



CALENDAR

- Oct. 12 - 11:15 AM Holy Communion
The Rev. George Freeman,
Pastor, Nativity Luth. Church
preaching.
- Oct. 13 - 3:00 PM Mt. Airy vs. Westmin-
ster Football Game, at Westmin-
ster.
- Oct. 15 - Junior Field Education in "In-
ner City" congregations.
- Oct. 16 - Joint Executive Board Mtg. of
the Philadelphia and Gettys-
burg Seminaries.
- Oct. 17 - Philadelphia Seminary Board Mtg
11:15 AM Chamber Choir Concert
(off-campus)
10:00 PM Vespers

PLAYERS PICK CAST

Director Bob Sonnenberg announced this week the cast for the Mt. Airy Players first production of the season. The play, The Cup of Trembling, written by Elizabeth Berryhill has a cast of eight. However, these actors play more than one role. The cast includes Bob Busch, Joanne Zindle, Dave Shaheen, Barbara and Elton Grunden, Drew Fischer, George Brunjes, and Dave Newhart.

This two act play is derived from the life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. As has been the custom in past years, the players will be more than happy to consider invitations to present this play in local congregations. The Cup of Trembling is especially suitable for chancel drama. All inquiries should be made to Bob Sonnenberg.

FREEMAN PREACHES TODAY

The Rev. George Freeman will be the guest preacher at today's service of the Holy Communion. Pastor Freeman is a graduate of this seminary and is presently serving Nativity Lutheran Church, Philadelphia.

RELOCATION NEWS

Long-term plans by the Lutheran Theological Seminary to relocate on a 4.2 acre area in University City were approved on October 6 by the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority. The plans must now go before the City Planning Commission and the City Council.

Some students and constituents of the seminary may have been overwhelmed by the local newspaper headlines reporting the story: "\$20 Million Complex for Seminary OK'd in University City." The headlines were misleading, however, because they did not clearly present the 3-phase nature of the Seminary's plans. To help clarify the issues, the following information is presented so that the student body can accurately interpret these newspaper articles.

The development campaign of this seminary is presently concerned only with phase 1 of a proposed 3-phase future. This phase has a goal of \$5 million. At the present the school has received statements of intent from congregations and major gift donors of \$6,618,204. Of these statements of intent we have received in cash \$2,556,541 as of Sept. 1. This first phase is concerned only with the relocation of this seminary to the University City site.

In the plans for the future of this school, phases 2 and 3 come into focus. Phase 2 contains suggestions for expanded architectural facilities at the new site if there were to be a consolidation of this school with Gettysburg Seminary. No building will be assumed at the new site in phase 1 which would prevent an easy extension into phase 2.

The Urban Redevelopment Authority of Philadelphia has also asked the seminary to look beyond its immediate goals to the year 2000. This is where phase 3 would become effective. Phase 3 plans that IF both seminaries were consolidated at the University City site, and IF there were a major growth in the student body, and IF all facilities were erected which would serve both undergraduate and graduate programs, then the projected theoretical figure for the entire physical plant could

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THE MANIFESTO SPEAKS

by Robert W. Busch

"I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth...." I wonder if the men who first conceived of this thought would consider it a reasonable statement to make in this year 1967? The present age pulses with an excitement, promise, and hope they would never have dreamed of in the 1st Century A.D. "Death-dealing diseases have been conquered, mortality rates lowered, the span of life lengthened. Man's new-won controls over the processes of life and death have been compared with the discovery of fire, the origin of agriculture, and the development of the alphabet. Applied science, technology, has revolutionized our patterns of life, and even greater changes lie ahead."

"Educational research has uncovered new and effective ways of encompassing, transmitting, and using the vast accumulation of knowledge that is continually growing." Art and architecture are providing new forms of expression. International law and diplomacy have made great strides towards substituting peace for bloody ideological battles. There has been a revolution in the field of communications. News from all over this planet reaches us in a matter of hours or even minutes via the TV and the radio.

"And at the apex of this pyramid of exciting developments sits the new science of space knowledge and exploration. Even those who decry the neglect of more immediate problems for a successful journey to the moon by 1970 can scarcely be immune to the implications of the project."

But there is another side to this story. Preserving and extending human life produces the "population explosion" and the problem of increased employment and unemployment. Substituting machines for men creates a need for massive re-education. "The achievements in international relations impress us, until we read the day's reports of what is transpiring in Peiping, Washington, and Moscow." We have only to sit before our TV sets watching the U.N. Security Council meetings to understand this feeling of futility.

"Bumper-to-bumper commuting, congestion, noise, blight, deterioration, dirt, pov-

erty, crime, rising taxes, multiplied public services, and the intensity of the struggle to maintain mental, emotional, and physical health pushes life to the breaking point for increasing numbers and makes quality living increasingly difficult."

How then, can we read with any sense of sincerity the opening chapters of the Book of Genesis which describe the world as the creation of a merciful God? One might answer that all we have to do is look out through the windows at the beauty and majesty of God's natural wonders. But there is much more to it than just the natural environment which surrounds us every day of our lives. "For the world is not only God's possession and theater of action; it is also 'the arena of man's achievement and the scene of man's struggles.'" As he unveils more and more of the mysteries hidden in God's creation, man finds it more difficult to answer unaided the question of their (and his) ultimate meaning.

"Creation, Christ, the Church - each in a unique way testifies to God's presence in an love for the world." What men do with this world, whether they used it correctly or incorrectly, does not alter the basic fact that "God is in the midst of this whole elemental world, embracing all of it, so that even light and air and water and all the life they sustain become signs of his grace when rightly used." "God is also among the unwashed and unwanted, the despised and deprived, the proud and the rebellious of the people of the world. And who among us stands uncounted in such a host? Man's condition is man's judgment and assignment; God seeks all of us that we may become what we in truth are, "his children. God is in the midst of life with all of its anguish and sordidness, its joy and its glory. He is there where the engineer designs his missiles and the mechanic struggles with your transmission. He is there where the voter makes his choice and the politician his promises. He is there where soldiers fire rifles and where diplomats sit around tables.

And he is present now. Not in some time past or some time in the future. We have forgotten a simple truth which the ancient Hebrews knew. God acts daily in our lives. In the small and seemingly insignificant decisions as well as the decisions we consider

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LCA SUPPORTS OPEN HOUSING IN MILWAUKEE NEWSPAPERS

A statement urging members of the Lutheran Church in America in Milwaukee "to register their support of the right of equal opportunity in housing was placed as an advertisement in Milwaukee newspapers Monday, October 9.

The statement is being issued jointly by the Boards of Social Ministry of the LCA and the Wisconsin-Upper Michigan Synod of the LCA. The half page ad was to appear in the Milwaukee Journal and the Milwaukee Sentinel.

The ad is addressed "To the Members of the LCA in the City of Milwaukee and Other Citizens of the City of Milwaukee." The statement will read:

"The current situation in Milwaukee on the city legislature on equal opportunity in housing is of national significance, as many Milwaukeeans now understand. The Board of Social Ministry of the Upper-Wisconsin Synod of the LCA and the Board of Social Ministry of the LCA jointly desire to express their convictions on this subject.

"These boards have an awareness of the complex situation in relation to an acceptance of an ordinance on equal opportunity in housing. When explosive tensions exist in communities all people live in fear—fear which arises from concern for personal safety, for the preservation of legitimate property and for the future of the total community. We also have some knowledge of the problems associated with demonstrations and the right to petition, and the fear that these processes may degenerate into civil disturbance. We recognize the feeling of estrangement that people have toward their fellow citizens on this issue.

"Our boards acknowledge that many people of the city have tried to solve the problem of building a harmonious city. However, the basic matter before the people of the city and their government is the right of equal opportunity to adequate shelter for all. This right must not only be unimpaired, but must be expressed in local legislation as well as state legislation to give assurance that the right is not impaired.

"It is our conviction that the city

of Milwaukee will enjoy economic, social and cultural benefit from well considered legislation of this subject. We therefore jointly recommend that the members of the LCA in the City of Milwaukee study the church's official position on race relations, and after reflection, register their support of the right of equal opportunity in housing to their appropriate public representatives."

The quoted statement on race relations says in part that "the church, its congregations, synods, agencies, institutions and individual members should support the enactment and enforcement of federal, state or provincial; and local legislation which seeks to guarantee to all persons equally, without racial discrimination ...the right to rent, buy, and occupy housing in any place, and the right to means of mortgage financing..."

The 1967 Yearbook of the LCA lists more than 20,000 baptized members in Milwaukee. Last September 16 the Rev. Theodore E. Matson, president of the Upper-Wisconsin Michigan Synod, was among signers of a half-page ad endorsing lawful demonstrations on racial questions. The ad appeared in both Milwaukee daily papers and was also signed by the Rev. Myron Austinson of the So. Wisconsin District of the ALC and the Rev. Herbert Baxmann of the So. Wisconsin District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

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important. This is a time full of excitement and hope, confusing, and plagued with anxiety. Yet, just as this is God's world it is also God's time. This very minute is the point at which the eternal intersects the temporal.

What I have said so far encompasses the first two statements in The Manifesto, which was adopted by the LCA at its 1966 convention. What is the Manifesto? It is the answer to a question. At the 1964 convention of the LCA the Synod of Eastern Penna. recommended that a committee be formed to undertake "a study of the nature and mission of the congregation." The Manifesto is a summary of the results of

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for crying out loud

Once upon a time in the tiny borough of Immadont, in the county of Giveadamm, Italy, there lived a very strange youth named David Soybeen. He was a rather impractical youth given to daydreaming and worrying about his own important past. You see his great, great, great, great, great, grandfather Jack was the very same one who climbed the bean stalk (actually it was a garlic stalk). So one day David tried to interest the inhabitants of Immadont, Giveadamm, to build a special memorial to his great, great, great, great, great, grandfather Jack. This task, he thought, was indeed a special one and one that he would oversee personally; the originality of the construction was one that could draw upon the diverse talents of all the inhabitants of Immadont.

But the response that he received was not so good; actually the good Immadontians were much too busy with daily and important chores to bother to even remember all that the beanstalk had meant to them and their children. How could they even think of giving up such important jobs; there was the holy task of vollicee bull, the ritual that kept the Immadontians a close knit group. Also their lives were filled with the task of dailybitchingsessions, and the gathering of all sorts of important intercommunityrelations, any number of which could be used to serve one's ends. So in view of all this the ole bean stalk was out of the question. David was sort of shocked by this attitude because he thought that the bean stalk and all that it meant was well worth some effort; he really believed in Soybeen's Folly.

But the bean stalk was soon forgotten and I guess the Immadontians were relieved because they still had their vollicee bull, dailybitchingsessions, and intercommunityrelations; they also didn't have to be bothered by the memory of their dependence on the bean stalk!

But I guess that that is what happens to bean stalks or Reformation Anniversary Issues - - - - - isn't it?

The Old Crab

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that commission. The actual report is a good deal longer. Some of the findings of this commission are quite new and enlightening. Some are just reminders of things we already knew but might have forgotten. None of this report should be overlooked as insignificant.

In the coming weeks we shall discuss the statements of this Manifesto using as a basis the Study Book On The Manifesto by Donald R. Pichaske. The Manifesto is called "God's call to the Church in each place." Let us heed that call.

(Ed. Note: Your comments on the author's interpretation and presentation are welcomed.)

DUE TO A LACK OF RESPONSE ON THE PART OF THE STUDENT BODY, THE PLANS FOR THE PUBLICATION OF A SPECIAL REFORMATION BOOK HAVE BEEN CANCELLED.

KRODEL REPLIES

Bob Busch reports that he has received a reply from Dr. Krodel to his letter which appeared in last week's Seminarian. In essence Dr. Krodel stated that the list of commentaries in the bookstore is essentially up to date. Whenever a member of the Biblical Dept. considers a new commentary worthy of consideration, he will make such a note on the list in the store.

Dr. Krodel also made the point that most of the commentaries being published today are still pre-Form Criticism, and that no commentary is a substitution for good scholarly research on the part of the student. He especially emphasized the point of using good periodicals which carry the latest scholarly opinions in the field of exegetical study.

For those students wishing a bibliography of good commentaries, the NT professor suggested that the finest list available at the present will be found in the index of Kummel's Introduction to the NT. A revised list of commentaries which has been distributed to NT classes in past years will be ready by spring, Dr. Krodel added.

Mr. McCurley has indicated there are only a few good OT commentaries in English. The Westminster Press is beginning a good series, but it is only a beginning. Bob reports that Mr. McCurley has consented to look into the matter of publishing some sort of list.

AROUND CAMPI 000

Sermons by Dr. Edmund Steimle preached on the Lutheran series of the Protestant Hr. are now available in the library.....The tennis tournament being organized by Fred Crawford needs one more team. Are you interested?.....The article from the intern assigned to write this week's column of "Where The Action Is" did not arrive. Therefore the column will not appear this week.....Two important dates to keep in mind for the future: Oct. 29 - Reformation Observance at the Academy of Music with Dr. Lazareth preaching, and Oct. 31 when we will have special programs on our own campus in honor of the Reformation. More in next week's Seminarian.....Everyone knows what OT professor has a dog named Shupi, but can you identify Shadrack, the only dog on campus named after the president of an African country? A bowl of peanut butter soup to the winner!.....Your attention is called to the poster in the TV lounge about the Masada exhibit. It's worth your consideration.....Mr. Garver reminds dorm students of the trash regulations printed on pg. 8 in the handbook. Please observe these rules!....Dot and Irene have composed a special poem available in the Seminarian office about the importance of Thursday. In essence, they would like to remind ALL of you guys living in the dorms to please put your sheets out on the rail by 8 AM!.....Our research department has learned that at a recent evangelistic meeting in Philadelphia, a convert was called forth to be baptized. Before being submerged, he asked the Evangelist in charge of the meeting if he could say a few words. Given permission, he told the assembly that he intended to give 10% of his income to the Lord. "Halleluis, Halleluia" shouted the crowd, "We've got a tither in our tank."

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TENNIS

Pairings for the first round of the tennis tournament have been announced. Newhart/Villaume v. Warren/Heinecken; White/Aden v. Berg/Houck; Crawford/Kurtz v. Kochenderfer/Cummings. M. Fritch/Grunden received a bye. Play starts this week.

FROM THE PEN OF THE POET

ON THOUGHT AND THINGS

robert f. holley

have you ever sat among evergreens and thought about this, that and other things?

contemplation of things near and far you could even do it at a bar.

think of the friendly neighborhood ghetto often ruled by the flashing stiletto -- or think of one's hunger and pain...

for many these will never wain.

thoughts like these we shall never want but let it not our spirit daunt,

as we of the middle class offer our own salvation --

to all who sell their soul to americanization.

we need not be concerned with disease; we, the middle class, do as we please.

so go now and sit among evergreens

and think about this, that and other things;

but while you sit in pious contemplation --

so succinctly planning your own salvation,

give a thought to your neighbor and his needs,

and aimless thought could even end in deed:

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amount to the reported \$20 million.

It should be clearly understood that the Seminary Fund Appeal is concerned exclusively with phase 1. At the same time, the academic concerns underlying phase 2 are being given serious consideration by the Boards of Directors of both the Gettysburg and Philadelphia Seminaries. The Board Committees are now studying the proposals made last May in a joint faculty position statement, which concludes that "the two institutions should be consolidated into one school of theology, maintaining two campuses: the new university city campus in Philadelphia concentrating on the various theological degree programs, and the present Gettysburg campus specializing in new and expanded programs in the continuing theological education of pastors as well as the theological training of the laity."

From Trans-action Magazine, Sept. 1967 (pg.7):

"Politics at its best is a healing art. It channels frustrations, eases tensions, raises reasonable hope, hammers out compromises. The outbreak of the worst riots in U.S. history is proof that the process broke down at its most vulnerable point -- race."