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Your Baptism — God's Grace Personalized

There are many benefits we enjoy from living in an era of advanced technology. One of the unfortunate side effects, however, is that our world seems to be getting more and more impersonal. The family doctor who made house calls has been supplanted by the Health Maintenance Organization, which has been likened to a medical assembly line. The Automated Teller Machine has taken the place of the friendly banker. Every other day, it seems, there is a letter in the mailbox with your name printed all over it — but it's obviously just a computer-generated attempt at a personal touch.

Aren't we all much happier with a warm smile and a friendly handshake instead of an automated, pre-printed "Have a nice day"? Our Lord understands this human need that we have of individual personal attention. We are blessed to know that our Lord God has made a way for us to receive, not

only the promise of His grace for all, but also a touch of *personalized* grace from Him, in baptism.

Solid Assurance

There are many passages of Scripture that assure us that, since God's grace and love in Christ are extended to all people, we can also consider ourselves to be objects of His love. John's gospel tells us "God so loved *the world* that He gave His only-begotten Son . . ." This gives us a solid assurance that, since God's love extends to all, it also extends to us.

It is true, however, that the Bible does not specifically say that God so loved *Robert*, God so loved *Mary*, God so loved (*your name*) that He gave His only-begotten Son. But in your baptism the Lord says just that! The Bible says that baptism saves us, because it is a blessed way that the

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Holy Spirit brings the Savior to the individual heart.

We do not believe in baptism for its own sake; instead, we treasure it because the forgiveness that Christ earned for us on the cross is brought to us — personally — in the water with the Word. No matter what kind of open or secret sins may lurk in our past, each of us is assured that if we have been baptized into Christ, then we have clothed ourselves with Him (Gal. 3:27).

Luther writes: “Tell me, with whom does God speak and deal when you are baptized? Is it not true that this Baptism is intended for you alone and for no other person? . . . This is the promise God gives in Baptism: ‘He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved’ (Mk. 16:16). Again, you are baptized into the death of Christ (Rom. 6:3), into the truth that He died for you and by His death freed you from sins and death. How, then, could God speak in a friendlier way with you and more surely and specifically include your person in the Word than He does in Baptism?” (*What Luther Says*, Vol. I, p. 47).

A Generous King!

The story is told of a conquering king who was leading a victory parade through the capital. As his carriage rolled along the parade route, his servants threw gold coins — the spoils of his victory — to the crowd. The happy citizens reached out their hands to catch the coins. All except for one, that is. This man, who did not feel that he had been a loyal supporter of the king, stood away from the crowd and hung his head. “Surely the king did not intend this gift for me,” he

thought. But the king, taking special note of him, sent one of his servants directly to the man. The servant pressed a coin into the surprised man’s hand and said, “The king wants you to know that he intended this gift especially for you.”

Whenever you hear and believe the blessed news of God’s grace for all, you are like one of the citizens who gladly reach out for the king’s generosity. But when your heart is weighed down because of your sin and guilt, and you feel as though you have abandoned the Lord and are not worthy of Him — that is the time to remember the grace that our Lord has impressed upon you individually, in your baptism. When your conscience accuses you, Satan would try to lead you to doubt whether the Lord really wants you as his own. At such a time you can give the devil this powerful answer: “I am baptized! The Lord Jesus sought me out to be His own, and conferred His forgiveness upon me by washing me clean with the power of His Word in the water.”

The Lord wants you to know that the salvation that He purchased for ALL is the salvation that He wants to give to YOU, personally and individually. He has pressed this treasure into your hand, giving you this promise of His grace when your sins were washed away.

In a world that seems to be getting more and more impersonal, what a comfort it is to remember this personalized outpouring of God’s love!

—*Pastor Bruce Naumann*

(A planned article on the Sacrament of the Altar will appear in a future issue - Ed.)

(This is a portion of a longer free-verse sermon on Romans 8:18-25 delivered by Pastor Michael Wilke to his congregation, Good Shepherd of Rapid City, SD. A member of Good Shepherd submitted it to the *Lutheran Spokesman*. "Groans To Glory" was the overall theme of this unique and inspiring presentation of the Gospel.)

“OUR PRESENT SUFFERINGS ARE NOT
WORTH COMPARING WITH THE
GLORY THAT WILL BE REVEALED IN US.”

*Be they small or tall
Our problems are not worth
the worry,
the scurry,
the flurry.*

*Relax! Be still!
You've been forgiven!
You have heaven!*

*Count your blessings . . .
Learn to live patiently,
To trust the LORD unwaveringly,
To confide in Him unceasingly,
To depend upon Him absolutely.*

*And when you start to complain,
Stop! Refrain!*

For there will come a day . . .

*When the symphony of sin's pain,
Will never be heard again!*

*The desperate cries of dear ones on a sickbed.
The hungry sobs of children who haven't been fed.
The ugly shrieks of the war-time wounded.
The silent scream of the unborn aborted.*

*Not a whisper of this,
Or any distress,
Will ever again cross our lips in the coming Restoration!*

*Unfortunately, for those who, in degradation, reject God's Son,
There shall always be the sound of weeping.*

*But for the children of God? — heaping plates of grace!
Paradise lost will be Paradise regained!*

Celebration! Rejuvenation!

*Let the sound of praise be heard
in your hearts,
and in your homes!*

*Praise God for glory beyond imagination!
Praise God for new heavens and a new earth!
For our resurrection,
That wonderful new birth!*

*Praise God for the blood that set us free
So that we may live with Him throughout eternity!
Praise Him for His Son's life and death — our great story!
Praise God for taking us from GROANS TO GLORY!*

*“Praise God from who all blessings flow!
Praise Him all creatures, here below!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host!
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!”*

AMEN!!!



The Grandchildren of Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert Radichel (see Story, p. 15)

LESSONS FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

“That We Might Have Hope” (Rom. 15:4)

Genesis Chapters Twenty-nine To Thirty-two

Working For A Living

Labor Dispute! Unfair Practices by Employer Causes Disgruntled Employees to Walk Out. Higher Wages Demanded!

Headlines such as these can be found nearly daily in our newspapers, and they aren't only talking about the ballplayers.

Does management in our day and age have a legitimate complaint that unskilled workers must be hired and too often workers are lazy? What about the employed? What can be done about grievances? What if the employer really is mistreating or mishandling the employees? And our most important question — how do all of these arguments wash with God as arbitrator?

In our continuing series on the book of Genesis, let us consider the example of Jacob and Laban in Haran.

A Necessary Part Of Life

Work is a necessary part of life — not just to keep our hands from being idle and thus keeping us out of trouble, for it is also good for the spirit. Sinful man's concept of paradise is often seen as an individual lying in a hammock on some deserted isle with a drink in hand and no worries in the heart. Contrast this with our holy God's concept of Paradise: “Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it” (Gen. 2:15). It is also clear that,

after the fall into sin, God intended man to work when He said: “Cursed is the ground for your sake; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life. . . .” (3:17). We know our God gives only what is good for us, body and soul, and so it is with work.

Jacob needed a job. We have seen in our earlier lessons how he had to flee for his life to Haran. He brought nothing save a staff in his hand, his talents and abilities, and trust in his God.

Did Jacob really deserve any job opportunities or preferential treatment from God or the natives of Haran? Here is a man who had deceived his father and brother in a most despicable manner, and now he staggers in from the wilderness with virtually nothing to his credit.

What about us? How often hasn't the sentiment “I deserve better than this!” crossed our minds when considering our station in life? What opportunities do we really deserve? We too have despitely abused our heavenly Father and our Brother Jesus Christ. While dead in our trespasses and sins

we wanted nothing at all to do with our Lord and His will. We fled into the wilderness of sin with nothing save our guilt to our credit.

Yet Christ sought us out! Jacob's ladder still descends to us. Christ breached the gap between us sinners and our Father by His holy sacrifice on the cross. We surely deserved nothing but punishment from our God, but — glory be! — He is a God of mercy! He not only showers us with heavenly and spiritual blessings, but with materials, abilities, and talents for our use in this world as well!

The job opportunities we've had in the past — have we viewed them as gifts of God or necessary evils? Let us look at each job opportunity as a chance to give our God-given talents and abilities the work-out they deserve. This will also prove to be a rich witness to others as to how mightily the Lord blesses His own.

The Deceiver Deceived

By the grace of God Jacob did get a job opportunity with his uncle

Laban. After a full month of free labor, Laban finally asked Jacob to name his wage. Jacob chose Rachel, Laban's daughter, as his wage and also named the terms — seven years of labor. Laban agreed.

We can only imagine the shock when Jacob discovered he had married the elder sister Leah rather than his beloved Rachel. The deceiver had been deceived! Perhaps a guilty conscience helped Jacob humbly accept Laban's clause — work another seven years and Rachel can be your wife as well. Little did Jacob realize that this was only the beginning of Laban's deceit.

After fourteen years of labor for his uncle, Jacob decided it was time to labor for himself. The Lord had blessed him with eleven sons and a daughter by this time, and no doubt Jacob was anxious to start his own flocks for their sustenance.

Now Laban was worried. He knew that the only reason his own flocks had done so well was due to the Lord's blessings through the labor of



Sign On The Eau Claire Campus Alerting Visitors To The Construction Project Underway.

his nephew. And now the gravy train seemed to be at an end. Laban pleaded with Jacob to stay and name his wage once again.

Jacob named a very modest wage indeed. He would take only the speckled and spotted animals of Laban's flocks. Since the sheep and goats of the area almost always bore solid-colored young, Laban had a bargain on his hands. But it wasn't good enough for Laban. The very day of the agreement Laban had all of the speckled and spotted animals removed from his flocks and hidden three days journey distant.

Life Isn't Fair — God Knows

How could Jacob stand it? How do we take it? "Life isn't fair" is an often used sentiment, but it does little to salve our hurt when we feel we've been wronged by an employer. Should we think of ways to get even? Couldn't we cheat just a little on the time card or slip a few "won't be missed" items into our briefcase so we can feel like we've come out on top for once?

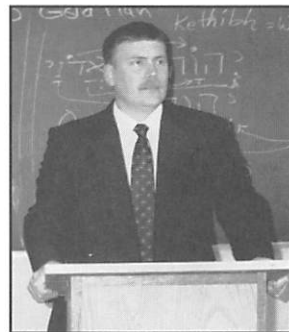
Jacob didn't, because he believed what the Lord reminded him in a dream: "... I have seen all that Laban has been doing to you" (Gen. 31:12). Life isn't fair and God knows it. He had seen the mistreatment of his servant Jacob, and how Laban had changed his wages ten times. But the Lord knows how to reward and how to chastise. In the case of Jacob and Laban, it happened that all of the strong animals of Laban's flocks produced speckled and spotted young. In this way Jacob acquired large flocks of his own.

How had Jacob viewed his working for Laban? He did not work as a man-pleaser, but as for the Lord. He had borne Laban's losses and deceit. He could bear up under his mistreatment for the same reason we will bear up under our own. Jacob said to Laban: "Unless the God of my father, the God of Abraham and the Fear of Isaac, had been with me, surely now you would have sent me away empty-handed. God has seen my affliction and the labor of my hands . . ." (Gen. 31:42).

When work-related problems arise, and we know they will, we must keep in mind the One we're really working for. Remember that our wages, both temporal and eternal, are from our Lord. Then we can truly appreciate Jacob's assessment of his own labor: "Then Jacob said, 'O God of my father Abraham and God of my father Isaac, . . . I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies and of all the truth which you have shown Your servant. . .'" (Gen. 32:9f).

May the Lord bless our working for a living.

—*Teacher David Bernthal*



Pastor David Naumann, Ketchikan, Alaska, Chaplain of the June Pastoral Conference.

Little House On The Move



The "Sem House" Being Moved . . .



Onto Its New Site

First Time

In summer any number of houses across the country experience a change of color. In more ambitious circles a few houses might even undergo a change in design. In rarer situations a house might be given a change of name. And in still more unusual circumstances a house will see a change in location. Such was the new lot in the on-going history of the historical Sem House. Since it was situated on the site chosen for the new Dining Commons, the preservation of the building required its relocation. And that move was something to see! For Immanuel's campus, the event was a first.

First Class

Those who have had opportunity to become familiar with the buildings belonging to the original Ingram Estate know that the lumber baron surrounded himself with a first class setting. The elegance of the New England-style mansion and its attending structures was unsurpassed in the Eau Claire area. And the desire to retain this part of the original estate

helped prompt the effort to preserve the building.

Of more recent significance, of course, is the fact that Ingram's "little barn" provided a place for the Seminary faculty and students to hold their first class on the new Wisconsin campus. Though it was, undoubtedly, less cozy and warm than the "boiler room" of Immanuel Church in Mankato (where ILC's initial seminary classes were held), the Sem House did serve well as the training ground for three decades of CLC pastors.

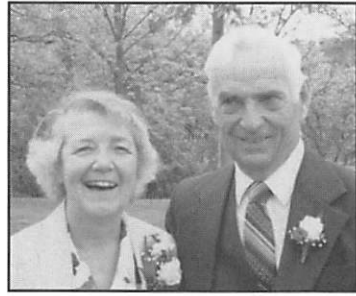
First Aid

As remarkable as the process of house moving is, it is not without its drawbacks. It proved to be inevitable that this structure in the "Cape Cod" style would be bruised in the process of the transport (steel beams through the walls, etc.). And the elements of the weather have not been any more kind over the years. As a result, a good deal of repair is now needed, both inside and out, in order for the building to become the historical house it is envisioned to become.

—John Reim, Reporter



Pastor Rollin Reim (wife Ruth) Accepts Preaching Dates At Both San Francisco Churches.



Prof. Roland Gurgel (wife Lois): Rochester, NY; North Port, FL; Columbus, OH; Fridley, MN; St. Louis, MO.

From The Editor's Desk—

Seasoned Veterans Of The Cross

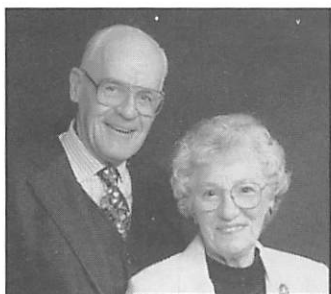
The idea evolved quite by accident. Some time ago in a *Spokesman* article on our CLC outreach efforts in Albuquerque, New Mexico mention was made that the Rev. Norbert Reim, a retired pastor residing in Phoenix, made monthly visits to that city by chartered plane to serve a little flock of worshipers. A reader, in turn, suggested something along these lines: "Many of our retired pastors are still actively serving in the ministry, preaching and teaching as they are given opportunity. Why not expand on the subject?"

This suggestion led us to distribute a questionnaire to a dozen or so of our retired pastors and professors. We invited each of them to recount for us the various sites of their stints of service to the church — both during their active years in the public ministry and during their "retirement" years. We asked them to pass along to us, if they would, reflections on changes they have witnessed and experienced during their years of ministry. Finally, we sought from them words of counsel and advice they would like to give to new pastors today.

For almost a year now we have put off — largely due to space considerations — sharing with you the kind responses we received from these seasoned veterans of the cross. More than that. Not only were the responses and reflections kind. They were as insightful as one would expect from under-shepherds of Christ's flock who have "borne the burden and heat of the day" during many years of faithful service to the church.

We would be remiss if, while mentioning pastor and professor emeriti, we overlooked the wives. What a blessing is a spouse — seasoned veterans of the cross in their own right — who over the years have stood faithfully at the side of one of the Lord's public servants.

The decision has been made to feature these CLC "Retirees," with some of their reflections, in connection with the next couple issues of the *Spokesman*. Their good counsel and advice to new pastors we plan to include — together with biographical introductions to last spring's seminary graduates — in a future issue.



Pastor Robert Mackensen (wife Lois): Milwaukee, WI; Caledonia, MN, St. Cloud, MN.



Pastor Norbert Reim (wife Celeste): North Port, FL, Corpus Christi, TX, Albuquerque, NM.

The Post-Retirement Years — What Preaching!

One thing is clear. Our retired pastors and professors do not use their retirement years to flee the Lord's work. One who has had the privilege of serving publicly in "the highest calling on earth" for so many years does not find it easy to refuse an invitation to keep on telling "the world" about the best news it can ever hear — God's love for sinners shown in the person and work of His Son. Each of the men who returned our survey listed a number of locations at which they have, or are still, serving as "supply pastors" upon request.

If you are fortunate to belong to one of our congregations within reasonable traveling distance of one of CLC retirees, you have no doubt benefited from hearing the Gospel message proclaimed by one of them. I so benefited when I pastored in Washington state a few years back. Our Lenten pulpit exchanges, for example, would include wonderfully comforting and solidly biblical sermons preached by now sainted pastors Maynard Witt, Robert Reim, and Ralph Schaller.

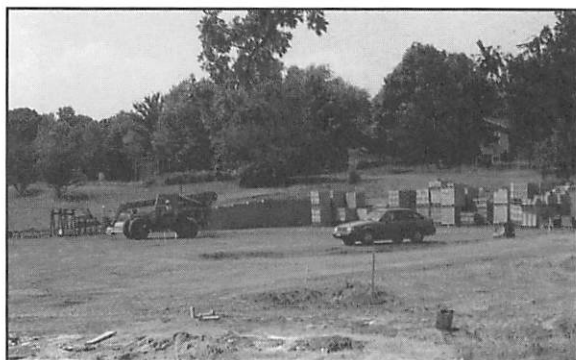
What preaching it was, dear friends, as a retired, and often tired, pastor spoke—with childlike boldness and simplicity—of the wonderful works of God!

As Elijah passed the mantle to Elisha, so our veterans of the cross. As they prepare to pass the mantle along to a younger generation of pastors, they bring Spirit-filled Gospel messages "straight from the heart."

When you have the opportunity, may you enjoy the privilege of hearing the glories of Christ's Gospel as that message is proclaimed by one of our retired pastors.



Pastor Arvid Gullerud (R) Has Assisted In Spokane In Retirement; Pastor Mark Gullerud (L), New Pastor In Eau Claire.



ILC Building Committee Member, Tom Beekman, had a big hand in designing and laying blocks for the new parking lot retaining wall at ILC.

“Laymen Of Distinction”—

A Truly Anonymous Army

When it was suggested that the *Spokesman* might feature our retired pastors and their long-time faithful work in behalf of the Lord and His Church, a couple of those pastors sought to broaden our focus. “Aren’t we a little heavy on attention to the clergy?” one asked. “We have had, as well, many laymen of distinction over the years.”

A truly blessed fact! So true, in fact, that our first thoughts were along the lines of where would we begin, and where would we end, in mentioning those lay-people who have “distinguished themselves” in the work of the CLC since its founding.

The quotation marks in the last sentence are significant. The parable of the workers in the vineyard (Matthew 20) makes clear that everything as far as the workers are concerned — from their “hiring” to their final “reward” — has grace as its distinguishing characteristic. Any “credit” goes to the Holy Spirit of God. Every faithful laborer in the vineyard of the Master, whether clergy or laity, knows that.

We saw an editorial in another Christian periodical not too long ago entitled “The Army of the Anonymous.” The writer called attention to the fact that the church, for the most part, is nourished by “nameless, unknown figures” and “unheralded servants” who stay at the work, day after day, in ordinary congregations. And, said the writer, these men do so faithfully, and without prodding, for the simple joy of knowing they are serving their Lord. You might guess that the reference was to “ordinary” pastors.

We would broaden the focus. When, in the parable of the talents (Matthew 25), the lord said “Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord,” we see nothing that limits the complimentary word to faithful clergymen.

Faithful Lay-members

Listen to just a couple of testimonies to the anonymous army of faithful laymembers in our midst:

**To one and all in the vast
anonymous army of faithful
servants of the Lord in
classroom or board room, in
home or workplace, in pulpit or
pew, we say: “Well done, good
and faithful servants . . .”**

A retired CLC pastor wrote: *“In the past it was always taken for granted that the chairmanship of each synodical board would be held by one of the clergy members on that Board. Now we are finding that a lay-member may be the best qualified for that position, and that we do have lay-members who are willing to put in the endless numbers of volunteer hours that such an office requires.”*

A few months ago the president of the CLC, in commenting on the time-consuming work of synodical board members — which boards indeed include laymen as well as clergy — wrote as follows: *“Not a single man receives salary for what he does on a board. They are all otherwise employed. They take time, sometimes vacation, from their gainful employment to do the work of the CLC. They do take time that they might otherwise spend with family. I personally do not hear a word of complaint. I believe all elected to serve do so gladly. But the fact is they do not have to do for the CLC what they do, except the love of Christ, and their election by the brethren, compels them. . . .”*

Included among unheralded servants of the church are not only those

who have been elected to synodical boards. How about those who have for years served faithfully in church council positions in our local congregations? Not long ago we heard of a layman who has served for 50 years as treasurer of one of our congregations. We know there have been lay-women as well as lay-men who have served for decades as organists and Bible School or Sunday School teachers. And shall we yet mention the men and women who have chosen the lackluster career as teachers in our Christian day schools? (We are introducing some of them to our readers in the new feature “In Our CLC Classrooms.”) Nor is this all. How about countless “ordinary” members who have served as pillars of our churches over the years? And we have previously referred to the wives of our pastors and professors. . . .

Yes, where would we begin and where would we stop in adding names to the list?

To one and all in the vast anonymous army of faithful servants of the Lord in classroom or board room, in home or workplace, in pulpit or pew, we say: “Well done, good and faithful servants. . . .”

—Pastor Paul Fleischer

A Few Outstanding Examples

In answer to our request for reflections and comments on the church scene, Pastor Norbert Reim, an active retiree currently living in Phoenix, passed along what he termed “a few outstanding examples” in his experience — examples of “the stature, education, skills, dedication, and leadership provided by our lay people.” We, in turn, are happy to pass these along to our readers. — Ed.

* After completing construction on the parsonage at Lynnwood (Seattle), Washington, mostly with volunteer labor, and having excavated for the A-frame church building, I looked out of the parsonage window one morning to see someone I did not recognize as any of our usual volunteers preparing some of the main beams for erection. Hurrying out before any damage could be done, I found it was a member of Gethsemane in Spokane, who had been the main figure in the volunteer group building the church there. A licensed plumber and electrician, he was also a master craftsman with wood. Though he never admitted this to me, I am convinced that he moved from Spokane with his family (including several sons also highly skilled in the building trades) just because he felt their services would be needed now in Lynnwood. Finally we paid him a fraction of what he could have earned in his own business to work full time on our project for over a year, while also providing direction to the volunteers.

* A member of the Resurrection congregation in Corpus Christi, Texas who had a library of theological books that many of our pastors might be glad to trade for their own. And the underlinings and marginal

comments proved that they were diligently used!

* A young layman from another Lutheran synod moved to Phoenix and started to attend our services. After a time he asked about becoming a communicant member. When told that we could either spend a few evenings discussing the differences between the two church bodies or he could take the complete adult information class, he instantly opted for the latter. When that was finished he wanted to know what came next. Since he and his family were already attending all services, Bible Classes, and other activities, I was at a loss to know what to suggest. So he asked if he and his wife could be tutored in New Testament Greek. His wife had to drop out of that when the children started coming, but he finished the course. More recently he published a book on his computer with the title: *Rediscovering the Trinity in the Bible*, which would be an eye-opening blessing to anyone under the spell of the Jehovah's Witnesses or other sects denying the divinity of Christ. By comparing Old and New Testament passages he proves that the name “Jehovah” in the Bible is used to refer not only to God the Father, but also to Jesus Christ, His Son, and to the Holy Spirit as well.



Just One Of Many CLC “Households Of Faith”— The Radichel Family Reunion



Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert Radichel And Their Children.

Across the CLC we are privileged to have a number of large families who for a long time have anchored our CLC congregations and church body. Their blessed tentacles extend far and deep, going back to the very establishment of our churches and synod, reaching forward to the next generation of faithful that will fill our CLC pews. They were, they are, they will be, all and always, the products of the Spirit-inspired efforts of dedicated Christian parenting and mission efforts. Truly the Psalmist's call and prophecy is daily being fulfilled among us: “One generation shall praise Your works to another and shall declare Your mighty acts” (Ps. 145:4).

While in Norway one of our pastors encountered a rather intriguing comment on the wall of a church. In reference to casualties in war this was said: “No one mentioned, no one forgotten.” A built-in risk is found in name listing (as many have discovered in church bulletins), and that risk

is omission. It would be well-nigh unto impossible to list or picture all of our extended CLC families who have played integral roles in our churches, nor would any want their names heralded. Yet, from time to time, as we hear of or see our extended families gather together, may we join in thanksgiving for — and draw faith-encouragement from — these “households of faith.”

To God alone be all glory!

—Pastor David Schierenbeck
reporting



Editor's note: The occasion for the family reunion held in Eau Claire, Wisc. on June 24, 1995, was the 60th wedding anniversary of Gilbert and Valborg Radichel. Gilbert, the patriarch of the Radichel family, was ushered into the joy of his Lord soon after this picture was taken (died July 30 at the age of 85 years). The funeral was at Messiah, Eau Claire, with Pastor Paul Tiefel officiating.

Two Faith Churches Welcome New Pastor

Faith Lutheran Church of Nicollet, Minn. and Faith Lutheran Church of New Ulm, Minn. welcomed their new pastor, Dr. Gregory L. Jackson, in an installation service held in the New Ulm church on Sunday, July 30, 1995. Pastor Jackson succeeds Keith Olmanson who recently retired from the ministry and from his position as shepherd of the two flocks.

Pastor Stephen Kurtzahn, Visitor of the CLC's Minnesota District, conducted the installation service. Basing his remarks on 1 Corinthians 1:22-24, Pastor Kurtzahn's sermon message to the new pastor, the members of his two congregations, and many visitors was "Preach Christ Crucified!"

Pastor and Mrs. (Christina) Jackson come to the CLC via a winding and difficult journey in both their personal and religious life. Their 25 year marriage has been blessed with three children. A son, Martin (wife Tammy), attends Bethany Lutheran Seminary. The Jacksons lost their two daughters, Bethany (age 6 1/2) and Erin (age 7 1/2), to a neurological degeneration disorder. While there is an enduring pain from such premature loss, it becomes obvious when visiting with Pastor and Mrs. Jackson that their faith in a loving and merciful God in Christ Jesus has been their and their children's staff and stay all along the way. (The parents have written a book *Angel Joy* describing Bethany and Erin.)

Mrs. Jackson suffers from a physical disability of her own. In this regard Pastor Jackson noted: "The parsonage in New Ulm is perfect for Chris, so she can stay on one floor. In addition, the members have improved the home in numerous ways to help her out. Her health insurance situation will improve dramatically, and she will be able to use the Mayo Clinic."

The path by which the Lord has led Pastor Jackson into the CLC ministry also reveals some real struggles of faith. Both Pastor and Mrs. Jackson earned degrees from Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois in 1969. In 1972 Jackson graduated from Waterloo Lutheran Seminary. He later studied and/or earned degrees from the Gestalt Institute, Yale, Notre Dame (Ph. D.), Concordia Theological Seminary, and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. Before joining the CLC ministerium through colloquy, Pastor Jackson had served congregations in the former Lutheran Church in America (LCA) in Ohio and Michigan, and subsequently joined the Wisconsin Synod (WELS) through colloquy.

When asked for some personal comments about the journey that has led him to the CLC, Pastor Jackson remarked: "We enjoy being part of the CLC. The pastors have been great to us, and the members of both congregations have been very considerate." As one who can speak from

widespread personal experience while seeking an orthodox confessional fellowship, Jackson added: "The best part about being in the CLC is the constant quest to study the doctrines of the Bible and apply them properly. The result of this is a closeness and unity which is only a memory in most of Lutheranism."

Largely as a result of his studies and his determined search to find a synodical fellowship which is true to confessional Lutheranism, Pastor Jackson has written a couple of theological books. We have personally seen and read — and highly recommend — these books. They are: *Liberalism: Its Cause and Cure* (1991) and *Catholic, Lutheran, Protestant* (1993). Both books are helpful especially to those who are searching for resource material which is apologetic to — in defense of — genuine Reformation Lutheranism.



Pastor & Mrs. Jackson (L), Marty and Tammy.

When you are passing through New Ulm, we are sure Pastor and Mrs. Jackson would be happy to have you stop in for a visit and to share with you their many experiences along faith's often difficult and winding, but ultimately triumphant path. We rejoice that the Lord of the Church has led them into our Christian fellowship. We pray also that the Lord would richly bless them and the two Faith congregations.

—Pastor Paul Fleischer



In Our CLC Classrooms —

Meet: Deborah Johannes

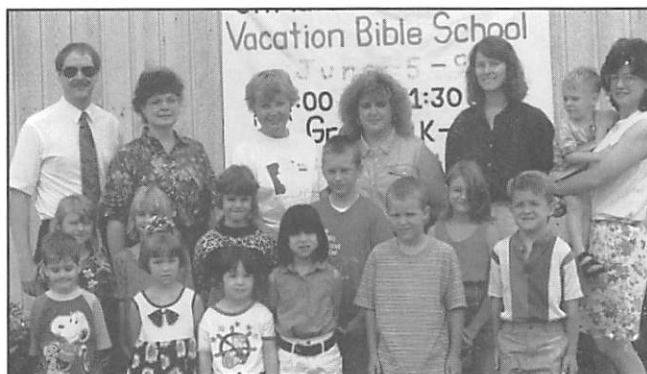
Miss Deborah Johannes is teaching at Luther Memorial School in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. She attended our Immanuel Lutheran High School in Eau Claire, Wisc. and graduated from the teaching program at ILC in 1992. The following school year she began teaching in Fond du Lac. A former teacher, Sara Nolting (Miss Fiegel), influenced her the most in choosing teaching as a career.

Deborah's favorite subject to teach is math. Outside the classroom her

interests include volleyball and snowmobiling. Deborah is the daughter of Pastor and Mrs. John Johannes Sr., also of Fond du Lac.



Vacation Bible School St. Matthew Ev. Lutheran Church Dallas, Texas



St. Matthew of North Dallas is one of ten mission congregations of the CLC. God blessed our 1995 Vacation Bible School (June 5-9) with an enrollment of twelve students, two of whom were visitors. He also provided a capable and dedicated staff. Dorothy Abbott and Debbie Schulz-Peters taught the Bible lessons. Sharla Burkhardt, Janet Krafft, and Vickie Wolff helped out with crafts and refreshments. Eileen Stangeland was the music teacher. Pastor Schuetze conducted the devotions. One special project of the students was to write a letter to the children living in the orphanage in India. Our Sunday School is sponsoring one of the children.

In the days leading up to our VBS a number of St. Matthew members walked door-to-door (some of them in 95 degree temps!) and distributed 950 flyers in neighborhoods near our church. Though our canvassing efforts did not meet with outward success (we did not get even one response), we are grateful for the opportunity to

communicate the Good News of the Savior with others through the Gospel invitation contained in the flyer. We remember Jesus' words: "The kingdom of God does not come with observation" and we trust His promise that wherever the "still, small voice" of the Gospel is heard, God will use it to work saving faith in the hearts of many.



We are trying to keep as "visible" as we can in our community (also through advertisements in the local newspaper). We pray that the Good Shepherd will lead the lost sheep to us that we might share with them the message of His forgiving love.

—Pastor Thomas Schuetze

Announcements

West Central Pastoral Conference

Dates: Sept. 19-21, 1995 beginning at 10 a.m. (MDT) on Tuesday through noon on Thursday.

Place: Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church, Cheyenne, WY

Agenda:

- 1) Old Testament Exegesis: Psalm 128 — Jay Hartmann
- 2) New Testament Exegesis: 1 Corinthians 11:2-16 — Walter Schaller
- 3) Extremely Inactive Members: Should They Be Excommunicated or Is Termination of Membership Appropriate? — Norman Greve
- 4) What Is A Church Member? — A Survey of Practices and Principles concerning How We Determine Membership Status in the Congregation — Michael Wilke
- 5) The Abrogation of the Mosaic Law — Paul Krause
- 6) Towards a Better Delivery of the Sermon — Paul Larsen
- 7) A Comprehensive Study on the Use of the Word "Grace" in the New Testament — Steven Sippert
- 8) Review and Discussion: Walther's *Law And Gospel* — Michael Sprengeler
- 9) Book Reviews: a) *Homosexuality* — A New *Christian Ethic* by Elizabeth Moberly — Joel Fleischer; b) *Getting into the Book of Concord* by Robert Preus — David Fuerstenau

Conference Chaplain: James Shrader

Conference Speaker: Walter Schaller

—Steven Sippert, Secretary



CLC South-Eastern Pastoral Conference West Columbia, SC September 26-28

Agenda:

- * New Testament Exegesis, 2 Thess. 2:1ff — Mark Gullerud
- * Old Testament Exegesis, Exegete's choice— John Klatt
- * Baptizing Non-Members who do not Intend to Become (Remain) Members
- * When is it Proper or Improper to Resign a Call — John Schierenbeck
- * The Necessity For Humility in the Ministry — Terrel Kesterson
- * The Methods and Importance of

Member Visitation and Sick Calls — Michael Roehl

- * The Significance of the Title "the Son of Man" — Karl Stewart

Conference Chaplain — Andrew Schaller

Conference Speaker — Thomas Schuetze

— Michael Roehl, Secretary



Great Lakes Pastoral Conference Immanuel Lutheran College Eau Claire, Wisc.

Dates: October 10-11, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Essays:

- 1) OT Exegesis, Ecclesiastes 8:10-17 — Prof. Paul D. Nolting
- 2) NT Exegesis, 1 Corinthians 8:16ff — Prof. John Reim
- 3) Further Discussion of the "Application of the Principle to Troublesome Cases" — Mark Bernthal
- 4) The Importance of Excommunication in the Spiritual Life of the Church — Arthur Schulz
- 5) How does One Determine the Essence of an Organization (with special application to the American Legion)? — Michael Sydow
- 6) The Pro's and Con's of Term Limits for Congregational and Synodical Offices — Prof. John Lau
- 7) The Usage of "Gospel" in the New Testament — Prof. David Lau

Conference Speaker — Leroy Dux

Conference Chaplain — David Reim

—David Reim, Secretary



Caledonia, Minnesota

Redeemer Lutheran Church of Caledonia, Minnesota has disbanded. Members have continued their membership in other congregations of the CLC in the area.

Rev. Dan Avery of Caledonia, Minnesota has declared himself out of fellowship with the Church of the Lutheran Confession and is no longer eligible for call in the CLC.

—Daniel Fleischer, President



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Installations

As authorized by President Daniel Fleischer, I installed Wayne Eichstadt as Missionary-At-Large/Pastor of the CLC Preaching Station in Orange Park (Jacksonville), Florida on July 2, 1995.

—Pastor Michael Roehl

As authorized by President Daniel Fleischer, I installed John Schierenbeck as Pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Winter Haven, Florida on July 9, 1995.

—Pastor Michael Roehl

As authorized by President Daniel Fleischer, I installed Dr. Gregory Jackson on July 30, 1995 as pastor of Faith Lutheran Church, New Ulm, Minn. and Faith Lutheran Church, Nicollet, Minn.

—Rev. Stephen C. F. Kurtzahn

By the authority of the congregations and with the knowledge and consent of President Fleischer, I installed Rev. Dwight Franklin Gant as pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in White River and Peace Lutheran Church in Mission, So. Dak. The installation service took place at Peace Lutheran Church on July 16.

—Rev. Steven Sippert

With the knowledge and approval of President Fleischer I installed Miss Sara Pfeiffer as founding teacher of St. Stephen Lutheran School on July 9, 1995. Assisting were Prof. Clifford Kuehne, Prof. John Pfeiffer, and Pastor Rollin Reim.

—Pastor Bruce Naumann

As authorized by President Fleischer, I installed Pastor Warren Fanning as the pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, West Columbia, South Carolina, on July 30, 1995.

—Pastor Terrel Kesterson



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Coordinating Council

The Coordinating Council will meet at Immanuel Lutheran College October 18, 19, 1995. Sessions on October 18 begin after chapel at 10:30 a.m.

—Daniel Fleischer, President



Minnesota Delegate Conference September 24th, 3:00 p.m. Salem, Eagle Lake

Agenda:

- * Does The Name "Lutheran" Still Convey Our Confession To The World?—Pastor Gregory Jackson
- * Contemporary Christian Music—Good Or Bad?—Teacher Lane Fischer.
Please announce or excuse to the host pastor, Rick Grams.

—Submitted by Visitor,
Pastor Stephen Kurtzahn