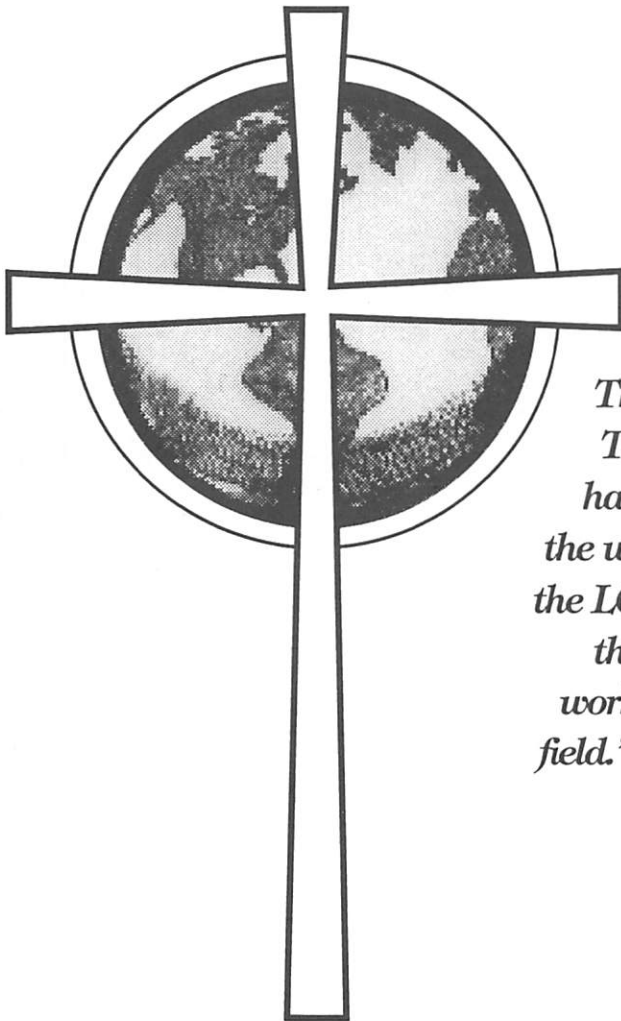


# Lutheran Spokesman



*Then he (Jesus) said  
To his disciples, "The  
harvest is plentiful but  
the workers are few. Ask  
the LORD of the harvest,  
therefore, To send out  
workers into his harvest  
field." —Matthew 9:37 & 38*

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# GOALS

*Perhaps the value of goals in any venture is best illustrated by the consequences of their absence. The college student without any career goals will more likely be academically and motivationally adrift; the individual or family lacking financial goals will show little interest in necessary budgeting and financial planning; the business without clearly defined objectives has little chance for success.*

Spiritual goals are no different on the personal, family, congregational, or synodical level. Involving careful and prayerful consideration and planning, they hold before our eyes important milestones on life's journey as well as constant reminders of the very reason for our existence—to serve and glorify God.

## **An Example**

Recently we came across the Mission Statement of the WELS (Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod). In spite of the confessional differences in the area of church fellowship, we find ourselves heartily in agreement with its clear and simple

message. In fact, portions of our "Statement of Faith and Purpose" (available from your pastor) are simply an amplified version of what follows:

*As men, women, and children united in faith and worship by the Word of God, the WELS exists to make disciples throughout the world for time and for eternity, using the Gospel to win the lost for Christ and to nurture believers for lives of Christian service, all to the glory of God.*

As a further explanation, one of their five objectives is:

*To seize every opportunity the Lord provides to evangelize lost souls and*

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*establish ministering churches throughout the world.*

In clarifying this mission objective specifically as part of their "Vision 2000+" statement, they have set specific numerical goals of so many new home missions, cross-cultural urban ministries, foreign missionaries, and reduction of back-door membership losses.

Our Savior's divine counsel to "count the cost" beforehand (Luke 14:28) applies not only to physical building programs, but to every area of discipleship. General and specific goals are healthy for any congregation or church body. Goals identify a definite divine purpose. They point members to a vision of the future involving faith challenges and commitments with which all can identify.

### **Our Goals**

While not always publicized, many of our churches as well as synodical boards have operated with similar objectives. Many are found in our local and synodical constitutions and publications. As an example, our CLC Board of Missions has always sought

to open a new mission each biennium, if not oftener. Through the recently revitalized Missionary-at-large program regular exploratory efforts are pursued. Even a detailed 15-year subsidy reduction program for home missions was recently implemented to encourage a clearer year-to-year focus on self-support goals. Carefully worded foreign mission guidelines have been operative for years. The goals are in place.

At the same time, the realization of any spiritual goal rests in the Spirit's hands. It is He who moves His people "to will and to do of His good pleasure." It is He who opens and closes doors. It is He who blesses our efforts.

Any of a myriad of unplanned factors such as membership decline, personal or congregational financial setbacks, changes in foreign government policy, and unexpected opportunities and responses to the Word can all alter our specific plans and require on-going adjustment.

Full well do we recognize that ultimately Kingdom progress comes not from our wise planning and goal-setting, but from identifying and

## **REACHING THE UNREACHED**

**Ninety percent of the 150,000 Protestant foreign missionaries are working where the church has already been planted. Only 10 % of the missionaries are among the remaining 12,000 unreached people groups. (Source: Target Earth)**

*1 Timothy 2:4 - "(God) desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."*

—Submitted by Pastor David Koenig

seizing opportunities the Lord lays before us, planned or spontaneous. So it has always been—within our churches; with the beginning, relocation, and on-going operation of ILC; and with our missions here and overseas.

Specific plans and goals in the

Lord's Kingdom are beneficial, even indispensable, to be sure—so long as we remember that their achievement rests in greater hands than ours; so long as our priority remains that in all His Name be hallowed and His will be done. Then His Kingdom will come.

—Pastor David Schierenbeck



**Editor's Note:** Pastor Rollin Reim is one of our serial writers in the I Corinthians studies. His last offering, treating chapter five (June issue), had a number of unfortunate errors. We reprint here the last section ("As For Judging...") found on page 10:

*"It is somewhat surprising that Paul does not urge the Corinthian Christians to disassociate themselves from the world outside their fellowship. Not even from the immoral. To do so would be to abandon their saving, salutary role in the world (5:9-11). They are not to bear the burden of judging the world now, with an appropriate sentence of punishment. That's the job of government (Romans 13). Enough that they live and shine in the darkness of the world by their commitment to what is sincere and true in behavior.*

*"When Christians live out their passion for holiness in their church life and 'outside' as well, there will be no confusion. No one can possibly take their tolerance for approval of wickedness. 'Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven' (Mt.5:16)."*



## Christ, the Power of God and the Wisdom of God — Studies in I Corinthians

### Chapter Eight

#### LOVE GOVERNS CHRISTIAN LIBERTY Sometimes I Will, Sometimes I Won't

"How come, Dad? When we entertained the pastor last Sunday we served wine. When we hosted Uncle George on Friday, we didn't. How come? Seems strange. At least inconsistent."

"Strange perhaps, my Son, yet quite consistent with the exercise of love in matters of Christian liberty,

where something is neither commanded nor forbidden by the Word of God.

"Our pastor knows that we are free in Christ to use wine in moderation, to the glory of God. Uncle George, however, is a Christian who, in this matter, is 'weak in conscience,' to use a Bible term. He has been misled to believe that even moderate use of

wine is sinful. For us to encourage him to do something against his conscience might cause him to stumble in his faith."

"So it would be contrary to Christian love for us to exercise a 'right'?"

"Right, Son."

### FOREGOING A RIGHT

The foregoing dialogue is made up. It might well have taken place, however, in a family that is familiar with the principles taught us by the Spirit in I Corinthians 8 and Romans 14. The kind of love the Spirit of Christ inspires in believers leads them to say, in effect, "*Sometimes I do, sometimes I don't.*"

In our time when we hear so many strident demands for one's "rights" we are challenged by our Lord to exercise our rights judiciously, according to love deciding whether we will or we won't.

### THE MEAT-MARKET MATTER

In the Corinth of Paul's day, you got your best steaks and chops at a market which sold what was left over after animal sacrifices had been made at pagan temples like the one atop the mountain behind town. Some sensitive Christians thought that the use of such meat would involve them in the worship of a false god. A betrayal of their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Paul eases their conscience by pointing out (8:4-8) that they would not be serving a false god, for so-called gods are all mere *idols*, and an idol is *nothing* at all in the world. For us *there is but one God*. Since Aphrodite is an idol, a *nothing*, that sex goddess cannot benefit from the

sales of meat sacrifices. To eat or not eat is an indifferent thing, and so should not be made a matter of conscience.

For some, however, it *was* a matter of conscience. They were living in a pagan culture where idols were regarded as real, divine entities (8:7). Knowledge of their Christian liberty was incomplete. For them it *was sin* to eat.

### WHAT LOVE WILL DO

The problem was, for Paul, most serious. If someone so burdened sees another more knowledgeable Christian eating in an idol's temple, "won't he be emboldened to eat what has been sacrificed to idols? So this weak brother *for whom Christ died* is destroyed by your knowledge" (8:11). And "to wound their weak conscience" is to "sin against Christ" (8:12).

The apostle's solution remains in place for us today, far removed as we might be from the case in Corinth:

A) Take a humble attitude toward your greater knowledge of our liberty in Christ, and subordinate it to the concerns of love (8:1-3).

B) When deciding whether "you will or you won't" use Paul's own formula: "If what I eat causes my brother to fall into sin, I will never eat meat again, so that I will not cause him to fall" (8:13).

So it is that *love* moves Christians. They will strive to spread the knowledge of our glorious liberty in Christ, yet on occasion stand ready to *forego their rights*.

### AN EVERYDAY EXERCISE

Every Christian is constantly making choices. In this or that

situation, *will I or won't I?* Go to a ball game on Sunday? Cooperate with the unbelieving world in a worthy venture? Play cards? Buy a lottery ticket? Dance? Wear slacks? Smoke? the list could go on...

A church member lives in an area where there is no local church with which she could worship in the unity of Spirit and bond of peace. She and her husband worship at home with cassettes from the home congregation. Asked whether this fulfilled their needs she replied, "Yes, but it bothers

me that our neighbors don't see us getting up Sunday morning and leaving for church. What a negative witness!" She feared that it might cause someone to stumble in his faith. Confidence came, however, with the thought that an even greater witness to Gospel truth would come when people would get to know *why* they do what they do.

"Sometimes I do, sometimes I don't."

Let love decide. Then it will be right!

—Pastor Rollin A. Reim



## CHOOSING FRIENDS

Back in June, when I was trying to come up with a topic for this article, I happened to be watching an NBA basketball play-off game. During the halftime of the game the NBA Commissioner made an interesting statement concerning Michael Jordan. He said the league was not concerned about Jordan's gambling habits, but they were concerned about the type of people with whom he was associating.

This concern, no doubt, is one that many parents have regarding their children. They may be concerned about who is influencing their child's behavior, or the choice of friends their child is making. Choosing friends is often one of the most difficult and important decisions young people make in their lives. It is also a decision over which children and parents do not always agree. In this article I will attempt to provide some advice from Scripture regarding the choice of friends.

Most of us have probably been taught from early on the importance of being a friend to others. You may have been told by a parent that if you want to make friends, you have to learn to be a friend. This is good advice.

In Sunday School we were told the parable of the Good Samaritan, which taught us a valuable lesson in being a neighbor and friend. We also learned of the close friendship between David and Jonathan. Jonathan was willing

"Friends" at Immanuel, Mankato



Kirsten Frazee, '96, Becky Wanta '96, Sally Klammer '93.

not only to concede rulership of Israel to David, but to risk his own life to save David. We also have the example of Jesus Himself, who befriended everyone, regardless of their "sinfulness." Much to the shock and abhorrence of the Pharisees, Jesus even showed friendship to prostitutes and publicans. He even called Matthew, a tax collector, to be His disciple. In His Sermon on the Mount Jesus told His disciples to be friends to all people, even those who are not friendly to them. "Love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you" (Mt. 5:44).

So Scripture clearly teaches that we should be a friend to anyone and everyone when the opportunity presents itself. But does this mean we should indiscriminately choose the people with whom we spend our time? I believe the Bible provides guidelines for Christians in this area as well.

### **Helping Our Young People**

One human characteristic which often leads to unhealthy friendships is the need we all feel to be accepted by our peers. This need seems to be the greatest in the adolescent years of life. No one wants to be left out or to be unpopular. To avoid being viewed as different, young people often go along with the questionable activities of the group they are with. Satan knows our human weaknesses and often uses them to entice us to participate in things contrary to God's will.

As parents and teachers, therefore, we want to encourage our young people to fight against the temptations of Satan. We want to encourage them

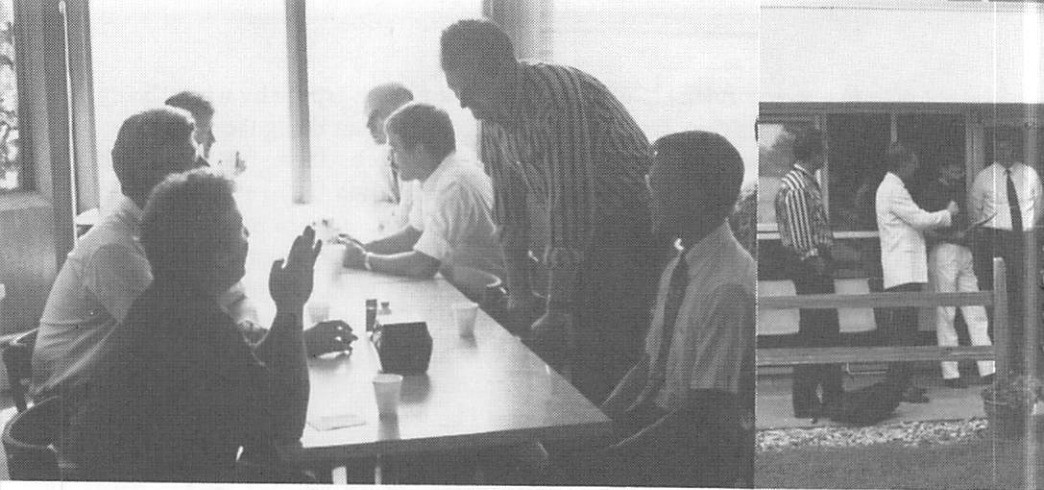
to be different, especially when "being different" means doing the right thing. We want to be there for them with open ears when they have friendship concerns. We want to make them feel "at home" in their homes and in their church. We want to bring them God's Word, which tells them that although they are "in the world" they should not be "of the world."

Our Savior has told us all to "let your light so shine before men" so that the dark world will see our lives and glorify God (Mt. 5:16). Therefore we will want to tell our young people that friends who want them to disobey God's Word may not be true friends at all, and when a choice needs to be made, "we ought to obey God rather than men" (Acts. 5:29).

We should also not be too quick to judge our children's friends. Too often parents make hasty judgments of people based on hair style, jewelry, clothing, and so on. We will not want to alienate our children by judging their friends on externals. We should rather take the time to get to know our children's friends. Realizing that young people today face many difficult choices regarding friends, we will want to take the time to pray that God would help them make the right choices.

Choose Thou for me my friends,  
My sickness or my health;  
Choose Thou my cares for me,  
My poverty or wealth.  
Not mine, not mine, the choice  
In things or great or small;  
Be Thou my Guide, my Strength,  
My Wisdom, and my All. (TLH 532:2)

—Teacher Joseph Lau



*1993 General Pastoral Conference*

## **Seminary Revisited**

*In non-Convention (the odd) years all of our synodical pastors come together for three days of concentrated Scripture study and discussion at Eau Claire. I'm sure all will agree they receive a "shot in the arm" by way of scriptural and brotherly encouragement one with the other.*

These are always uplifting and inspiring sessions, and this year's was no exception. Near the close of the final session some of the "old guard" pastors and professors rose to speak. They were moved to comment—and some even to tears—on their heartfelt joy as they saw and heard such soundly biblical presentations in all areas of study by representatives of later generations.

As was said in different ways, the faithful biblical scholarship is a testimony to the work of the Spirit of God among us and—in that sense, we may say—it is also a tribute to Immanuel, our "school of the prophets" at Eau Claire, which has sent forth such faithful spokesmen into the ministry of Christ's church.

Indeed, some 34 years after the

founding of the CLC the gospel torch is being passed faithfully along. Yet a major concern remains. As the ILC Regents' Chairman (Pastor Michael Sydow, Markesan, Wis.) indicated to the assembly, we need to pray that there be public spokesmen who will be there to take up the torch. Pray that the Lord would send forth laborers into His harvest!

### **Morsels**

The well-balanced agenda for the June 22-24, 1993 conference made us feel as though we had just attended a three-day post-graduate seminary refresher course.

There were papers touching on **homiletics** (sermon preparation) and **exegesis** (language study). The Old Testament Hebrew study was on Isaiah 55:1-7 (Pastor Paul Naumann,





Mission-White River, SD). *"...The food of salvation God offers us in His Son is rich fare, food that satisfies completely our most basic appetites for forgiveness, righteousness, and eternal life. Why scramble vainly to find happiness in other pursuits?..."*

The New Testament Greek study was on James 4:11-5:6 (Pastor David Koenig, Middleton, Wis.). *"...There is nothing wrong with going, doing, trading, and making a profit. The problem is if one doesn't realize and acknowledge God is in charge and should be brought into the decision-making process. Man proposes, God disposes. Think of secularism today and how it teaches all does not depend on possessing God's abundant grace and blessing..."*

There was a "course" on **pastoral theology** in the form of a compelling letter from father (Pastor Walter Schaller, Lemmon, SD) to son (Seminary graduate Andrew Schaller, soon to be installed in Corpus Christi, Tex.) encouraging all to *"bring the word of Christ in the spirit of Christ."* In the category of **practical theology** might be placed the discussion of scriptural and legal aspects of counseling, and when the counseling

pastor should "refer" (Pastor James Sandeen, Coloma, Mich.). In general, it was said, *"the counseling pastor should refer when the counsel he would give would be beyond his education, training and expertise, beyond his knowledge, talents, or abilities to give."*

There was a "course" on **outreach or missiology** (Pastor Douglas Libby, Mankato, Minn.) as we pastors were encouraged to use our lay-people more effectively. *"...Not only are the gifts of those who can plumb and paint to be utilized but also the gifts of those who can preach and pray..."* Another "course instructor" (Pastor Stephen Kurtzahn, Hendersonville, NC) led us in a discussion of the propriety of reaching out to dissatisfied Lutherans in heterodox church bodies. *"...A member of a heterodox Lutheran synod who is dissatisfied will probably be looking, searching, and asking questions. By no means should we ever turn our back on such a wandering sheep—See I Pet. 3:15..."*

Under **dogmatics** (doctrinal matters) class might be listed a paper on "Encouraging the Positive Aspects of Church Fellowship" (Pastor James

Albrecht, Sister Lakes, Mich.). We were reminded again of all the God-intended blessings which come to individual believers and the church through the doctrine of church fellowship: *"...despite all of the negative press it receives the doctrine of fellowship is one of the precious gifts God has given to His Church. No matter how you examine it, you arrive at the singular conclusion that every aspect of this teaching is positive. The fact that it pervades the life of the church and the fact that it regularly surfaces in the lives of our members should underscore the greatness of its blessing..."*

Also under dogmatics was another study on the role of women in the church, as we seek to keep faithfully anchored to the scriptural teaching in a day when many are departing from it on this subject. The "course" came by way of a study (by Prof. David Lau) of key words in the pertinent passages, I Tim. 2:12, I Cor. 14:34-35.

Man's Extremity—God's Opportunity" was the overall theme for the **conference devotions** by the chaplain



Prof. D. Lau, Pres. D. Fleischer, Sec'y P. F. Nolting.

(Pastor Bruce Naumann, San Francisco). The messages called attention to how man's extreme guilt is counterbalanced with God's abundant grace; man's fear with God's power; man's grief with God's comfort; man's need with God's blessing; man's struggle with God's abundant joy.

Truly the 1993 General Pastoral Conference was God's opportunity to multiply, in their extreme need, the joy and the faithfulness of His public spokesmen in the CLC. Thank you, Lord, for the opportunity!

—Pastor Paul Fleischer



## A Seminar For Today's Christian Women

A Christian Women Today Seminar was held at Immanuel Church, Mankato, Minnesota on March 20, 1993. Four speakers for the theme "But godliness with contentment is great gain" helped the hearers explore the many facets of contentment and to value the key to contentment, Christ, who strengthens her.

Dawn Redlin, from Immanuel, had a topic dealing with "Contentment with Yourself and Your Family." In spite of frustration and anxiety in one's daily life, the Christian woman gains assurance through God's Word, which enables her to provide a Christ-centered atmosphere in the home.

Another principal speaker was Ruth Sydow of Grace, Fridley, Minn.

Her section of the program was concerned with "Contentment with Your Church Family." Among the several Bible passages which instruct the Christian woman in this area, two were emphasized: "...for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content" (Phil. 4:11); and "Let your conduct be without covetousness, and be content with such things as you have" (Heb. 13:5). In her personal life and in dealing with her spiritual relatives, the Christian woman finds joy in worship, the study of scripture, and in giving of her talents to the church.

Laila Fleischer of Grace, Sleepy Eye, Minn. spoke about "Contentment with Your Situation," looking at money, jobs, homes, and other possessions. She spoke of how these can influence the way the Christian woman assesses NEEDS versus WANTS. In spite of the bombardment of the world, the Christian woman will seek God's help to curb dissatisfaction with her daily living.

Barbara Pfeiffer of St. Paul's, Austin, Minn. was the fourth principal speaker. She based her presentation on Philippians 4:10-13, with special

attention being given to the closing sentence: "I can do everything through him who gives me strength." She described the Christian woman's desire for contentment and her ongoing struggle against the lure of the material world. But she finds the key to the secret of true contentment through the Gospel. It is CHRIST who is and has the strength she needs in whatever role God has given her in her earthly life.

The day of study and fellowship was enjoyed by some 96 women from CLC congregations in southern Minnesota. Besides the main discussion topic, other features were included, such as a display of individual crafts and handiwork; Joleen Huiras of Grace, Sleepy Eye, urged the women to write their legislators concerning their convictions about the abortion issue. Sample letters were provided; as a portion of the afternoon program a movie entitled "The Incredible Worth of A Woman" was shown; music was provided by Mary Thom, Grace Schreyer, and Karla Olmanson, all of Mankato; Rosie Timm, Mankato, was in charge of the noon luncheon.

Planners for the Seminar were Ruth Mueller, Mankato, and Laila Fleischer. The Seminar's opening and closing devotions were conducted by Pastor L. D. Redlin of Mankato, and Pastor Paul Fleischer of Sleepy Eye, respectively.

*(Editor's note: This article was compiled largely from Lois Mackensen's eye-witness, and written, account. We thank her.)*



*In our May 1992 issue Pastor Fossum had written an article entitled Child Abuse Before God. The thrust of that article can be seen from its concluding words: "Dare to discipline with the rod of correction. For if you do not, you may be guilty of child abuse before God!" A reader requested we might also have something on the subject of "verbal abuse" of children by parents. We thank Pastor Fossum for his follow-up article which appears below*

## **Cherish The Children**

**S**tatistics rarely tell all. "An estimated 1200 American children died in 1989 because of abuse or neglect." But many more hundreds do not die from their wounds; they only suffer more of them. There are no accurate figures on the number of children who suffer from that other abuse—the emotional/verbal variety. No purple bruises may be seen when children suffer this kind of abuse. No parents are indicted on criminal charges. Passing pain may be seen in the child's face; mental and emotional scars take its place.

The focus in society is on the "dysfunctional family." However, are we aware that abuse can also take place in our own Christian homes?

### **Abuse Takes Different Forms**

Children used to be fond of saying: "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me." Yes, they may, especially when they come from the mouth of a parent.

How about those abusive comparisons? It is not abusive to inform Johnny when he has done wrong. But he is abused if he is regularly told: "Your big sister Sarah never did such a thing. Why can't you be more like her!" Or suppose the parents are discussing Johnny's behavior in his presence without addressing him. One may say something like: "Johnny

thinks he can get away with this, but he is wrong!" Or "He acts as if he is never wrong!" Or "He isn't sorry for it!" Or "He doesn't love me!" This is not tact, but an attack on the child. Such remarks are judgmental darts aimed at a child's heart that is not open to parental view.

Children cringe when verbal bullets fly at them loud and long from a mother's machine gun mouth. Children feel small when father corrects every misdeed in front of their friends. Much better is the "soft answer"—gentle, quiet, even private—that "turns away wrath" (Prov. 15:1).

On the other hand, silence is not always "golden" but may be child abuse. A certain father and mother gave their only son everything he wanted through his childhood, never saying "no!" and never correcting him. It was easier that way and they "loved" him. One day, however, his mother broke the "silence" by daring to deny him what he wanted. The boy responded by kicking his mother!—An abusive reaction to years of abusive parental silence!

Are we too busy to hear and respond to the hopes and hurts, the stories and glories of our children? Televisions suffer no abuse when they are turned off; but children suffer when they are turned off.



Pre-school Class at Bible School in Sleepy Eye. Instructors Kris Arndt & Autumn Lentz.

And what is the worst form of child abuse? It is the “offense” of “these little ones” who believe in Jesus (Mt. 18:6). This “millstone” warning of our Savior ought to be taken very seriously by every Christian parent. Jesus redeemed our children. He wants us to be bringing them to Him that He may bless them (Mark 10:13-14).

When our children sin, do we punish only, or do we seek above all to bring them to their Savior that they may hear His Word of forgiveness? If we speak Christ’s Word to them, do we also live in that Word before them? The emotional abuse of children is a terrible sin. Spiritual abuse is worse.

### Nourishing In The Lord

Christian parents are not without the Lord’s guidance and strength as we strive to nurture rather than abuse our children. We have the Lord’s commandment: “You fathers, do not (continually) provoke your children to wrath, but nourish them in discipline and admonition of the Lord” (Eph. 6:4). But more than the command, we may have the divine grace to obey

from the heart with every remembrance of how our heavenly Father nourishes us.

In order to nourish anyone “in the Lord”—husband, wife, children, our neighbor—we need more than a sense of mission; we need self-submission. “Submit yourselves to one another” (Eph. 5:21). Also in dealing with children, let every parent learn and relearn the self-submitting love of Christ. Let us recall how our Lord submitted Himself completely upon the cross, not for His benefit, but for ours.

“As a father pities his children, so the Lord pities those who fear Him” (Ps. 103:13). Here the inspired Psalmist grants that a good father has regard for his children’s weakness, not in order to bully them but to benefit them. A good father, like the Lord, submits all his strength and love to the needs of his children, whether they have been worthy or not.

Do our children ever disappoint us? Of course they do. Do we ever disappoint our heavenly Father? Yes we do. Yet He still “knows us by our name.” He does not call us by the

name of our latest sin or weakness, the way parents sometimes speak to their children. We often fail Him, but He still calls us His own: "I have redeemed you...you are mine" (Is. 43:1).

May we all receive such grace to

nourish and cherish our own children as our heavenly Father does His own, submitting ourselves to our children for their benefit as our Father ever does with us!

—*Pastor Vance Fossum*

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Trinity Lutheran Church Spokane, Washington July 1993



Staff Shown In Picture: Nona Schaller, Linda Lux, Sherrie Schlosser, Susan Panther, Ivan Zarling.

## Announcements

### Installations

With the knowledge of President Daniel Fleischer, the undersigned ordained and installed Andrew A. Schaller as pastor of Resurrection Lutheran Church of Corpus Christi, Texas; on July 4, 1993; Pastor John Klatt assisting.

—*Pastor Walter Schaller*

By the authority of the Divine Call, and with the approval of Pres. Daniel Fleischer, on Sunday, August 1, 1993 I installed Karl A. Olmanson as Teacher and Principal of Our Savior's Ev. Lutheran School in Jamestown, ND.

—*Pastor Paul Larsen*

As authorized by President Fleischer, on July 11 I installed Thomas Schuetze as pastor of St. Matthew, Dallas, Texas.

—*Pastor John Klatt*

On Sunday, August 1, 1993 the undersigned installed Miss Rebecca Fossum as first and second grade teacher at Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Grade School.

—*Pastor L. D. Redlin*

### Great Lakes Pastoral Conference

**Date:** September 28-29, beginning with a communion service at 8:30 a.m.

**Place:** Immanuel Lutheran College, Eau Claire, WI

**Agenda:**

- \* OT Exegesis, Ecclesiastes chapter 5 - Prof. David Lau
- \* NT Exegesis, 2 Corinthians 5:20ff - Mark Bernthal
- \* A Current Review of the Animal Lodges - James Sandeen
- \* Book Review of Walther's Theses on Law and Gospel - Part two of a series - Prof. Paul D. Nolting
- \* How Can We Increase our Christian Giving? - James Albrecht
- \* When is an Interpretation an Exegetical Question vs. a Doctrinal Difference? - Prof. Clifford Kuehne
- \* A "Mission Thrust" Bible Study - Theodore Barthels
- \* Inspiration from the Life of Missionaries in Church History - David Koenig
- \* A Review of Doctrinal Controversies in the Book of Concord (using a brief quiz) - Prof. Gordon Radtke

**Conference Speaker** - Prof. John Lau

**Conference Chaplain** - David Reim

**Alternate** - Arthur Schulz

—*Pastor David Reim, Secretary*

### 1993 South-Eastern Pastoral Conference September 28-30th North Port, Florida

\* Exegetical Study of I Thess. 5:12-28 - Karl Stewart

\* Old Testament Exegesis - Thomas Schuetze

\* "In and Out of Grace" - Michael Roehl

\* "Pantheism in the Environmental Movement" - Stephen Kurtzahn

\* "Critical Analysis of the Church Growth Movement" - John Klatt

\* "Public Offense" - Terrel Kesterson  
Conference Chaplain - John Schierenbeck  
Communion Service Speaker - Mark Gullerud

—*Pastor Michael Roehl, Secretary*

### West-Central Pastoral Conference

**Dates:** Sept. 21-23 beginning at 10 a.m. (CST) on Tuesday through 12 noon on Thursday.

**Place:** Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Hecla, SD

**Agenda:**

- 1) OT Exegesis: Malachi 3:8-12 - Pastor Norman Greve
- 2) NT Exegesis: I John 2:18-27 - Pastor Steven Sippert
- 3) Sermon Study: John 6:41-59 - Pastor Warren Fanning
- 4) An Overview (Review) of the Means of Grace (layman's level, booklet format) - Pastor Walter Schaller
- 5) An Investigation of the National Right to Life Committee - Pastor Lawrence Bade
- 6) The Laying on of Hands - Pastor Joel Fleischer
- 7) Comparison and Contrast: Old Covenant vs. New Covenant - Pastor Michael Sprengeler
- 8) A Study of the OT Synonyms for "Law" - Pastor Jay Hartman
- 9) Booklet (layman's level) Addressing the Errors of the LC-MS, WELS, & ELS - Pastor Michael Wilke
- 10) Book Reviews: a) *Getting into the Book of Concord* by Preus - Pastor David Fuerstenau; b) Reviewer's choice - Pastor Paul Larsen

**Conference Chaplain** - Pastor Paul Krause

**Conference Speaker** - Pastor Paul Naumann

—*Pastor Steven Sippert, Secretary*

### Offer

To any CLC church or school which can use it: a late model AB Dick stencil duplicator, with a good quantity of supplies. Free; you arrange for transport. Write to Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 424 5th Ave. S.E., Jamestown, ND 58401.

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## WANTED: Computers for Preachers

Most of the men who graduate from our ILC Seminary have some familiarity with computers. Many of them also enter the ministry on a tight budget, and often have to do without this effective tool for their office work. If you have any surplus IBM-compatible computers, printers, disk drives etc. that you would like to donate for the use of CLC ministers, please contact Pastor Bruce Naumann at this address: 1264 Oak Creek Way, Sunnyvale, CA 94089.

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## Rapid City Worship Time

The schedule of Good Shepherd Lutheran of Rapid City, SD is as follows:

Sept. (Sun. after Labor Day) through May (last Sun. in May): 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Class; 10:30 a.m. Divine Worship. June (first Sun. in June) through Sept. (first Sun. in Sept.): 9:00 a.m. Divine Worship.

## Wintering In South Texas?

Resurrection congregation of Corpus Christi and its pastor encourage all CLC members who plan to winter in South Texas to contact Pastor Andrew Schaller so he can arrange times and places for fellowship, devotions, and communion services. Pastors, please remind any of your southward-bound members to do this. Also, pastors, if you know of CLC people stationed at military bases in the Corpus Christi or San Antonio areas, let Pastor Schaller know about them. They could be included in his ministries to the South Texas diaspora. (See Pastor Schaller's address and phone numbers elsewhere in these announcements.)

## Tacoma, Washington

The regular worship services of the Tacoma, Washington area mission are now being held Sunday mornings. The worship location is the DuPont Community Center in DuPont, Washington (Exit #119 on I-5). Services are at 10 a.m. with Bible Class following. (See Pastor Eichstadt's phone number and address elsewhere in these announcements.)