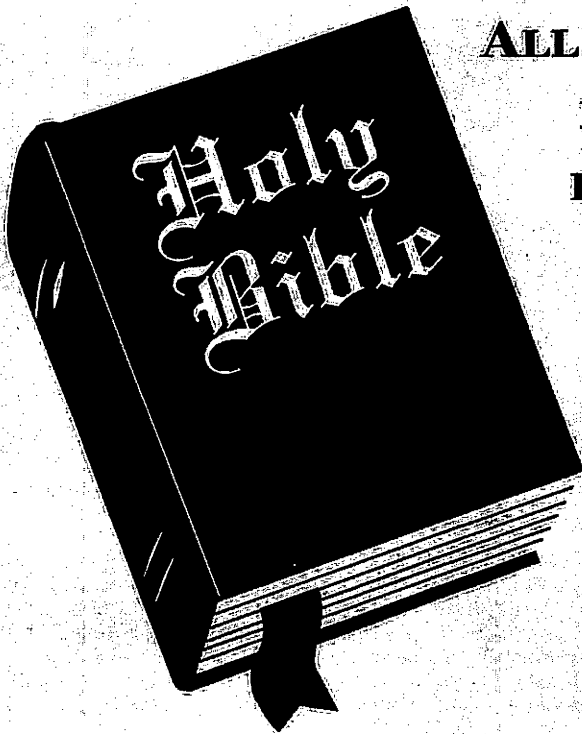


Lutheran Spokesman

GOD'S WORD



**ALL SCRIPTURE
IS GIVEN BY
INSPIRATION
OF GOD.**

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If there were a journal of *Great Moments in Christian Education*, this surely would rate as a main article: "Twelve Year Old Amazes Scholars—a youth from Nazareth of Galilee showed astonishing interest and a quick grasp of the scriptures while sitting in on Temple lectures."

The "youth," of course, is Jesus, who remained behind to learn from the learned after His family had started for home. Some students are quick in a given area, such as mathematics; others progress well because of a sincere interest in a subject—computers or car repair. Jesus displayed both skill and interest in His religious studies. The reason appears in His explanation for lingering at the Temple. Religion was, to Him, "His Father's business," and that made it His own business.

Through the Holy Scripture our Savior was instructed in the course that His life was to take—the course of the cross. He knew that prophets

who wrote centuries before had written of Him. Their Spirit-inspired words worked in Him the realization that "the Christ must suffer these things and to enter into His glory" (Lk. 24:26). Knowing from His youth that "it (was) written. . ." (Mt. 4:4), He was not overcome by Satan's temptations. Aware that "by His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many" (Is. 53:11), Jesus pressed forward in the work of redemption.

The apostle Paul notes another old phrase that Jesus applied to Himself: "For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, 'The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me'" (Rom. 15:3). Jesus endured the cruelest humiliation, mindful that while the rantings of godless men fell on Him, they were really directed toward His Father. Paul made this point about Jesus to make a point for us about Scripture: "For whatever things were written before were writ-

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ten for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope” (Rom. 15:4).

They were written for us, these ancient writings! They were written to reveal *our* Father’s business. If Jesus had good reason to delve into ancient things, so much the more do we who are lost in sin. For these old writings are thoroughly up-to-date on this topic: our salvation by grace, through faith alone.

Usually at this time of year we tend to “step up” activities in the area of teaching the Word. Vacations end, school begins. Church attendance becomes more regular; home schedules become more consistent, giving good opportunity for family devotions. The opportunity is prime to glance back with a penitent eye over times of neglect and the squandering of our spiritual resources. It was to atone also for this neglect that our Savior was diligent, even from His youth.

This Good News is preserved for us, so that “through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures, we might have hope.” If the Word centers on our Father’s business, then let us joyfully realize that His business centers on our salvation! His will is to call us to faith and preserve us to life everlasting. Let us approach every opportunity to participate in the Word, through study, worship, or teaching, realizing that it was all written *with us in mind*.

Through these ancient words the Spirit reaches into our lives to rebuke our stubborn neglect; to restore our hope through the gospel of Christ’s completed work; to renew us with the patience of those who wait on the Lord.

Abiding, steadfast, firm and sure
The teachings of the Word endure.
Blest he who trusts this steadfast Word;
His anchor holds in Christ, the Lord.
(TLH 290:4)

—*Pastor Peter Reim*



Re-Imagining — Or Recommitment??

“Casting Down Imaginations...”

We just concluded a synod convention which had “Recommitment” as its theme. The word suggests that something exists to which we will want to recommit, repledge, and rededicate ourselves. Each of our convention essayists did wonderfully in reminding us—on the basis of the divinely-inspired Scriptures—that we want to recommit ourselves to holding fast to the faith of



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our fathers, even as we are busy reaching out with the same Gospel.

Not long ago there was another convention in the area. Those residing in the Upper Midwest most likely heard of the World Council of Churches' "Re-Imagining" conference (2200 participants from 49 states and 27 countries, all but 83 of which were women) held in Minneapolis last November. We are told that, while it was an ecumenical conference, more Presbyterian Church U.S.A. members attended than any other denomination.

According to the Newsletter of the Minnesota Council of Churches, one woman professor explained the purpose of the gathering: "We have come together to 're-imagine' our religious traditions and our places within them. . ." Another said: "This was not a place where the conventional language of God, Jesus Christ, and Holy Spirit was used. . ." The same speaker talked about recognizing "the presence of the Divine in each individual present." You get the idea. Imagination ran wild. "Sophia" (the Greek word for wisdom) was invoked as God; milk and honey were substituted for bread and wine in communion; and according to one conference report, intentionally avoided was "hanging people on crosses, dripping blood, and that weird stuff."

Consider the "conventional language" of Holy Scripture on the imagination of mankind. Imagination is mentioned as the root cause of the evil that pervaded the pre-Flood world: "Every imagination of the thoughts of (man's) heart was only evil continually" (Gen. 6:5). Judgment came. After the Flood God promised never again to curse the ground for man's sake "although the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth" (8:21).

God caused the prophet Jeremiah to warn His Old Testament people about "the imagination of their evil heart" (see Jer. 7:24, 9:14, etc.). The plea comes from the Lord: "Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you. They make you worthless; they speak a vision of their own heart, not from the mouth of the Lord. They continually say to those who despise Me, 'The Lord has said, "You shall have peace";' and to everyone who walks according to the imagination of his own heart, 'No evil shall come upon you'" (23:17). When the warnings went unheeded, judgment followed.

In other words, the Bible teaches in no uncertain terms that the imaginations,

inclinations, and speculations of the unbridled human mind are hostile toward the true God and His Word of truth. The mind “is enmity against God” (Rom. 8:7) and remains so, unless and until one is given the “mind of Christ” (1 Cor. 2:16).

What is evidence that one has the mind of Christ? Jesus says: “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free” (Jn. 8:31f). St. Paul explains: “ *Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ*” (2 Cor. 10:5 - KJV).

What a sad testimony to the perverseness of the natural human heart that purportedly Christian folk choose and use imagination as the basis for their church conference! More than that, what a sad commentary on the state of affairs in a broad sweep of the visible Christian church when a Minnesota Council of Churches’ Newsletter, which claims to speak for the Church of Christ, reports favorably and even enthusiastically on such a conference.

Christ says abiding in His Word makes one free. His holy apostle, in turn, teaches that true disciples will “cast down imaginations” while letting every thought be captive to that holy Word. To such “liberating captivity” our convention essayists encouraged us!

Re-imagining—or recommitment? The answer is clear. By Your grace and Your Spirit, Lord, cast down imaginations and everything else in us which would militate against a child-like acceptance of Your Word. Keep us—our minds, our thoughts!—captive and committed to the use and the spread of Your divinely-inspired, utterly reliable, and only-saving Word!

—Pastor Paul Fleischer



The Sufficiency Of God’s Word

“Send Lazarus to my father’s house to warn my brothers...”

“Nay, father Abraham, but if one went unto them from the dead...”

Do you recognize these statements? They were made by the rich man as he cried out in his sufferings from hell (see Luke 16:19-31). They reveal that the problem which caused him to be sent to hell remained with him in hell — his despising of God’s Word. In his lifetime he found no time

or use for God’s Word. He was too busy “living the good life.” In hell he still had no use for God’s Word. His first concern was for his own personal comfort once again. He then moved on to concern for his brothers, but beneath both of his statements was the idea that God’s Word was not ade-



quate.

Yet the Savior reveals that it is only God's Word that is adequate. If they will not listen to the Word, no number or type of miracle will make a difference. In an odd way, the rich man was proof positive of this truth, for even the experience of death and hell itself did not change or convert him. He remained ignorant of God's Word and unrepentant about his sin of despising it.

The Bible has all that we need. The Spirit of God has given us every word so that we have a reliable, accurate, truthful record. In the Bible there is the law of God which exposes our sins and reveals to us our perverted nature and utter helplessness to be spiritually good. In the Bible there is also the Gospel, the power of God unto salvation. It reveals God's unfathomable love in Christ Jesus and a salvation that would never occur to sinners. We are given God's answers to the basic questions of our existence — our origins, our present, our future. In it God sets forth what He wants us to know. The Bible is sufficient for all our

needs of life here and hereafter.

But we live in the same society of the rich man. There is every opportunity to despise the Word and to consider it inadequate. "Evolution is needed to tell us how things really came to be." "Popular opinion establishes morality." "Marriage laws can be adjusted to comply with man's personal happiness." "Social and psychological studies reveal what the Bible doesn't about the true nature of homosexuality." In addition the devil continues to spread lies and to cast doubts about the reliability of God's Word. "Can the millions who have not heard about God's Savior really go to hell?" "Could a new-born baby really be under God's wrath by nature?" "Why shouldn't good people go to heaven, even if they have no knowledge of Jesus?" "Is there really an eternal life?" "Is every word of the Bible really to be believed?" Finally, there is the flesh with its unbelief and disobedience. "I don't care what God's Word says; I'll do what I want." "I'll listen to God later." "That's just your interpretation."

For all of these assaults on the Scripture, there ring out the clear words of our Savior, "They have Moses and the prophets. Let them hear them."

Jesus, send us your Spirit that we might repent of all our despising of Your holy Word. May that same Spirit fill our hearts with a zeal to listen to and to love Your Word. For the sake of Jesus, our Way, Truth, and Life.

—From a recent bulletin of Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, Wis.
The pastor at Messiah is Paul Tiefel.



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

Chapter 16

“Flashing Facets”

The hymnist says of Scripture: “It is the golden casket Where gems of truth are stored” (TLH #294). As we “close the book” on this first letter of Paul to the Christians in Corinth, we have seen a few more of the facets of Scripture which will keep on flashing spiritual insights from the mind of God to man until time is no more.

Martin Franzmann wrote in the *Concordia Self-study Commentary*: “The first letter, for all its variety, is one unified answer, one brilliant demonstration of how a genuinely apostolic authority makes itself felt. And the common denominator, the unifying power, is the cross of Jesus Christ seen in its full significance by the light of the resurrection.... Paul knows freedom as freedom from sin and self, a being set free for ministry to one’s fellowman.” (Pp. 146-147)

In our new “freedom from sin and self” we learn about the when, who, and how much of Christian giving, so timely especially for us who now gladly cooperate also in the majority judgment to get on quickly with the new building at Immanuel College. That is—see vv. 1-2—1) not leftovers (there usually aren’t any); 2) every one of us (no exemptions); and 3) moved in amount by God’s rich and daily supply to us (proportionate).

More summary encouragements: “Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. Let all that you do be done with love” (vv. 13-14).

Kisses and curses are to be dealt out as the situation warrants: kisses (now a hearty handshake) to those united in Christ (v. 20); anathemas (curses) to those who have not loved Him (v. 21).

And now the closing MARANATHA!—one word of Aramaic amidst the Greek, meaning “Our Lord come!” (Cf. v. 22) There were among the Corinthian Christians—and they have a way of occurring among us as well—problems and pressures from without and within regarding declining morals, the misuse of Christian liberty, disorders in worship matters which arose in connection with striving to live a life devoid of self but filled with service to the fellowman.

But there is amid all such problems and pressures the final flashing facet of our Lord’s last coming in glory soon. Weary of this world but eager for the next, let us carry on with the final glory goal before us.

MARANATHA!

—Pastor Bertram Naumann

(This concludes the studies in I Corinthians. Studies in II Corinthians will begin soon. - The Editor)

The Value Of Christian Education In A Secular Environment

I was asked to say a few words about the value of Christian education in a secular environment. I'm not going to compare secular education and Christian education in an effort to defend my experience. The two have separate goals. Instead, I hope to encourage all of us to take advantage of Christian education and its many gifts.

I can't necessarily catalogue the events of my Christian education experience and file them away for future reference. I don't believe Christian education works that way. However, the foundation of knowing the true reason for our existence and the comfort of eternal life is a constant reference point and reality check as I go about the everyday tasks and trials of a stressful secular life.

At work my goal is not to "fit in" with all my co-workers, to attend every party, to take part in gossip, and to work behind backs to achieve advancement. The values I retain from my Christian education allow me to worry less about getting the corner office and concentrate on doing the best job I can for the glory of God. These values do set us apart from the others around us, and may in some cases limit our advancement

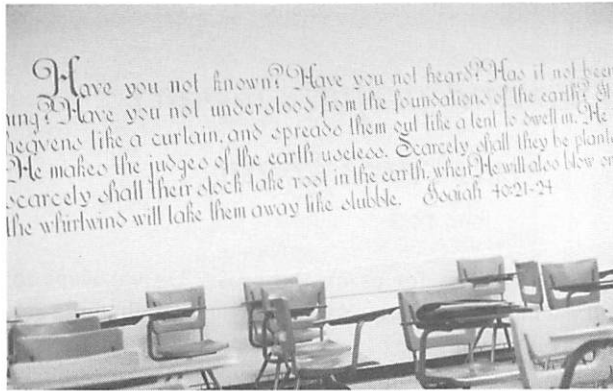
in secular life. However, the reward of knowing that everything works together for our own good and that the setbacks of this life are meaningless in eternity is a constant source of comfort.

Isn't this all possible without Christian Day School, High School, and College education? Yes, it certainly is. But I look around the congregation at the faces of former classmates and school mates I know, and I have to believe that each of them would say the experience of formal Christian education has allowed them to more easily face the challenges to their faith. Each would probably have their own story about personal satisfaction in the face of adversity and disappointment. Their Christian education instilled in them Christian priorities — certainly mine did in me.

Ultimately it will not matter what company we worked for, what job we had, how much money we made, where we lived, or what we drove. Christian education does not focus on these goals. The focus of a Christ-centered education is preparing ourselves and those around us to receive the gift of eternal life. When you think about it that way, it truly is a blessing.



(These good words are by Randy Hulke, member of Berea, Inver Grove Heights, Minn. whose pastor, David Schierenbeck, sent the copy to us, explaining: "A brief presentation on Christian education made by a layman from the vantage point of its value in the business world. Thought it might be worthy of Spokesman inclusion." We heartily agree.—*The Editor*)



**For Students At
ILC The Words Of
Isaiah 40:21-24
Underscore The
Benefits Of A
Christian
Education.**

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In the very center is the gold lamp, symbol of pure knowledge from the Word of God. The lamp is in the center of the red heart, which is ruled by the Word. The heart is fixed in the red and white rose of Christ, righteousness through His blood. The rose overshadows the black cross of our sins, for which He died. All this rests upon the shield of faith, tested pure silver. The LANCE directs our praise for these gifts of grace to their source, the Triune God . . . the three gold rings containing the seal.



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*“ . . . if I go and prepare a place
for you, I will come again. . . ”*

John 14:3

“What did you do this summer?” I wonder if teachers are still asking that question of their students as another school year begins. Though we used to laugh at its predictability, it is not such a bad question at that, suitable even to ask teachers. Did you travel? Did you see something new? What experiences did you have, and what did you learn from them that you can pass along to your students?

Experience is still the best teacher, but what riches there are in store for those who do not have to experience everything themselves, but can learn from someone else’s experience! There are so many things that we cannot witness ourselves, but we can learn from the reports of those who were there.

One of those things is history. We cannot truly relive the past, but we can learn much from the word of those who were there. Another area where we must learn from another’s experience is the future, a source of much anxiety to children and adults alike. Our own experience will not teach us about judgment. Yes, everyone has a sense of having to answer to a Higher Power, but that will only leave us with a vague, or distinct, fear.

Only one person can teach from first-hand experience about Judgment Day, not only answering our questions, but relieving our fears. Our Lord Jesus underwent the judgment

for us on the cross. Do we want to learn about the future day that is coming? Look to the cross. What will happen on the Day of Judgment has already taken place on Calvary.

Will there be judgment upon sinners? It was leveled at Jesus when God made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us. Will the devil assail and accuse us? See the reproaches that fell upon Jesus. Will we have a spokesman before the judgment seat of God? Listen to Him speak from the cross: “Father, forgive them...” “Today you will be with me in Paradise.”

Peace With God— And One Another

Christ has already gone through the judgment for us and can well teach us where to place our trust when facing a judgment day yet to be experienced by us. He has overcome the world. He has undergone the judgment for us. He has reconciled us to God. He is our peace.

And through the peace with God, He also gives us peace with one another. Do we find peace with God through repentance and forgiveness? So do we also find it with one another. Even though our repentance is surely far from what it should be because of our sinful flesh, yet God’s forgiveness is far beyond what we deserve, and He forgives us according to what Jesus

deserved.

So also when we come to our fellow-Christians asking their forgiveness, their response will be far beyond what we deserve, for they will forgive us even as God for Christ's sake has forgiven them. And when someone seeks our forgiveness, we will let them know in clear and certain language, just as our God has declared His forgiveness to us. In this way we

experience peace with those close and with those far away.

So what started out as someone else's experience becomes our own. In all the experiences of this life, if we learn repentance and forgiveness, we will be educated for life, and we will be able to face the future with confidence—confidence in Him.

—Pastor Paul Schaller



Teachers S. Wielinski, A. Zimmerman, R. Roehl.

Gethsemane Ev. Lutheran School Saginaw, Michigan

Gethsemane School opened its doors September 7, 1982. Mr. Ross Roehl was the principal and teacher of all eight grades. Fourteen students were enrolled that first year. Mrs. Lynette Roehl was called as the lower grade teacher in 1984. A retired public school teacher from within the congregation, Mrs. Elsie Godsey, was called as kindergarten teacher that year also and served in that capacity for two years.

The school was housed in the church fellowship hall for the first nine years. In the fall of 1991 a new three classroom building was dedicated. In that same year Mrs. Ardith Zimmerman was called as a teacher's aide and since has been serving as kindergarten teacher. Mrs. Sherry Wielinski was called to replace Mrs. Roehl as lower grade teacher in January, 1992.

Mr. Roehl accepted the call to Luther Memorial of Fond du Lac, Wis. in the spring of 1994, and Mr. Dan Barthels was installed as our second principal/upper grade school teacher on August 14. We thank the Lord for this most precious gift of a Christian Day School for the little lambs of His congregation.

—Pastor Mark Bernthal

“Giving . . . The One Thing Needful”

“Thirty-four Years of Christian Education at Luther Memorial: Giving Our Children the One Thing Needful” — this was the theme of the message delivered at Luther Memorial Church, Fond du Lac, Wis. by guest pastor Paul Krause on the occasion of the retirement from the teaching ministry of Gerhardt W. Mueller. The service was held on June 12, 1994 with Pastor John Johannes as liturgist. Pastor Krause, who now serves Prince of Peace in Hecla, SD, was a former student of Mr. Mueller. He addressed his former teacher and congregation on the basis of Luke 10:42.

Many other former students were present for the service of praise and thanksgiving. Guest organist was former student, Mrs. Gail Schaeffer. The students Mr. Mueller had taught in his final year of teaching joined with the church choir in singing “Children of the Heavenly Father.” Children and grandchildren of the celebrant joined to sing: “Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep.”

Gerhardt W. Mueller was born on December 12, 1925 and baptized January 3, 1926 in Green Bay, Wis. He was confirmed in 1939 by the late Prof. Edmund Reim in Neenah, Wis. He received his high school and college training at Dr. Martin Luther College in New Ulm, Minn. graduating in 1947. Until 1953 he taught at a newly-organized school in Plymouth, Michigan. It was then that he accepted a call to teach in the parochial school of St. Peter’s Ev. Lutheran Church in Fond du Lac.



Mr. & Mrs. Gerhardt Mueller

In June of 1948 Mr. Mueller entered holy wedlock with Miss Bernice Mundstock in LaCrosse, Wis. The Lord blessed their marriage with four sons and three daughters.

Since 1960 when Luther Memorial Church was first organized—and ever since—Mr. Mueller had served as principal of their parochial school. For thirty-four years the classroom specialty of this faithful servant of the Lord was upper grade teaching, while at the same time ably serving the congregation as its organist and choir director.

“On this special day in which we mark his retirement from teaching, we praise and thank our Lord for the gift of such a faithful servant and for the many years he has served Luther Memorial. May that same merciful and loving Lord grant Gerhardt and Bernice many blessings in the coming years. Surely the Lord will grant them new ways of serving Him all the days of their lives. To God be all praise and glory!” (Worship service folder)

—Pastor Paul Fleischer

Come Let Us Join In Praise

1. *Come, let us join in praise,
God's people one and all,
Who through the years have been
both blest
In body and in soul.
Lift up your hearts to sing
And raise your voices strong;
Let all the world behold our God
And join to sing our song.*
2. *Come, let us hear His Word;
Inspired by our God,
It lights our every step as we
Through this world's darkness
trod.
As we thus walk with God—
Our hand in His each day—
We'll find a peace in heart and soul
In Him the Truth, the Way.*
3. *Come, let us talk with God;
We never are alone.
He hears us each and every one
And all our needs are known.
In sorrow and in pain
Our God will comfort us,
And bring us through the trying
hours
To peace and happiness.*
4. *Come, let us offer gifts
With hearts of thankfulness,
That we may tell the whole wide
world
What God has done for us.
And give to people lost,
And caught in Satan's lies,
The gift of God's redemptive grace
To dry repentant tears.*
5. *Come to the water font
And there by God be blest,
For with the water and the Word
The Spirit gives us rest.
Our sins are washed away
And we are born again,
To live a life of praise to God
And cast out ev'ry sin.*
6. *Come to the sacred board;
Let each of us prepare.
For there Christ gives His body
and blood
For all His saints to share.
With sorrow o'er our sins
We come before His face;
He pours on us forgiving love
And smothers us with grace.*
7. *Come, let us dedicate
Ourselves to God each day.
May He inspire our heart and mind
And everything we say.
The future of our life
Rests firmly in His love.
Throughout our life we'll live for
Him
On earth and then above.
—Pastor L. D. Redlin*



*(This hymn may be sung to the tune of #341 in The Lutheran Hymnal. It is suitable for Mission Festivals, or other services of general praise and thanksgiving. According to the hymn-writer, stanzas five and six may be omitted if a shorter version is desired.
— The Editor)*

Emil And Maria, Where Are You?

It was in 1899 that the heart of confessional German Lutherans (LC-MS) went out to the German immigrants in Brazil in their needy spiritual condition. A common ancestry and the promise of an open door and a fertile field for Gospel work were factors that led to missionaries being sent.

Still today there is a sad spiritual plight for so very many in Brazil. The Roman Catholic Church is still dominant in Brazil. As a matter of fact, Brazil is known as the largest Catholic country in the world, with over two-thirds of its 150 million people at least nominally Catholic. In this church of the Antichrist there are all the old heresies, such as worship of Mary, and salvation by faith and works, combined then with elements of the old African slave religions. And then there is liberation theology among a segment of its priesthood which is for all intents and purposes Marxist.

There are still numerous primitive tribes in the Amazon rain forest who need the Gospel. Reaching them gets stalled by corrupt officials and anti-Christian anthropologists who want to keep the primitives in their supposed pristine culture. And there are the living conditions which make living difficult.

Literally millions are under the influence of black magic or white magic. There is the practice of *candomblé* (white magic) which came over with the slaves from Africa and the more recent *spiritchismo* (white magic) which came from a French philosopher and teaches about the

spirits and reincarnation. There is the black magic of *Umbanda* and *Macumba* in which chickens are sacrificed. Over 400,000 mediums are busy at work to perpetuate the devil's work. Even many who say they are Christians are involved in this breaking of the second commandment, and ultimately this denying of Christ.

When Pastor and Mrs. Emil Schulz lived and worked in Rio Grande do Sul state, there were those wicked spiritual vagabonds about who misled. The spiritual scene overall in Brazil today is that of a fetid, fevered swamp of spiritual quicksand. While Pastor Schulz was able to pull his horse from quicksand on one of his circuits, it is alone the almighty power of God in the Gospel of Jesus Christ that can extricate people from these deathtraps of Satan.

Cast your gaze into yet one more area of Brazil: the teeming metropolis. Sao Paulo has over eighteen million inhabitants; Rio de Janeiro over eleven million. Look even closer at the favelas (slums) of these large cities. And yet again focus in on one more aspect: the street children. The slum children who have no home, no father or mother, are a distinct problem. It is estimated that there are eight million of them. They live on the street and in the gutter literally. Perhaps you saw some time ago on television a segment of how some merchants are trying to alleviate the problem. Since the street children make their money through crime, they are a deterrent to a brisk trade in business districts. Merchants have taken to

hiring thugs to kill the young human vermin!

Some of our CLC parents have gone overseas to adopt their children and have seen first hand the squalid conditions of poor children there. Others have served in the Peace Corps and lived in such third world countries where a favela is so common. Which of us would prefer to have had no father and mother? There is no choice proffered to the street children of Rio. Which of us as a parent could abandon our child to a life of stealing, prostitution, drugs, and a very early death? In Sao Paulo the children quickly turn from victim to criminal to corpse.

Doesn't our heart go out to these street children? Some of us in the CLC have had the blessing of being foster parents to take under our wings some troubled youths. Such protective wings are few in Rio. A bullet in the head of a sleeping child is the favored expedient by some for a troubled and troubling existence. What can we do? First of all, pray that they are reached by the Gospel before the murdering thugs get to them. Secondly, why

couldn't some CLC people go over there and carry on a ministry to the street children?

"... You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, that you may declare the wonderful deeds of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were no people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy" (1 Pet. 2:9-10). It doesn't have to be a pastor to do it. We are all priests in the universal priesthood of all believers. It does require a heart like Emil and Maria had to take such a challenge. Secular foundations and non-profit corporations and others could supply what is needed for food, clothing, and shelter. The "wings" and the all-important Gospel could be supplied by those who have received mercy.

Emil and Maria, where are you?

(Current information on Brazil was supplied by Artur, Carolina, and Cristina, who are Brazilians enrolled at the Univ. of Wisconsin - Madison. Statistics are from *Operation World*, Johnstone, 1993.)

—Pastor David Koenig

Announcements

Video Tape Ministry Transfer

The undersigned has retired from operating the Video Tape Ministry. Therefore, effective immediately, requests for taped Services, correspondence, returns of tape to the VTM Library, etc. will be taken care of by:

Marilyn Maxvold

7508 Sunrise Ridge

Loveland, CO 80538

The transfer of all operations from Eau Claire to Loveland has been completed.

—Harvey H. Callies

Missions Conference

Date: October 7 (4:30 p.m.) & 8 (2:00 p.m.)

Place: Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac, Wis.

Agenda:

- 1) All Christians Are Ambassadors For Christ—Lyle Steinhebel, a CLC layman from California
- 2) Missionary Work In A Third World Country, Pastor Leroy Dux
- 3) The "Open Door" In Outreach—Pastor David Koenig
- 4) A Variety Of Mission Work Videos

All are welcome to participate. If you need housing or want more information contact: Pastor David Koenig, 3232 West Point Rd., Middleton, WI 53562, Phone (608) 233-2244

Correction: The phone number of Teacher Theodore Quade of Hales Corners, WI is (414)

529-2384

West Central Pastoral Conference

Dates: Sept. 20-22 beginning at 10:00 a.m. (MDT) on Tuesday through 12 noon on Thursday

Place: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Rapid City, SD

Agenda:

- 1) OT Exegesis: Eccl. 3:11-22—Rev. Joel Fleischer
- 2) NT Exegesis: Rom. 6:1-14—Rev. Paul Naumann
- 3) Detailed Study of Malicious Desertion as Scriptural Grounds for Divorce—Rev. Paul Larsen
- 4) Detailed Examination of the Historic and Contemporary Dogma of Justification in the Roman Catholic Church—Rev. Michael Sprengeler
- 5) Difference between WELS/ELS and the CLC (A continuation of a previous assignment)—Rev. Michael Wilke
- 6) Dealing with "Live-ins": A Practical Approach for Pastors—Rev. Paul Krause
- 7) The Shepherd Among His Flock: Guidelines for Home Visitation—Rev. Walter Schaller
- 8) Review and Discussion: Walther's *Law and Gospel*—Rev. Warren Fanning
- 9) Book Reviews:
 - a) *The Coming Darkness* by John Ankerberg—Rev. Lawrence Bade
 - b) *Getting into the Book of Concord*—Rev. David Fuerstenu

Conference Chaplain: Rev. Steven Sippert

Conference Speaker: Rev. Jay Hartman

—Rev. Steven Sippert, Secretary

Great Lakes Pastoral Conference

The conference meets in Eau Claire on Sept. 27-28th beginning at 8:30 a.m. The agenda will be:

1. OT Exegesis, Ecclesiastes chap. 7—Pastor Leroy Dux
2. NT Exegesis, 2 Corinthians 7:2ff—Prof. Clifford Kuehne
3. Review of Walther's *Theses on Law and Gospel*, Part four of a series, *Theses XVff.*—Prof. Paul D. Nolting
4. The Angel of the Lord in the Old Testament—Pastor Michael Sydow
5. A Study of the American Legion and How We Determine What Organizations Cannot be Adhered to—Pastor James Albrecht
6. Spiritual Implications of Outcome Based Education (OBE)—Prof. Paul Koch
7. A Study of PISTIS; When Is It Objective,

Pastor Paul Schaller
N. 4724 Wall
Spokane, WA 99205

When Is It Subjective?—Pastor David Koenig

8. Book Review: "Christ Esteem" by Matzat—Pastor David Reim

Conference Speaker - Pastor Arthur Schulz

Alternate—Pastor Michael Sydow

Conference Chaplain—Pastor Mark Bernthal

—Pastor David Reim, Sec'y

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.

Pastor Andrew Schaller's address is 201 Princess Drive, Corpus Christi, TX 78410. His phone number is (512) 241-5147.

Colloquy

David Baker, formerly of the CLC and lately of the WELS, has applied for colloquy with intent to return to the ministry of the CLC. Any related correspondence should be in the hands of President D. Fleischer by October 10.