own midst. (I Tim. 5,22; Gal. 5,9) It is therefore also recommended that our Synod send representatives to the 1965 Convention of the Synod of Evangelical Lutheran Churches to plead with her to re-consider her present course of action with respect to the afore-mentioned matters.

**c) OVERSEAS BRETHREN**

When in Europe last summer, Pres. B. W. Teigen, at the request of the Synod, also visited our brethren in Finland, France, and Germany. He reported that these brethren are maintaining a strong confessional position and feel very close to us. Upon receiving this report, your Doctrinal Committee assured the Finnish brethren especially of "our willingness to hold up their hands in their stand for confessional Lutheranism and to demonstrate our faith in every way possible." Our synodical President was requested to convey similar assurances to the other groups of overseas brethren in Europe.

It should be of interest to our synodical constituency to know that some of our brethren in Australia have produced an overview of the status of what was once called Synodical Conference Lutheranism. This analysis definitely confirms the position the Wisconsin

and the Evangelical Lutheran Synods have taken on the issues that arose in the Synodical Conference these past years.

### Miscellaneous

Quite a few of our Synod's pastors as well as Doctrinal Committee members attended the Lutheran Free Conference held in Waterloo, Iowa, last summer. Two of our College and Seminary staff presented essays at this conference, with a number of other men from our Synod serving as panelists. The subject was "The Inspiration and Revelation of Scripture." A similar free conference is to be held at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, this summer in July with "Justification, God and Sinners Reconciled" as the topic. Our synod will again be represented by an essayist and several panelists. In reviewing the accomplishments of the first free conference in Waterloo, your committee expresses itself in favor of continuing such assemblies on the same "free" basis.

Your committee, together with a large number of synod pastors, also attended the two lectures given by Dr. Sasse in Mankato in March. Attempts are being made to have a digest of these lectures published in our *Lutheran Synod Quarterly*.

Finally, your committee also studied other matters of doctrinal import but has not spent sufficient time on them to present the convention with any definite conclusions.

M. H. Otto

## Action of the Synod:

### Resolution No. 1: Synodical Conference Overture

*WHEREAS, The Lutheran Synodical Conference of July, 1964, addressed an overture to our Synod, and*

*WHEREAS, This communication asks our Evangelical Lutheran Synod to reconsider the basis for its withdrawal from the Lutheran Synodical Conference, and*

*WHEREAS, The above declaration asks us to rejoin the Lutheran Synodical Conference in the interest of preserving sound confessional Lutheranism, be it*

*RESOLVED, That the following be our reply to this invitation:*

*a) We readily admit that we should always be ready to review our actions as a Synod. This we have done and we are confirmed in our conviction that our reasons for withdrawing from the Lutheran Synodical Conference were valid (cf. 1961 Synod Report, pp. 45-63).*

*b) It was our considered judgment that it was no longer possible for sound confessional Lutheranism to prevail in the Lutheran Synodical Conference. The desire to preserve confessional Lutheranism prompted the Evangelical Lutheran Synod to withdraw from the Lutheran Synodical Conference in 1963, in accordance with the Scriptural injunction of I Cor. 1:10 and Rom. 16:17.*

*c) We are persuaded that our re-entry into the Lutheran Synodi-*

cal Conference in the face of doctrinal disagreement that exists between us and a present member of that federation, namely the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, would not contribute anything toward the maintenance and promotion of confessional Lutheranism.

d) We therefore respectfully decline the invitation to rejoin the Evangelical Lutheran Synodical Conference of North America.

#### **Resolution No. 2: Wisconsin Synod**

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Synod request the Praesidium and Doctrinal Committee to explore ways and means of establishing a permanent forum to "give outward expression to the unity of spirit" that exists between the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod and our Synod.

#### **Resolution No. 3: Synod of Evangelical Lutheran Churches**

WHEREAS, The doctrinal issues which have divided the Evangelical Lutheran Synodical Conference were discussed at a joint meeting of representatives of the Synod of Evangelical Lutheran Churches and of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, and it was there stated by representatives of the Synod of Evangelical Lutheran Churches that

*They do not find any deviation from the Word of God within the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod as a Synod, though there may be individuals who have deviated. Nor are they in disagreement with the official doctrine of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod; they do not find differences in practice a sufficient reason for breaking fellowship ties. They stated that they do not condone the lack of doctrinal discipline in the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, but they were assured that matters were being taken care of and expressed the belief that said matters would be resolved in time; and*

WHEREAS, Our Synod is much concerned about the position stated above; and

WHEREAS, The Synod of Evangelical Lutheran Churches has participated in Inter-Lutheran Agency discussions; and

WHEREAS, Our two Synods have very much in common and for many years have enjoyed a close fraternal fellowship, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Synod through the Praesidium and the Doctrinal Committee address a fraternal letter to our brethren in the Synod of Evangelical Lutheran Churches expressing our sincere concern for them and for the preservation of the blessed fellowship we have enjoyed together in the Lutheran Synodical Conference; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Synod send representatives to the 1965 convention of the Synod of Evangelical Lutheran Churches.

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS

The mission work of our Synod is all-important. It is so, first of all on account of the souls whom we serve with the Gospel of Christ; secondly, for the sake of our Synod which must grow if it is to continue; and thirdly, for the sake of our congregations and ourselves, for we as Christian congregations and individuals must give the Gospel to others if we are to continue to have it ourselves and value it. We must constantly strive to increase our missionary efforts.

If at all possible, our Synod should begin mission work in a foreign field. The world is our field. Since leaving the Synodical Conference we are no longer along in the mission work in Africa which was conducted by this body. Recently we have had correspondence with the Executive Secretary of the Board for World Missions of the Wisconsin Synod, the Rev. Edgar Hoenecke of San Diego, Cal. He has assured us that the Wisconsin Synod would be happy to have one of our men work in Puerto Rico, collaborating with their two missionaries, or on one of the adjacent islands. He says that this would be of mutual benefit. If we were to do this it would entail calling a man into this work and sending him to school for a time to learn the Spanish language as spoken in Puerto Rico or at whatever place he may work. We should make a real effort to get into the work of foreign missions, relying on the promise of the Lord that He will be with us and bless us when we do His will.

With regard to our Home Mission work we must report that our Board has sought information from our missionaries relative to their particular situation salary-wise. We have found that the salary scale as now in effect is, in most cases, inadequate to meet the needs of our missionaries and their families. We feel that we dare not let this situation continue. Wives of our missionaries have, in some cases, found it necessary to seek outside employment in order to increase the income to the point necessary for a decent living. With the consent of the Synod we hope the annual basic salary of the missionaries can be increased from \$3,300.00 to \$3,600.00, the car-allowance from \$300.00 to \$600.00, and the allowance for each dependent child from \$120.00 to \$180.00. This increase should make for increased efficiency on the part of our missionaries in the great work they are doing.

The Mission Board has agreed to subsidize a worker for the summer months in St. Paul's Congregation, Chicago, to the extent of \$200.00 per month, so that work may be done among the Spanish speaking people in the area of this church. A first year seminary student, who has some efficiency in Spanish, will undertake this work during this summer, God willing. Likewise, the Board has agreed to give some financial help in supporting a vicar from our Seminary who is to work in Concordia and Ascension Congregations of Eau Claire, Wis., for a year.

The mission funds of the Synod are being invested in varying amounts at the places listed below. A brief report of each mission is given herewith.

### **Lakewood, Tacoma, Washington, the Rev. Wm. McMurdie, pastor**

Pastor McMurdie reports that the congregation at Lakewood is much encouraged with a steady increase in attendance. The average attendance so far this year has been around 60 a Sunday, compared to 50 last year. On Palm Sunday nine new members were received as communicant members. Another group is also preparing for confirmation late in the month of May.

During the past year the congregation has had the help of a lay-worker. Interested individuals outside of the congregation, plus

members of the congregation, give for the support of this worker who is also attending a university in preparation for entering our Seminary in Sept. of 1966.

Pastor McMurdie reports a new spurt in building to the north and west of the new church. Thus more and more families come within the reach of the ministry of this mission congregation. The congregation has a slide and tape story of the mission which any congregation may see for the asking. The materials are kept up to date.

**Grace Luth. Church, Madison, Wis., Rev. W. Petersen, pastor**

The number of souls in this mission is 192 of whom 101 are communicants. The average attendance during 1964 was 120. Seven young people were confirmed on May 31, 1964. 80 children are enrolled in the Sunday School. Last summer 70 children attended the Vacation Bible School in August. At present there are 11 in the confirmation class. This mission has a very nice church building in a growing area of Madison. The parking area at the church was recently black-topped.

**First Lutheran, Suttons Bay, and Concordia, Traverse City, Mich., the Rev. Robert Moldstad, pastor**

First Lutheran numbers 88 souls, of whom 77 are communicants. Concordia numbers 22 souls, 15 of whom are communicants. The average attendance during April, 1965, was 84 at First Lutheran and 14 at Concordia. Rev. Robert Moldstad was installed as pastor of these congregations on March 28, 1965. The mission in Traverse City was begun in January, 1964. The services are being conducted in a nice building which formerly housed the city library. It is quite important that the mission in Traverse City should soon obtain a permanent location for a church. There is much work that needs to be done in order to determine what will be the best location.

**Holton, Michigan, Rev. James Olsen, pastor**

This congregation numbers 152 souls of whom 100 are communicant members. There are 55 enrolled in the Sunday School. The average attendance at church is 96. Cand. of Theol. James Olsen was ordained and installed in this congregation in August of 1964. This congregation hopes to become self-supporting as quickly as possible. In the Holton community there appears to be a good deal of mission potential. Members, along with the pastor, have canvassed the area and plan to continue this work. Another area that seems to hold good mission potential is in a suburban residential area of Muskegon, about 15 miles from Holton. The congregation at Holton has acted also in regard to this field by way of assisting in the canvassing and in encouraging the Synod in investigating the possibility of starting a mission congregation there.

**Our Savior's and South New Hope, Amherst Junction, Wis., the Rev. Alf Merseth, pastor**

Our Savior's is a congregation of many years standing which is rather isolated from other congregations of the Synod and needs to be subsidized in order to continue. The average attendance during April, 1965, was 47. South New Hope is a small congregation near by. Services are held every second Sunday with an average attendance during April, 1965, of 27.

Recent improvements include painting and repairs at the parsonage.

**River Heights, East Grand Forks, Minn., the Rev. J. B. Madson, pastor**

This congregation numbers 64 souls of whom 36 are communicants. The average attendance in April, 1965, was 49. There are 40 children enrolled in the Sunday School and 5 in the confirmation



class. Services are held in a house which also served as parsonage at the time the congregation had a resident pastor. The congregation has extended calls to several of our pastors, but the calls have been returned. Pastor Richard Newgard of Northwood, Ia., is now called to this congregation. One of the members has very generously offered to buy a parsonage in case a resident pastor is obtained.

As far as the Mission Board understands the situation, the mission field at this place is limited. However, we are willing to give the field another try with a resident pastor, if a man may be found for the field.

**Redeemer, New Hampton, Iowa, the Rev. David Lillegard, pastor**

This congregation comprises 150 souls, 105 of them being communicants. The average attendance in April, 1965, was 76. The pastor has recently accepted a call to Trail, Minn., and will move there, God willing, in June. However, arrangements are being made to provide pastoral services until a successor may be called and installed. The ladies of the congregation have recently bought a new organ for the church.

**Pilgrim, Waterloo, Iowa, the Rev. Paul Petersen, pastor**

This is our newest mission. The work was begun by Pastor David Lillegard about a year and a half ago. Services have been held in the YMCA Building in down-town Waterloo. At present this mission consists of 16 souls, 8 of whom are communicants. A parsonage has been purchased and also a site for a future church in a growing residential area of Waterloo. Pastor Paul Petersen has accepted the call into this mission field and will be installed, God willing, in June. It is hoped that the use of a public school building in the area may be obtained in which to conduct services and Sunday school until the church may be built.

**St. Timothy, Lombard, Ill., the Rev. Theo. Kuster, vacancy pastor**

This is a flourishing mission and it is hoped it may soon have a resident pastor again. It is being served temporarily by Pastor Theo. Kuster of St. Paul's, Chicago. Pastor Robert Moldstad served this mission from its beginning until he moved to Suttons Bay, Mich., in March of this year.

**Central Heights, Mason City, Iowa, the Rev. John Moldstad, pastor**

This congregation numbers 137 souls of whom 77 are communicants. Pastor Moldstad serves this mission from Thornton, Iowa, a distance of about 25 miles away.

During the past year this congregation has taken another step towards the goal of having a full-time pastor. By the time of our convention the new parsonage-parish hall should be completed, at a total cost of \$22,000. The parsonage has four large bedrooms, a spacious living room, dining room, kitchen and utility room. The parish hall measures 66 by 28 feet, with a large kitchen and rest rooms. The congregation now has a complete church, seating 150, a large parish hall, and a beautiful parsonage, all at a total cost of \$40,000, including the six lots on which the buildings stand.

A. M. Harstad, Field Secretary

## **Action of the Synod:**

### **Resolution No. 1: Promotional Program**

*WHEREAS, The Mission Board expresses its concern that "we as Christian congregations and individuals must give the Gospel to others if we are to continue to have it ourselves and value it"; and,*

WHEREAS, Giving the Gospel to others is not to be limited to sending out missionaries to new fields, domestic or foreign; therefore be it

a) RESOLVED, That we request the Mission Board (or the Stewardship or Evangelism Committee, if the Synod establishes such) to prepare and carry out a promotional program which will make our congregations, both pastors and lay people, more conscious of the need for mission activity in their local areas; and be it

b) FURTHER RESOLVED, That this promotional program emphasize not only financial contributions for missions, but also the need for personal mission activity on the part of every individual member.

#### **Resolution No. 2: Foreign Mission Work**

WHEREAS, The Synod (cf. 1964 Synod Report, p. 61) urged the Mission Board to seek a foreign mission field, therefore be it

a) RESOLVED, That our Mission Board be asked to continue its efforts towards establishing a foreign mission program, and

WHEREAS, The world is our field; be it further

b) RESOLVED, That the Mission Board be instructed to find for our Synod a foreign mission field and report to the next synod convention with definite plans for beginning the work.

#### **Resolution No. 3: New Mission Facilities**

WHEREAS, The Mission Board has begun a policy of seeking to furnish new mission congregations with complete church facilities; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Synod endorse this policy of the Home Mission Board.

#### **Resolution No. 4: New Mission Fields**

WHEREAS, Certain areas of our country are experiencing unusually rapid population growth, such as Florida, Arizona, and California; be it

RESOLVED, That the Mission Board be instructed to include such areas in its planning, remembering the need to do our Savior's work also in these fields.

#### **Resolution No. 5: Daughter Congregations and Relocations**

WHEREAS, The winning of souls with the Gospel of Christ is, and must be, a chief concern in church work, and

WHEREAS, Our Synod is not always able to establish congregations in the manner of Resolution No. 3, and

WHEREAS, Some of our parishes might do more effective mission work if they were to establish daughter congregations, or relocate, therefore be it

a) RESOLVED, That congregations give thought to establishing daughter congregations or relocating when this appears advantageous, and be it further

b) RESOLVED, That the Synod encourage that such planning in all phases be done in close consultation with the Mission Board.

#### **Resolution No. 6: Missionary Salary Scale**

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Synod approve the missionary salary scale proposed by the Board of Missions.

# **REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS**

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### **PRESIDENT OF BETHANY LUTHERAN COLLEGE AND SEMINARY**

#### **1964-65**

Dear Brethren:

The purpose of this annual report is to present as broad a view of Bethany as possible so that the members of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod can see what work has been done, and what future steps need to be taken to continue in the blessed work of Christian education. Certainly this report is not all-inclusive and the work of preaching the Gospel will certainly go far beyond the cold statistics of an annual report. We are grateful that the Lord has given us the strength to continue in His work of teaching the Gospel to the youth of our church, and as stewards we want to present to you this report.

### **The Board of Regents**

The Board was composed of the following members during the past year, Rev. R. M. Branstad (Vice Chairman), Mr. Howard Houggen, Mr. Lenwick Hoyord, The Rev. John Moldstad, The Rev. George Orvick, Mr. Walter Schneider, The Rev. M. E. Tweit (Chairman), The Rev. Luther Vangen (Secretary), Mr. Ellsworth Zahl. The Rev. Joseph Petersen, president of the Synod and President B. W. Teigen served as advisory members of the Board.

The Board met four times: In August, November, February and May. In addition, the Executive Committee of the Board met separately as did also the Committee on Academic Affairs and the Finance Committee.

### **The Faculty**

The following have served on the faculty, some part-time during the past year: Ella B. Anderson, Julian G. Anderson, Sophia T. Anderson, Luella Balcziak, Edna Busekist, Barry Coulter, Norman S. Holte, Carol F. Johnson, Iver C. Johnson, Thomas Kuster, Mildred C. Larson, Sigurd K. Lee, Dennis Natvig, James A. Nelson, Milton H. Otto, Glenn E. Reichwald, Dennis Soule, B. W. Teigen, Allan Unseth, Luther Wendland, Bruno Wilinski, Jerry Wilske.

We were sorry to report that Dr. Nelson passed away of a heart attack on March 3. He had come out of retirement to teach chemistry and physics while Mr. Calvin Johnson was on leave-of-absence doing advanced work at the University of South Dakota. We were fortunate in replacing him with Mr. Barry Coulter, a graduate student at Mankato State College. We are grateful to Mr. Coulter for so nobly stepping in and taking over at that time of the academic year.

Not returning for the coming year will be Mr. Tom Kuster who has been teaching some freshmen college English, Latin and serving as Debate Coach. Since Mr. Kuster is graduating from the Seminary, he will spend a year of vicarage in the midst of one of our congregations. We are grateful to Mr. Kuster for serving the school in the capacity that he has during the past three years. Mr. Marvin Meyer and Mr. Calvin Johnson will be returning to the campus in September after spending a year of study under National Science Foundation grants. In addition, the Board of Regents is considering

the need of adding several new faculty members to take care of courses both in the high school and college. One area will be that of foreign language, another of math and science and another in English.

On May 11, the Board of Regents honored the following faculty and staff members for their faithful service to the college: Ella Anderson (20 years), Sophia Anderson (31 years), Edna Busekist (12 years), Norman Holte (20 years), Mildred Larson (13 years), Mrs. George Lillegard (11 years), Stanley Ingebretson (12 years) and B. W. Teigen (20 years). Pastor Vangen delivered the message at the morning chapel, and Pastor Tweit presented certificates of recognition and monetary gifts. Afterwards a reception was held in the dining room.

### The Students

The enrollment statistics for the 1964-65 school year are as follows:

|                          |    |     |
|--------------------------|----|-----|
| Ninth Grade .....        | 10 |     |
| Tenth Grade .....        | 16 |     |
| Eleventh Grade .....     | 11 |     |
| Twelfth Grade .....      | 13 |     |
| Total High School .....  |    | 50  |
| College Freshmen .....   | 91 |     |
| College Sophomores ..... | 44 |     |
| Total College .....      |    | 135 |
| Post Grad .....          | 5  |     |
| Part-time .....          | 6  |     |
| Special .....            | 1  |     |
| Seminary .....           | 7  |     |
| Total .....              |    | 204 |

Our total enrollment was higher than last year. There was an increase of four (includes the "Special") in the high school department, and an increase of 16 in the college.

The college increase was manifested entirely in the freshmen college class which was the largest that Bethany has ever had. The prospects for the 1965-66 college freshmen class are bright, indicating that there will be another substantial increase in the junior college enrollment. This fact will necessitate considerable planning for the Board of Regents, the administration, and faculty in providing adequate housing, and selecting the proper courses.

### Finances

When the Synod convenes in June, the Treasurer of the College will present a statement of our financial operations of the past fiscal year. The books will be closed on June 30, at which time our auditors will give a detailed report. It is our hope to have this report published together with the list of individual donors in the summer Bethany Bulletin.

Our operations are becoming larger as each year passes. They are touching almost \$200,000 for the current fiscal year. At the time of this writing, it appears that there will not be a large deficit in meeting the budget, and it is altogether possible that we can complete the year without a deficit.

The board has presented a budget for the 1965-66 school year to the Board of Trustees. Undoubtedly this will be acted on at the convention.

The college is grateful to all who have supported its work with financial assistance during the past year. We commend our auxiliaries in particular for their continuing interest in helping to improve the physical properties here at Bethany. The individual gifts directly donated to the college have remained about the same as in previous years. Bequests were received during the past year from the

following estates: Clarence Jordahlen, Clara Teisberg, Caroline Halverson, Edna Borup, Eliza Iverson, and Oscar Pedersen. The value of these bequests amounts to \$39,200.85. Bethany acknowledges with gratitude the thoughtfulness of these Christians who in their earthly life time remembered the work of the church with a portion of their earthly good. Blessed be their memory!

We also gratefully acknowledge the bequest of Ole Harstad made directly to the Synod totalling about \$90,000, and we are grateful that the Synod passed a resolution at last year's convention in keeping with Ole Harstad's last wishes that the Synod allocate this estate to be used for constructing a suitable building at Bethany Lutheran College.

### **Seminary**

We are pleased that our Seminary enrollment has again increased so that we had seven students in this department. Three, namely, Wayne Halvorson, Erling Teigen, and Thomas Kuster have completed their course work and will vicar for the coming year. This news will undoubtedly be greeted with joy by those congregations which have had difficulty calling pastors. It is our hope that with another class of three graduating within a year we may be able to alleviate some of the pressure for pastors which our Synod has felt during the last three or four years. As far as we know at the present time, there will be two enrolling in the Seminary department in the fall. There is great need for workers, and we urge the members of our congregations together with their pastors to select and encourage dedicated bright young men to take up the work of the ministry.

### **High School**

The Board of Regents in its concern to promote the high school separated the office of the principal from that of the registrar of the college, appointing Mr. Iver Johnson to be principal. We have tried for a greater separation between the High School and the College so that the High School, in the face of the growing college enrollment, would not lose its identity. This program has met with some success during the past year. We have also tried to secure a wider diversity of course offerings for the high school, but lack of faculty personnel and the small number of students enrolled in the high school have limited this type of enlargement and enrichment. Mr. Iver Johnson will spend the first two months of his summer working specifically on the high school.

We are also eagerly looking forward to the reports and recommendations regarding the high school to be made according to resolutions 9-13 on Higher Education passed at the last Synod Convention (see 47th Annual Report, pp. 69-70). The report by the presidentially-appointed "person who has demonstrated a desire to maintain our Bethany Lutheran High School" will undoubtedly bring new light and fresh hope on the perennial problems of high school: the increase in high school enrollment, strengthening the curricular program, reducing cost to the student and parent, increasing the financial resources for carrying out the enlarged program which the Synod envisioned at last year's convention.

### **The Lutheran Synod Book Company**

Mr. Stanley Ingebretson, together with his co-workers, has worked diligently in promoting the work of spreading the Gospel through Christian literature. Our Lutheran Synod Book Company does work under handicaps, however, in that it is located in part of the college building where there is not the opportunity to get as much of the so-called "walk-in" trade. During the past year, Mr. Ingebretson has made a somewhat intensive study to see how the Lutheran Synod

Book Company can expand. The gross sales of the store have remained somewhat static during the last years. His findings indicate that what is needed is 100% cooperation from all the pastors and from all the congregations. If all the pastors and congregations would purchase all their books, supplies, and materials from the Lutheran Synod Book Company, this would enable the book company to enlarge its business so that it could be of greater service to the church. Here is another area in which we urgently need to cooperate 100%. Here is a field for expansion. The more Christian literature which we can distribute, the more effective we will be in our mission of preaching the Gospel, but here too we must avoid fragmentation.

### **Future Expansion**

As in previous years, the Board of Regents and the Administration have spent many hours in studying long-range planning. A sense of stewardship forces one to do this in a most conscientious way. And yet the more one studies and plans, the more one recognizes that it is the Lord who builds the house, and that the future is in His hands. From a human point of view there are many variables in future planning, and one is acutely aware that foresight is not to be identified with hindsight.

In accordance with Resolution 7 of last year's Synod Convention the Board of Regents made an application for a government grant to assist in the construction of academic facilities at Bethany. This project involves the erection of a new library and the provision of chemistry, biology, physics, mathematics and foreign language facilities in our existing classroom building which is to be modernized. The estimated cost of this project was somewhat over \$327,000. The Federal share of the net estimated eligible project development cost was about \$78,000. Cash on hand and money assured (mainly from bequests) was estimated to be about \$150,000, necessitating a loan for this project from private sources of about \$100,000. The Board is confident that this loan could be repaid much in the same manner as the loan on the auditorium-gymnasium was liquidated. The college pledged all its undesignated bequests toward that goal, and the Synod one-half of its undesignated bequests.

When the State Higher Education Facilities Commission allocated the priorities on December 18, Bethany's application was rated ninth out of eleven. The six highest applicants received the full amount and the seventh applicant received about a third of its request because the funds were exhausted.

The next closing date for receiving new applications is August 15. In the meantime, the State Commission has revised the criteria for judging priorities for this next round of applications. Through this rather drastic revision, it appears that Bethany's chances of getting a grant are much brighter than they were at the first round.

The Board of Regents and the Administration have followed the request of the Synod in continuing its study of Public Law 88-204 (See Resolution 7B p. 69, 1964 Annual Report) and find nothing in the regulations which would jeopardize our program of Christian Education. In re-submitting our application for the August 15 closing dateline, we shall make a re-study of our proposal and undoubtedly the monetary figures will be shifted somewhat, since in the course of the year costs have gone up and we shall be more able to determine our specific needs with regard to equipment.

In view of these facts, the Board of Regents at its May 10 meeting passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS at the February, 1965, meeting of the board it was resolved to ask the Synod to approve the construction of a new library and remodelling of the classroom building at an approx-

imate cost of \$300,000 (see Regents minutes, Feb. 65, page 2), and whereas there will be an opportunity to apply again for a federal grant under the Higher Education Facilities act in August, 1965, and whereas rising construction costs because of the year's delay would likely make the package cost more than \$300,000, be it **RESOLVED** that the above mentioned resolution be amended to read that the Board of Regents ask the Synod to approve construction of a new library and remodelling of the classroom building at an approximate cost of \$330,000.

But this is just another phase in Bethany's future expansion. It is evident that with the increasing enrollment at Bethany Lutheran College, we will need more dormitory space. On the basis of past history we projected for 1968 a junior college enrollment of 233 students. At the present time it appears that we ought to build a women's dormitory for about 110 or 120 women students, turning the present dormitory completely over to men students. This would give us room for about 165 to 170 men in the dormitory. This new dormitory should be available for occupancy if at all possible by 1966 or at the latest 1967. If this dormitory is restricted to college girls only, it is possible that a loan could be secured under the Federal College Housing Loan Program. This would be in the nature of a long-term program, with the proceeds from the dormitory rent dedicated to the maintenance and the amortization of the loan. It is too early to set a figure on the estimated cost, but it could be in the vicinity of \$390,000.

In view of these facts, the Board of Regents at its May 10 meeting adopted the following resolution: Resolved to request the Synod to authorize the Board of Regents to proceed with plans to make application for, or arrange financing for construction of a new dormitory.

Then there is another project which has long been on the hearts and minds not only of the administration and the Board of Regents, but also of all members of the Synod. That is, a complete remodeling of the present administration building, possibly providing a new entrance to it. This remodelling would envision new windows and new radiators, besides making more efficient use of space for administrators, possibly enlarging rooms in back of the chapel for music rooms, and preparing rooms on the ground floor for the high school students and for the Seminary Department. And we also need to look at better facilities for Art and Home Economics. This project should not wait too long either because of the fact that with the expansion and improvement of educational facilities on all levels in modern American education, Christian schools and colleges are forced also to provide better facilities. Facilities mean so much to people today, and this does not exclude the people of our church. It is somewhat difficult to estimate what this project would cost. It would depend somewhat on how elaborate a new entrance should be and how far we should carry a rehabilitation program. It could well be \$225,000-\$250,000.

In other words, for the next two or three years our institution of higher learning could easily use a million dollars for expansion of facilities and improvement of the present ones that we have (\$330,000 library and remodelling classrooms, \$390,000 dormitory, \$250,000 remodelling admin. bldg.). By 1968 we should be well on the way with this program. The Board of Regents, the administration earnestly seek the advice and help of the entire Synod in doing this planning. The greatest problem, of course, is to find the funds for this necessary work. All avenues of support will have to be investigated.

In conclusion, we would urge upon all members of the Synod, clergy and lay, to study with us the whole problem of Christian Education. In our Synod we have had many, many papers since 1918 regarding Christian Education, but despite this, Christian Education

is, at the present time, fighting a losing battle in this world of secularism. We need fresh studies on the duties of parents, the duties of the church, the dangers of state education; studies on the separation of the church and state doctrine; studies on the pervasive and corroding effects of the naturalistic philosophy which has gained the upper hand in our country and in the world during the last hundred years. Then we need to ask ourselves how much we have been influenced by these currents of unbelief. If we lose control of the education of our children and youth, we have lost our heritage.

We close this report with the prayer of that old orthodox Lutheran who was one of the authors of the Formula of Concord, N. Selnecker:

Lord Jesus Christ, with us abide,  
For round us falls the eventide;  
Nor let Thy word, that heavenly light,  
For us be ever veiled in night.

Dear Savior, help, Thy Church uphold;  
For we are sluggish, thoughtless, cold;  
Indue Thy word with power and grace,  
And spread its truth in every place.

O God! how sin's dread works abound,  
Throughout the earth no rest is found;  
And wide has falsehood's spirit spread,  
And error boldly rears its head.

And ever is there something new  
Devised to change Thy doctrines true;  
Lord Jesus! as Thou still dost reign,  
Those vain, presumptuous minds restrain.

Here on Thy word in faith we lean,  
There Thou shalt be forever seen;  
And when our journey endeth here,  
Receive us, Lord, in glory there.

L. Vangen, Secr.  
B. W. Teigen, Pres.

## BETHANY LUTHERAN COLLEGE

### Condensed Statement of Income and Expenditures

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1965

#### Income

|  |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| Student Fees .....                       | \$ 140,499        |
| Synod Appropriation for Operations ..... | 50,000            |
| Gifts .....                              | 8,655             |
| Other Income .....                       | 1,687             |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME .....</b>                | <b>\$ 200,841</b> |

#### Expenditures

|                                      |                   |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Administration .....                 | 15,388            |
| General .....                        | 14,100            |
| Instructional and Departmental ..... | 120,599           |
| Operation and Maintenance .....      | 30,888            |
| Scholarships and Grants .....        | 7,184             |
| Depreciation .....                   | 22,796            |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES .....</b>      | <b>\$ 210,955</b> |
| <b>Net Loss for Year .....</b>       | <b>\$ 10,114</b>  |



## Condensed Balance Sheet

| Assets  |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| Current Assets  |                   |
| Cash .....  | \$ 27,425         |
| Notes and Accounts Receivable .....                                     | 35,986            |
| Securities .....  | 27,166            |
| Unexpired Insurance .....   | 1,822             |
| Total Current Assets .....  | \$ 92,399         |
| Fixed Assets  |                   |
| Buildings and Equipment .....   | \$ 856,596        |
| Less: Reserve for Depreciation .....                                    | 260,258           |
| Net .....   | 596,338           |
| Land .....  | 31,584            |
| Total Fixed Assets .....  | \$ 627,922        |
| Other Assets  |                   |
| Capital Contribution to National Defense Loans .....                    | \$ 4,335          |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b> .....   | <b>\$ 724,656</b> |
| <b>Liabilities</b>  |                   |
| Current Liabilities   |                   |
| Notes and Contracts Payable .....                                       | \$ 697            |
| Accounts Payable (includes estates to be turned<br>over to Synod) ..... | 18,893            |
| Student Loan and Scholarship Funds .....                                | 20,124            |
| Total Current Liabilities .....   | \$ 39,714         |
| Reserves  |                   |
| Special Building Fund Reserve .....                                     | \$ 23,557         |
| Total Liabilities .....   | \$ 63,271         |
| <b>Fund Balances</b>  |                   |
| Plant Fund .....  | \$ 609,064        |
| Unreserved Funds .....  | 52,321            |
| Total Fund Balances .....   | \$ 661,385        |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b> .....                        | <b>\$ 724,656</b> |

## BETHANY HIGH SCHOOL SURVEY

### PART I

To make this survey, I sent 42 questionnaires to the parents of all students enrolled in Bethany High School in the past term, 1964-65. Twenty-six, or 62 per cent, of the questionnaires were returned to me. Following are the questions asked, and my own summaries of the answers supplied by the parents.

Hugo Handberg

**Question 1: What Courses, Not Now In Bethany's High School Curriculum, Would You Like To Have Seen Offered This Past Year?**

The number of replies suggesting the course is in parentheses.

|                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| Art (7)               | Algebra (1)                               |
| Driver's training (5) | Freshman Latin (1)                        |
| Shop for boys (4)     | Mechanical drawing (1)                    |
| Norse (3)             | Music (appreciation, note<br>reading) (1) |
| Spanish (3)           |   |

Advanced Algebra (2)  
French (2)  
Geometry (2)

Public speaking (1)  
Solid geometry (1)  
Trigonometry (1)

**Question 2: What Is Your Judgment Of The Adequacy Of Housing Facilities Provided For Your Child? (Omit If Your Son Or Daughter Was A Day Student.)**

Generally, parents of girls were well satisfied with housing for their daughters. The repeated opinion of boys' parents was that the boys' house was crowded. Conditions for quiet study and proper privacy were lacking there. Comments were made about little closet space and cramped lavatory facilities. But notable was the patience displayed by parents of boys. All seemed to look upon these conditions as temporarily endurable. Several parents said that their sons made no complaints. All seemed to view these conditions as a step on the way to better dormitory facilities for the high school. One stated that the need for a new high school dormitory was greater than for a library at the present time.

**Question 3: Was It Easy For Your Child To Consult Bethany Teachers And Counselors Regarding Study Or Personal Problems? (Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_) To What Do You Attribute This?**

Five said "no." The rest said "yes," or had no check. Most who answered thought teachers and counselors were approachable and helpful. Several who said "no" offered as their reason the shyness of their own children. No strong pattern of rapport between teachers and students emerged out of these answers, though the general picture seemed satisfactory to parents. Boys' dormitory counselors were repeatedly commended for the interest shown by them in the high school boys with whom they lived. The smallness of the school and enrollment, plus the Christian influence of the teachers were given as reasons why students could go to their teachers with problems.

**Question 4: If This Were Now September Of Last Year, Would You Again Enroll Your Child In The Same Grade Of Bethany High School, Or Would You Change To A Good Public High School? Why?**

Here there was agreement. All would enroll their children again, and for one reason: the Christian education offered at Bethany. The answers here in no way indicated an antipathy to the public schools, but rather a strong determination on the part of these parents to have a Christian education for their children.

**Question 5: What Do You Consider Essential In The Way Of Discipline In A Boarding-Type Christian High School?**

Here the consensus was for firm discipline, according to Christian principles, in both girls' and boys' dormitories. Parents endorsed close supervision of study hours and study habits, as well as careful supervision of off-campus privileges. Fad styles (e.g., clothing, haircuts) were not approved. It is pointed out by one mother that home training, whether good or bad, will show through in relationships at school. Several noted that a good rule, to be effective, must be enforced in a fair manner upon all.

**Question 6: Apart From Religion, How Do You Judge The Teaching Capabilities Of Your Child's Bethany High School Teachers Compared To Those Of The Teachers In Your Own Local Public High School?**

While some pointed out weaknesses, many of those questioned felt that Bethany teachers are equal to, and in some cases better than, many of their public high school counterparts. Several withheld judgment because they were not acquainted with their local public school teaching staffs. But again, in spite of the exclusion mentioned in the question, the Christian instruction offered by Bethany faculty

members outweighed other comparisons in the returns. The shoppers knew what brand they were after, namely, Christian education!

**Question 7: Did Your Child Receive Financial Help This Past Year (Beyond Your Own Funds Or Your Child's Savings) From A Bethany-Awarded Scholarship? From A Scholarship Not Awarded By Bethany? From A Society In Your Home Congregation? From Any Other Source In Your Home Congregation? From Any Other Source? If "Yess," Please Explain.**

The picture here is that most pay their own way. Our Bethany High School students do not owe their attendance to any great extent to scholarships. A few receive standard discounts due to membership in ELS congregations or because more than one child attends from the same family. But academic scholarships are conspicuous by their near-absence. Is this not a field that can be developed by way of promoting Bethany High School? Could not more individuals or local church groups be induced to sponsor scholarships to be awarded for scholastic excellence or financial need, or both?

**Question 8: From Your Knowledge Of Your Own Teen-Ager, What Suggestions Would You Offer Regarding Supervision Of Students, Both During School Hours And During Free-Time?**

Perhaps due to faulty questioning, there was some overlapping here with the answers to Question 5. But the bulk of the suggestions offered were intended to help boys and girls with their study habits and use of study time. The reassurance offered by Christian counseling, especially in the face of worldly temptations, was emphasized. Suggestions were also given for supervised recreation in after-school hours, including planned social events, some utilizing the gym. Several called for more planned activities, involving a maximum number of students, in those seasons when there is no regular athletic competition. Purpose: to fight idleness, home-sickness, the feeling some might have of being "left out."

**Question 9: What Religious Influences At Bethany Have Been Of Greatest Help To Your Child?**

Mentioned most often were chapel services. Faculty members, those who conduct chapel devotions, should take heart from this. Preacher-teachers should not under-estimate the powerful influence the Bethany lectern has on young hearts, and should constantly pray—as should we all!—that God might help them to put forth their best efforts as they address this impressionable and precious audience. Parents, too, should make efforts to get more and more of their children under the influence of the Bethany chapel lectern during high school years. Other religious influences mentioned were the Christian character of the teachers, Bethany's Christian atmosphere, the religion classes, choir and Christian companions.

**Question 10: Could More Emphasis Be Placed On Extra-Curricular Activities At Bethany? (Examples: Athletics, Clubs, Etc.)**

Five letters said "no." Others asked for activities for those not in music or sports. Suggestions were skiing club, bowling club, class plays, glee club, debate. A desire was evident in the replies to involve more students in group affairs, especially those students not already active in competitive basketball, baseball, tennis, etc.

**Question 11: In General, What Other Improvements Could You Suggest In The Overall Program Of Bethany High School?**

The suggestions were about as varied as the people who responded. "Expansion" is a word that covers a number of the suggestions (enrollment, housing, further separation from the college). With these would come an expanded faculty and an expanded choice of

subjects, all suggested in the letters. One proposal was that a set of WORLD BOOK ENCYCLOPEDIA should be in each dormitory house, plus other standard reference works, eliminating many trips to the library. An idea for donors? Games and activities provided "right there" in "better dormitories" were suggested by several. Games such as ping-pong, a pool table, were mentioned. With these, of course, came the appeal for close adult supervision of both free and study time.

## PART II

There are eight Wisconsin Synod parishes within a 50-minute driving distance from Mankato, not counting the area in a westerly direction from Mankato. This excepted area would tend to be a natural recruitment area for the high school department at Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm. I include the Nicollet parish among the eight. One of the eight parishes currently has a pastoral vacancy.

I have to date had personal visits with five of the seven pastors serving in the area. The visits were informative and friendly, and evidenced sincere interest in Christian education on the parts of these brethren. The pastors gave generously of their time and freely answered all questions. They also asked questions of their own about Bethany, and I answered them as best I could, making it plain that spokesmen from Bethany itself could no doubt answer more informatively.

None of the five parishes has a Christian day school. Two of the three parishes not yet visited do have schools.

The five parishes together will have about 245 students in high schools in the fall of 1965. Of interest is the fact that attendance at DML High School is very low in these parishes. A total of four students from the combined five parishes will attend high school at New Ulm in September, 1965. One pastor reported he has had one student at DML High School in the last ten years. Another has had none in five years. A big reason for this is the specialized training offered at the New Ulm school (pre-ministerial or pre-teacher). Bethany's high school courses, by comparison, are of a more general nature. Herein lies a source of potential students for Bethany in these congregations of our sister synod.

Two of the congregations are in Mankato. Together they will send 159 boys and girls into ninth through twelfth grades this fall.

All five pastors showed a great willingness to have their young people attend Bethany High School, provided they would not otherwise attend DML High School. Four of the five gave **transportation** as a chief obstacle to attendance at Bethany. A fifth said transportation "would be little or no factor" in inducing more of his young people to make use of Bethany. He offered as the main barrier **tuition costs**. The others would, presumably, add tuition costs as a secondary, but important, reason for non-attendance at Bethany. An underlying third factor, present in varying degree in each parish, was that not all parents were whole-heartedly sold on the principle of Christian education. In other words, many parents were quite content to make use of the nearby public schools.

But each pastor spoke of an enlightened group of parents in his congregation who could perhaps be induced to use Bethany High School if it were not for the twin barriers of transportation and tuition. One pastor, whose people live within easy distance of Bethany, said, "Transportation definitely might be your key."

I explored with them the possibility of Bethany-supplied transportation. This might be offered through government-financed school buses, which is a near possibility in Minnesota and may become a fact within a year or two. Or, some plan of private financing could conceivably be worked out whereby Bethany supplied buses (perhaps in the form of micro-buses or station wagons) and the parents

would be willing to share in the costs. Either way, parents would be relieved of driving responsibilities, schedule difficulties, etc. The same pastor who said "It's transportation that's rough" also said "It might be subsidized by the parents."

If a transportation program could be worked out (barring prohibitive costs), the high school administration might have to be prepared to make certain internal schedule adjustments. Classes might have to begin at a later hour. Dismissal time would have to be uniform. The problem of drivers for the cars or buses would have to be solved. A possibility here might be older college students, fully licensed and trained, who would live in the areas where the buses would originate each morning.

The idea of transportation to-and-from Bethany, reaching out to these parishes (as well as to our own ELS parish near St. Peter-Gaylord), was quite novel to the pastors contacted. Their initial reaction was that it could work, though the pastor of the most distant parish spoke of how his young people would have to leave quite early in the morning in order to get to school on time under the present schedule. He also pointed out how such commuting students would miss out on many school functions in which only the dormitory students could participate. But perhaps this last point would have to be a necessary evil of the system. Compensating advantages would be the big facts that the same commuting young people would now be getting a Christian education during class hours, would have the benefit of chapel services, religion classes, etc.

As to the tuition obstacles, adjustments might be made also here. For instance, as an inducement, lower tuitions might be offered to, say, three or more students from the same parish. Tuitions could be staggered, that is, made very low in the ninth grade and increased each year thereafter through the twelfth grade. Object: an obvious inducement to come to Bethany right out of the eighth grade. By staggering these fees over the four years, they could conceivably be balanced out. At present, a uniform fee applies over the four years. (Present tuition cost for one year at Bethany High School: \$120 plus books and fees). Those attracted to Bethany High School by a lower tuition in the ninth grade would, meanwhile, have learned at firsthand some of the advantages of a Christian education and might be very willing to pay the graduated increase in the second year.

One Wisconsin pastor said he would be most happy to gather his parents of high school youth and present such a "Bethany bus" plan to them. Another said he, too, would be interested in promoting Bethany High School for a general high school education if low-cost transportation were involved. A third said that some of his young people, now riding buses to school, might be induced to come to Bethany High School if buses were offered.

It is obvious that any initiative in these matters will have to come from Bethany and the administration. Much planning and overhauling of existing patterns and thinking would be involved. To get a smooth-running bus plan into action would involve sizable initial costs. But consider the potential. In five parishes alone, 245 Lutheran students in public high schools next fall! Pastors willing to promote a Christian education at Bethany before their people! Are these not opportunities?

The Rev. Hugo Handberg

## **Action of the Synod:**

### **Resolution No. 1: Seminary**

*WHEREAS, The report of the Board of Regents calls attention to the great need for workers in our Synod, and*

WHEREAS, The matter of this need for pastors and teachers in our Synod was brought to the attention of the Synod Convention in 1964 and action was taken by the Synod designed to overcome this need (cf. 1964 Synod Report, p. 69), therefore be it

a) RESOLVED, That the Synod urge the designated boards to intensify both the publicity and the course of action to be followed in this effort, and be it further

b) RESOLVED, That the pastors be urged to make increased efforts to encourage dedicated and gifted young men to take up the work of the pastoral and teaching ministry.

#### **Resolution No. 2: Future Expansion**

RESOLVED, a) That the Synod approve the long range program submitted by the Board of Regents for modernization and expansion of facilities and equipment at Bethany College, and See pp. 52-53,

b) That this long range program be carried out as a joint operation of the Board of Regents and the Synod's Board of Trustees, and

c) That 1) The Synod express its desire that the building of a new girls' dormitory and a library be given high priority on the list of future improvements on the Bethany campus, and 2) That the Synod give authorization for work to begin on projects of the long range plan as soon as funds are available.

#### **Resolution No. 3: Future Expansion**

WHEREAS, There has been a need for a more adequate library, and

WHEREAS, It has been found that this project could be financed without interfering with the regular Synodical operation, be it

RESOLVED, That the Synod authorize the Board of Regents to proceed with the construction of a new library and with renovation of the classrooms as soon as expected funds have been secured.

#### **Resolution No. 4: Future Expansion—Girls' Dormitory**

WHEREAS, The boys' dormitory has already been filled to capacity, and

WHEREAS, The building of the library and classroom renovation will make for added enrollment, be it

RESOLVED, That the Synod authorize the Board of Regents to proceed with the building of a dormitory for college women at approximately \$390,000 to be financed through the Federal College Housing Loan Program.

#### **Resolution No. 5: Future Expansion—Remodeling of Administration Building**

WHEREAS, In the very near future the remodeling of the Administration Building will be necessary, be it

RESOLVED, That the Synod instruct the Board of Regents to obtain firmer plans and figures for the remodeling of the Administration Building and financing of the same.

#### **Resolution No. 6: Lutheran Synod Book Company**

*BE IT RESOLVED, That the Synod commend our book store personnel for the service they have rendered in helping our Synod carry out the Great Commission, "Preach the Gospel to every creature."*

#### **Resolution No. 7: Lutheran Synod Book Company**

*WHEREAS, The distribution of Christian literature is an efficient and economical method of spreading the Gospel, and*

*WHEREAS, Our Synod needs to maintain a means for making available to our congregations the right type of literature, be it*

*RESOLVED, a) That all our pastors, every congregation member and each organization in our Synod's congregations be encouraged to think first of our Lutheran Synod Book Company and wherever possible, arrange to order books and supplies from the Lutheran Synod Book Company, and*

*b) That the Lutheran Synod Book Company increase their efforts to make known to all congregations and members, as well as pastors, that church supplies, religious gifts, and office supplies are available from our Lutheran Synod Book Company.*

#### **Resolution No. 8: Christian Education**

*WHEREAS, The Report urges all members of the Synod to study seriously the whole concept of Christian Education, therefore be it*

*RESOLVED, a) That the Synod ask the officers of the Pastoral Conference to arrange a day of study of this matter at the Conference, August 10-13, 1965, and*

*b) That the results of this study be disseminated to the Synod at large as soon as possible and thereafter a report be prepared for presentation at the next Synod Convention.*

#### **Resolution No. 9: High School**

*WHEREAS, The program for strengthening the high school adopted the past school year by the administration met with some degree of success, and*

*WHEREAS, It will of necessity take several school terms to determine the value of the investigations and efforts made to date in behalf of promoting the High School Department at Bethany, therefore be it*

*RESOLVED, That the Synod encourage the Bethany administration to continue this advanced program for the solution of the problems facing the High School Department, and be it further*

*RESOLVED, That the special report submitted by the presidential appointee (cf. 1964 S.R., p. 70) be given thorough study by the Board of Regents and an evaluation be presented to the next convention of the Synod.*

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

The Board of Christian Elementary Education met twice during the past year to perform its assigned work. Organization of the Board for the past year was: Rev. R. Newgard, Chairman; Rev. V. Theiste, Secretary; Mr. Gene Hoyord, Superintendent of Schools; and Rev. R. Newgard in charge of LUTHERAN SENTINEL publicity.

During the past year three schools of our Synod asked the Board for funds to operate their schools and pay teachers' salaries. These schools were: Parkland Lutheran School of Parkland, Washington (operating a two-room school), receiving \$700.00; Our Savior's Lutheran School of Princeton, Minnesota (a one-room school), receiving \$450.00; and Hiawatha Lutheran Church (who cooperate with another congregation with a school), receiving \$300.00.

Besides these subsidy payments, the Board was also able to help three students in school, preparatory to receiving their degree to teach in our Synod. This total subsidy amounted to \$400.00. In addition to these payments, the Board saw to it that the Superintendent of Schools was able to make his visitations and that the "Christian Day School Bulletin" (especially for the teachers of our Synod schools) was printed and distributed.

During the past year no new schools were started. Although a couple of our Synod's congregations had indicated that they were considering doing such a thing, the plans did not materialize as they had hoped. It is the Board's earnest hope that these congregations may find it possible to start these schools in the not too distant future.

Pursuant with last year's Synodical resolution, the Board distributed material to every congregation of the Synod to help encourage young people to choose a vocation in the church as their life's work. This promotional Sunday was Septuagesima Sunday. While no one can fully determine the results of such a Sunday now, we can trust that the Lord will use such endeavors to encourage people to work for Him. The Board plans such promotion again during the coming year.

Not only did the Board provide Advent-Christmas coin folders for every child in our Synod the past year, but it also had a hand in providing our congregations with a Christmas Children's Service. In cooperation with the Board of Publications, the Board published a program in 1964 and has plans to do the same for Christmas 1965. We urge our Synod congregations to make use of these Christmas Services since they are drawn up with our particular congregations in mind.

As yet, the Board has not adopted any guidelines. During the past year progress was made in this area, but so far nothing has been drafted. It is hoped that these guidelines will be ready for submitting to the Synod sometime soon. Until that time, the Board will operate and function as they see their task before them.

While your Board does not have any specific problem to present to the Synod, it does see one general problem which confronts the future of our Christian Day School and for that matter all Christian Elementary Education. There has arisen a very definite shortage of capable and qualified teachers for our schools. Other fields of endeavor and vocation beckon our young people more. This we must all face up to. But the Christian Day School and Christian Elementary Education in general is not of the kind that it is getting outdated or outmoded. There is still a great need for such an institution



and for good teachers in this field. While such work for the Lord does indeed meet with strong opposition from the devil, the world, and our flesh, we can always know that in the matter of Christian education our work is the Lord's, and that He will supply the way if there are those who are willing to pursue it. Therefore, each member of Synod has the responsibility facing him of doing all he can to promote this cause. Talented young people ought to be given every incentive to take up this work. They ought to be encouraged by the adults to choose this work so that the Lord's will might be done among us.

So, may a consideration of this whole matter now spur us onward in this field of endeavor and with the Lord's blessing accomplish the great task of education set before us.

Victor I. Theiste, Secretary

## **Action of the Synod:**

### **Resolution No. 1: Christian Day Schools**

*WHEREAS, The Lord has commissioned His disciples of all time to feed His lambs (John 21:15) and to teach them to observe all things whatsoever He has commanded them (Matt. 28:20), and*

*WHEREAS, The need for a thorough Christian education becomes increasingly necessary in this materialistic age, and*

*WHEREAS, The maintaining of Christian day schools has become increasingly difficult, be it*

*RESOLVED, a) That the Synod express gratitude to God that He has enabled seven congregations of our Synod to continue their Christian day schools, and*

*b) That the Synod approve the course of action indicated by the Board of Christian Education in their report, and especially the proposed Promotional Sunday, and*

*c) That the Board be instructed to make a thorough and continuous study of the Modern Revolution in education and its impact on our children, and report to the Synod with recommendations for action, and*

*d) That in the meantime we encourage the Board to continue promoting the cause of Christian Elementary Education through a regular series of articles in the Sentinel, through bulletin inserts and the like.*

## **REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHARITIES AND SUPPORT**

### **Support Fund**

The Board has added one recipient during the past year and now provides partial support for six retired pastors or pastors' widows. The requests to the Board continue to be reasonable and limited to those truly in need. The efforts of the Board to draw some guidelines for action on future requests came to no avail. The absence in our Synod of a group pension plan should be given thoughtful consideration by the Synod at a forthcoming convention. Such a pension plan could relieve much of the necessity for large future expenditures by this Board, and could reduce its support function to a

minor nature. Guidelines for financial assistance could then be based on individual requests as is done at the present time.

At a special meeting in April, 1965, the Board of Charities and Support authorized the enrollment of retired pastors or teachers and pastors' or teachers' widows in a group hospitalization plan of the Wisconsin Synod. The Board agreed to pay premiums from the Synod treasury for those unable to make payment themselves. Because this action seemed advisable to the Board and because enrollment without physical examinations had to be made within a specified time, the Board took this action without Synod endorsement..

The Board now requests the Synod's endorsement of this action.

### **Kasota Valley Home**

The Board of Directors of the Kasota Valley Home has continued during the past year to authorize improvements in the Home for the convenience and pleasure of the residents and ease of operation by the staff. The Board authorized the purchase of an alternate generator for electrical power to assure continued use of the facilities should a power failure occur. An effort is being made to determine the cost of a minor expansion of the home plus refurbishing of the living room area. Such costs can hopefully be met from gifts to the Home by individuals and churches and by payments from the general fund. Other repairs and improvements have been made and have been paid from the general fund.

Spiritual care for the residents continues to be provided by Prof. M. H. Otto and Rev. Hugo Handberg. The diligent spiritual care given to the Home residents by these two pastors is highly commendable and the Board wishes to express its heartfelt appreciation for their efforts.

The Home continues to be given superior supervision and management by Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Soule. Their patience and kindness, and their very able care of the residents causes the Board to be sincerely thankful that the Lord has provided us with a couple who do this labor of love so willingly, joyfully and ably. We wish to express our thanks to them and to their entire staff for making the Home a joy to the residents and to our Synod.

Gifts continue to come to the Home from individuals and groups. The Board continues to encourage such donations as gifts of love from all across our Synod. The limited resources of the residents of the Home requires that it receive additional support at times from other sources. Rather than ask the Synod for aid, it would be more desirable for such assistance to come from gifts from individuals and groups within the Synod. We encourage such giving especially at festival occasions of the church year. Most important of all, let us not forget our residents and the staff in our prayers constantly.

Our attendance at the Home has averaged at approximately 15 residents during the year, which is near capacity. Such a residency rate offers a brighter picture financially than was at times the case.

Lawrence M. Vogt, Secretary

### **KASOTA VALLEY HOME**

#### **Summary of Operations for 1964**

Treasurer's balance, January 1, 1964: .....\$ 333.33

#### **RECEIPTS**

Income from residents .....\$20,459.60

Gifts ..... 558.43

Other income ..... 317.00

**TOTAL RECEIPTS** .....\$21,335.03

\$21,668.36

## DISBURSEMENTS

|  |                    |                 |
|--|--------------------|-----------------|
| Salaries .....                                 | \$ 8,455.16        |                 |
| Managerial expenses .....                      | 445.00             |                 |
| Laundry .....                                  | 354.10             |                 |
| Board expense .....                            | 77.30              |                 |
| Utilities .....                                | 703.88             |                 |
| Fuel and gas .....                             | 841.46             |                 |
| Tax withholding, fed. and state .....          | 1,854.16           |                 |
| Chaplain services .....                        | 654.00             |                 |
| Refunds to residents .....                     | 832.70             |                 |
| Repairs .....                                  | 449.51             |                 |
| Supplies .....                                 | 420.91             |                 |
| Improvements .....                             | 1,121.98           |                 |
| Insurance .....                                | 439.11             |                 |
| 1965 Minn. operating license .....             | 50.00              |                 |
| Furniture fund (savings account) .....         | 300.00             |                 |
| Groceries .....                                | 4,270.00           |                 |
| Miscellaneous .....                            | 297.53             |                 |
| <b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS .....</b>               | <b>\$21,566.80</b> |                 |
| <b>TREASURER'S BALANCE, Jan. 1, 1965 .....</b> |                    | <b>\$101.56</b> |

Statement subject to audit.

Hugo J. Handberg, Treasurer

## **Action of the Synod:**

### **Resolution No. 1: Support Fund**

*WHEREAS, The Board of Charities and Support, directed by the 1964 Synod Convention to draw up guidelines as the basis for the administration of the Synod Support Fund (cf. pp. 77-78, 1964 Synod Report) could not carry out this directive this past year, and*

*WHEREAS, The support function of the Board could be greatly aided in administering the present support fund by such guidelines, therefore be it*

*RESOLVED, That the Board of Charities and Support draw up such guidelines to serve the present need for administering any and all requests for financial assistance from the Support Fund.*

### **Resolution No. 2: Support Fund**

*WHEREAS, The need exists among our retired church workers and their dependents for a hospital insurance program, and*

*WHEREAS, The Board of Charities and Support at a special meeting called in April, authorized financial assistance to such workers and their dependents who are unable to finance a hospital insurance program, and*

*WHEREAS, The Board authorized enrollment in a group hospitalization plan presently used by the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, but did so without endorsement by the Synod acting in convention, due to the need, advisability and time limit for enrollment, therefore be it*

*RESOLVED, That the Synod in convention endorse the action taken by the Board of Charities and Support to provide such financial assistance for hospital insurance among our retired church workers and their dependents.*

### **Resolution No. 3: Kasota Valley Home**

*BE IT RESOLVED, a) That the Board of Directors and staff of Kasota Valley Home be encouraged to continue seeking ways of meeting the needs as they may arise for improving and bettering the physical plant of Kasota Valley Home, and*

*b) That the staff, spiritual directors, and the Board of Directors be commended and thanked for their faithful effort once again the past year.*

### **Resolution No. 4: Pension Plan**

*WHEREAS, The Board of Charities and Support encourages "thoughtful consideration" of a "group pension plan" . . . "at a forthcoming convention" for use in our Synod, therefore be it*

*RESOLVED, That the Synod's Charities and Support Board make a general study of the matter of a pension plan for retired church workers and their dependents in the forthcoming year and report its finding to the 1966 Synod Convention.*

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATIONS

The Publication Board met this past year during the regular scheduled months of January, April, July and October. In the July meeting the following officers were elected: Chairman: Professor Julian Anderson; Secretary: Pastor G. F. Guldberg; Armed Service Secretary: Pastor Norman Madson Jr.; Treasurer: Mr. Owen Swenson.

**NEW PUBLICATIONS** — The Board of Publications is happy to report that the Christmas Hymnbook entitled, "Sing we all Noel" consisting of 46 Christmas hymns sold over 800 copies during the month of December. Also a Christmas program entitled: "Shout the Glad Tidings" was published for the 1964 Christmas Season. The Board also hopes to have a new Christmas Program available for this season of 1965. Other new publications now available are a booklet entitled: "The Christian Home" by Pastor William Petersen. Also a brief history entitled, "A History of the E.L.S." compiled by Pastor George Orvick from "Faith of our Fathers," "Grace for Grace" and "Blessings in the midst of the Land" is expected to be ready for sale this August.

**NEW CATECHISM** — The Catechism Committee has completed its work on the new Catechism and the final copy is now in the hands of a final review Committee appointed by the President of the Synod at the request of the Publications Board.

**NEW SYNOD HYMNBOOK** — This past year the Publication Board conducted a survey among the congregations and pastors of the Synod "To determine the 'grass roots' sentiments of the people for a hymnbook" (S.R.1964, page 83). The survey indicated that the majority of the pastors were in favor of a new hymnbook. While the survey revealed that there is no immediate need for a new hymnbook, it also indicated that in 5 to 15 years there will be a need for a new hymnbook in our Synod. The need is made necessary by the fact that the Lutheran Hymnary is now out of print and the Lutheran Hymnal is also in a few years going to be out of print. Our Board recognizes the monumental cost of publishing a new hymnbook and therefore we are exploring the possibility of working jointly with the Wisconsin Synod on such a project.

**THE LUTHERAN SENTINEL** — The official voice of our Synod, the Lutheran Sentinel, continues to bring the printed Word into the many homes of our members with the message of salvation. Again this past year the Sentinel proved to be near self supporting requiring no subsidy from the Synod. A new mast-head was added in an attempt to dress up the appearance of our church paper.

**AGENDA** — This past year the Publication Board also began work on an agenda for our Synod. Pastor Alf Merseth at the request of the Board has been furnishing the Board with manuscripts in preparation for such an agenda.

**ARMED SERVICES** — The Publications Board again sent monthly mailings to approximately 100 men and women in the armed service of our country. These mailings consisted of the following: "The Service Message," "Lutheran Sentinel," "Meditations" and other worthwhile tracts.

**MODEL CONSTITUTION** — Since there has been a request, especially, by the Mission Congregations for a model constitution, Our

Board requested that Pastor George Schweikert prepare and present to the Board such a constitution. This has been done and our Board is currently studying this constitution.

**SYNOD REPORT** — This past year 2050 copies of the Synod report were printed by the Graphic Publishing Company of Lake Mills, Iowa. Due to the increase in the size of the report, a greater amount of subsidy, namely, \$594.70 was needed to meet the cost of the printing. It is the consensus of the Board that the size of the report in the future be reduced in order to keep the cost of the printing at a minimum rate. One way would be to reduce the length of the reports from the boards of the Synod.

**SYNOD QUARTERLY** — Our Board is going to request to the next Pastoral Conference that the Publications Board take over the printing and business affairs of the Lutheran Synod Quarterly.

G. F. Guldberg, Secretary

## **Action of the Synod:**

### **Resolution No. 1: Sunday School and Vacation Bible School and Released Time Materials**

*BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Publications, in conjunction with the Board of Christian Elementary Education, make a study of the available Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Released Time and other material, and bring their recommendations to, as well as prepare a report for, the next convention.*

### **Resolution No. 2: Armed Services**

*BE IT RESOLVED, That the pastors and laymen be reminded to send names and addresses of men and women who are in service or who are away from home to the Armed Services Chairman.*

### **Resolution No. 3: LUTHERAN SENTINEL**

*BE IT RESOLVED, That the congregations of the Synod be urged to make use of the blanket subscription plan for the LUTHERAN SENTINEL.*

### **Resolution No. 4: LUTHERAN SYNOD QUARTERLY**

*BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Publications take over the printing and business affairs of the LUTHERAN SYNOD QUARTERLY.*

## REPORT OF THE YOUTH BOARD

The Youth Board of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod held all of its meetings at Bethany College, Mankato, Minnesota; meeting October 7, 1964, and February 7 and May 12, 1965. The following are serving as officers of the Board: chairman, Pastor Wilhelm Petersen; recording treasurer, Mr. Orville Quist; secretary, Pastor Robert A. Moldstad. Other members of the Youth Board are Mr. Ralph Olson, Prof. Sigurd Lee, Pastor Gerhard Weseloh, and President of Bethany College, Prof. B. W. Teigen. Prof. Allan Unseth has served the Youth Board as Synod Youth Director.

### LUTHERAN YOUTH ASSOCIATION

The 1964 LYA convention was held at Bethany Lutheran College, August 28-30, with the Youth Board serving as host to the convention, and assisted by the young people of the Mankato area. Those attending the convention were housed in the dormitories of the college. A total of 200 registered attendance at the convention.

The theme of the convention, "God Made Me," was illustrated with exhibits from the biology department in a talk by Prof. Iver C. Johnson of the Bethany College staff. The claims of evolution were confronted with proofs from the scientist's laboratory. Yes, indeed! God made me! A practical discussion, entitled "Workable Ideas for Your Youth Society," was led by Pastor Robert A. Moldstad.

The Saturday afternoon recreational activity took place at the nearby Minneopa State Park. The banquet was held in the evening at the college dining room.

The Sunday service was conducted by Pastor Wilhelm Petersen of Madison, Wisconsin. In the afternoon the convention viewed the film, "A Letter to Nancy." The closing devotion was conducted by Pastor Norman Harstad of Belview, Minnesota.

The 1965 LYA convention will be held at the Norseland Parish, Norseland, Minnesota, the Rev. Joseph Petersen, pastor. Dates for this convention will be Friday to Sunday, August 20-22. The theme of the convention will center on the thought of our redemption in Christ.

One problem has been a matter of insufficient time in preparation for the conventions. The Youth Board is working now to make it possible to schedule the conventions three years in advance.

### SUMMER CAMPS

In 1964, two summer camps were sponsored by the Youth Board. The first camp was Camp Indianhead North held at the Squaw Point Resort, Hillman, Minnesota, June 14-20, with Pastor Norman Madson Jr. as camp director, assisted by Pastor Carl Wosje. A capacity attendance of 89 youth and staff of 13 attended.

The second camp was Camp Indianhead South held at Black River Falls, Wisconsin, at facilities rented from the YMCA. This camp was directed by Pastor A. V. Kuster assisted by Pastor W. Petersen, and was also filled to capacity by 75 campers and a staff of 13.

These two camps will again operate in 1965 at the same locations. Camp Indianhead North dates are June 13-19, directed by Pastor Carl Wosje, assisted by Pastor George H. Gullixson. Camp Indianhead South dates are August 1-7, directed by Pastor A. V. Kuster, assisted by Pastor W. Petersen.

Since it was obviously possible to fill both of these camps without any campers from Illinois, the Youth Board asked Pastors Theodore Kuster and Robert Moldstad to operate a camp that would serve the Illinois and Michigan youth of our synod. This camp will

be a tent camp, in session July 11-17, at a location near the Holton, Michigan, congregation. The name "Camp Lor-Ray" is chosen in memory of Lorlie and Raymond Reiser, a synod couple that had helped with church camping before their death by auto accident. A Lor-Ray Camp Association has been formed of men from our Illinois and Michigan congregations with the intention of buying the property on which Camp Lor-Ray will tent.

In accordance with the synod resolution encouraging circuits to make full use of camping opportunities for their youth, the Youth Board has also offered assistance to other camping ventures in the synod. It has accordingly published promotional material for our congregations in the State of Washington, operating Camp Four Star at Miller-Sylvania State Park, Olympia, Washington, July 14-21.

### **LEADERSHIP TRAINING INSTITUTE**

The second LTI sponsored by the Youth Board was held at Albert Lea, Minnesota, May 1, 1965. Another leadership training institute is being scheduled for Madison, Wisconsin, in the fall of 1965.

### **PASTOR'S YOUTH WORK GUIDEBOOK**

The Youth Board has prepared the second installment on its **Guidebook** project, and will make distribution at the synod meeting. It is intended that this book should contain in loose-leaf form materials dealing with all phases of youth work. It is hoped that through materials gathered with the help of all our pastors we will be able to compile a valuable reference tool to aid our pastors in their youth work.

### **YOUTH CONTACT WORK**

The Youth Board is not ready to report with regard to special work with our congregations located near colleges and universities. The board, however, feels that we need to direct our attention to more youth work with the young adults, especially college age, and to offer them guidance and materials that will help combat the materialistic atheism surrounding our young people today. As a start in this work, the board has given consideration to publishing a small periodical aimed at this particular age. The board hopes to have a sample ready for our synod convention.

Robert A. Moldstad, secretary

## **Action of the Synod:**

### **Resolution No. 1: Summer Camps**

*WHEREAS, We wish to encourage a full program of youth work in all congregations and all areas, and*

*WHEREAS, A Lor-Ray Camp Association has been formed by men from our Illinois and Michigan congregations with the intention of buying property on which youth camps may be held in this area, and*

*WHEREAS, This association has uncovered the possibility of purchasing some lake property which would serve the youth of our Michigan and Illinois congregations in a most suitable way, and*

*WHEREAS, The purchase of this property would further the work of our Synod in this area, but would entail no direct cost to the Synod as such; therefore be it*



*RESOLVED, That the men who have organized the Lor-Ray Camp Association be commended for their interest and their efforts and be encouraged to continue therein.*

**Resolution No. 2: Leadership Training Institutes**

*WHEREAS, The success of any youth program depends to a very great degree on having qualified and trained workers, and*

*WHEREAS, The training of such workers is a function which can be performed most suitably by our synodical Youth Board, and*

*WHEREAS, The Youth Board has inaugurated such a program (Leadership Training Institutes) for the service of our congregations, and plans to hold such institutes regularly in various areas; therefore be it*

*RESOLVED, That our congregations be reminded of the importance of youth activities in their midst and of the aid such Leadership Training Institutes can offer them in such work; and that they be encouraged to make full use of such institutes in the future.*

**Resolution No. 3: Youth Contact Work**

*WHEREAS, The Church must be concerned with the youth of all ages; and*

*WHEREAS, The youth and young adults of college age are faced with special problems arising from our materialistic society, especially at secular, non-church related schools, and*

*WHEREAS, It must be our common concern to help these young adults retain their Christian faith during these college years and thus conserve them for the Church; therefore be it*

*RESOLVED, That the Youth Board be encouraged to set up a definite program directed to this particular age group with the aim of supplying them with Christian guidance through their college years.*

## COMMITTEE ON PASTORAL CONFERENCE RECORDS

*WHEREAS, The committee has reviewed the minutes of the Northern Circuit and has found them to be in good order, and has also reviewed the minutes of the one meeting of the Southwest Circuit and believes that there is room for improvement with regard to the program, and*

*WHEREAS, The minutes of the General, Southern, Lake Michigan, and Central Pastoral Conferences were not available to the committee, be it*

*a) RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Synod be requested to include in his annual announcement of the Convention in the Lutheran Sentinel a reminder to the secretaries of the various conferences of their duty to make their minutes available to the Synod.*

*WHEREAS, The Scriptures command pastors to "take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee" (I Tim. 4:16), and also "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (II Tim. 2:15), and*

*WHEREAS, The pastor seeks to follow these Scriptural injunctions in his personal study of the Word and also in pastoral conferences, and*

*WHEREAS, These are most perilous times for the Lutheran Church in America, be it*

*b) RESOLVED, That the Synod urge its pastors faithfully to pursue their study of the Holy Scriptures, both at home and in pastoral conferences being diligent in conference preparation, attendance and participation, that both pastors and people may be edified.*

## REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE

The special committee appointed by President Joseph Petersen to deal with the Norman Harstad case has reviewed the speech which he made at the 1960 Recessed Convention—together with Pastor Harstad. In accordance with the directive of the 1963 Convention Annual Synod Report, page 79, that the committee "bring a statement of judgment regarding the contents of the address of Pastor Harstad," the committee herewith renders the following judgment:

1. Pastor Harstad made his speech during the time that the Synod was passing through difficult days.

2. Due to the tensions of those days, there were some unfortunate statements and judgments made in his speech on the basis of misinformation and lack of information.

3. After hearing his explanation of the above statements, the committee is satisfied that the speaker made his speech in good faith, without malicious intent, and with due concern for the welfare of the Synod.

4. The committee therefore feels that a retraction of these unfor-

fortunate statements is not mandatory, that there is no need for further action, and recommends that the matter be closed.

R. Branstad, J. Moldstad, G. Weseloh

## **Action of the Synod:**

*WHEREAS, Pastor N. B. Harstad made his speech during the time that the Synod was passing through difficult days, and*

*WHEREAS, Due to the tensions of those days there were some unfortunate statements and judgments made, and*

*WHEREAS, Some have interpreted one of Pastor Harstad's statements as attributing the split in the Ascension Congregation to personal malicious intervention of Pastor Dorr who was then Field Secretary of the Home Mission Board, and*

*WHEREAS, Pastor Harstad wishes to clear up this matter by acknowledging that the split in the Ascension Congregation was caused by the issue of whether or not to leave the Synodical Conference and not by any personal malicious intervention of Pastor Dorr, and*

*WHEREAS, A special committee has met with Pastor Harstad and after hearing his explanation of the contents of his speech reported that "The committee is satisfied that the speaker made his speech in good faith, without malicious intent, and with due concern for the welfare of the Synod," and*

*WHEREAS, The committee feels that a retraction of these statements is not mandatory; therefore be it*

*RESOLVED, That there is no need for further action and that the Synod consider the matter closed.*

## **REPORT OF THE CATECHISM REVIEW COMMITTEE**

This committee was appointed by President Petersen at the request of the Publications Board. The function of the committee is to review the Catechism-Explanation text prepared by our pastors of the Madison, Wisconsin, area, with the understanding there will be recommendations and further revisions suggested.

Many factors have to be considered if this work is to be properly done. Because the committee has been in existence for only a short time and because it has just begun its task, there is little to report to the 1965 synodical convention. Tentative plans are to have a sampling of this review-revision ready for mailing to our pastors at least 30 days before the meeting of the General Pastoral Conference in August. Whether the review can be completed before the 1966 convention is something which only time will tell.

Julian Anderson, Chairman

## **Action of the Synod:**

**Resolution No. 1: Final Catechism Review Committee**

*WHEREAS, The Synod has instructed the Publications Board to*

present a final copy of the Revised Catechism and Explanation to the 1965 Convention (1964 Synod Report, p. 83); but

WHEREAS, The Publication Board felt it necessary to request the President to appoint a Final Catechism Review Committee; therefore be it

a) RESOLVED, That the Synod approve the action of the President in appointing such a committee; and be it further

b) RESOLVED, That the Synod instruct the Final Catechism Review Committee to complete its review in time to enable the Publication Board to present the Revised Catechism and Explanation to the Synod at its 1966 convention for approval for publication.

## REPORT OF THE GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

By convention time we shall be half through the second year of our Anniversary Thankoffering program. The report of the clerk, Mr. Charles Getchell, which is included in this report, will show you the progress which has been made. We rejoice over it.

This past year the Rev. John Moldstad, a member of the Committee, visited all the congregations of the Synod with the exception of those on either coast to find out how the work was progressing in each congregation and to offer any assistance which the Committee might be able to give. We are pleased with the results and they will be reflected in the report to be made at this convention.

The Committee is working with the Board of Trustees to insure the proper allocation of these funds and particularly to assure the Synod of a mission project which can be identified as the result of the anniversary effort.

Work has begun on planning the observance of the anniversary itself. We look forward to the same enthusiastic cooperation from the members of the Synod as we encountered in gathering in the pledges for the Thankoffering. Thus far in our planning we contemplate the publication of two books, the one a doctrinal-historical book which should serve as the official history of the Synod for the next 25 to 50 years, and, the other, a small practical handbook of the Synod's structure and workings which will be suitable for class work and group discussion.

William Overn, Secretary

### 1963 — TABULATION OF PROGRESS — 1965

| Church                             | Location | Total<br>Pledged | Confirmed<br>Members | Amount Sent<br>To Synod<br>Treasurer |
|------------------------------------|----------|------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Ascension — Eau Claire, Wis.       |          | 1,483.00         | 191                  | 15.00                                |
| Bethany — Luverne, Minn.           |          | 13,280.00        | 240                  | 4,746.30                             |
| Bethany — Princeton, Minn.         |          | 3,126.50         | 103                  | 294.50                               |
| Bethany — Story City, Iowa         |          | 625.00           | 12                   | 195.00                               |
| Bethel — Sioux Falls, So. Dak.     |          | 5,705.00         | 159                  | 1,776.01                             |
| Bethlehem — Ellsworth, Minn.       |          | 1,125.00         | 45                   | 237.00                               |
| Center — Scarville, Iowa           |          | 7,120.00         | 122                  | 1,970.00                             |
| Central Heights — Mason City, Iowa |          | 4,550.00         | 84                   | 395.00                               |
| Clearwater — Oklee, Minn.          |          | 825.00           | 89                   | 140.00                               |
| Clearwater — Plummer, Minn.        |          | 925.00           | 39                   | 345.00                               |
| Concordia — Clearbrook, Minn.      |          | 2,400.00         | 48                   | 1,211.25                             |
| Concordia — Eau Claire, Wis.       |          | 4,250.00         | 312                  | 814.75                               |

|  |            |     |          |
|--|------------|-----|----------|
| Cross Lake — Fosston, Minn. . . . .              | 1,600.00   | 69  | 347.50   |
| East Paint Creek — Waterville, Iowa . . . . .    | 2,300.00   | 77  | 625.00   |
| Emmaus — Minneapolis, Minn. . . . .              | 6,470.00   | 186 | 739.00   |
| English — Cottonwood, Minn. . . . .              | 5,575.00   | 118 | 2,265.00 |
| Evangelical — Hartland, Minn. . . . .            | 10,000.00* | 128 | 2,458.00 |
| Fairview — Minneapolis, Minn. . . . .            | 12,650.00  | 454 | 3,611.50 |
| First — Delhi, Minn. . . . .                     |            | 51  |          |
| First — Suttons Bay . . . . .                    |            |     |          |
| First American — Mayville, No. Dak. . . . .      |            | 112 | 1,167.50 |
| First English — Ashland, Wis. . . . .            |            | 115 |          |
| First Evanger — Fertile, Minn. . . . .           | 1,960.00   | 96  | 661.90   |
| First Shell Rock — Northwood, Iowa . . . . .     | 5,550.00   | 137 | 1,905.50 |
| First So. Wild Rice — Ulen, Minn. . . . .        | 2,450.00   | 139 | 480.00   |
| Froen — Rl., Fosston, Minn. . . . .              | 1,500.00   | 50  | 540.00   |
| Grace — Madison, Wis. . . . .                    | 3,600.00   | 88  | 1,061.45 |
| Harvard Street — Cambridge, Mass. . . . .        |            | 97  | 694.00   |
| Hiawatha — Minneapolis, Minn. . . . .            | 10,000.00  | 120 | 2,162.60 |
| Holton — Holton, Mich. . . . .                   | 5,315.00   |     | 151.00   |
| Holy Cross — Madison, Wis. . . . .               | 26,450.00  | 897 | 6,156.76 |
| Holy Cross — Sheyenne, No. Dak. . . . .          | 150.00     | 2   | 50.00    |
| Immanuel — Audubon, Minn. . . . .                | 1,880.00   | 109 | 355.00   |
| Indian Landing — Rochester, N.Y. . . . .         | 500.00     | 59  | 180.00   |
| Jerico— New Hampton, Iowa . . . . .              | 4,825.00   | 208 | 2,625.52 |
| Lake Mills, Iowa — Lake Mills, Iowa . . . . .    | 2,270.00   | 82  | 1,326.00 |
| Lakewood — Tacoma, Wash. . . . .                 | 1,650.00   | 32  | 485.00   |
| Lime Creek — Lake Mills, Iowa . . . . .          | 2,125.00   | 54  | 1,106.25 |
| Lutheran Mission — Brewster, Mass. . . . .       |            | 18  |          |
| Manchester — Manchester, Minn. . . . .           |            | 43  |          |
| Moland — Mason, Wis. . . . .                     |            | 55  | 50.00    |
| Mt. Olive — Mankato, Minn. . . . .               | 17,887.00  | 174 | 4,097.45 |
| Mt. Olive — Trail, Minn. . . . .                 | 4,050.00   | 32  | 815.00   |
| Nazareth — Trail, Minn. . . . .                  | 1,630.00   | 122 | 814.00   |
| Norseland — St. Peter, Minn. . . . .             | 7,500.00   | 224 | 1,696.35 |
| Norwegian Grove — Gaylord, Minn. . . . .         | 1,500.00   | 96  | 275.00   |
| Oak Park — Oklee, Minn. . . . .                  | 700.00     | 79  | 90.00    |
| Oslo — Volga, So. Dak. . . . .                   | 2,165.00   |     | 1,608.00 |
| Our Savior's — Albert Lea, Minn. . . . .         | 11,535.00  | 476 | 3,723.50 |
| Our Savior's — Amherst Jct., Wis. . . . .        | 2,650.00   | 48  | 842.55   |
| Our Savior's — Belview, Minn. . . . .            | 850.00     | 114 | 338.50   |
| Our Savior's — Ebro's Corner, Minn. . . . .      | 550.00     | 73  | 182.50   |
| Our Savior's — Hawley, Minn. . . . .             | 725.00     | 78  | 225.00   |
| Our Savior's — Madison, Wis. . . . .             | 10,000.00  | 226 | 4,616.50 |
| Our Savior's — Princeton, Minn. . . . .          | 6,025.00   | 192 | 1,859.00 |
| Parkland — Tacoma, Wash. . . . .                 | 7,690.00   | 165 | 1,742.00 |
| Pilgrim — Waterloo, Iowa . . . . .               |            | 16  |          |
| Pinehurst — Eau Claire, Wis. . . . .             |            | 199 |          |
| Redeemer — New Hampton, Iowa . . . . .           | 4,550.00   | 102 | 747.00   |
| Richland — Thornton, Iowa . . . . .              | 10,400.00  | 132 | 1,747.66 |
| River Heights — E. Grand Forks, Minn. . . . .    | 2,850.00   | 39  | 1,150.00 |
| Rock Dell — Belview, Minn. . . . .               | 5,455.00   | 201 | 3,105.00 |
| Rose Dell — Jasper, Minn. . . . .                | 1,500.00   | 50  | 235.00   |
| St. Mark's — Chicago, Ill. . . . .               | 5,000.00*  | 200 | 1,227.90 |
| St. Paul — Lengby, Minn. . . . .                 | 977.00     | 90  | 245.00   |
| St. Paul's — Chicago, Ill. . . . .               |            | 164 | 60.00    |
| St. Petri — Grygla, Minn. . . . .                | 675.00     | 53  | 315.00   |
| St. Timothy — Lombard, Ill. . . . .              | 4,500.00   | 96  | 344.14   |
| Saude — Lawler, Iowa . . . . .                   | 5,000.00   | 98  | 1,480.00 |
| Scarville — Scarville, Iowa . . . . .            | 9,600.00   | 69  | 4,903.00 |
| Somber — Northwood, Iowa . . . . .               | 2,950.00   | 53  | 456.50   |
| So. New Hope — Amherst Jct., Wis. . . . .        |            | 30  |          |
| Synod Evangelical — Forest City, Iowa . . . . .  | 2,350.00   | 89  | 729.00   |
| Trinity — Calmar, Iowa . . . . .                 | 1,550.00   | 74  | 1,145.00 |
| Western Koshkonong — Cottage Grove, Wis. . . . . | 4,000.00   | 270 | 1,355.00 |

|                                       |          |     |          |
|---------------------------------------|----------|-----|----------|
| West Paint Creek — Waukon, Iowa ..... | 3,100.00 | 60  | 2,822.00 |
| Zion — Thompson, Iowa .....           | 2,575.00 | 120 | 956.00   |
| Zion — Tracy, Minn. ....              | 5,000.00 | 92  | 2,445.00 |

### PROGRESS ANNOUNCEMENT

Following is a brief analysis of progress in the Golden Anniversary fund raising program up to May 20th, 1965. The amounts shown as pledged represent pledges recorded by the committee clerk with the exception of two shown with an asterisk. These latter amounts are estimated total possibilities based on patterns developed over the past eighteen months by amounts sent to the Synod Treasurer.

#### PLEDGED AND RECEIVED

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| Amount pledged .....                          | \$297,223.50 |
| Unpledged money sent to Synod Treasurer ..... | 2,432.00     |
| Total money pledged or received .....         | \$299,655.50 |

These amounts represent 99.88 percent of the total goal.

#### UNPLEDGED CONGREGATIONS

Twelve congregations have not submitted a pledge at this time, compared to twenty-eight congregations not pledged one year ago. Likewise, eight of these congregations have not responded by sending money to the Synod Treasurer compared to nineteen last year.

#### MONEY RECEIVED BY SYNOD TREASURER BY MAY 20th, 1965

|                       |             |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| Amount received ..... | \$92,469.65 |
|-----------------------|-------------|

This is thirty point eight percent of the goal of \$300,000.00. Money received by the Synod Treasurer to date averaged \$5,137.20 per month and signifies a healthy response attitude on the part of the Synod members.

#### THE GOAL

We are so very near to attaining the goal by pledges and money received that just a little more push by some one will send us skidding over the top. This is sure to happen soon and the committee wishes to compliment the entire synod membership for the splendid manner in which it responded. We would ask however that those congregations which are presently engaged in a final canvassing effort that this be accomplished without delay as we are now well into the second year of the program.

Charles H. Getchell, Clerk

## Action of the Synod:

### Resolution No. 1: Golden Anniversary Offering

*WHEREAS, The goal of \$300,000 in pledges and gifts has been surpassed (as of June 27, 1965, it was \$303,398), and*

*WHEREAS, Attaining this goal must be regarded as a significant milestone in our midst; therefore be it*

*a) RESOLVED, That the Synod commend the individuals and congregations who have given and/or pledged sufficient amounts to reach that goal; and be it further*

*b) RESOLVED, That the Synod thank the Golden Anniversary Committee for the direction given and effort expended so that this goal was realized; and be it further*

*c) RESOLVED, That Mr. Charles Getchell be thanked for his charting of the progress of the Golden Anniversary Thankoffering and be encouraged to continue his efforts to keep the members of the Synod informed of the status of this important venture; and be it further*

*d) RESOLVED, That those congregations which have not yet taken any significant part in this Thankoffering be urged to do so, so that a 100 per cent participation may be recorded for the encouragement of the entire Synod; and be it finally*

*e) RESOLVED, That the Jubilee Thankoffering Committee be instructed to supply simple visual bulletin inserts of the progress of the offering in September and March of each year through 1968.*

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STUDY OF LAYMEN'S EQUALIZATION FUND

The committee met and reviewed operations and purposes of the Laymen's Equalization Fund. The committee concluded that the purpose of the fund was to help defray basic expenses of delegates to the annual Synod Convention and that through its use delegates could be persuaded to attend the annual convention from each member church. To this end we believe the fund should operate as easily and simply as follows under the following proposed recommendations.

(1) Recommend that the Synod establish and operate a Laymen's Equalization Fund for the purpose of pooling funds from member churches to reimburse delegates travel expenses in the nature of mileage costs to the Synod convention. The fund should be administered by two members who would be elected according to rules established for electing officers in the Synod. The chairman would be responsible for handling all receipts and disbursements of the Fund. The vice Chairman of the Fund would act solely as an advisor to the chairman and administer the funds only in the absence of the Chairman.

(2) Recommend that a contribution of \$30.00 be requested from each congregation who sends one delegate to the convention and that a contribution of \$40.00 be requested from each congregation who sends two delegates to the convention. These contributions must be submitted to the chairman of the Fund at least two days prior to the close of the business sessions of the Synod convention in order for the delegates to be reimbursed for their expenses.

(3) Recommend that delegates from contributing congregations be reimbursed travel expenses to the Synod convention on the following basis whenever funds permit:

7 cents per mile up to 700 miles and 5 cents per mile for miles in excess of 700 miles computed on the basis of mileage from home to the convention site. Delegates who use transportation other than their own automobile shall be reimbursed at actual cost or 7 cents per mile whichever is less. Delegates must register at the convention showing name, congregation and total miles in order to receive mileage reimbursements.

(4) Recommend that the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Fund be given the authority and responsibility to make necessary expenditures from the Fund for such operating expenses as supplies, postage, printing and other expenses. The Chairman should be paid 7 cents per mile or actual expenses, whichever is lesser, out of Fund income to cover costs of attending convention.

(5) Recommend that an annual report of the Fund listing receipts and disbursements be submitted to the Synod convention.

This report should be prepared by the Chairman and reviewed by the Vice Chairman.

Respectfully submitted,  
Stanley E. Reinholtz  
Lenwick Hoyord

## **Action of the Synod:**

*WHEREAS, The purpose of the Laymen's Equalization Fund is to help defray expenses of delegates to the annual Synod Convention, and*

*WHEREAS, This fund should operate as simply as possible; therefore be it*

*RESOLVED, 1) That the Synod establish and operate a Laymen's Equalization Fund for the purpose of pooling funds from member congregations to reimburse delegates' travel expenses to the Synod Convention;*

*2) That the fund be administered by two members elected by the Synod;*

*3) That the chairman of the committee be responsible for handling receipts and disbursements of the fund, and the vice-chairman act as an advisor, and administer the funds only in the absence of the chairman;*

*4) That a contribution of \$30.00 be requested from each congregation which sends one delegate to the convention or no delegate;*

*5) That \$40.00 be requested from each congregation which sends two delegates who submit separate expense statements;*

*6) That these contributions be submitted to the chairman of the fund on or before the opening day of the convention;*

*7) That delegates from contributing congregations be reimbursed for travel expenses on the following basis: 7c per mile up to 700 miles and 5c per mile for mileage in excess of 700 miles, computed on the basis of round trip mileage from home to the convention site. Delegates who use transportation other than their own automobile shall be reimbursed at actual cost or 7c per mile, whichever is less. Delegates must register at the convention showing name, congregation, round-trip mileage, and/or travel expense in order to receive reimbursement.*

*8) That the chairman and the vice-chairman have the authority and responsibility to make expenditures from the fund for necessary operating expenses;*

*9) That the chairman be paid 7c per mile or actual expenses, whichever is less, out of the fund to cover his costs of attending the convention;*

*(Note: If the chairman is a delegate he shall be reimbursed according to the rules for delegates set forth above.)*

*10) That an annual report of the fund listing receipts and disbursements be submitted to the Synod Convention, this report to be prepared by the chairman and reviewed by the vice-chairman.*



## MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

### **Action of the Synod:**

#### **Doctrinal Committee Elections**

*WHEREAS, The Doctrinal Committee is considered a permanent committee of the Synod, and*

*WHEREAS, It is desirable to avoid electing all members in any one year; therefore be it*

*a) RESOLVED, That the term of office for this committee be for a period of three (3) years; and be it further*

*b) RESOLVED, That this committee consist of 2 laymen, 2 pastors, and 1 theological professor; and be it further*

*c) RESOLVED, That the term of office for those elected this year be as follows: The Rev. J. B. Madson, 1 year; Mr. William Overn, 1 year; the Rev. G. A. R. Gullixson, 2 years; Mr. Charles Getchell, 2 years; Prof. M. H. Otto, 3 years.*

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod has held regular meetings as follows: In August and November, 1964 and February and May in 1965.

The membership and organization of the Board have remained the same as last year, with two exceptions. Vice President E. Unseth became an advisory member by virtue of his election, and Mr. Chris Faye was elected to replace Mr. Albin Levorson, who served as a member for 12 years and as chairman of the Board for a number of years. His faithful services were acknowledged by the Board.

### SYNOD PROPERTIES

Mankato, Minnesota:

The Knollcrest house, some distance from the Bethany campus, was sold on contract for deed.

The Meixner house, just off the Bethany campus, was purchased in the summer of 1964.

The Board, by request of the Board of Regents, has purchased another residence at 119 Hinckley St., near the campus, and is expected to provide still another faculty house, if necessary.

The twenty residences owned by the Synod in Mankato have been kept in good condition and repair under the direction of Mr. L. Houg, who serves as Housing Administrator for the Board.

Mason City, Iowa

On behalf of Central Lutheran Church of Mason City, Iowa, the Board authorized its officers to co-sign a construction loan note with the First National Bank of Mason City, Iowa and a first mortgage loan with the Aid Association for Lutherans, Appleton, Wisconsin.

Waterloo, Iowa.

At the request of the Mission Board three and a half acres of property were purchased (\$20,000.00) for a church site in Waterloo, Iowa, where the Rev. Paul Petersen has been called to give full time service to Pilgrim Lutheran Church. A parsonage was purchased also (\$20,000.00). The Board of Missions is requesting \$60,000.00 for the erection of a church building on the acreage. This the Board favors when the funds are available.

Rochester, N. Y.

Indian Landing Lutheran Church, Rochester, N. Y., received \$20,000.00 from Church Extension Funds in May of 1965.

Muskegon, Michigan

Property for a church site was purchased (\$15,000.00) upon recommendation of the Mission Board.

Mankato, Minn.

By the request of the Board of Regents the Board adopted resolutions deemed necessary to make application to the Federal government for a grant of money to assist in the building of a possible future library and in the improvement of the existing classroom building on the Bethany Lutheran College campus.

### AUDITOR'S REPORT

The auditing firm, Mason and Company, has recommended that the financial records of the Synod be revised. The matter was studied at length and it was decided to instruct the treasurer to set up the financial records of the Synod according to the auditors' recommendations so as to get a proper auditor's certificate.

## LEGACIES RECEIVED

The Synod gratefully acknowledges receipt of the following legacies during the fiscal year 1964-65:

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| M. Christianson, Harvard St. Lutheran, Cambridge, Mass. | \$4,909.00 |
| Anna Lee of Moro Bay, California                        | 4,203.33   |
| Neils Spangelo, Albert Lea, Minn., Our Savior's         | 2,500.00   |
| Eliza Iverson, Lake Mills, Iowa                         | 1,000.00   |
| Clarence Jordalen                                       | 5,000.00   |
| Edna Borup, Albert Lea, Minn., Our Savior's             | 200.65     |
| Ole Harstad, Dodge Center, Minn.                        | 71,211.72  |

## OLE HARSTAD ESTATE

The Board has carefully handled the Ole Harstad estate, using the monies to reduce interest and principal payments on outstanding indebtedness:

|                           |             |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| Total received in 1963-64 | \$ 4,000.00 |
| Total received in 1964-65 | 71,211.72   |

|                        |           |
|------------------------|-----------|
| Total received to date | 75,211.72 |
|------------------------|-----------|

Expenses involved in closing the estate were \$2560.39 in 1963-64, and \$527.74 in 1964-65. For the present the balance of \$72,123.59 has been invested as follows:

|                              |             |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| Gymnasium-Auditorium account | \$33,199.00 |
| New boiler account           | 12,295.54   |
| Residence account            | 25,189.44   |

## BUDGET 1964-65

"Ask and it shall be given you, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you" is the promise of our Savior Jesus Christ. In answer to many prayers the Lord by His grace has blessed the minds and hearts of the membership and friends of the Synod with willingness and ability to support the work of the Synod with increasing love and gifts. We should note with gratitude the increase of some \$4,000.00 over previous years in budgeted giving. And we should gratefully acknowledge the more than \$54,000.00 given to the Golden Anniversary Thankoffering in the past fiscal year.

## BUDGET 1965-66

The various boards of the Synod submitted urgent requests that totaled over \$142,000.00 for this fiscal year. The urgency stems particularly from the need to increase the salaries of the Bethany Lutheran College professors and missionaries and for the expansion of our Synod's work. The Board then submits and recommends to the Synod for its adoption a certified budget of \$138,000.00 allocated as follows:

| Requested       | Budget                         | Allocated       |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| \$65,000        | Bethany Lutheran College       | \$60,986        |
| 8,279           | Bethany Lutheran Seminary      | 8,279           |
| 3,120           | Christian Elementary Education | 3,120           |
| 2,800           | Church Extension               | 2,600           |
| 34,000          | Home Missions                  | 34,000          |
| 3,000           | Foreign Missions               | 3,000           |
| 1,575           | Board of Publications          | 1,575           |
| 3,540           | Charities and Support          | 3,840           |
| 20,000          | Synod Fund                     | 19,700          |
| 900             | Youth Board                    | 900             |
| <hr/> \$142,000 |                                | <hr/> \$138,000 |

## STEWARDSHIP MATTERS

In order to try to reach the hearts of our people with information

regarding our Synod's work and needs, the Board has adopted and put into effect a three point plan for promoting the budget for the fiscal year May 1, 1965 — April 30, 1966. Summarized briefly the plan is as follows: 1. Personal Contract: the Visitors of each circuit have been asked to act as the personal contract men between the Finance Board and the local pastors and their congregations. 2. Bulletin Inserts: Six of these will be provided for general distribution. They will be informational and inspirational. 3. Sentinel: One article will appear in the Sentinel each month. These will give information regarding the work of Synod's boards and the need and use of the Synod's funds.

### **JUBILEE FUNDS**

The Jubilee executive committee conferred with the Board in May and expressed satisfaction with the reporting of the Jubilee funds as set forth in the Treasurer's Report. Stewardship promotion for the Jubilee Anniversary Thankoffering and for the newly enlarged budget recommendations were mutually discussed. Also the possibility of applying a portion of the funds to some tangible project was discussed. e.g. a new mission.

### **SOCIAL SECURITY—HOSPITALIZATION PLAN**

The Board recommends adoption by the Synod of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Synod has no pension plan or annuity program for its laborers in the Lord, and in view of the fact that church workers' salaries are for the most part below average, be it therefore

RESOLVED, That the congregations of the Synod be encouraged to consider paying in full or at least in part the costs of social security and a Surgical-Hospital, Major Medical Insurance plan for their pastors and teachers.

### **HOSPITAL-SURGICAL-MAJOR MEDICAL PLAN OF THE WISCONSIN SYNOD WITH TIME INSURANCE**

The Board recommends to the Synod adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Wisconsin Synod's Board of Trustees has invited eligible personnel of our Synod to join its Hospital-Surgical-Major Medical Group Insurance Plan, and

WHEREAS, Some thirty five of our Synod's pastors, teachers, seminary students, widows, and retired pastors have already enrolled in this plan, (premiums totalling approximately \$7,000.00) and

WHEREAS, It is common practice among group insurance sponsors to pay part of the premium costs, (Wisconsin Synod pays approximately 20 per cent of the premium costs for its eligible personnel in this plan) therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Synod pay approximately 20 per cent of the premium costs of these enrolled in this group plan (as the Wisconsin Synod does).

### **GYMNASIUM AUDITORIUM**

The Board of Trustees recommends adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Synod owes some \$12,295.54 for special improvements in the College buildings (1963-64), and for the balance on the new boiler house, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Synod authorize the Treasurer to apply half of the undesignated legacies in the present fiscal year to paying off the \$12,295.54 expenditure.

## NET WORTH OF THE SYNOD

### Assets:

|                                |                |
|--------------------------------|----------------|
| Bethany Lutheran College ..... | \$ 800,000.00  |
| Gym Auditorium .....           | 250,000.00     |
| 20 Residences .....            | 302,050.00     |
| Kasota Valley Home .....       | 25,000.00      |
| Mission Stations .....         | 165,000.00     |
|                                | <hr/>          |
|                                | \$1,542,050.00 |

### Liabilities:

|                                  |                |
|----------------------------------|----------------|
| Mortgages, Notes, Deficits ..... | 273,555.98     |
|                                  | <hr/>          |
| Net Worth .....                  | \$1,268,494.02 |

## STATEMENT OF NET WORTH OF THE SYNOD'S RESIDENCES (As of April 30, 1965)

| Residence                          | Value        | Mortgage     | Balance on Mortgage |
|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Cords—913 Marsh St. ....           | \$ 22,500.00 | \$ 16,000.00 | \$13,915.47         |
| Electra—130 Electra Blvd. ....     | 19,500.00    |              |                     |
| Elliason—449 Division St. ....     | 7,000.00     |              |                     |
| Johnson—225 Hinckley St. ....      | 26,500.00    | 19,500.00    | 17,833.85           |
| Knollcrest—101 Knollcrest Dr. .... | 22,000.00    | 15,000.00    | 11,307.14           |
| Krogstad—920 Marsh St. ....        | 11,000.00    |              |                     |
| Long—909 Marsh St. ....            | 29,300.00    | 17,000.00    | 13,334.99           |
| Meixner—624 Marsh St. ....         | 11,750.00    |              |                     |
| Meray—344 Meray Blvd. ....         | 18,500.00    |              |                     |
| Monich—On Campus .....             | 7,000.00     |              |                     |
| Owen—933 Marsh St. ....            | 16,000.00    |              |                     |
| Plum—1004 Plum St. ....            | 13,500.00    |              |                     |
| Popken—636 Marsh St. ....          | 6,500.00     |              |                     |
| President's—On Campus .....        | 17,000.00    |              |                     |
| Rollings—120 Long St. ....         | 16,500.00    | 9,885.97     | 6,233.74            |
| Schwartz—411 6th St. No. ....      | 12,600.00    |              |                     |
| Steiner No. 1—810 Marsh St. ....   | 5,000.00     |              |                     |
| Steiner No. 2—812 Marsh St. ....   | 5,000.00     |              |                     |
| Stephen—437 Division St. ....      | 12,000.00    | 8,250.00     | 6,998.37            |
| Traeger—910 Plum St. ....          | 22,900.00    | 16,000.00    | 13,956.72           |
|                                    | <hr/>        |              |                     |
| Totals .....                       | \$302,050.00 | \$101,635.97 | \$83,580.28         |
| <b>Summary:</b>                    |              |              |                     |
| Valuation .....                    |              |              | \$302,050.00        |
| <b>Liabilities:</b>                |              |              |                     |
| Mortgages .....                    |              | \$83,580.28  |                     |
| Notes .....                        |              | 59,546.47    |                     |
|                                    |              |              | <hr/>               |
|                                    |              |              | 142,626.75          |
|                                    |              |              | <hr/>               |
| Net Worth .....                    |              |              | \$159,423.25        |

W. C. Gullixson, Secretary  
Board of Trustees, E.L.S.

## REPORT OF THE CHURCH EXTENSION FUND

During the fiscal year, May 1, 1964 — April 30, 1965, the Board granted 2 new loans from Synod's Church Extension Fund. Central Heights Lutheran Church, Mason City, Iowa was granted a \$6,000.00 loan for assistance in the construction of a combination parsonage—parish hall. Since a \$1,500.00 balance remained on their previous loan, their new note is for \$7,500.00. Cross Lake Lutheran Church, Fosston, Minnesota was granted an \$800.00 loan for assistance in church remodeling. A \$20,000.00 loan to Indian Landing Lutheran Church, Rochester, New York for assistance in the construction of a church edifice was approved and will be drawn during the May 1, 1965 — April 30, 1966 fiscal year.

We are happy to note that one congregation, English Lutheran Church, Cottonwood, Minnesota, completed the payment of its loan during the year. Almost all other congregations have been conscientious about making their scheduled payments. The total payments during the year have amounted to \$4,660.55.

The present status of the loans from the Church Extension Fund is as follows:

| Congregation             | Original<br>Loan | Pd. since<br>5/1/64 | Total<br>Paid | Balance<br>Due | Date<br>Due |
|--------------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------|----------------|-------------|
| Ascension                |                  |                     |               |                |             |
| Eau Claire, Wis. . . .   | \$ 8,843.00      | \$ 200.55           | \$4,661.69    | \$ 4,181.31    | 1968        |
| Bethany                  |                  |                     |               |                |             |
| Princeton, Minn. . . .   | 3,000.00         | 400.00              | 1,600.00      | 1,400.00       | 1969        |
| Bethel                   |                  |                     |               |                |             |
| Sioux Falls, S. Dak. . . | 7,900.00         | 1000.00             | 5,900.00      | 2,000.00       | 1968        |
| Bethlehem                |                  |                     |               |                |             |
| Ellsworth, Minn. . . . . | 3,500.00         | 200.00              | 2,700.00      | 800.00         | 1969        |
| Central Heights          |                  |                     |               |                |             |
| Mason City, Iowa . . .   | 7,500.00         | 735.00*             | 435.00        | 7,065.00       | 1975        |
| Cross Lake               |                  |                     |               |                |             |
| Fosston, Minn. . . . .   | 800.00           | 150.00              | 150.00        | 650.00         | 1968        |
| English Lutheran         |                  |                     |               |                |             |
| Cottonwood, Minn. . . .  | 5,000.00         | 500.00              | 5,000.00      |                |             |
| Grace                    |                  |                     |               |                |             |
| Madison, Wis. . . . .    | 34,000.00        |                     |               | 34,000.00      |             |
| Harvard Street           |                  |                     |               |                |             |
| Cambridge, Mass. . . .   | 1,500.00         | 100.00              | 577.00        | 923.00         | 1972        |
| Lakewood                 |                  |                     |               |                |             |
| Tacoma, Wash. . . . .    | 25,000.00        |                     |               | 25,000.00      |             |
| Pinehurst                |                  |                     |               |                |             |
| Eau Claire, Wis. . . . . | 9,670.00         |                     | 4,471.06      | 5,198.94       | 1971        |
| Redeemer                 |                  |                     |               |                |             |
| New Hampton, Iowa        | 7,478.65         | 375.00              | 2,329.40      | 5,149.25       | 1971        |
| St. Timothy              |                  |                     |               |                |             |
| Lombard, Ill. . . . .    | 5,000.00         | 500.00              | 2,000.00      | 3,000.00       | 1969        |
| Trinity                  |                  |                     |               |                |             |
| Jasper, Minn. . . . .    | 5,000.00         | 500.00              | 1,000.00      | 4,000.00       | 1972        |

\* A \$300.00 payment was made on the old loan in July of 1964. A \$435.00 payment was made on the new note in March of 1965.

Alf Merseth,  
Church Extension Secretary

## MEMORIALS

Re: Stewardship Committee  
The 1965 Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod  
Bethany Lutheran College  
Mankato, Minnesota

Dear Brethren,

While we realize the danger of overmultiplication of committees in a smaller synod such as ours; and

While we also realize that some of the functions and activities suggested below for a stewardship committee are already being performed by the standing committees of our synod;

We also feel for the following reasons that a stewardship committee could also be a blessing to our Synod:

Whereas there is always need for all of us to grow in true Christian stewardship, the proper use of our time, our talents, and our earthly means;

Whereas the Lord has blessed our Synod over the years with faithful pastors and laymen who have produced excellent stewardship materials for use in their local congregations, which could be made available for the benefit and use of sister congregations through a stewardship committee;

Whereas stewardship materials, selectively chosen from other circles through screening by a stewardship committee, might also benefit our congregations;

Whereas time is not always available for an individual to produce stewardship materials;

Whereas stewardship materials might aid in the recruitment of workers on all levels of congregational activity;

Whereas the standing committees of the Synod have become more active in the production of materials for Christian publicity and promotion in their respective areas of concern, thus making coordination through a stewardship committee important; and

Whereas a stewardship committee can encourage the production of needed materials;

Be it therefore resolved that:

1. The Evangelical Lutheran Synod create a stewardship committee;

2. This new committee, the Stewardship Committee, have three members, chosen for staggered three-year terms,

3. The Stewardship Committee be given a life of three years, after which time the Synod can evaluate its usefulness and its continued need;

4. The Stewardship Committee be empowered and encouraged to find, promote, coordinate, and make available stewardship materials to the pastors and congregations of the Synod.

Respectfully submitted in the interest of furthering His work.

Prof. Glenn E. Reichwald

The Rev. Theodore Kuster

### RESOLUTION REGARDING THE SYNODICAL BUDGET:

RESOLVED, that the Evangelical Lutheran Synod incorporate into its machinery of raising the annual budget a system of pre-pledging the congregations of Synod, with a system similar to that in practice in the Wisconsin Synod.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ev. Lutheran Church of Our Savior  
Madison, Wisconsin  
Kenneth Jordan, President  
Oscar M. Wilson, Secretary

## **Action of the Synod:**

### **Resolution No. 1: Memorial re Stewardship Committee**

*WHEREAS, The subject matter of the memorial is of such a nature that it is difficult to pass judgment on the same without further information, and*

*WHEREAS, The Synod wishes to be constantly on the alert for ways and means of improving its stewardship consciousness and activity in all areas; therefore be it*

*RESOLVED, That the signers of the said memorial re-submit their proposal to the next Synodical Convention, with a set of guidelines attached delineating just what the function of such a committee would be.*

### **Resolution No. 2: Bequests**

*WHEREAS, The following legacies were received during the past fiscal year, 1964-65; therefore be it*

*RESOLVED, That the Synod gratefully acknowledge these legacies:*

|                           |                                |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <i>M. Christianson</i>    | <i>\$ 4,909.00</i>             |
| <i>Anna Lee</i>           | <i>4,203.33</i>                |
| <i>Nels Spangelo</i>      | <i>2,500.00</i>                |
| <i>Eliza Iverson</i>      | <i>1,000.00</i>                |
| <i>Clarence Jordalen</i>  | <i>5,000.00</i>                |
| <i>Edna Borup</i>         | <i>1,200.65</i>                |
| <i>Ole Harstad</i>        | <i>71,211.72</i>               |
| <i>Clara Teisberg</i>     | <i>200 shares of Lorillard</i> |
| <i>Caroline Halverson</i> | <i>500.00</i>                  |
| <i>Oscar Pederson</i>     | <i>23,296.20</i>               |

### **Resolution No. 3: Every-Member Support of the Synod**

*WHEREAS, Every congregation should have all members actively supporting the work of the Synod, and*

*WHEREAS, Each congregation has a number of communicant members who do not support the work of the church at large; therefore be it*

*RESOLVED, That the Synod instruct the Board of Trustees to include in its stewardship plan ways for encouraging every congregation to make personal contact with each communicant member so that all may take an active part in the work of the Synod.*

### **Resolution No. 4: Date of 1966 Synod Convention**

*BE IT RESOLVED, That the 1966 Synod Convention begin Tuesday, June 21, at 1:00 P.M., with an opening Communion service, and end on Sunday, June 26, which is to be designated as Synod Sunday with its usual festivities.*

### **Resolution No. 5: Salary Scale**

*WHEREAS, A pastor can be more efficient in his ministry if he is receiving an adequate salary, be it*

*RESOLVED, That the Synod encourage self-supporting congre-*



*gations to study their pastor's needs and make any adjustments that may be necessary.*

**Resolution No. 6: Social Security-Hospitalization Plan**

*BE IT RESOLVED, That the Synod adopt the resolution proposed by the Trustees.*

**Resolution No. 7: Hospital-Surgical Medical Plan of the Wisconsin Synod with Time Insurance**

*WHEREAS, A committee of the General Pastoral Conference is making a study of the whole matter of insurance and retirement plans for our church workers, and*

*WHEREAS, It may be advantageous for our Synod to establish its own group insurance plan for its pastors and teachers, and*

*WHEREAS, The teachers and staff of Bethany College already constitute an insurance group entity, be it*

*RESOLVED, a) That the action on the resolution proposed by the Board of Trustees be postponed until the 1966 Synodical Convention, and*

*b) That meanwhile pastors and teachers not yet in this plan of the Wisconsin Synod with Time Insurance give serious thought to joining the same before the deadline of July 25, 1965, so that all our church workers will have adequate hospital-medical protection.*

**Resolution No. 8: Boiler-Plant and Special Improvements**

*BE IT RESOLVED, That the Synod adopt the resolution proposed by the Board of Trustees.*

**Resolution No. 9: Budget**

*BE IT RESOLVED, That the Synod certify the budget of \$138,000 proposed by the Board of Trustees.*

**Resolution No. 10: Report of Trustees**

*WHEREAS, Members of the Convention Committee on Finances have examined the minutes of the Board of Trustees for the past fiscal year and have found them to be in order, be it*

*RESOLVED, That the Synod approve the report of the Board of Trustees.*

# TREASURER'S REPORT 1964-65

## AUDITORIUM-GYMNASIUM

|                               |                     |                     |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Balance due May 1, 1964 ..... | \$ 44,599.46        | \$ .....            |
| Interest Paid .....           | 507.10              | .....               |
| Alumni .....                  | .....               | 666.50              |
| Fadness Farm Income .....     | .....               | 660.00              |
| Estates .....                 | .....               | 10,581.06           |
| Ole Harstad Estate .....      | .....               | 33,199.00           |
|                               | <u>\$ 45,106.56</u> | <u>\$ 45,106.56</u> |

## BOILER PLANT AND SPECIAL IMPROVEMENTS

|                               |                     |                     |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Balance due May 1, 1964 ..... | \$ 37,465.57        | .....               |
| Interest Paid .....           | 449.70              | .....               |
| Jubilee Fund .....            | .....               | 25,619.73           |
| Ole Harstad Estate .....      | .....               | 12,295.54           |
|                               | <u>\$ 37,915.27</u> | <u>\$ 37,915.27</u> |

## BETHANY LUTHERAN COLLEGE

|               |              |              |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| Budget .....  | \$ 50,000.00 | \$ 50,000.00 |
| Subsidy ..... | 50,000.00    | .....        |

## BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH Princeton, Minn.

|                         |          |           |
|-------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Interest Received ..... | \$ ..... | \$ 150.00 |
| Interest Paid .....     | 150.00   | .....     |
| Notes—\$5,000 .....     | .....    | .....     |

## BETHESDA HOME Watertown, Wisc.

|                             |               |               |
|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Nels Spangelo Estate .....  | \$ .....      | \$ 250.00     |
| Contributions .....         | .....         | 442.55        |
| Paid to Bethesda Home ..... | 692.55        | .....         |
|                             | <u>692.55</u> | <u>692.55</u> |

## BUDGET OF SYNOD

|                            |                     |                     |
|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Contributions .....        | \$ .....            | \$104,741.14        |
| Bethany College .....      | 50,000.00           | .....               |
| Bethany Seminary .....     | 8,460.80            | .....               |
| Christian Day School ..... | 2,115.36            | .....               |
| Church Extension .....     | 2,100.00            | .....               |
| Home Missions .....        | 19,985.50           | .....               |
| Publications .....         | 2,595.23            | .....               |
| Support .....              | 3,540.00            | .....               |
| Synod .....                | 15,345.93           | .....               |
| Youth Board .....          | 598.32              | .....               |
|                            | <u>\$104,741.14</u> | <u>\$104,741.14</u> |

## CENTRAL HEIGHTS LUTHERAN CHURCH Mason City, Iowa

|                              |                    |                    |
|------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Deficit May 1, 1964 .....    | \$ 1,208.25        | \$ .....           |
| Interest Received .....      | .....              | 135.00             |
| Interest Paid .....          | 15.00              | .....              |
| Deficit April 30, 1965 ..... | .....              | 1,088.25           |
|                              | <u>\$ 1,223.25</u> | <u>\$ 1,223.25</u> |

Notes — \$1,100

### CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL

|                                     |                    |                    |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Nels Spangelo Estate .....          | \$ .....           | \$ 250.00          |
| Budget .....                        | .....              | 2,115.36           |
| Our Savior's, Princeton, Minn. .... | 450.00             | .....              |
| Parkland, Parkland, Wash. ....      | 700.00             | .....              |
| Hiawatha, Minneapolis, Minn. ....   | 300.00             | .....              |
| Board Expense .....                 | 184.15             | .....              |
| Supt. of Schools .....              | 110.19             | .....              |
| Christmas Coin Folders .....        | 125.80             | .....              |
| Printed Matter .....                | 95.19              | .....              |
| Teacher Training .....              | 400.00             | .....              |
|                                     | <u>\$ 2,365.36</u> | <u>\$ 2,365.36</u> |

### CHURCH EXTENSION

|                              |                     |                     |
|------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Balance May 1, 1964 .....    | .....               | 10,230.42           |
| Budget .....                 | .....               | 2,100.00            |
| Payments Received .....      | .....               | 4,660.55            |
| New Loans .....              | 6,800.00            | .....               |
| Balance April 30, 1965 ..... | 10,190.97           | .....               |
|                              | <u>\$ 16,990.97</u> | <u>\$ 16,990.97</u> |

### CHURCH EXTENSION CAPITAL ACCOUNT

|                              |           |           |
|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Balance May 1, 1964 .....    | .....     | 91,228.05 |
| Balance April 30, 1965 ..... | 93,367.50 | .....     |

### FOREIGN MISSION

|                                     |                    |                    |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Edna Borup Estate .....             | .....              | 5,731.92           |
| Wisconsin Synod World Mission ..... | 3,000.00           | .....              |
| Balance April 30, 1965 .....        | 2,731.92           | .....              |
|                                     | <u>\$ 5,731.92</u> | <u>\$ 5,731.92</u> |

### GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY JUBILEE

|                              |                     |                     |
|------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Balance May 1, 1964 .....    | \$ .....            | \$ 9,572.15         |
| Contributions .....          | .....               | 54,636.49           |
| Boiler Plant .....           | 25,619.73           | .....               |
| Expense .....                | 1,872.13            | .....               |
| Balance April 30, 1965 ..... | 36,716.78           | .....               |
|                              | <u>\$ 64,208.64</u> | <u>\$ 64,208.64</u> |

Total Contributions — \$92,469.65

Expense

    Printing & Office — \$5,752.87

    Boiler Plant — \$50,000.00

### GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH Madison, Wisc.

|                              |                    |                    |
|------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Deficit May 1, 1964 .....    | \$ 2,707.23        | \$ .....           |
| Payments received .....      | .....              | 1,840.00           |
| Payment on Mortgage .....    | 4,092.00           | .....              |
| Deficit April 30, 1965 ..... | .....              | 5,023.63           |
|                              | <u>\$ 6,863.63</u> | <u>\$ 6,863.63</u> |

Church Extension Loan \$34,000.00

Balance on Mortgage April 30, 1965 — \$37,287.64

# HOME MISSION

|  |              |              |
|--|--------------|--------------|
| Nels Spangelo Estate .....                     | \$ .....     | \$ 500.00    |
| Bethany, Luverne, Minn. ....                   | .....        | 265.00       |
| Trinity, Crete, Ill. ....                      | .....        | 180.00       |
| Budget .....                                   | .....        | 19,985.50    |
| Central Heights, Mason City, Ia. ....          | 2,000.00     | .....        |
| Grace, Madison, Wisc. ....                     | 2,800.00     | .....        |
| Holton, Holton, Mich. ....                     | 540.00       | .....        |
| First, Suttons Bay, Mich. ....                 | 80.00        | .....        |
| Lakewood, Tacoma, Wash. ....                   | 4,800.00     | .....        |
| Redeemer, New Hampton, Ia. ....                | 1,740.00     | .....        |
| River Heights, East Grand Forks, Minn. ....    | 1,200.00     | .....        |
| St. Timothy, Lombard, Ill. ....                | 1,833.34     | .....        |
| Our Savior's, Amherst Jct., Wisc. ....         | 2,340.00     | .....        |
| Bethlehem, Ellsworth, Minn. ....               | 480.00       | .....        |
| (Total Subsidies \$17,813.34)                  |              |              |
| Hosp. Ins. & Social Security .....             | 175.00       | .....        |
| Lenten Coin Folders .....                      | 261.90       | .....        |
| Seminary Student (Trail Parish) .....          | 600.00       | .....        |
| Grace, Madison, Wisc. Special .....            | 700.00       | .....        |
| First, Sutton's Bay, Mich. (Moving Exp.) ..... | 450.00       | .....        |
| Board Expense .....                            | 930.26       | .....        |
|  | <hr/>        | <hr/>        |
|  | \$ 20,930.50 | \$ 20,930.40 |

## ST. TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH Lombard, Ill.

|                                      |             |             |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Deficit May 1, 1964 .....            | \$ 659.24   | .....       |
| Payment on Parsonage .....           | .....       | 1,950.00    |
| Interest Received .....              | .....       | 150.00      |
| Mortgage Payments on Parsonage ..... | 1,157.52    | .....       |
| Repairs on Parsonage .....           | 528.77      | .....       |
| Insurance .....                      | 47.36       | .....       |
| Interest Paid .....                  | 438.00      | .....       |
| Taxes .....                          | 166.32      | .....       |
| Deficit April 30, 1965 .....         | .....       | 897.21      |
|                                      | <hr/>       | <hr/>       |
|                                      | \$ 2,997.21 | \$ 2,997.21 |

Balance on Parsonage Mortgage \$14,579.45  
Notes \$12,000.00  
Church Extension Loan Balance \$3,000.00

## SUPPORT FUND

|                |          |             |
|----------------|----------|-------------|
| Budget .....   | \$ ..... | \$ 3,540.00 |
| Payments ..... | 3,540.00 | .....       |

## LAKEWOOD LUTHERAN CHURCH Tacoma, Wash.

|                              |              |              |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Deficit May 1, 1964 .....    | \$ 7,219.53  | \$ .....     |
| Payments received .....      | .....        | 500.00       |
| Notes paid .....             | 5,500.00     | .....        |
| Interest .....               | 1,006.66     | .....        |
| Deficit April 30, 1965 ..... | .....        | 13,226.19    |
|                              | <hr/>        | <hr/>        |
|                              | \$ 13,726.19 | \$ 13,726.19 |

Total Investment \$56,484.78  
Church Extension Loan \$25,000.00  
Notes \$20,000.00

### MISCELLANEOUS

|                                       |           |           |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Balance May 1, 1964 .....             | \$ .....  | \$ 268.71 |
| Luth. Children's Friend Society ..... | 7.50      | 7.50      |
| Luth. Deaf Institute .....            | 20.70     | 20.70     |
| Luth. Free Conference .....           | 5.00      | 5.00      |
| Crestview Home .....                  | 5.00      | 5.00      |
| Bethany College Food Drive .....      | 113.50    | 113.50    |
| Bethany College Paint & Varnish ..... | 25.00     | 25.00     |
| Pilgrim Luth., Waterloo, Ia. ....     | 48.80     | 48.80     |
| Balance April 30, 1965 .....          | 268.71    |           |
|                                       | <hr/>     | <hr/>     |
|                                       | \$ 494.21 | \$ 494.21 |

### HOME FOR THE AGED

|                              |             |             |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Deficit May 1, 1964 .....    | \$ 1,293.37 | \$ .....    |
| Contributions .....          |             | 504.25      |
| Note Paid .....              | 4,000.00    |             |
| Deficit April 30, 1965 ..... |             | 4,789.12    |
|                              | <hr/>       | <hr/>       |
|                              | \$ 5,293.37 | \$ 5,293.37 |

### PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH Waterloo, Iowa

|                              |           |           |
|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Payment on land .....        | \$ 50.00  | \$ .....  |
| Payment on parsonage .....   | 500.00    |           |
| Deficit April 30, 1965 ..... |           | 550.00    |
|                              | <hr/>     | <hr/>     |
|                              | \$ 550.00 | \$ 550.00 |

### PINEHURST LUTHERAN CHURCH Eau Claire, Wisc.

|                                      |             |             |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Balance May 1, 1964 .....            | \$ .....    | \$ 2,453.21 |
| Payments on Comprehensive Loan ..... |             | 589.76      |
| Interest on notes .....              | 129.25      |             |
| Balance April 30, 1965 .....         | 2,913.72    |             |
|                                      | <hr/>       | <hr/>       |
|                                      | \$ 3,042.97 | \$ 3,042.97 |

|                                  |            |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| Comprehensive Loan               |            |
| Original Loan .....              | \$6,950.00 |
| Paid .....                       | 5,731.02   |
| Balance due April 30, 1965 ..... | \$1,218.98 |
| Church Extension Loan            |            |
| Original Loan .....              | \$9,670.00 |
| Paid .....                       | 4,471.06   |
| Balance due April 30, 1971 ..... | \$5,198.94 |
| Notes — \$3,750.00               |            |

### PUBLICATIONS

|                              |          |             |
|------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Budget .....                 | \$ ..... | \$ 2,595.23 |
| Synod Reports Receipts ..... |          | 1,590.30    |
| Catechisms .....             |          | 287.68      |
| Christmas Hymns .....        |          | 378.68      |
| Christmas Programs .....     |          | 82.87       |
| Board Meetings .....         | 347.65   |             |
| Armed Service .....          | 398.66   |             |
| Catechisms .....             | 749.68   |             |
| Tracts .....                 | 100.00   |             |
| Printing .....               | 9.70     |             |

|                          |                    |                    |
|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Christmas Hymns .....    | 1,003.20           | .....              |
| Christmas Programs ..... | 123.80             | .....              |
| Synod Reports .....      | 2,185.00           | .....              |
| Miscellaneous .....      | 17.07              | .....              |
|                          | <u>\$ 4,934.76</u> | <u>\$ 4,934.76</u> |

#### BETHANY COLLEGE RESIDENCES

|                                      |                     |                     |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Balance May 1, 1964 .....            | \$ .....            | \$ 771.90           |
| Rents — Bethany College .....        | .....               | 9,632.50            |
| Rents — Tenants .....                | .....               | 1,755.00            |
| Payments on Contracts .....          | .....               | 2,315.00            |
| Insurance Refund .....               | .....               | 381.52              |
| New Loans .....                      | .....               | 1,846.47            |
| Synod .....                          | .....               | 7,728.40            |
| Ole Harstad Estate .....             | .....               | 25,189.44           |
| Mortgage Payments .....              | 10,297.80           | .....               |
| Repairs .....                        | 3,541.63            | .....               |
| Interest .....                       | 1,960.75            | .....               |
| Insurance .....                      | 432.05              | .....               |
| Taxes .....                          | 1,714.55            | .....               |
| Legal Service .....                  | 60.00               | .....               |
| Real Estate Commission .....         | 220.00              | .....               |
| Residence Purchased (Meixner) .....  | 11,750.00           | .....               |
| Mortgages Paid (Electa & Plum) ..... | 13,733.47           | .....               |
| Notes Paid .....                     | 2,200.00            | .....               |
| Balance April 30, 1965 .....         | 3,707.98            | .....               |
|                                      | <u>\$ 49,618.23</u> | <u>\$ 49,618.23</u> |

Notes — \$59,046.47

#### SEMINARY

|               |          |             |
|---------------|----------|-------------|
| Budget .....  | \$ ..... | \$ 8,460.80 |
| Subsidy ..... | 8,460.80 | .....       |

#### SENTINEL

|                          |                    |                    |
|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Subscriptions .....      | \$ .....           | \$ 4,552.00        |
| Printing & Expense ..... | 5,151.39           | .....              |
| Synod .....              | .....              | 599.39             |
|                          | <u>\$ 5,151.39</u> | <u>\$ 5,151.39</u> |

#### STUDENT

|                              |          |             |
|------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Balance May 1, 1964 .....    | \$ ..... | \$ 1,346.15 |
| Balance April 30, 1965 ..... | 1,346.15 | .....       |

#### SYNOD

|                               |          |              |
|-------------------------------|----------|--------------|
| Budget .....                  | \$ ..... | \$ 15,345.93 |
| Nels Spangelo Estate .....    | .....    | 500.00       |
| Float (Bank Charge) .....     | 48.05    | .....        |
| Trustees .....                | 1,507.15 | .....        |
| President's Office .....      | 567.95   | .....        |
| Vice-President's Office ..... | 264.50   | .....        |
| Secretary's Office .....      | 562.53   | .....        |
| Treasurer's Office .....      | 600.00   | .....        |
| Treasurer's Bond .....        | 25.00    | .....        |
| Doctrinal Committee .....     | 1,303.45 | .....        |
| Postage & Supplies .....      | 499.32   | .....        |
| Theological Quarterly .....   | 240.00   | .....        |

|                                  |              |              |
|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Vicarage Program .....           | 150.00       | .....        |
| Visitors' Expense .....          | 266.19       | .....        |
| Legal Service .....              | 105.00       | .....        |
| Equalization—Professors .....    | 110.25       | .....        |
| Equalization—Laymen (loan) ..... | 300.00       | .....        |
| Sentinel .....                   | 599.39       | .....        |
| Advent Coin Folders .....        | 374.85       | .....        |
| Residence Fund .....             | 7,726.40     | .....        |
| Auditing .....                   | 30.00        | .....        |
| Miscellaneous .....              | 267.11       | .....        |
| Interest .....                   | 85.00        | .....        |
| Convention Expense .....         | 213.79       | .....        |
|                                  | <hr/>        |              |
|                                  | \$ 15,845.93 | \$ 15,845.93 |

### ESTATES

|                                       |              |              |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Christianson Estate .....             | \$ .....     | \$ 4,909.00  |
| Ole Harstad Estate .....              | .....        | 71,211.72    |
| Nels Spangelo Estate .....            | .....        | 2,500.00     |
| Eliza Iverson Estate .....            | .....        | 1,000.00     |
| Clarence Jordalen Estate .....        | .....        | 5,000.00     |
| Annie Lee Estate .....                | .....        | 4,203.33     |
| Edna Borup Estate .....               | .....        | 200.65       |
| Ole Harstad Expense .....             | 527.74       | .....        |
| Ole Harstad Gym Account .....         | 33,199.00    | .....        |
| Ole Harstad Boiler Account .....      | 12,295.54    | .....        |
| Ole Harstad Residence Account .....   | 25,189.44    | .....        |
| Bethesda Home (Spangelo) .....        | 250.00       | .....        |
| Christian Day School (Spangelo) ..... | 250.00       | .....        |
| Home Mission (Spangelo) .....         | 500.00       | .....        |
| Synod (Spangelo) .....                | 500.00       | .....        |
| Gym Account (Spangelo) .....          | 1,000.00     | .....        |
| Gym Account .....                     | 9,581.06     | .....        |
| Foreign Missions (Borup) .....        | 5,731.92     | .....        |
|                                       | <hr/>        |              |
|                                       | \$ 89,024.70 | \$ 89,024.70 |

### OLE HARSTAD ESTATE

|                        |             |
|------------------------|-------------|
| Total Received .....   | \$75,211.72 |
| Expense .....          | 3,088.13    |
|                        | <hr/>       |
| Balance invested ..... | \$72,123.59 |

### YOUTH BOARD

|                       |           |           |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Budget .....          | \$ .....  | \$ 598.32 |
| Music Income .....    | .....     | 79.20     |
| Camp Income .....     | .....     | 39.86     |
| Board Expense .....   | 175.05    | .....     |
| Printing & Misc. .... | 162.65    | .....     |
| Guide Book .....      | 339.39    | .....     |
| Convention .....      | 35.60     | .....     |
| Printing .....        | 4.69      | .....     |
|                       | <hr/>     |           |
|                       | \$ 717.38 | \$ 717.38 |

# **TREASURER'S SUMMARY**

**Budgeted Funds 1964-65**

## **Bethany College**

|              | <b>Income</b> | <b>Disbursements</b> |
|--------------|---------------|----------------------|
| Budget ..... | \$ 50,000.00  | \$ 50,000.00         |

## **Christian Day School**

|              |          |          |
|--------------|----------|----------|
| Budget ..... | 2,115.36 | 2,115.36 |
|--------------|----------|----------|

## **Church Extension**

|                                |          |          |
|--------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Previous Balance — \$10,230.42 |          |          |
| Budget .....                   | 2,100.00 | .....    |
| Payments .....                 | 4,660.55 | .....    |
| New Loans .....                |          | 6,800.00 |
| Present Balance — \$10,190.97  |          |          |

## **Foreign Mission**

|                              |          |          |
|------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Estate Fund .....            | 5,731.92 | .....    |
| World Missions .....         |          | 3,000.00 |
| Present Balance — \$2,731.92 |          |          |

## **Home Mission**

|                    |              |           |
|--------------------|--------------|-----------|
| Budget .....       | \$ 19,985.50 | .....     |
| Other income ..... | 945.00       | 20,930.50 |

## **Publications**

|                    |          |          |
|--------------------|----------|----------|
| Budget .....       | 2,595.23 | .....    |
| Other Income ..... | 2,339.53 | 4,934.76 |

## **Support**

|              |          |          |
|--------------|----------|----------|
| Budget ..... | 3,540.00 | 3,540.00 |
|--------------|----------|----------|

## **Seminary**

|              |          |          |
|--------------|----------|----------|
| Budget ..... | 8,460.80 | 8,460.80 |
|--------------|----------|----------|

## **Synod**

|                    |           |           |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Budget .....       | 15,345.93 | .....     |
| Other income ..... | 500.00    | 15,845.93 |

## **Youth Board**

|                    |        |        |
|--------------------|--------|--------|
| Budget .....       | 598.32 | .....  |
| Other income ..... | 119.06 | 717.38 |

## **Budget of Synod**

|                     |            |            |
|---------------------|------------|------------|
| Contributions ..... | 104,741.14 | 104,741.14 |
|---------------------|------------|------------|

|             |                      |  |
|-------------|----------------------|--|
| May 7, 1965 | S. E. Lee, Treasurer |  |
|-------------|----------------------|--|



# TABULATED LIST

May 1, 1964—April 30, 1965

| Pastor              | Congregation       | Amount    |
|---------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| Aaberg, T.          | Center             | \$ 933.62 |
| Aaberg, T.          | Scarville          | 2,431.37  |
| Anderson, P.        | Lime Creek         | 400.59    |
| Anderson, P.        | Lake Mills         | 685.75    |
| Branstad, R.        | Fairview           | 7,708.16  |
| Guldborg, G.        | Concordia          | 469.17    |
| Guldborg, G.        | Our Savior's       | 491.53    |
| Guldborg, G.        | St. Paul's         | 599.21    |
| Gullixson, G. A. R. | Western Koshkonong | 1,617.14  |
| Gullixson, G. H.    | Calvary            | 744.31    |
| Gullixson, G. H.    | First Evanger      | 550.66    |
| Gullixson, W.       | Bethany            | 1,074.31  |
| Gullixson, W.       | Our Savior's       | 2,370.04  |
| Handberg, H.        | Mt. Olive          | 5,023.38  |
| Harstad, N.         | Delhi              | 87.20     |
| Harstad, N.         | Rock Dell          | 1,075.75  |
| Harstad, N.         | Our Savior's       | 432.75    |
| Hilton, N.          | East Paint Creek   | 1,095.39  |
| Hilton, N.          | West Paint Creek   | 696.96    |
| Honsey, R.          | Harvard St.        | 1,369.22  |
|                     | Oslo               | 597.60    |
| Kretzman, A.        | Trinity            | 3,177.23  |
| Kuster, A.          | Our Savior's       | 3,583.40  |
| Kuster, T.          | St. Paul's         | 2,290.14  |
| Larson, H.          | Clearwater         | 98.60     |
| Larson, H.          | Oak Park           | 277.84    |
| Larson, H.          | Nazareth           | 380.22    |
| Lee, S.             | Immanuel           | 844.06    |
| Lee, S.             | Our Savior's       | 633.36    |
| Lillegard, D.       | Pilgrim            | 17.90     |
| Lillegard, D.       | Redeemer           | 404.86    |
| Madson, J.          | River Heights      | 1,003.39  |
| Madson, J.          | First American     | 1,541.35  |
| Madson, N.          | Clearwater         | 312.88    |
| Madson, N.          | Cross Lake         | 549.81    |
| Madson, N.          | St. Petri          | 389.78    |
| Madson, N.          | Mt. Olive          | 602.62    |
| Madson, N.          | Froen              | 473.90    |
| Madson, P.          | Forest City        | 823.93    |
| Madson, P.          | Zion               | 1,324.16  |
| McMurdie, W.        | Lakewood           | 529.90    |
| Merseeth, A.        | Our Savior's       | 900.37    |
| Merseeth, A.        | South New Hope     | 246.63    |
| Moldstad, J.        | Central Heights    | 809.20    |
| Moldstad, J.        | Richland           | 1,561.45  |
| Moldstad, R.        | First              | 226.75    |
| Newgard, R.         | Somber             | 346.48    |
| Newgard, R.         | Bethany            | 168.60    |
| Newgard, R.         | First Shell Rock   | 958.43    |
| Oesleby, N.         | Pinehurst          | 333.81    |
| Olsen, J.           | Holton             | 790.99    |
| Orvick, G.          | Holy Cross         | 7,119.99  |
| Petersen, J.        | Norwegian Grove    | 1,341.51  |
| Petersen, J.        | Norseland          | 4,083.29  |
| Petersen, P.        | Trinity            | 574.82    |
| Petersen, P.        | Bethany            | 4,288.97  |
| Petersen, W.        | Grace              | 811.82    |

|                     |                |          |
|---------------------|----------------|----------|
| Preus, H. ....      | Trinity        | 535.08   |
| Schweikert, G. .... | Indian Landing | 377.00   |
| Strand, A. ....     | St. Mark's     | 1,922.60 |
| Teigen, T. ....     | Moland         | 208.56   |
| Teigen, T. ....     | First          | 650.00   |
| Theiste, H. ....    | Parkland       | 875.72   |
| Theiste, V. ....    | Bethlehem      | 307.12   |
| Theiste, V. ....    | Bethel         | 1,208.86 |
| Tweit, M. ....      | Jerico         | 4,503.25 |
| Tweit, M. ....      | Saude          | 2,427.41 |
| Unseth, E. ....     | Our Savior's   | 4,152.17 |
| Vangen, L. ....     | Ascension      | 197.00   |
| Vangen, L. ....     | Concordia      | 1,811.26 |
| Weseloh, G. ....    | Zion           | 1,901.20 |
| Weseloh, G. ....    | Cottonwood     | 1,703.19 |
| Weyland, F. ....    | Emmaus         | 849.54   |
| Wosje, C. ....      | Hiawatha       | 3,077.67 |
| Ylvisaker, P. ....  | Manchester     | 402.01   |
| Ylvisaker, P. ....  | Hartland       | 1,166.98 |
|                     | St. Timothy    | 1,619.67 |
| Miscellaneous ..... |                | 5,342.87 |

# CONVENTION NOTES

## Devotions

With the singing of the hymn "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" and the reading of Psalm 46, on which Dr. Martin Luther based that hymn, the first session of the convention was opened on the afternoon of Saturday, June 26. The devotion was conducted by the Rev. George Schweikert of Rochester, N.Y., chaplain of the convention, who closed the devotion by offering a prayer.

In the devotions which were conducted in the mornings, the theme of this year's synod convention, "LUTHERAN LAYMEN—GLORIFY GOD!", was brought into focus. At most of those services the Rev. G. A. R. Gullixson of Cottage Grove, Wis., served as pianist. The hymns as well as the scripture texts on which the morning meditations were based centered on the theme of the convention.

On Monday morning, June 28, the Rev. Paul Ylvisaker of Hartland, Minn., conducted the devotion. He read as the text Habakkuk 2:19-20: "Woe unto him that saith to the wood, Awake; to the dumb stone, Arise, it shall teach! Behold, it is laid over with gold and silver, and there is no breath at all in the midst of it. But the LORD is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him." Pastor Ylvisaker stated: "we are here not as laymen, not as ministers. We are here as Christians . . . as workers together with Christ. . . . We magnify above all, as does Scripture, the universal priesthood of believers." He stated that the great sin of our day is the dethroning of God. All the problems with which mankind is wrestling can be spelled with three little letters: S-I-N-. "It starts with the hiss of a serpent," one man has aptly said. "It has the I, the ego, at its center, and it ends with a groan." "Sin is going in and out among us and we get calloused! Our children are soaked with materialism and evolutionism in so many schools, and we fathers and mothers do not bother to examine the textbooks and the presentation of the classroom teachers." In the book of Habakkuk we have the verse "The just shall live by his faith," 2:4b. It is before Jesus that we should be silent. We will not keep the doctrine of justification of the poor sinner by the grace of God which is in Christ Jesus unless we hear preaching about hell, unless we insist that we have preachers and teachers that stress the need of regeneration, unless we come as it were on our hands and knees to the place where Christ crucified is made the One Thing Needful.

The Rev. A. M. Harstad of Watertown, Wis., led the opening devotion for the afternoon session of Monday, June 28. The hymn "How Blessed Is The Little Flock" was sung. The reading of Revelation 1:4-20 was followed by prayer and the apostolic benediction.

The devotion on the morning of Tuesday, June 29, was conducted by the Rev. Theodore Kuster of Chicago, Ill. He spoke on Romans 12:1-2: "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." His opening remarks introduced his subject, "THE LAYMAN'S EARTHLY LIFE AND WORK:" "At our convention some of the most interesting discussions and conversations take place, not on the floor during the business sessions, but in the lobby and around the building during the recesses and free time. Why is this? Because then the laymen begin to talk. And what do they talk about? They talk about their families, the crops, their occupations, the health of

their friends and relatives, the weather, politics and government, their home congregation, the convention; in fact, they talk about anything that might interest them." He pointed out the great difference between the life and work of the Lutheran layman and the life and work of anyone else. This great difference begins with the motivation behind his life and work, shows itself in how he uses his life and work, and is seen in what he does with his earthly life and work. The Christian layman's entire life and work is to be "a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God." His body is to be a living thankoffering to God. The motivation for this God-pleasing action on the part of a Christian is the Gospel, not the Law. Paul does not command, but he beseeches, urges, asks, coaxes. The word "mercy" reveals God's feeling toward us. For Christ's sake He does not charge us with our sins, but forgives us. Whatever the Christian does: raising crops, being busy at an occupation, protecting health, taking an active interest in politics and government, being interested in the home congregation, the Synod, the school, all should be done in the glory of God as a response to God's mercy. That is called by the Apostle a "reasonable service." The Christian layman should be able to "prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

On the afternoon of June 29, the devotion was in the form of a brief memorial service conducted by Prof. B. W. Teigen, President of Bethany Lutheran College. Basing his address on Revelation 21: 1-4, President Teigen noted the recent passing of three men who had served our Synod. On March 2, Dr. James Nelson suddenly passed away. Dr. Nelson, who taught in the science department at Bethany from September until then, came from a different background, but while at Bethany he willingly listened to God's Word and took a great interest in the chapel devotions. The Rev. John Jungemann, who for many years served our Synod's Oslo Lutheran Church near Volga, S. Dak., was a soundly orthodox man who received his education in Missouri Synod college and seminary under conservative teachers. After a lingering illness during which he suffered for many years, Pastor Jungemann died on February 27.

The Rev. Prof. George O. Lillegard, who had served our Synod for about half a century as a missionary, pastor and professor, was summoned from this life on June 14. The speaker, President Teigen, mentioned that he first came to know Prof. Lillegard through reading his essay on Modernism in 1932. During his pastorate, Prof. Lillegard carried on a lively, high-level correspondence with the literary critic H. L. Mencken, an agnostic. A man of brilliant intellect, Prof. Lillegard could detect a weakness in an argument, and reveal it. However, he would also be willing to listen to another if he would show him that he was wrong. But, above all, he took to heart the words of St. Paul in I Corinthians 1:20-21, in which the Apostle exalts the wisdom of God and places the wisdom of man in subjection to it.

The speaker for the morning devotion on Wednesday, June 30, was the Rev. Carl Wosje, Minneapolis, Minn. Basing his message on Nehemiah 6:1-3, he exhorted the hearers: "When we go home, we ought not only to want to talk about the convention, but also to do something about it, to put it into action." Sanballat, Tobiah and Geshem plotted against Nehemiah in an attempt to prevent completion of the walls and gates of Jerusalem. They tried to get him to stop working and to speak with them. But he said he could not stop working. He answered: "Why should the work cease, while I leave it, and come down to you?" Nehemiah was not mute. He talked when it was necessary. He planned his work of building the walls. He also had the Law of Moses read publicly to the people. That inspired them to do the work. Through the Word the Holy Spirit worked on their hearts. We have our work with the third in our Synod who are only "hangers on," and the third who need to be

pushed to do the work of Christ, as our Synod's President mentioned in his message. Let us go home with the attitude that we are to work, and visit those who need to return to the Shepherd and Bishop of their souls.

The Rev. S. E. Lee of Hawley, Minn., conducted the opening devotion on Wednesday afternoon, June 30. It was a special anniversary service to commemorate Pastor Emeritus J. B. Unseth's ordination in 1900 and 25 years of service in the church for Prof. M. H. Otto and Pastors Nils Oesleby and Walther C. Gullixson. Pastor Lee used as his text Psalm 115:1: "Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but unto Thy name give glory, for Thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake." He stated: "Anniversary time is an opportunity to look back over the years and thank God for the blessings He has showered upon His servants. It is a great privilege to preach the Word. We cannot know the number of souls who have been brought to the Lord and comforted through the preaching of these men. They will want to make the words of this Psalm their confession," Pastor Lee concluded.

The devotion which opened the evening session on Wednesday was conducted by the Secretary of our Synod, the Rev. W. C. Gullixson. Following the reading of Revelation 2:1-11, he offered prayer.

The morning devotion for the closing day of the convention, July 1, was conducted by the Rev. David Lillegard of Trail, Minn. Using the illustration of the ocean tide which no man can control but which only God through His wonderful nature causes to rise and fall regularly, Pastor Lillegard pointed out the fact that God alone through His Spirit working through the Word can bring about a life of true sanctification in a Christian. He based his theme, "THE LAYMAN IS SANCTIFIED BY MEANS OF GOD'S WORD AND SPIRIT," on John 17:17: "Sanctify them through Thy truth: Thy Word is truth." The word "sanctify" refers to the whole life of a Christian. The speaker stated: "A person is sanctified first of all when God brings him to faith in his Savior Jesus Christ. Then it is that he is sanctified in life so that good works are produced. And finally he is sanctified so that he remains a Christian until his dying day." Although a person cannot cooperate in his conversion, he must cooperate in doing good works. On that matter, the speaker quoted the Formula of Concord (Of The Free Will, Epit. II:17). Christians cooperate by using the Word. Failure to use it leads to complacency, which in turn leads to further failure to use God's Word—a vicious circle. In his concluding remarks, Pastor Lillegard stated: "To be sanctified, we need the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, with all its gracious promises and blessings. To be sanctified, we need the invisible, tremendous force of God's Holy Spirit, which comes to us as we use and hear the Word."

The devotion for the concluding session of this year's convention, on the afternoon of Thursday, July 1, was conducted by the Rev. Luther Vangen of Eau Claire, Wis. The hymn "Built on the Rock" was sung. The Scripture reading was Revelation 3:1-13, followed by prayer.

At the conclusion of the Synod convention, appropriate words were spoken by the Vice President of our Synod, the Rev. E. G. Unseth of Albert Lea, Minn. The assembly was dismissed following the pronouncement of the Aaronic Benediction.

Pastor R. E. Honsey

### Synod Sunday

A delightful day weatherwise greeted the worshippers as they came from far and near to attend the Synod Sunday services. The Rev. Alf Merseth of Amhurst Junction, Wis., conducted a Norwegian service at Mt. Olive Church. He preached on the theme "The Forgiveness Of Sins" based on the passage I John 1,7b "The blood of

Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin." Forgiveness is this—not to charge the sin against that sinner who comes in repentance seeking forgiveness. Forgiveness is not something that we sinners can earn, but is a pure gift out of God's grace and mercy, he stated. If we believe that God loved sinners so much that He gave His Son; if we believe that Jesus loved us so much that He gave His Son; if we believe that His blood "cleanseth us from all sin," then the door of eternity is open also for us, Pastor Merseth concluded. The Rev. A. M. Harstad was the organist.

The festival service, conducted in the Auditorium-Gymnasium on the Bethany Lutheran College campus, was attended by a large number of worshippers. The Rev. Victor Theiste, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., delivered the sermon "The Rescued and the Rejuvenated," on the basis of Titus 3:3-8. The Rev. W. C. Gullixson, Princeton, Minn., served as liturgist and Mr. C. J. Wilske served as pianist.

Pastor Theiste spoke of God's great rescue of man, lost and helpless in the bondage and guilt of sin. Then he showed how those who have been so rescued are to consecrate themselves to God in a life of active service to be lived not only on Sunday but every day of the week.

The annual Choral Union Concert was presented in the Auditorium-Gymnasium before an enthusiastic audience. The first group of songs by the mixed chorus were chosen from the works of Johann Sebastian Bach in commemoration of the 280th anniversary of his birth. They included the lovely "O Sacred Head Now Wounded," "Dearest Lord Jesus, Oh, Why dost Thou Tarry," and "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring."

The pastors' chorus sang the perennial favorites "Den Store Hvide Flok," and "Beautiful Savior." The voices of Pastors Walther Gullixson, George Orvick, and Milton Tweit were heard in solo parts within these hymns.

The Girls' Choir and Junior Choir of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Albert Lea, Minn., Mrs. Al Pieper, Director, were featured in the concert.

Pastor G. Orvick spoke on the "Responsibility of the Church for the Youth." Pastor William Petersen, chairman of the Youth Board of our Synod which sponsors the annual Choral Union, introduced the various numbers. An offering was received for the Synod's youth work. Director of the mixed chorus and the pastor's chorus was the Rev. G. A. R. Gullixson, Cottage Grove, Wis.; accompanist was Mr. C. J. Wilske.

## CONVENTION NEWS

A letter of greeting was read to the convention from Pastor C. A. Moldstad, Brewster, Mass., who is 83 years old and is serving a group of twenty to forty every Sunday morning. The convention resolved that a telegram be sent to Pastor and Mrs. Moldstad on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary, June 27th.

About 100 were served at the annual Evangelical Lutheran Synod's Laymen's Organization (ELSLO) banquet. Judge Carl Flom of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Madison, Wis., was the guest speaker. He spoke on the need for making a will and showed a film to illustrate his topic.

A "Missions" banquet on Tuesday evening featured Pastors A. M. Harstad of Watertown, Wis., and W. McMurdie of Lakewood, Wash., who spoke on foreign and home missions respectively. President Oscar Naumann introduced the film on Hong Kong, produced by the Wisconsin Synod, showing its mission work there.

"Christian Giving" was presented by the Rev. M. E. Tweit on the basis of 2 Corinthians 8. It will appear in summary in a later publication.

An added feature of this year's convention was the introduction of Mission Talks which preceded the noon hour breaks. The pastors serving congregations, supported in part by the Synod, presented interesting news from their parishes and spoke on mission possibilities.

The good news that the Synod had exceeded the goal for the Golden Jubilee Thankoffering was reported by Mr. Charles Getchell.

An excellent movie on Bethesda Home at Watertown, Wis., was shown by Pastor A. M. Harstad. It will be available for congregations late in the Fall.

An 8mm film was shown featuring the work of some pastors in the Michigan Circuit who are anxious to establish a youth camp on property owned by a new association called "Lor Ray Camp."

Pastor Newgard introduced the subject of Christian Elementary Education and noted "as little as the Church can ignore God's command to baptize the nations, so little can it disregard what follows: 'teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you.' Christian day schools are a matter of Christian liberty; Christian education is not. Christian day schools are the best means of fulfilling the Savior's command."

The need for a new library, rehabilitation of the class room building, and for a college women's dormitory on the Bethany College campus were presented by Pastor L. Vangen.

A special convention prayer was offered by the Vice President, E. Unseth, on Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Ellert Storlie, Eau Claire, Wis., and Mr. Harvey Roberson, Elma, Iowa, were elected to the Board of Trustees. And Pastor M. E. Tweit and R. Branstad and Mr. Lenwick Hoyard were elected to the Board of Regents. Mr. Roberson is new to his position, the others were re-elected.

Letters of greetings from the convention were addressed to the Rev. C. A. Moldstad and Mr. John Werner, the later was hospitalized during the convention; and letters of sympathy were sent to the widows of former workers in the Synod; and a thankyou note was addressed to the staff of Bethany Lutheran College for the fine hospitality shown. Prof. M. Otto was in charge of arrangements. The secretary adds his thanks to Pastor R. Honsey for his assistance.

W. C. Gullixson, Secretary

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## NORTHERN CIRCUIT NO. 1

| State | City                           | Church | Address                      | Services     | Pastor          |
|-------|--------------------------------|--------|------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| MINN. | Audubon—Immanuel               |        |                              | 11:00        | S. Lee          |
|       | Bagley—Our Savior's            |        | 6 W.                         | 10:00        | G. Guldberg     |
|       | Clearbrook—Concordia           |        | 8 S.W.                       | 9:00         | G. Guldberg     |
|       | East Grand Forks—River Heights |        | 2708 2nd St. N.W.            | 9:00         | J. Madson (v)   |
|       | Fertile—First Evanger          |        |                              | 9:30         | G. H. Gullixson |
|       | Fosston—Cross Lake             |        | 8 N.W.                       | 11:15*       | D. Lillegard    |
|       | Fosston—Froen                  |        | 7 N.W.                       | 10:15*       | D. Lillegard    |
|       | Grygla—St. Petri               |        | 3 W., 1 N                    | 3 p.m.S*     | D. Lillegard    |
|       | Hawley—Our Savior's            |        | 6th & Joseph                 | 9:30         | S. Lee          |
|       | Lengby—St. Paul                |        |                              | 11:15        | G. Guldberg     |
|       | Oklee—Clearwater               |        | 10 N.E.                      | *            | H. Larson       |
|       | Oklee—Oak Park                 |        | 15 N.                        | *            | H. Larson       |
|       | Plummer—Clearwater             |        | 5 N.                         | 2:15 p.m. *S | D. Lillegard    |
|       | Trail—Mt. Olive                |        |                              | 9:00         | D. Lillegard    |
|       | Trail—Nazareth                 |        | 20 N.E.                      | *            | H. Larson       |
|       | Ulen—Calvary                   |        |                              | *            | G. H. Gullixson |
| N. D. | Mayville—1st American          |        | 3rd Ave. at<br>2nd St., N.E. | 11:00        | J. Madson       |
|       | Sheyenne—Holy Cross            |        |                              | *            | J. Madson       |

## CENTRAL CIRCUIT NO. 2

|       |                           |  |                        |                    |                       |
|-------|---------------------------|--|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| MINN. | Gaylord—Norw. Grove       |  | 7 S.E.                 | *                  | J. Petersen           |
|       | Kasota—Kasota Valley Home |  |                        | 2:30 p.m. Thursday | M. Otto               |
|       | Mankato—Mt. Olive         |  | Marsh &<br>Guenther    | 8:30 & 10:45, S    | 9:30<br>H. Handberg   |
|       | Minneapolis—Emmaus        |  | 3954 Thomas<br>Ave. N. | 10:15, S           | 9:30<br>F. Weyland    |
|       | Minneapolis—Fairview      |  | 31st &<br>Colfax N.    | 9:00 & 10:30       | R. Branstad           |
|       | Minneapolis—Hiawatha      |  | 1420 E. 43rd<br>Street | 10:15              | C. Wosje              |
|       | Princeton—Bethany         |  | 801 So. 6th St.        | 9:00               | W. Gullixson          |
|       | Princeton—Our Savior's    |  | 10 W., 4 S.            | 11:00, S           | 10:45<br>W. Gullixson |
|       | St. Peter—Norseland       |  | 10 N.W.                | *                  | J. Petersen           |
|       |                           |  |                        |                    |                       |
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## SOUTHWESTERN CIRCUIT NO. 3

|       |                               |  |                |          |                        |
|-------|-------------------------------|--|----------------|----------|------------------------|
| MINN. | Belview—Our Savior's          |  |                |          | N. Harstad             |
|       | Belview—Rock Dell             |  | 4 N.E.         |          | N. Harstad             |
|       | Cottonwood—English            |  |                | 9:15     | G. Weseloh             |
|       | Delhi—First                   |  |                |          | N. Harstad             |
|       | Ellsworth—Bethlehem           |  |                | 8:15, S. | 8:45<br>V. Theiste (v) |
|       | Jasper—Rose Dell Trin.        |  |                | 9:00     | N. Madson              |
|       | Luverne—Bethany Kniss & Adams |  |                | 10:30    | N. Madson              |
|       | Tracy—Zion                    |  |                | 11:00    | G. Weseloh(v)          |
| S. D. | Sioux Falls—Bethel            |  | 1200 S. Covell | 10:30, S | 10:00<br>V. Theiste    |
|       | Volga—Oslo                    |  | 7 S.           |          | Vacancy                |

# SOUTHERN CIRCUIT NO. 4

|       |                            |                  |                  |              |
|-------|----------------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------|
| IOWA  | Calmar—Trinity             |                  | 10:00, S 9:00    | H. Preus     |
|       | Forest City—Forest City    |                  | 9:30, S. 10:30   | P. Madson    |
|       |                            | West M & 10th    |                  | P. Madson    |
|       | Lake Mills—Lake Mills      | 1st N. & Grant   | 9:00             | P. Anderson  |
|       | Lake Mills—Lime Creek      | 4 N., 1 W.       | 10:30            | P. Anderson  |
|       | Lawler—Saude               | 9 N., 1 W.       | *                | M. Tweit     |
|       | Mason City—Central Heights |                  | 9:00, S. 10:30   | J. Moldstad  |
|       |                            | 1819 S. Coolidge | *                | M. Tweit     |
|       | New Hampton—Jerico         | 9 N. 2 E.        | 9:00             | Vacancy      |
|       | New Hampton—Redeemer       | Sherman & Court  | *                | R. Newgard   |
|       | Northwood—1st Shell Rock   |                  | *                | R. Newgard   |
|       | Northwood—Somber           | 11 W.            | *                | T. Aaberg    |
|       | Scarville—Center           | 5 S.             | *                | T. Aaberg    |
|       | Scarville—Scarville        |                  | *                | R. Newgard   |
|       | Story City—Bethany         | 4 N.E.           | 11:00, S 9:00    | P. Madson    |
|       | Thompson—Zion              |                  | 11:00, S 10:30   | J. Moldstad  |
|       | Thornton—Richland          |                  | 11:00            | P. Petersen  |
|       | Waterloo—Pilgrim           |                  | 9:30, S. 9:00*   | N. Hilton    |
|       | Waterville—E. Paint Creek  | 3 N.             | 11:00, S. 10:30* | N. Hilton    |
|       | Waukon—W. Paint Creek      | 5 E.             |                  | Vacancy      |
| MINN. | Albert Lea—Our Savior's    |                  | 10:45, S 9:00    | P. Ylvisaker |
|       |                            | 320 W. College   | *                | P. Ylvisaker |
|       | Hartland—Hartland          |                  | *                | P. Ylvisaker |
|       | Manchester—Manchester      |                  |                  |              |

# LAKE MICHIGAN CIRCUIT NO. 5

|       |                             |                       |                     |              |
|-------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| ILL.  | Chicago—St. Mark's          | 1701 N. Tripp         | 10:30               | A. Strand    |
|       | Chicago—St. Paul's          | 2215 W. North         | 10:45, S 9:45       | T. Kuster    |
|       | Lombard—St. Timothy         | 547 N. Main           | 8:00, 10:30         | E. Unseth    |
| MICH. | Holton—Holton               |                       | 10:00               | J. Olsen     |
|       | Suttons Bay—First           |                       |                     | R. Moldstad  |
| WISC. | Traverse City               |                       |                     | R. Moldstad  |
|       | Amherst Jct.—Our Savior's   | 4 N.E.                | 10:30               | A. Merseth   |
|       | Amherst Jct.—S. New Hope    | 5 N.E.                | 9:30                | A. Merseth   |
|       | Ashland—First English       | 7th St. & Vaughn Ave. | 9:30                | T. Teigen    |
|       | Cottage Grove—W. Koshkonong | 8 S.E.                | 10:30, S 10:00      | G. Gullixson |
|       | Eau Claire—Ascension        | 1500 Peterson         | 9:00, S 10:15       | L. Vangen    |
|       | Eau Claire—Concordia        | 321 N. Farwell        | 10:30, S 9:00       | L. Vangen    |
|       | Eau Claire—Pinehurst        | 3304 Fern Ct.         | 10:15, S 9:00       | N. Oesleby   |
|       | Madison—Grace               | 1 S. Rosa Rd.         | 10:00, S 9:30       | W. Petersen  |
|       | Madison—Holy Cross          | 2670 Milwaukee        | 9 & 11, S 8:30 & 10 | G. Orvick    |
|       | Madison—Our Savior's        | 1 S. Hancock          | 10:00               | A. Kuster    |
|       | Mason—Moland                | 5 S.E. on Co. Rd. E   | 11:00               | T. Teigen    |

# ATLANTIC CIRCUIT NO. 6

|       |                        |          |       |             |
|-------|------------------------|----------|-------|-------------|
| MASS. | Brewster—Luth. Mission | Main St. | 11:00 | C. Moldstad |
|-------|------------------------|----------|-------|-------------|

## BEQUESTS, LEGACIES AND ANNUITIES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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PAROCHIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1964

| No. | State | Location    | Circuit | Congregation     | Membership | Pastors      | Members  |           |        | Baptized |        | Confirmed |        | Communed | Marriages | Burials | Services |                    |        |                    | Day Schools |          | Sunday Schools |             |          | Other Schools Enrollment |               |             | Students               |                       | Contributions     |                        | Value of Property | Debt on Property |         |
|-----|-------|-------------|---------|------------------|------------|--------------|----------|-----------|--------|----------|--------|-----------|--------|----------|-----------|---------|----------|--------------------|--------|--------------------|-------------|----------|----------------|-------------|----------|--------------------------|---------------|-------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------|------------------|---------|
|     |       |             |         |                  |            |              | Baptized | Confirmed | Voters | Children | Adults | Children  | Adults |          |           |         | Special  | Average Attendance | Sunday | Average Attendance | Enrollment  | Teachers | Enrollment     | Bible Class | Teachers | Vacation Bible School    | Released Time | Summer Camp | Synodical Institutions | Public H. S. Colleges | For Home Purposes | For All Other Purposes |                   |                  |         |
|     |       |             |         |                  |            |              |          |           |        |          |        |           |        |          |           |         |          |                    |        |                    |             |          |                |             |          |                          |               |             |                        |                       |                   |                        |                   |                  |         |
| 1   | Ill.  | Chicago     | 5       | St. Mark's       | 1          | A. Strand    | 225      | 180       | 50     | 10       |        | 1         |        | 870      | 2         | 7       | 10       |                    | 52     | 115                |             |          | 60             |             | 5        | 40                       |               |             | 4                      | 18                    | 14,898            | 4,570                  | 60,000            | 42,901           |         |
| 2   |       | Chicago     | 5       | St. Paul's       | 1          | T. Kuster    | 300      | 161       | 19     | 9        |        | 2         | 4      | 623      | 7         | 4       | 11       | 88                 | 52     | 108                |             |          | 85             |             | 8        |                          |               |             | 3                      | 20                    | 10,717            | 2,271                  | 98,000            |                  |         |
| 3   |       | Lombard     | 5       | St. Timothy      | 1          | R. Moldstad  | 203      | 126       | 30     | 9        |        |           |        | 401      | 2         | 1       | 13       | 63                 | 102    | 100                |             |          | 130            | 10          | 13       | 95                       | 20            | 40          | 25                     | 15,157                | 1,699             | 90,110                 |                   |                  |         |
| 4   |       | Calmer      | 4       | Trinity          | 1          | H. Preus     | 123      | 73        | 30     | 2        | 2      |           |        | 140      | 1         | 4       | 8        | 30                 | 63     | 40                 |             |          | 18             |             | 5        |                          |               |             | 1                      | 5                     | 4,000             | 500                    | 35,000            |                  |         |
| 5   |       | Forest City | 4       | Synod Ev.        | 1          | P. Madson    | 136      | 95        | 28     | 5        |        | 5         |        | 335      | 1         | 2       | 10       | 53                 | 51     | 55                 |             |          | 39             |             | 7        |                          |               |             |                        | 16                    | 3,750             | 1,650                  | 36,000            |                  |         |
| 6   |       | Lake Mills  | 4       | Lake Mills       | 1          | P. Anderson  | 116      | 83        | 25     | 2        |        | 2         |        | 235      | 2         | 1       | 13       |                    | 52     |                    |             |          | 30             |             | 5        | 50                       | 13            |             |                        | 10                    | 2,890             | 1,075                  | 15,000            | 12,000           |         |
| 7   |       | Lake Mills  | 4       | Lime Creek       | 1          | P. Anderson  | 81       | 58        | 20     | 2        |        | 5         |        | 175      |           |         | 9        |                    | 52     |                    |             | 5        |                | 5           | 30       | 6                        |               |             | 1                      | 9                     | 3,120             | 330                    | 45,000            |                  |         |
| 8   |       | Lawler      | 4       | Saude            | 1          | M. Tweit     | 137      | 104       | 25     | 3        |        | 3         | 1      | 747      |           | 1       | 10       | 73                 | 51     | 88                 | 5           | 1        | 2              |             |          |                          |               | 5           | 11                     | 6,850                 | 3,917             | 95,000                 |                   |                  |         |
| 9   |       | Mason City  | 4       | Central Heights  | 2          | J. Moldstad  | 137      | 77        | 24     | 2        |        |           |        | 135      |           | 2       | 7        | 60                 | 50     | 61                 | 15          | 1        | 37             |             | 5        |                          | 11            |             | 7                      | 3,078                 | 1,160             | 28,000                 |                   |                  |         |
| 10  |       | New Hampton | 4       | Jerico           | 1          | M. Tweit     | 265      | 214       | 54     | 5        | 1      | 5         | 4      | 1,225    | 3         | 4       | 11       | 124                | 51     | 151                |             | 11       | 1              | 24          |          | 3                        |               |             |                        | 2                     | 18                | 9,860                  | 6,781             |                  | 115,000 |
| 11  |       | New Hampton | 4       | Redeemer         | 1          | D. Lillegard | 150      | 105       | 15     | 5        |        | 3         |        | 409      | 3         | 2       | 11       | 49                 | 52     | 67                 |             |          | 27             |             | 5        | 26                       | 15            | 2           | 1                      | 20                    | 5,575             | 1,377                  | 27,000            | 6,210            |         |
| 12  |       | Northwood   | 4       | First Shell Rock | 1          | R. Newgard   | 192      | 146       | 49     | 3        |        | 7         |        | 280      | 3         | 3       | 10       |                    | 50     | 70                 |             |          | 25             | 4           | 5        | 6                        | 34            | 15          | 2                      | 1                     | 13                | 5,995                  | 3,074             |                  | 40,000  |
| 13  |       | Northwood   | 4       | Somber           | 1          | R. Newgard   | 62       | 54        | 23     | 1        |        | 4         |        | 168      |           |         | 10       |                    | 50     | 41                 |             | 7        | 1              | 6           |          | 1                        |               |             | 1                      | 5                     | 4,008             | 926                    | 35,000            |                  |         |
| 14  |       | Scarville   | 4       | Center           | 1          | T. Aaberg    | 155      | 119       | 49     | 2        |        | 3         |        | 221      | 2         | 3       | 8        | 77                 | 51     | 66                 |             |          | 22             |             | 4        | 12                       | 2             |             |                        | 9                     | 5,098             | 3,271                  | 41,000            |                  |         |
| 15  |       | Scarville   | 4       | Scarville        | 1          | T. Aaberg    | 109      | 68        | 26     | 1        |        |           |        | 214      |           | 3       | 10       | 85                 | 50     | 85                 |             | 14       | 1              | 11          |          | 2                        | 8             |             |                        | 2                     | 7                 | 7,224                  | 7,546             |                  | 41,000  |
| 16  |       | Story City  | 4       | Bethany          | 1          | R. Newgard   | 15       | 12        | 3      |          |        | 1         |        | 30       |           | 1       |          |                    | 24     | 13                 |             |          | 3              |             | 2        | 4                        |               |             | 1                      | 2                     | 148               | 392                    | 10,000            | 4,000            |         |
| 17  |       | Thompson    | 4       | Zion             | 1          | P. Madson    | 150      | 116       | 33     | 6        |        | 2         |        | 390      |           | 5       | 10       | 61                 | 51     | 72                 |             |          | 29             |             | 6        | 20                       |               |             | 2                      | 9                     | 6,150             | 2,060                  | 50,000            |                  |         |
| 18  |       | Thornton    | 4       | Richland         | 1          | J. Moldstad  | 188      | 140       | 53     | 4        |        | 8         |        | 258      | 1         |         | 9        | 118                | 50     | 125                |             |          | 38             | 28          | 5        | 38                       | 10            |             |                        | 31                    | 8,668             | 2,580                  | 44,000            |                  |         |
| 19  |       | Waterloo    | 4       | Pilgrim          | 2          | D. Lillegard | 16       | 8         | 4      | 1        |        |           |        | 94       |           |         | 2        | 24                 | 50     | 19                 |             |          | 5              |             |          |                          |               |             |                        |                       |                   |                        |                   |                  |         |
| 20  |       | Waterville  | 4       | East Paint Creek | 1          | N. Hilton    | 84       | 70        | 34     |          |        | 2         |        | 147      |           |         | 10       | 33                 | 48     | 43                 |             |          | 7              |             | 2        | 9                        |               |             |                        | 4                     | 3,000             | 1,000                  | 26,000            |                  |         |
| 21  | Mass. | Waukon      | 4       | West Paint Creek | 1          | N. Hilton    | 59       | 49        | 20     |          |        | 1         |        | 106      |           |         | 10       |                    | 51     | 35                 |             |          | 3              |             |          | 6                        |               |             | 1                      | 2                     | 3,000             | 1,500                  | 26,000            | 6,253            |         |
| 22  |       | Brewster    | 6       | Lutheran Mission | 3          | C. Moldstad  | 20       | 18        |        |          |        | 3         |        | 90       |           | 1       | 2        | 25                 | 52     | 25                 |             |          |                |             |          |                          |               |             |                        |                       |                   |                        |                   |                  |         |
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| 24  |       | Holton      | 5       | Holton           | 1          | J. Olsen     | 155      | 87        | 27     | 6        |        | 2         |        | 225      | 1         | 1       | 3        | 90                 | 22     | 100                |             |          | 55             | 25          | 9        | 60                       |               |             |                        | 19                    | 4,966             | 566                    | 30,000            |                  |         |
| 25  |       | Suttons Bay |         |                  |            |              |          | 114       | 70     |          |        |           |        |          |           |         |          |                    |        |                    |             |          |                |             |          |                          |               |             |                        |                       |                   |                        |                   |                  |         |
| 26  | Minn. | Albert Lea  | 4       | Our Savior's     | 1          | E. Unseth    | 760      | 510       | 177    | 15       | 2      | 16        | 8      | 1,295    | 4         | 2       | 16       | 220                | 52     | 242                |             |          | 234            | 28          | 22       | 110                      | 21            |             | 4                      | 29                    | 28,500            | 7,449                  | 135,000           | 15,582           |         |
| 27  |       | Audubon     | 1       | Immanuel         | 1          | S. Lee       | 185      | 117       | 32     | 1        |        | 6         |        | 662      | 1         |         | 11       | 85                 | 51     | 94                 |             |          | 60             | 6           | 8        | 52                       | 22            | 3           | 1                      | 11                    | 3,861             | 1,213                  | 15,000            |                  |         |
| 28  |       | Bagley      | 1       | Concordia        | 1          | G. Guldberg  | 80       | 49        | 16     | 2        |        |           |        | 200      |           | 4       | 13       | 60                 | 51     | 40                 |             |          | 9              |             | 4        |                          |               |             |                        | 8                     | 2,278             | 520                    | 15,000            |                  |         |
| 29  |       | Bagley      | 1       | Our Savior's     | 1          | G. Guldberg  | 132      | 60        | 20     | 6        |        |           |        | 220      |           |         | 9        | 70                 | 51     | 50                 |             |          | 21             |             | 3        |                          | 25            |             |                        |                       | 8                 | 2,393                  | 675               |                  | 9,000   |
| 30  |       | Belview     | 3       | Our Savior's     |            | N. Harstad   | 167      | 120       | 45     | 3        | 1      | 5         | 1      | 221      | 1         | 4       | 11       |                    | 49     |                    |             |          | 38             |             | 4        |                          |               |             |                        |                       | 3,531             | 816                    | 35,000            |                  |         |
| 31  |       | Belview     | 3       | Rock Dell        |            | N. Harstad   | 289      | 192       | 90     | 6        |        | 6         |        | 312      | 4         |         | 11       |                    | 48     |                    |             |          | 45             |             | 4        | 45                       |               |             |                        |                       | 5,139             | 4,408                  | 50,000            | 7,650            |         |
| 32  |       | Cottonwood  | 3       | English          | 1          | G. Weseloh   | 200      | 120       | 36     | 9        |        | 4         |        | 504      |           | 2       | 11       | 92                 | 50     | 128                |             |          | 70             |             | 7        |                          |               |             |                        |                       |                   |                        |                   |                  |         |



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