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December 1960 (Vol. 3, No. 7): GREETINGS FROM THE MANGER. Of course "she laid Him in a manger." She could not have this Child in her house, because He is not her child. He belongs to everybody. She had to place Him where I can come and find Him and worship Him. The angels have a strange mission. They are not to leave Joseph and Mary alone for even one night with their new Babe. They go out to the fields and find the lowliest ones in all the region, some unkempt and uneducated shepherds. They invite these shepherds to intrude on the holy family. You and I are to know that this little one was born into our families, unto us a child is born. By all means we will want a manger set up in our homes, for else we will miscount the number of children in our family. You have another Child, who is your very own flesh and blood. Don't just believe that Jesus is the Son of God and the Savior. Believe the impossible: Jesus is your Child to love and to hold and He will make sure that you and your children will all be in the family of the Father in heaven. She laid Him in a manger for you to take home.

... Learn what Mary meant when she said: The hungry ones He fills with good things. Maybe the trip to Bethlehem this year made you a little hungrier than usual, as you lost your income, your synod, your security, your congregation. He lets us get hungry for His sake. For how else can we learn that He fills us with good things? I am sure that our Christchild has provided all of you with gifts and a fine Christmas dinner. If He has taken a little away from you, it is only so that you will recover your childlike faith you once had in *Christkind*, so that you will believe without any evidence that He fills the hungry with good.

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THE SEED OF THE WOMAN

"But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law that we might receive the adoption as sons" (Galatians 4:4-5). With these words the Holy Spirit connects the birth of Jesus with the first promise of the Savior given to Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. "And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head. And you shall bruise His heel" (Genesis 3:15).

Many people reading Genesis 3:15 have difficulty in understanding how this applies to Jesus. What does Genesis 3 have to do with Christmas? In Genesis 3. Adam and Eve transgressed that one command of God not to eat of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The consequences were immediate and tragic. Adam was now afraid of God. Shame and guilt filled the hearts of Adam and Eve. There was an evading of personal responsibility as they tried to shift the blame to someone else. Death entered into God's perfect creation.

The First Gospel Promise

God reacted not only with righteous anger and with immediate judgment. The Lord God also made a promise to Adam and Eve and to all people. God spoke the first Gospel promise of the Savior to come. The Lord God is speaking to the Devil who had assumed the form of the serpent. God tells of the continuing warfare between Satan and and the woman and her seed (descendants). This warfare would reach its ultimate conclusion in the coming, not of a man but of THE MAN. Jehovah speaks of the coming of the Seed of the woman, that offspring or descendant born of a woman. This Seed of the woman would do battle with Satan and his hosts.

All we know from just this first promise is that there would come a man born of a woman. Perhaps Adam and Eve thought their firstborn son was this man for they named him Cain meaning "I have gotten a man from the Lord" (Gen. 4:1). Cain, of course, was not the Savior. Later God narrowed this promise by declaring to Abraham that this Seed of the woman would be born of his descendants. This Seed (singular) or descendant of Abraham would be the One in whom all the nations of the earth would be blessed. So the Lord God preserved the descendants of Abraham (the Jews) for 2000 years so that His promises could be fulfilled.

During the course of Old Testament history, God further narrowed the promise stating that this Man would be of the tribe of Judah and then of the royal family of David. The emphasis on the Messiah being the Seed of the woman continued.

The Promise Fulfilled!

All finds fulfillment in the birth of

Jesus! Galatians 4:4 with its "born of a woman" points back to Genesis 3:15. The Savior came in human form as the Word became flesh. Think of Genesis 3:15 and the Seed of the woman as you hear again this Christmas the wondrous announcement to Mary: "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son and shall call His name Jesus" (Lk. 1:30-31). The circle between Eve and Mary was now complete. The Seed of the woman had come in Jesus. The Christmas Gospel tells us: "And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger" (Lk. 2:7).

Christmas tells us that God became man! It also points us to the reason for the incarnation. Jesus was born of a woman so that He could put Himself under the law and fulfill the law's demands for all men. Jesus was born of a woman so that He could taste death in the place of all men. God promised that the Seed of the woman would crush the head of the serpent. This pictures Jesus' total

victory at the cross.

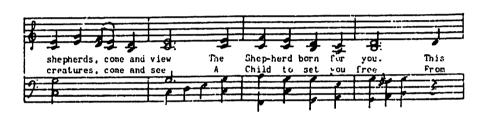
Satan's power would be broken as Jesus would cry out from the cross: "It is finished." The book of Hebrews is a commentary on Genesis 3:15. "Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage" (Heb. 2:14-15).

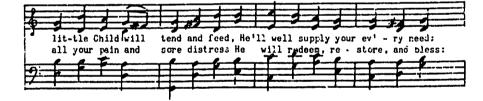
The Christmas story tells us that in Jesus God took upon Himself human form-God became man. Jesus was born of a woman and was (and is!) true man. The Christmas story tells us of Christ's victory at the cross. God has destroyed the power of Satan by giving us the forgiveness of sins. He has freed us from death by removing the sting from death through Jesus' death and resurrection. All of this is foreshadowed in Genesis 3:15 as we hear the promise of the coming Seed of the woman. "Thanks be God for His to unspeakable gift."

-John Schierenbeck













 Come, children, join our song Your faith will make it strong The Christchild in the manger see.
 He will your strength in weakness be.
 THEN LET US ALL... How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, Who proclaims peace, who brings glad tidings of good things, who proclaims salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns!"—Isaiah 52:7

HOW BEAUTIFUL . . . !

With this Christmas issue we bring the good news of four peace-proclaimers whom the Prince of Peace has presented to the Church of the Lutheran Confession as a result of their graduation from Immanuel Lutheran Seminary, Eau Claire, WI last spring. Angels from on high were the first to proclaim the Good News of the Savior born to die and rise again. Now that same exalted Savior chooses to use not angels, but men, to proclaim that News. Himself the best Gift of all, the Savior gives to the world the gifts of sinful, mortal men whose feet have been consecrated to walk with Him and whose tongues have been purged to proclaim Him as God and Savior, Redeemer and King! Little wonder the "Old Testament Evangelist" Isaiah shouts: "HOW BEAUTIFUL . . . !"

A Summer In Washington D.C.

Paul George Naumann, a 1985 graduate of Immanuel Lutheran Seminary, spent this last summer as vacancy pastor in the Washington D.C. area for the Mission Board of the CLC. He has chosen to extend his in-school educational experience by studying at the University of Wisconsin at this time. Giving up his opportunity for a call, he is presently engaged in the further study of Hebrew. His plans are to graduate with a Bachelor's degree at the end of this school year. Beyond this his plans are uncertain at this time.

Paul is the son of Pastor & Mrs. Bertram Naumann of Lynwood, Washington. Paul was born in Marquette, MI and has also lived in Hales Corners, WI while his father served the CLC congregations in these cities.



Paul Naumann

Paul's education since 8th grade has been at Immanuel Lutheran College through high school, college, and seminary. Between his college and seminary years he attended the University of Wisconsin for one year. He is now finishing that program and hopes soon to serve his Lord in a full-time call.

Jamestown, North Dakota-June 9

On June 9, 1985 Our Savior's Ev. Lutheran congregation of Jamestown, ND welcomed their new pastor, seminary graduate Peter Reim. Pastor Robert Reim, Peter's father who only recently retired from the active ministry, was on hand to install his son. Pastor John Klatt, who served Our Savior's as vacancy pastor, assisted with the installation. Pastor Robert Reim addressed both the congregation and his son on the basis of I John 3:1-2, reminding them of both the privilege they possess and the future they would enjoy as God's children!

Peter Reim was born on March 2, 1959 in Fond du Lac, WI. He spent his childhood years in Spokane, WA and Mankato, MN. He received his high school education at Immanuel Lutheran High School in Mankato, MN before attending both the college and seminary departments of Immanuel Lutheran College in Eau Claire. Peter was graduated from the seminary on May 25, 1985. On June 23 he was united in marriage with Susan Lueck of Okabena, MN.



Pastor & Mrs. Peter Reim

Susan taught at Faith Lutheran School in Coloma, MI for eight years prior to her marriage.

Pastor Reim has been blessed with a fervent desire to serve his Lord, as well as with a gentle humility and fine sense of humor. We wish the Reims and Our Savior's Lutheran congregation God's richest blessings in the future.

How beauteous are their feet Who stand on Zion's hill; Who bring salvation on their tongues And words of peace reveal!

How charming is their voice! How sweet their tidings are! "Zion, behold thy Savior-King; He reigns and triumphs here." How happy are the ears
That hear this joyful sound
Which kings and prophets waited for
And sought, but never found!

How blessed are the eyes That see this heav'nly light! Prophets and kings desired it long, But died without the sight.

Rapid City, South Dakota-July 7

July 7, 1985 will be a day long remembered in the history of Good Shepherd Ev. Lutheran Church of Rapid City, SD. It was on that date that the Lord answered the fervent prayers of many people over a period of many years by providing Good Shepherd with their first resident pastor, seminary graduate James Albrecht. Almost sixty people attended the evening installation and ordination service. Pastor Egbert Albrecht, Jim's father who currently serves as pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Onalaska, WI and St. Luke's Lutheran Church of Stoddard. WI both installed and ordained his son. Pastor Paul D. Nolting, who had served Good Shepherd for five years from White River, SD acted as liturgist.

Good Shepherd congregation was urged by Pastor Egbert Albrecht in a sermon based on the words of St. Paul in I Cor. 4:1-2 to recognize their new pastor as a "minister of Christ" and a "steward of His mysteries." Jim was then urged to prove himself as a faithful servant of Christ.

Jim is the son of Egbert and Lois Albrecht. He was born on April 14, 1959 and grew up in Markesan, WI.



Pastor James Albrecht, Pastor Egbert Albrecht

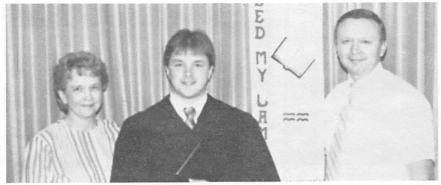
He attended both high school and college at Immanuel Lutheran College in Eau Claire. Following his college years, Jim spent a year working in Texas before returning to Immanuel Lutheran Seminary. On May 25, 1985 he graduated from the seminary. On June 8 Jim was married to Jolene Beekman of Eau Claire.

Good Shepherd congregation is one of our newest missions. The pastor's call was extended for a two-year exploratory period, after which the work will be evaluated. As of this time, the Lord has blessed the work in the Rapid City area. May our gracious Lord and Savior continue to bless the Albrechts and Good Shepherd congregation!

The watchmen join their voice And tuneful notes employ; Jerusalem breaks forth in songs, And deserts learn the joy. The Lord makes bare His arm Through all the earth abroad. Let every nation now behold Their Savior and their God. (TLH #487:1-6)

The following writers submitted the information on the seminary graduates as it appears in this issue: Pastor John Reim (M. Roehl); Prof. Ronald Roehl (P. Naumann); Pastor Paul D. Nolting (P. Reim & J. Albrecht).

Orlando, Florida—July 21



Pastor Michael Roehl with his parents, Prof. & Mrs. Ronald Roehl

The Son is shining in "the Sunshine State" in yet another way! For of the thousands of people moving to Florida each year, one of the recent arrivals is a bearer of the true Light of Christ. This man was sent by the Holy Spirit to let that Light shine in all its splendor. He's a 1985 graduate of Immanuel Lutheran Seminary. He's the son of Prof. & Mrs. Ronald Roehl, and his name is Michael Roehl.

Called to an important ministry by the CLC Mission Board, Pastor Roehl was installed and ordained at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Orlando, FL on July 21, 1985. A number of members from Immanuel of Winter Haven joined the mission congregation for the service and following picnic-reception.

Pastor Roehl's responsibilities are stretched over the 150 some miles which separate the Live Oak and Orlando mission fields, and between the two different lifestyles of those different areas. His responsibilities are unique. But then, he has been uniquely prepared. Whether or not

he was aware that a summer spent on a Nebraska ranch would acquaint him with the rural way of life found in the Live Oak area; whether or not he knew that a vicaring experience in Spokane would familiarize him with the way of life in a city of more than 100,000, as is the case in Orlando, the Spirit apparently did!

This well-trained understudy of the Overseer, Jesus Christ, now lives on Oshkosh Ct. in Orlando. From there he serves a group of CLC people located in the Orlando area, while reaching out to the community with the determination to make known the presence of this Gospel ministry. Services twice a month and instruction classes are conducted in Live Oak, where there is a population of approximately 6,830 and no other Lutheran church.

In Live Oak (a city named after a tree known for its strength) and in Orange County (a region named after a tree known for its sweet productivity) may the Spirit of our God give strength and fruition to this grand new ministry!

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Parsonage Moves To Middleton



Middleton's Church-Parsonage Combination

"And the sons of the prophets said to Elisha, See now, the place where we dwell with you is too small for us. Please, let us go to the Jordan, and let every man take a beam from there, and let us make there a place where we may dwell. And he answered, Go." (II Kings 6:1-2) What impact on the world did it have when Elisha and an ill-equipped, untrained group of the "sons of the prophets" built a new little seminary down by the Jordan? The world never noticed.

What impact did it have on the world that a small group of the "sons of the prophets" today just finished a building project down along the banks of Lake Mendota in Middleton, WI a suburb of Madison? Many that knew about the additions to our house of divine instruction may have said, "well, what importance does this have compared to the arms race, human rights, and the Ethiopian famine?" Those who saw the basement of this humble house of God being remodeled as a parsonage and a garage going up might have thought: how insignificant compared

to the billions being invested in shopping centers; how boring compared to the many great tabernacles with support groups, action committees, and social leagues!

Indeed, here on the north shore of Lake Mendota, things were on such a small scale that we wondered if our contemplations would sink like iron, even before we started. With only 36 souls, with only 7 men to lead the work, how could so much be done?

But God once again made iron float (see II Kings. 6:6)! It wasn't just a seven-man operation. Ladies, in their love for Jesus, filled the ranks. For three months individuals were coming home from their own work to labor for Christ's House. He opened hearts of members to loan the necessary money at reduced interest. Here at Mendota, like at the Jordan, borrowed tools were a common thing. Inexperienced volunteers often joked, "well, next time I'll know how to do this from the start." Yet God made it float.



Pastor & Mrs. John Ude & family

God said, "GO" to our request to build for His glory. The plans were finalized in May. In less than three months, on July 28th, the moving of the pastor's family from Cambridge to Middleton took place. A "small" project, an "insignificant" endeavor it may have appeared to the world. But God did not despise the day of small things. He was here to heal

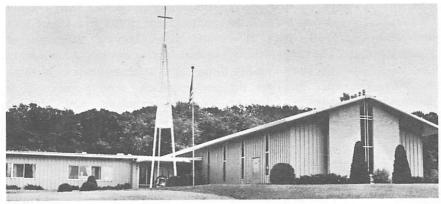
discouragement. He was here to bless this "church raising." He is filled with pleasure as this venture of faith was completed, like it began, to the glory of our Lord's saving Name.

"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." Stop by and visit our house, your house, for "sons of the prophets."

-John Ude

Born With The CLC-Borne By God . . .

Messiah Lutheran Church Eau Claire, Wisconsin



"The first congregational meeting was held for the purpose of organizing a church body consisting of those who are concerned about the preaching of the Word of God in all its truth and purity. Sixteen voting members were present, and found themselves agreed that Rev. A. Gullerud had not in his preaching deviated from the true Word of God."

This is the first paragraph in the permanent record book of the group

that later called itself Messiah Lutheran Church of Eau Claire, Wisconsin. This first congregational meeting was held on Dec. 18, 1960, two weeks after Pinehurst Lutheran Church of Eau Claire had resolved to return to the fellowship of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) and the Synodical Conference, contrary to the Bible-based admonition of its pastor, Arvid Gullerud.

Besides Pastor Gullerud and eleven other former members of

Pinehurst congregation, the number of sixteen voters included Pastor Keith Olmanson and three other former members of Ascension Lutheran Church of Eau Claire, which a few months earlier had resolved to remain in fellowship with the ELS and the Synodical Conference, contrary to the Lord's admonition in Romans 16:17—"Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them."

The first church service of the new group was held in the basement of the Erle Bolden home on Dec. 11, 1960 with 71 persons in attendance. On Jan. 22, 1961 services began to be held at the Church of God at 2857 Western Avenue. The name Messiah Lutheran Church was chosen on Jan. 29, 1961. On Apr. 30, 1961 the decision was made to purchase property on La Salle and Hastings for the purpose of erecting a permanent church building. Ground was broken on Nov. 5, 1961; construction began on Feb. 5, 1962; and the first service in the new building was held on Easter Sunday, Apr. 22. 1962 with 94 in attendance.

In January of 1963 the Church of the Lutheran Confession, the church body which Messiah congregation supported from its beginning, decided to move Immanuel Lutheran College with its high school, college, and seminary departments from Mankato, MN to the property on Grover Road south of Eau Claire. This blessing of the Lord increased the size of the congregation and per-

mitted the opening of Messiah Christian Day School in the fall of 1963. A two-room school addition was built in 1965. In 1977 and 1978 there was an extensive expansion and remodeling project that enlarged the church worship area and added two more classrooms and a library.

The Lord has seen fit to add members to Messiah congregation through the years. Many of these members moved to Eau Claire in order to take advantage of the Christian education provided by both Messiah congregation and Immanuel College. Many young people who first came to Eau Claire as Immanuel students have found employment in the Eau Claire area and have become members of Messiah congregation. According to the latest statistical report Messiah congregation now numbers baptized members, and Messiah school has an enrollment of 62 students in the nine school years from kindergarten through eighth grade.

Pastors serving the congregation have been Keith Olmanson (1960-1962), Arvid Gullerud (1960-1969), Lester Schierenbeck (1969-1982), and David Lau (1982-present).

Full-time teachers who served the congregation are Shirley Wendland (1963-1968), Mrs. Valborg Radichel (1968-1974), Paul (1970-1971),Eserhut Constance Bernthal (1971-1972).Miriam Duehlmeier (1973-1980),Hulke (1974-present), Mrs. Eunice Roehl (1980-1981), Ann Sprengler (1981-present), Mrs. Barbara Hulke (1984, 1985-present), Mrs. Renee

Wuerch (1984-1985).

The 25th anniversary celebration was scheduled for November 17, 1985. It is our prayer that our Lord God will use our members as lights to shine the bright rays of the Christian Gospel wherever they are,

so that God's name may be glorified. "Great and marvelous are Thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are Thy ways, Thou King of saints. Who shall not fear Thee, O Lord, and glorify Thy name?" (Rev. 15:3-4)

-D. Lau

Born With The CLC-Borne By God . . .

Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church Bowdle, South Dakota



Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church of Bowdle, SD was formally organized on March 28, 1962. Jesus has told us: "If anyone loves me, he will keep my Word" (Jn. 14:23). Redeemer came into being out of love—love for God and His Word, and loving concern that its members be kept in the truths of the Word.

At the time of its founding, members of Redeemer were subjected to much ridicule and persecution. This came both from former brethren as well as from some in their small community. Our Lord has comforted us: "Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of

heaven. Blessed are you when men revile you, and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely, on account of me. Rejoice, and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you" (Mt. 5:10-12).

Pastor Paul Albrecht was Redeemer's first shepherd, having been officially called on April 15, 1962. On May 6, 1962 the congregation applied for membership in our Church of the Lutheran Confession, of which Pastor Albrecht had been elected the first president in January of 1961.

From the beginning, the members

of Redeemer resolved to build a new church. (Until its completion, services were held in the local theater.) Ground was broken on April 24, 1962. Pastor Albrecht designed the building. The members donated many hours of labor, along with many gifts of money and materials. Truly the Lord moved hearts! In spite of the busy season for members of a farming community, cornerstone laving was on June 17, 1962. The structure was nearly completed, with only the finish work left to be done. The work was done almost entirely by members.

The first service in the new church was conducted on June 17, 1962. Pastor Kenneth Hallauer of Mission, SD was the guest speaker. On September 23 the beautiful house of the Lord was dedicated. Prof. C. M. Gullerud spoke on Ezra 6:13-22 at a morning service, and Pastor Clifford Kuehne on I Kings 8:27-30 in an evening service.

On the day after dedication the members resolved to construct a parsonage adjoining the church. The Lutheran Spokesman of January 1963 reported: "Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church completed the erection of a parsonage within what is perhaps record time. It took exactly two months. All work was done by the members, including a lumber dealer, two carpenters, one electrician, a plumber, and a dealer in furnaces and heating systems. It is a three-bedroom house attached to the church, with the pastor's study between church and parsonage. The house is beautifully and completely furnished, an evidence of fine crafts-14

manship and of a congregation's regard for the Word and for him who is called to preach it. The Paul Albrechts moved into their new home the week preceding the dedication. Pastor Rollin Reim of New Ulm, Minnesota was the guest speaker at the dedication service, December 9, 1962."

1962 is a very special year in the hearts of the members of Redeemer. It saw a new congregation formed, and a new church and parsonage being built—all in the same year! "The people had a mind to work . . . "

Pastor Albrecht served Redeemer from its founding in 1962 until his retirement from the public ministry in 1966. Pastor David Lau served from 1966 to 1972. Pastor Wayne Mielke served from 1972 to 1981. Terrel Kesterson has been serving as pastor from 1981 to the present.

Redeemer numbers 157 total souls, with 3 young people in confirmation instruction, an adult Bible Class, an active Ladies Aid, and 17 in Sunday School.

We conclude with Pastor Albrecht's words of exhortation which he wrote a week before the church dedication: "Let us with grateful hearts gave all glory to God Who has so wonderfully blessed our feeble efforts. Without His blessing we could have accomplished nothing. It is clearly written: 'Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it.' But let us not forget that it is not enough to dedicate a building; we must also dedicate ourselves anew to serve the Lord who has redeemed us and Whose mercies are new every morning."

—Terrel Kesterson

Daily Devotions For January 1986

As 1985 drew to a close we completed our devotions in the Old Testament books of Kings and Chronicles. There it was clear that the faithful in ancient Judah must have longed for a King, descended from David as promised, who would rule His people in a manner fully faithful to the LORD. To have such a King would surely mean the ultimate in provision and protection for all those under His gracious rule.

As we have lately celebrated once again, angels from the realms of glory proclaimed the coming of this long-awaited King when they told certain shepherds:

"To you, in David's town, this day,

Is born of David's line

A Savior, Who is Christ the Lord."

As we enter a new calendar year, let us consider what a great and gracious King we have in

Christ our Savior. What comfort, blessing, and protection is ours as His people! What vital work our King assigns us, His ambassadors! Since it is the special concern of Matthew to show that Jesus is indeed the long-awaited Messiah-King, it is appropriate that he lead our devotions this month.

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Notice of Call For Nominations

The Board of Regents of Immanuel Lutheran College has invited nominations to fill a vacancy on the faculty when the retirement of Professor Roland Gurgel becomes effective at the end of June 1986. The nominee should be a Seminary-trained individual whose training in Old Testament studies provides a background for teaching world history and religion classes. All pastors, professors, male teachers, and voting members of CLC congregations were entitled to nominate a candidate or candidates within 20 days from the date of the letter regarding this request, which came from the office of the CLC President. The deadline for any nomination was a postmark no later than November 27, 1985. All nominations were to be sent to:

> Pastor Paul Larsen Secretary of the Board of Regents 11006 Stonewall Blvd. Corpus Christi, TX 78410

Calls For Nominations To The ILC Presidency

The current 2-year term of Prof. Gordon Radtke as President of ILC expires June 30, 1986. This Call for Nominations is therefore addressed to the constituency of the CLC.

All professors, male teachers, pastors, and voting members of CLC congregations are entitled to nominate a candidate, or candidates, to this office.

Nominations are to be in the hands of the undersigned no later than December 31, 1985 (postmark).

Note: All nominations shall be made from the present full-time faculty members of ILC (cf. Proc. 1982, p. 11; XI).

> ILC Board of Regents Paul Larsen, Secretary 11006 Stonewall Blvd. Corpus Christi, TX 78410

Phone Number correction: The telephone number in the current CLC Directory for Living Word Lutheran Church, Hendersonville, NC should read: (704) 693-1512.

CLC Services In Atlanta

Please send names and addresses of persons we can contact about the monthly worship services recently begun in the Atlanta, Georgia area to: Robert Mackenson, 1518 Kanuga Road, Hendersonville, NC 28739.

Visiting The Rio Grande Valley?

Pastor Paul Larsen of our CLC church in Corpus Christi, TX conducts a monthly communion service at Mission, TX for our members. Please contact Pearl Klint at Mission. The phone number is 581-1503.

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Thankful Acknowledgement: The "Daily Devotions" column which appears each month in the Spokesman was the offering of Pastor David Lau for calendar year 1985. Pastor Walter V. Schaller, who has compiled these readings in the past, has agreed to assume the responsibility for these monthly devotions in 1986.

"Come, Shepherds, Come"

At the request of the editor, Pastor Paul Schaller, Clarkston, WA submitted the words and music which he composed for the Christmas hymn appearing in this issue. Pastor Schaller wrote: "You asked about the Christmas songs that we send out each year. I am enclosing a copy of this year's (1984). As you can see, they are children's songs. We began doing them for our Godchildren and our own children. I really wonder if such things would be of interest to Spokesman readers . . ." Yes, dear brother in Christ, in our opinion our readers will appreciate these talents which the Holy Spirit has bestowed. On behalf of our readers, we thank you!