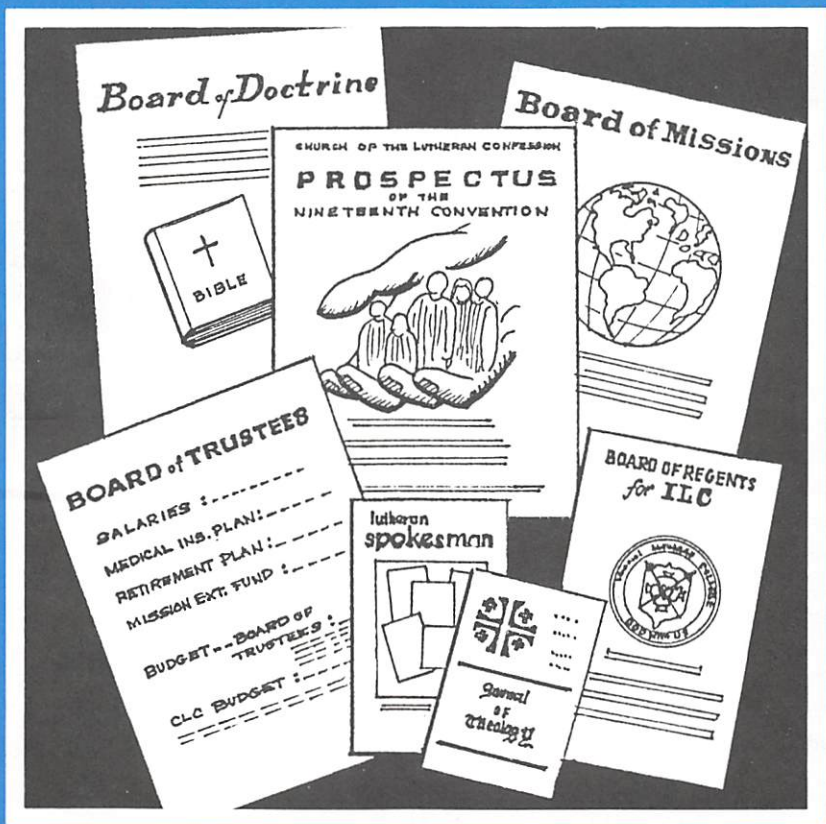


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**CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION**

*“How good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell together in unity!” (Ps. 133:1)*

## GOD-GIVEN UNITY

Sunshine. Air. Prayer. Blessings too easily taken for granted.

And so also is God-given unity—whether in home or neighborhood, church or nation. For such unity not only means a lessening of strife and stress; it also provides an atmosphere in which burdens are shouldered together, sorrows are shared, problems are faced, and hands heartily join in taking hold of opportunity.

### What a Blessing!

To live and work together in unity is not only beneficial to those involved; it is a pleasant thing, a delight. This is especially true when the oneness involves both purpose and spirit, hands and hearts. Then there is warmth and laughter—even in the midst of important matters and serious work.

Those involved in the Nineteenth Convention of the CLC in Eau Claire this past June experienced first hand the blessing of such unity. Not only

were difficult problems faced together in love and mutual consideration, but there was an overall spirit of cooperation, concern, and joy.

“How good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell together in unity! It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron’s beard, down upon the collar of his robes” (Ps. 133:1-2).

The expensive spiced olive oil used so generously in the Old Testament rite of anointing symbolized the outpouring of the rich gifts of the Holy Spirit. How appropriate that the blessing of unity among brothers be compared to this oil of anointing, since unity is a generous gift of the Spirit of God. For true unity begins in the human heart—and that is the great workplace of the Spirit.

### Worked by the Spirit!

Further, the closest, strongest, and most lasting unity is in Christ—the re-

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sult of that living, saving faith which only the Holy Spirit can work. People made one in Jesus Christ have a unity of heart and soul, of word and action, of purpose and commitment unlike any other. Truly it is a creation of God—a creation of the same Spirit who “moved upon the face of the waters” in the beginning of our world’s making. (See Gen. 1:3)

Let us appreciate anew this precious gift wherever God gives it, thanking Him again and again. Let us also be good stewards of this blessing, taking it up with both exuberance and thoughtfulness; both handling it with care and using it as a strong tool in the work of the Lord.

“How good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell together in unity! . . . It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the Lord bestows His blessing, even life evermore” (Ps. 133:1,3).

Discord and strife disrupt and destroy—like a scorching wind that blasts and withers tender green plants.

But a Spirit-worked unity is like a heavy dew refreshing the fields—a blessing that nurtures other blessings and godly virtues, enabling them to grow and bear fruit. The grace of giving, the word of encouragement, the act of kindness—these all thrive and flourish in the warm and healthy climate of unity in Christ. Further, when Christian unity is exercised, Christ Himself is shared. Truly, through this blessing God gives *life!*

We surely ought to cultivate unity and harmony in our churches and in the Church of the Lutheran Confession. Personally we can go out of our way to convey to each other, by word and action, that we are one in the family of God—and that we are glad to claim one another as brothers and sisters in Christ.

But in the midst of such efforts let us never forget that it is the Lord who gives the gift of unity. It is He who makes things flourish in the kingdom of God.

—W. V. Schaller 3

Convention Report, June 18-22 at Immanuel Lutheran College,  
Eau Claire, Wisconsin



Sem House (left); Field House (right), Site of Meetings

## CONVENTION SPECTATOR

It was different, this time. A convention of your church body is, for regular attendees, usually a rather predictable affair (our Secretary for all these years has been known to record the voting action before the Moderator calls the question). For this reporter, however, there was a new perspective. It was his last as a full-time pastor and charter member of the CLC. He watched and wondered:

Have we remained faithful to the commitment we made 30 years ago? Have we practiced good stewardship of the opportunities these years have afforded?

### Nineteen Times

In his report, President Dan Fleischer urged recognition of the family nature of a fellowship such as the CLC. A body in Christ created by the Spirit for service. Speaking on the theme, *Serving Him Who Redeemed Us*, Pastor Paul Naumann of White River/Mission, South Dakota showed that true service of God is always a response to what Christ has done for us. The Gospel is the only motivating power. Pastor John Johannes of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin emboldened a vision for service far beyond the limits of our own fellowship in his essay,

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*Serving the World For Which He Died.* The subject of supportive service within the body, especially the giving of money resources, fell happily to Mr. Harold Gutzman, a Westinghouse engineer from Texas. He addressed *Serving One Another In His Fellowship* from the viewpoint of a concerned and committed church member.

Our conventions traditionally give their prime time to prayer, worship, and learning. Chaplain Elton Hallauer put all things in perspective with an inspiring series of meditations on the theme of HOPE. "These must be printed!" Convention service speaker Vance Fossum put us and our endeavors firmly in the context of our Lord's imminent return. A happy urgency! Liturgist Jim Albrecht, choral director Robert Dommer, and organist John Reim provided beautiful settings for full-throated praising as we manifested our bonding at the Lord's Table. Memorial Service speaker Leland Grams took the opportunity to show how graciously the Lord provides for the needs of those who answer the call to gospel ministry.

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### **That Lovely Alma Mater**

Thirty years ago it was recognized that this new church body could not live long without its own school for

leadership training. Eagerly the CLC joined in supporting the college and seminary which Immanuel Church of Mankato had already inaugurated. Our highest hopes have been realized as the Lord prospered this bold endeavor. While the need to recruit more teacher candidates was noted, we could rejoice for the fact that our supply of pastor candidates over the years has fully met the needs of our congregations. The blessings to our churches of the host of general education students well taught in the gospel can never be measured.

Today Immanuel enjoys a steady enrollment, largely from our own constituency. It is on a sound fiscal basis (mainly because of the Student Aid program). Although it cannot be implemented now, we authorized a Building Committee to "plan the construction of a dining facility to include a commons area if possible."

A joint program between ILC and the University of Wisconsin in Eau Claire to enable our education students to obtain both state and CLC certification will be deferred until it becomes more feasible.

To enhance appreciation for ILC opportunities among our congregations, we adopted a "Professor in Residence Program" which would encourage churches to bring faculty members into their midst for specialized ministry during such times when they are not engaged in campus duties

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or professional advancement programs. The Board of Regents will coordinate the program.

Appreciation was expressed for the faithful service of faculty and staff, especially that of Professor Gordon Radtke as President during his terms of duty. Professor John Lau is now the President.

### Reaching Out

Thirty years ago we hardly dared to envision gospel ministry abroad. Enough to support isolated, struggling stateside churches of our fellowship. Now we enjoy the spiritual exhilaration of sharing in the work of three indigenous churches in far-away lands. Two in India, and one in Nigeria. Ex-

ploration in Thailand. All through the witnessing of individuals of our CLC churches.

Convention urged the Board to continue its support of Mr. Jyothi Benjamin's theological studies at ILC; also the highly successful orphanage project conducted by Pastor Benjamin in India. In addition to our modest subsidies, it is hoped that the request of Benjamin and The Rev. Mohan Bas of the Bahrath Church for more frequent CLC visitations can be honored.

In Nigeria the aim is to supply two missionaries to replace Pastor David Koenig, whose terms have been completed. A fine opportunity for mission awaits volunteers for the new **Self-help Program**. Lay people in the CLC are encouraged to consider



"Mr. Chairman!"

travelling to Nigeria to teach a useful business to the Nigerian Bible Institute students. Our sister church, the Nigerian CLC, is looking to the Muslim North of Nigeria as a field for mission endeavor. Challenging!

### And "At Home"

Redeemer Church of Sister Lakes, Michigan has reached its goal of self-support, and is no longer on the list of our subsidized congregations. New associates in our domestic program: *St. Paul* of Bismarck, North Dakota and *The Church of the Lutheran Confession of Northport*, on the Gulfcoast of Florida.

Looking back, the daily *Convention-Ear* listed churches that were supported wholly or in part when the CLC was five years old. Among them: Berea of St. Paul; Gethsemane of Spokane; Grace of Minneapolis (Fridley); Immanuel of Winter Haven, Florida; Redeemer of Cheyenne; Redemption of Alderwood Manor (Seattle); Holy Cross of Phoenix; and St. Stephen of the San Francisco Bay area. All are now thriving self-supporting churches. A domestic program which, under the durable grace of God, has worked!

### Outreach Training

Our Convention accepted the view of the Floor Committee that the key to effective outreach is a skilled and active lay-witness effort. Adopted was

the proposal for a *Standing Outreach Committee* which will coordinate the continuing development of a witness training program.

Thanks were given for the extensive labors of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Callies in developing the *Video Tape Ministry*, which provides videos of church services to many isolated people. A replacement staff is being sought. Great volunteer project!

### Finances

Not the greatest thing. But vital. The disposition of the financial resources which our Christians make available to our various ministries. There's never enough. Good judgment and brotherly love get a great workout. What we can work with is pre-set by the Cooperative Budget Projection (CBP), the amount our congregations have said they would provide for the synodical budget. Fortunately the amount actually given consistently exceeds the CBP, so there is a little leeway.

Each convention establishes a list of priorities. Top of the list this time was compensation for our called workers. Reflecting a growing concern in our churches, the 1988 convention had, after a salary survey, established a *Salary Compensation Committee*. The three church leaders (Messrs. Larry Dassow of Colorado, Donald Drews of California, and Harold Gutzman of Texas) of this committee did a defini-

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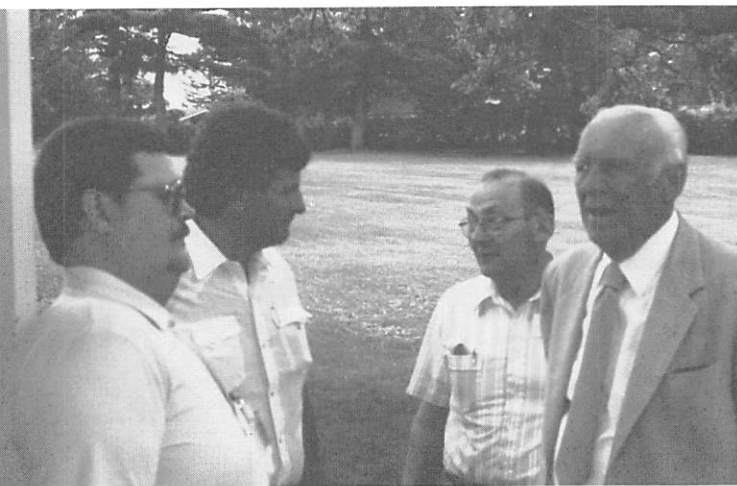
Vice President Elton Hallauer, President Dan Fleischer, Moderator Ron Roehl, Secretary Paul F. Nolting

tive analysis and persuaded the convention to inaugurate a four-year program to upgrade base salary, phasing out the child allowance system in favor of a service based standard (including an experience increment phase-in). This applies, of course, to pastors of mission congregations and faculty at ILC. Hopefully independent congregations will follow the lead.

There he was, this reporter, observing this and recalling those early days of barest subsistence level, when missionaries were called into a field of labor with the understanding that they

would have to moonlight on a secular job. The church agonized for the day when pastors and teachers could give themselves "wholly" to their great work. A sigh of thanksgiving rose within him. Thankful that our workers will be less distracted by money worries. Thankful that the push for this came from church members who provide the funds. Thankful that the pastors and teachers at our conventions are outnumbered by lay delegates. They did not have to plead their own cause.

So far the improvement is only on



Recess Time!



Essayists: Pastor John Johannes, Pastor Elton Hallauer (Chaplain), Pastor Paul Naumann, Mr. Harold Gutzman



paper. The good intentions will be realized if our churches are moved to increase their support estimates (CBP) in the coming years. Since we have an unusual ratio of one full-time worker for each hundred communicants, this will be a call for strenuous additional effort, performed in the confidence that this will enhance the work of the gospel.

The "extra effort" will be encouraged as a **Thankoffering** in this, our 30th year of service.

The convention took heart from the report of the Trustees, which indicated that all major accounts were in balance at the end of the year. Also that our property equities improve steadily. With prepayment of an MEF loan, for example, the mortgages of all 11 professorages are now fully paid.

The 1990-91 budget is a modest 2.4% above the projections of our churches.

### Teaching and Practice

Considering that the CLC was born out of doctrinal concerns it is expected that each convention would require

conference and counselling of one another (debate) in matters of faith and practice. So it has been over the years. Each time, as President Fleischer said, we have grown by the testing.

This year it had to do with the **divine call** to the gospel ministry. One of our congregations had found it necessary to terminate their pastor's call for reasons other than false doctrine or immorality (cited as cause in most constitutions). To assist churches in such sorry situations, should they arise, the pertinent principles will be studied and discussed during the coming months.

### Church Relations

With much interest the convention received the report of our Board of Doctrine. As encouraged in 1988, the Board had engaged in a series of meetings with the doctrinal commissions of the *Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod* and the *Evangelical Lutheran Synod* to discuss the biblical doctrine of fellowship, with special reference to the termination of fellowship with errorists, an area of disagreement in the past.

## IT IS HEARTENING TO FIND, AFTER 30 YEARS AND MANY CHANGES IN THE RELIGIOUS SCENE, THAT PEOPLE CONCERNED ABOUT THE INTEGRITY OF THEIR GOSPEL WITNESS KEEP COMING TO THE HAVEN OF OUR CHURCH.

Several scholarly papers were presented and discussed. A joint statement of theses and antitheses on the subject was prepared by a subcommittee. The substance of the statement was acceptable to all the commissions, but it was not agreed that this could be a settlement of the matter without an appropriate preamble. At the time of our convention this difference of judgment had not been resolved.

Because of the report that "several fruitful discussions have been held regarding the doctrinal differences under discussion," the convention resolved "that our representatives continue any meaningful discussions, and we pray the Spirit would bless these efforts with a God-pleasing resolution."

### Welcome

It is heartening to find, after 30 years and many changes in the religious scene, that people concerned about the integrity of their gospel witness keep coming to the haven of our church. Newly organized St. Paul of Bismarck, North Dakota and Church of the Lutheran Confession of Northport, Florida were received as member churches. The Rev. Warren H. Fanning and the Rev. Mark Bohde were received as clergy members by colloquy; Mr. John Cole as a teacher member; Pastors Steven Sippert, Lawrence Bade, Bruce Naumann, and John M. Johannes as candidate graduates of Immanuel Seminary.



Convention Service Choir Director R. Dommer, Organist John Reim

### In Appreciation

This reporter expects no disagreement with his opinion that this was an outstanding convention. Dialogue was temperate. Brotherly love, consideration, and respect were much in evidence, bringing to mind the way these qualities graced the fellowship during the hard early times. Moderator Roehl structured and conducted the meetings with skill and good humor. The arrangements committee kept everyone comfortable.

First love can last if it is freshened up a bit from time to time.

—Rollin A. Reim, Reporter

### Acknowledgement

A special note of thanks to Pastor Rollin Reim. In addition to his developing a clear oral picture of the Convention proceedings, the sharp photography is his as well.

—An appreciative editor, and constituency!

### CALLED . . .

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Vice President: The Rev. Elton Hallauer\*  
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Moderator: Professor Ronald Roehl\*

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Mr. Don Ohlmann (1994)\*

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Minnesota: The Rev. John Pfeiffer  
Pacific Coast: The Rev. Bertram Naumann  
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Mr. Gayle Stelter (1992)  
The Rev. L. D. Redlin (1994)\*  
Prof. Robert Rehm

(\*Elected [or re-elected] at this convention)

### APPOINTED . . .

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Prof. Gene Schreyer  
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Mr. Herbert Geiger

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The Rev. Rollin A. Reim

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## The 30th Anniversary of the CLC (1960–1990)

### Looking Back In The *Spokesman*

— from August, 1960 —

“... Because we cannot be content with past achievements; because the deceitful Moab within and without the visible church will always again launch an uprising against the Truth; because even now we are as a city besieged in our effort to possess and maintain the inheritance of a genuine Lutheran, scriptural faith—let us remember the hidden well of water planted in us by the Holy Spirit and prayerfully call forth its streams that we may be refreshed...” (Egbert Schaller)

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“... There is so much activity in the churches today—so much hustle and bustle, so many committees and programs... But certainly all should realize that the mere fact of great activity in the field of Christian education does not prove that the Lord’s command to shepherd His lambs is being carried out as He wants it to be. Parents can spend much time and expend much energy in the care of their children and still not be caring for them as the Lord would have them. So also in the church!...” (Paul F. Nolting)

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“Periodically we read articles deploring the increasing degenerate moral state of the nation... Obviously this situation disturbs churchmen of any and all faiths and they give considerable attention to it... (Many

churchmen) belittle, set aside, or deny the scriptural truth that the Bible is the very Word of God, and its singular message that salvation comes alone through Jesus Christ, without the deeds of the Law. In so doing these churchmen have established a contradiction which really defeats their purpose. How can one go about undermining and destroying men’s confidence in the Word of God and in its redemptive message, and still expect them to reverence and stand in awe of this Word when it speaks of morals and conduct?...” (Gilbert Sydow)

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“The cry is often raised against those who refuse to do mission work with ‘those of a different spirit’ that they are lacking in missionary zeal. It is to be feared that this cry comes from those who picture mission work almost exclusively as the task of winning souls for Christ, of bringing the Gospel to those who have it not, while the equally important assignment of ‘teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you,’ is played down. Yes, we need the Sword of the Spirit, in order to try the spirits whether they be of God. At the same time we dare not become lopsided and forget to take up the trowel...” (Arvid Gullerud)

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“It is almost impossible today to

*tune in on radio and hear something musical that offers more than a thundering beat with off-key melody, or a rhythmic twang behind a tortured voice drawling some verse well suited for outer space, not our Christian homes. Many of the favorite 'master-works' programs now throb with the same shrieking off-color harmony of modern contemporary composition. While it is said to be appreciated by those who 'understand' it, it seems rather to be indicative of the nervous state of our age in its daily pressures and tensions.*

*"The lack of balance in good music is particularly noticeable among the young people in our homes. Parents need to be concerned and make a con-*

*certed effort to guide our young people toward a balance in music appreciation . . ." (Gordon Radtke)*

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**CHURCH NEWS: Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.** The beginning of *Luther Memorial Church* was on February 7, 1960 . . . **St. Paul, Minnesota.** On Sunday, June 10, *Berea Lutheran Church* dedicated its church and parsonage, and installed its pastor . . . **Mankato, Minnesota.** Pastor C. M. Gullerud has accepted the Call to teach at Immanuel Lutheran Seminary . . . There will also be a new professor in the college department. Pastor Paul R. Koch, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, has accepted the Call . . .



## Partners in the Gospel . . .

### Faith Lutheran Church Nicollet, Minnesota

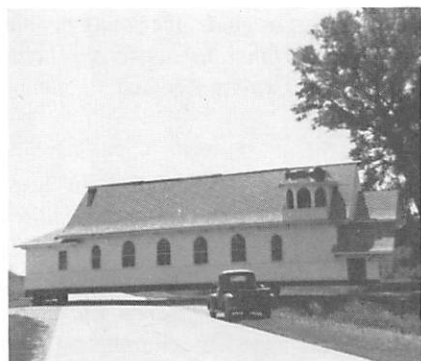
The sun was setting on the Minnesota prairie. A small white church was parked on the edge of a township road. That morning it had been twenty miles west of Fairfax. The next day it continued its move over the remaining fifteen miles to Nicollet. Less than four months later the members of Faith Lutheran congregation would hold their first service within its walls.

Appropriately, it was Thanksgiving Day. The congregation was very thankful. The Lord had given them a real church building in which to worship.

Much had happened during the past six years since Pastor Egbert Schaller

and some members of his former congregation organized Faith Lutheran Church in 1959. At first they held services at the homes of members. Then they purchased a house to use as a parsonage. Soon an outside entrance to the basement was constructed to permit use of the basement as a chapel. This arrangement served the congregation very well.

In 1962 Pastor Schaller accepted a call to teach at Immanuel Lutheran Seminary which at that time was located in Mankato, Minnesota. A call to the seminary had been accepted also by Pastor C. M. Gullerud of Eagle Lake. Pastor Keith Olmanson of Eau



Claire, Wisconsin was called to serve Faith as well as Salem of Eagle Lake. Pastor Olmanson was installed in July 1962.

While the congregation was comfortable in the basement chapel, it became apparent that visitors were not favorably impressed. A search for a suitable building was begun. An unused church at Cobden was rejected as being too large and on the wrong side of the Minnesota River. A vacant church was found fifty miles to the west. It was not for sale, but a man who cared for that property had a tip. The old Lutheran church in Fairfax was for sale.

Not only was the building for sale—it was just right. It was a low building, convenient for maneuvering under power lines during the move. But many months passed before the purchase was completed. The church official first contacted became ill and died. His successor was unaware of the offer to buy until a second inquiry was addressed to him. A member of Faith purchased the building and presented it to the congregation.

### God Had Provided

More months passed before a mover was hired and could work the



project into his schedule. While waiting for the move to take place, members made many 45-mile trips to give the building a coat of paint. Finally, in August 1965 the two-day move to Nicollet was made.

The next months were spent in wiring, plumbing, and refinishing the interior. The building was dedicated in June of 1966 with the first pastor, Egbert Schaller, as guest speaker. God had provided a fine church building for the congregation. The thankful but tired members could now follow a more usual congregational routine.

Nicollet has a population of about 800 with a Catholic church and two Lutheran churches. It is close enough to three larger cities so that many people choose to attend churches in one of them. Conversely, many of Faith's members live out of town. Over the years members have come from surrounding communities such as Gaylord, Belle Plaine, St. Peter, and Mankato.

Faith has been blessed by its nearness to other CLC congregations. Many of its young people have used the opportunity to attend Immanuel's elementary school and high school in Mankato. Pastor exchanges during the Lenten season and other fellowship



Interior of Faith, Nicollet

opportunities are very much appreciated.

As is the case with many rural or small town congregations, most of the young people leave the area and transfer to other congregations. But Faith continues to serve the spiritual needs of those who remain. It seeks to serve those who move into the area.

As a partner in the Gospel, Faith is determined to share the hope of salvation through Christ.

—Pastor Keith Olmanson



## Daily Devotions For September 1990



Date	Scripture	Theme	Hymn
1	Isaiah 57:15-21	God looks for a contrite heart.	383:5
<b>The Great Healing of the Sick</b>			
2	Psalms 30	The Lord has healed, and will heal, us.	36:1
3	2 Kings 20:1-7	Hezekiah prays to the Lord and is healed.	36:2
4	Isaiah 38:9-20	Hezekiah's song of thanksgiving.	36:3
5	James 5:13-18	The fervent prayer of believers is heard.	34:1
6	Matthew 9:35-38	Jesus is moved with compassion for the multitudes.	34:2
7	Matthew 9:27-34	Jesus shows His healing power.	34:3
8	Isaiah 42:1-8	Above all Jesus heals <i>spiritual</i> blindness.	34:4
<b>The Merciful Samaritan</b>			
9	Isaiah 58:6-12	The Lord shall guide with grace and glory.	397:1
10	2 Samuel 9:1-11	David cares for Mephibosheth, Jonathan's son.	397:2-3
11	Exodus 22:21-28	Be kind to the less fortunate.	397:4-5
12	Matthew 10:40-42	A glass of water to a child may be a fruit of faith.	397:6
13	Matthew 25:34-40	Serve Jesus by serving your fellowmen.	442:1-2
14	Romans 13:8-10	Show Christian love at all times.	442:3-4
15	Hebrews 2:11-18	The Good Samaritan gave Himself for us.	442:5
<b>The Thankful Samaritan</b>			
16	Psalms 103:1-5	Be thankful to the Lord and bless His Name.	27:1-2
17	Mark 14:3-9	A woman pours precious ointment on her Savior.	31:1-2
18	Psalms 103:6-14	The Lord has not dealt with us after our sins.	27:3-4
19	I Timothy 1:12-17	"Chief of sinners tho' I be, Jesus shed His blood for me."	31:3-5
20	Psalms 103:15-22	Bless the Lord for His everlasting mercy!	27:5-6
21	Philippians 1:12-18	Rejoice in sufferings for Christ's sake.	33:1
22	Philippians 1:19-26	For me to live is Christ, to die is gain for me.	33:2-3
<b>Earthly Goods</b>			
23	I Kings 17:1-6	The Lord provides for His believing children.	425:1
24	I Kings 17:7-16	The Lord can s-t-r-e-t-c-h earthly goods.	425:2

### Ordination - Installation

As authorized by President Fleischer, on June 17 I ordained and installed John M. Johannes as pastor of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Jamestown, North Dakota. Assisting were Pastors John H. Johannes, Warren Fanning, David Naumann, and Michael Wilke.

—John Klatt

### Catechism Workbook

An 84-page, plastic spiral-bound workbook for use with Martin Luther's Small Catechism, prepared by Pastor Mike Sydow, is now available from the CLC Book House or the author (Rt. 2, Box 664, Markesan, WI 53946) for \$3.00 each plus postage and handling. Copies of the catechism may also be ordered from the same suppliers for \$8.95 each plus postage and handling.

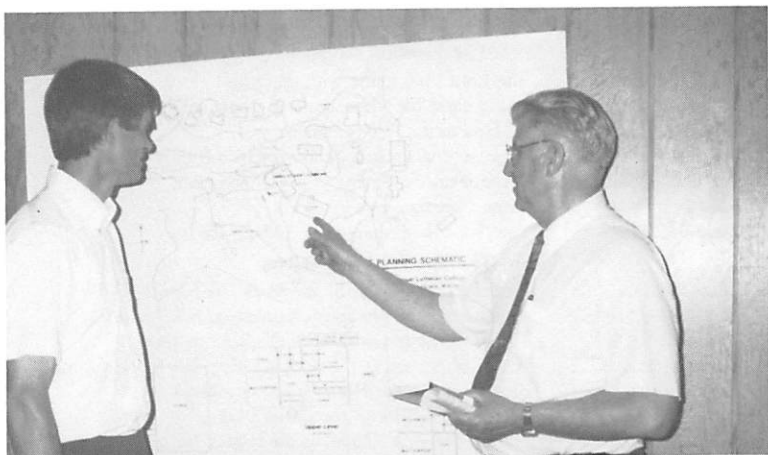
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25	I Timothy 4:4-8	Receive earthly gifts with thanksgiving.	425:3
26	John 4:31-38	Give generously for the spread of the Gospel	425:4
27	Luke 6:20-26	Be rich <i>in faith</i> toward God.	425:5
28	I Timothy 6:6-11	Beware of the love of money in our greedy day.	425:6
29	Luke 12:32-34	Lay up treasures in heaven.	425:7
<b>The Great Comfort</b>			
30	Psalms 102:25-28	The eternal God is our Refuge and Strength.	425:8

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Convention Delegates from Grace of Fridley, Minnesota, Al Rosendahl (left) and Al Kurtzahn (right) examine the Master Schematic for Immanuel's Eau Claire Campus.