



## *32nd Annual Awards Banquet*



Front Row (l-r): Marlys Taege Moberg, Robin Ouren, Ruth Rohlfing, Rose Hanke, Lois Brink, Verdel Hermesmeyer, Janet Homann, Lorene Mohlenhoff, Beverly Homann Back Row (l-r): Banquet Speaker Lawrence Rast, Jr., Joel Kurz, Scott Meyer, Jon Vieker, C. George Fry, James Brauer, Rebecca DeGarmeaux, Edwin Hermesmeyer, Matt Homann, Ed Homann, Alan Homann, Don Christiansen, Florence Christiansen

**A**t 5:00 pm on November 9th, 2006, the guests started streaming into the building of Concordia Historical Institute on the occasion of the recognition and celebration of awardees whose contributions to American Lutheran history were published in the year 2005. Festivities began with hors d'oeuvres in the Institute's conference room. Awardees, their spouses and friends, the Institute Board of Governors, and the Institute Awards Committee mixed and mingled, while viewing the new chaplains' exhibit, *In the Gospel: LCMS Military Chaplaincy*.

At about 6:30 pm, the guests walked past the Fuerbringer Library and its fountain for an excellent dinner at Wartburg Hall. The excitement was enhanced by the singing of a Lutheran hymn, led by Institute receptionist, Mrs. Cynthia Strickland, with the audience joining in after

the first verse. Director Martin R. Noland assisted the Awards Committee members as they read the commendations from the Institute and the responses from the awardees. Each awardee received a certificate of commendation and a gift. The festivities concluded with an inspiring speech by Dr. Lawrence Rast, president of the Institute. This speech will be published in a future issue of the *Concordia Historical Institute Quarterly*.

Congratulations, awardees, and thanks again for your significant contributions to American Lutheran history! By category, the awardees are:

### **Major Publications:**

◆**MRS. LAURA L. DARNELL** of Henderson, Nevada, for *Send Me, Send Me! The Story of Laura and Albert Ziegler's Missions to China*, which provides an understanding of social, economic, and religious factors surrounding emi-

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gration from the Old Country to the New World that enhances the study of Lutherans who settled in America.

◆**DR. C. GEORGE FRY** of Circleville, Ohio, and **REV. JOEL R. KURZ** of Forsyth, Missouri, for *The Americanization Process in the Second Generation: The German Lutheran Matthias Loy (1828-1915), Caught Between Adaptation and Repristinization*, a scholarly account and well-documented biography of this distinguished leader of orthodox Lutheranism in the Ohio Synod.

◆**DR. KATHRYN M. GALCHUTT** of Tuckahoe, New York, for *The Career of Andrew Schulze, 1924-1968: Lutherans and Race in the Civil Rights Era*, a readable and engaging biography that offers a balanced and detailed examination of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod and significant LCMS leaders as they dealt with issues of race through the 1970s.

◆**DR. DAVID M. HORTON** of Austin, Texas, and **DR. GEORGE R. NIELSEN** of Rapid City, South Dakota, for *Walking George*, the first in-depth biography of George John Beto, composed with impeccable scholarship and a compelling style, documenting the life and service rendered by a remarkable leader in both Lutheran higher education and criminal rehabilitation.

◆**MRS. MARLYS TAEGER MOBERG** of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for *Treasured Lives: The Story of Bethesda Lutheran Homes and Services, Inc.*, a history that cleverly weaves the historical data into the Bethesda story in such a creative way that is simply absorbed by the reader, who is left with a warm feeling toward the book's subject.

#### Non-Print Media:

◆**THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY** of Mankato, Minnesota, for *Understanding Our Heritage through the Stories Handed Down from Our Forebears*, a two-hour video that captures the spirit and endeavors of ELS members a century ago through outstanding portrayals of life from pioneer days through the early years of the 20th century.

#### Journal Articles:

◆**DR. PAUL A. BAGLYOS** of Greenville, Pennsylvania, for "The Muhlenbergs Become Americans" in *Lutheran Quarterly*, Spring 2005, a careful analysis of how the American context led a couple of generations of the Muhlenberg family to think and act independently of their European loyalties, whether to the English king or to the Halle Pietist leaders.

◆**DR. MARK A. GRANQUIST** of Saint Peter, Minnesota, for "Swedish-American Episcopalians and Lutheran-Episcopal Relations in North America, 1850-1935" in *Anglican and Episcopal History*, March 2005, a concise account of the key issues involved in the strained interaction between immigrant Swedish Lutherans and Swedish

Episcopalians in 19th and early 20th century America.

◆**DR. MARK A. GRANQUIST** of Saint Peter, Minnesota, for "Conrad J. I. Bergendoff (1895-1997)" in *Lutheran Quarterly*, Summer 2005, which encourages us to resist the myopia of equating Lutheranism with German-ness by profiling an important 20th century Swedish-American theologian and leader.

◆**DR. L. DeANE LAGERQUIST** of Northfield, Minnesota, for "Being Lutheran in Public: Contributions to Social Capital in the Midwest" in *Anglican and Episcopal History*, March 2005, which helps to expand one's understanding of "public life" and the unique and characteristic ways Lutherans quietly build social bonds and bridges, and without confusing an improved society and the kingdom of God.

◆**DR. SCOTT J. MEYER** of St. Louis, Missouri, for "A Lutheran Patriarch: Pastor Theodore Kohn" in *Concordia Historical Institute Quarterly*, Winter 2005, a captivating history of the life and ministry of Rev. Theodore Kohn (1860-1936), which illustrates and offers practical application for parents, pastors, and teachers.

◆**REV. JON D. VIEKER** of St. Louis, Missouri, for "The Most Beautiful Hymns in the World: The Hymns and Hymn Writers of Early LCMS Hymnals" in *Logia*, Holy Trinity 2005, a timely and very readable essay on many of the English-language hymns included in LCMS hymnals between 1889 and 1912.

#### Congregational Histories:

◆**BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH, FERRIN, ILLINOIS**, for *Our Heritage—Jesus Christ the Same Yesterday, Today, and Forever*, a thorough, interesting, and well-illustrated congregational history that is an absolute delight to read.

◆**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, MATTOON, ILLINOIS**, for *Our Quasiquicentennial: 125 Years of God's Blessings*, a very well thought-out collection of commemorative and historical materials that says clearly that this congregation wanted to do everything well in remembrance of God's grace over its 125-year history.

◆**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, JANESVILLE, MINNESOTA**, for *A Celebration of God's Grace*, a 125th anniversary history that provides good local color, covers well the congregation's school and organizations, and provides a fine example of what a congregation can do to record and share its heritage.

◆**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, RACINE, WISCONSIN**, for centennial history materials that include a timeline, a wonderful collection of photographs, and a remembrance of the celebration itself with the Centennial Worship Service on disc, all of which help set the standard for taking note of such memorable events.

# Lutheran Chaplains Under Suspicion in World War I

World War I brought about suspicion and anti-Germanism in the United States, much of which was directed at Lutherans. The German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States (now called The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod or the LCMS) was not exempt from these mistrustful sentiments. Many congregations and schools ceased holding services or teaching classes in German during and following the war. The Synod even dropped the word “German” from the official name in 1917. LCMS chaplains in WWI were also not spared this distrust and suspicion.

During WWI, the LCMS had thirteen chaplains in the United States military. They were endorsed and supported by the newly-formed synodical committee called the Lutheran Church Board for Army and Navy. Chaplain M. S. Ernstmeyer wrote in his book:

During World War I, the official army records of chaplain applications of Missouri Synod clergy reveal that they were often suspected of being German sympathizers. Because these clergy were German-speaking pastors of German Lutheran congregations and often had relatives and friends in Germany, military authorities questioned the loyalty and patriotism of Missouri Synod Lutheran chaplains. The government carefully screened and closely observed all German Lutheran church applicants. This may be why no written reports exist about their ministry overseas. (Ernstmeyer)

Despite the suspicion non-Lutherans placed on these chaplains, five LCMS chaplains served overseas during the war. Chaplain Frederick C. Proehl was the first Lutheran chaplain to be sent abroad.

Frederick Carl was born in 1892 in Lebanon, Wisconsin, to Reverend Henry and Elizabeth Proehl. He attended Concordia College in Milwaukee and Concordia Theological Seminary in Springfield, Illinois. He was ordained in 1913 and served as a pastor for a small-town circuit of churches between Jamestown and Bismark, North Dakota. In 1914, the governor asked Rev. Proehl to become a chaplain in the



Chaplain Frederick C. Proehl

North Dakota National Guard. As there was no precedent for chaplains who were part of the military in the Synod, Proehl became a “Feldprediger” with many of the duties of a chaplain, but without being a part of the military. Three years later, he officially became a military chaplain. Chaplain Proehl completed his military training at Ft. Lincoln, North Dakota, in 1917. Later that year, he went overseas, where he served with the Army Expeditionary Forces (AEF) in France for two years. The *Milwaukee Lutheran* wrote about Proehl's chaplaincy service in the August 1957 issue:

Pastor Proehl was the senior chaplain on the first troop transport to the European battlefields in World War I. The ship was the *Leviathan* . . . and on it were some 10,000

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troops, 2,500 nurses, and 1,200 crew members. The ship had successfully zigzagged its way across the Atlantic to escape German submarines, and was at last approaching the heavily mined English waters. Tension among those aboard was high, and a religious service was an almost unanimously desired outlet . . .

The ship's huge dining room was cleared of tables and chairs, and soon the whole room was packed arm to arm with worshippers, serious and attentive as Pastor Proehl had never seen an audience. For him, as may readily be understood, it was "the" sermon of his entire chaplaincy. And never, he says, was "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" sung with such fervor as it was in that service.

(*Milwaukee Lutheran*)

Proehl served with the Sunset Division of the 164th Infantry in France. He received three shrapnel

wounds at Soissons, was gassed at St. Mihiel, and was decorated with the Croix de Guerre, a military decoration of both France and Belgium that means "Cross of War."

Rev. Proehl returned to the United States in 1919. He served first as a pastor in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, for about ten years and then became the pastor at Layton Park, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he served from 1930 until his retirement in 1957. Although he was no longer a chaplain, his service to the Synod's chaplaincy program was not finished. He served as a member of the Armed Services Commission from its formation in 1936 until 1962. In this capacity he served as an editor of the *Lutheran Chaplain* and compiled a book of experiences of WWII chaplains, entitled *Marching Side by Side*. After a long and fruitful service to the church, Rev. Proehl died in 1965.

Citations:

M. S. Ernstmeier, ed., *They Shall Not March Alone: Glimpses into the Life and History of the Chaplaincy of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod*, (St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1990), 20.

*Milwaukee Lutheran*, August 1957.

## New Opportunities for Giving

Donors looking to make significant gifts to the not-for-profit organization of their choice have added incentives in calendar years 2006 and 2007. Thanks to the Pension Protection Act, IRA owners 70 ½ or older can withdraw up to \$100,000 per year tax free to give to qualified charities. These donations can also count toward your minimum yearly distributions. For example, if your IRA requires you to withdraw \$15,000 this year, and you want to give \$15,000 to charity, you can do both things with a single withdrawal. Best of all, the charitable funds you withdraw from your IRA, including your minimum distributions, will not be included in your adjusted gross income.

You may also want to consider naming a charity as your IRA's direct beneficiary, or name a charitable remainder trust as the beneficiary of your IRA. In any event, you will need to talk to your financial advisor about these opportunities for Christian stewardship (from *US News and World Report*, Sept. 11, 2006; pp. 65-67).

## Memorials

Lynn Smith Thomas by Mr. H. Neal Smith.

Rev. Friedrich Wilhelm John by Dr. & Mrs. Willis P. Mundt.

## Honors

Mr. & Mrs. Daniel J. Reichard in commemoration of the birth of James and Judith Huggett's daughter, Andrea Huggett Reichard.

Mr. & Mrs. Norman (Lois) Hansen in commemoration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Ms. Joann M. Palmer in commemoration of the ordination of Kevin R. Palmer, July 1, 2001.

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## “More Product—Less Process”

**T**raditionally, archivists deal with the resources in their care as large units of material, in contrast with libraries, which catalog individual items according to a subject classification system.

We manage the records of a congregation or a synodical department or the personal papers of an individual as a whole. Collections may contain several series of records, such as minutes, reports, correspondence and subject files. Collections and series are described in general terms—the subjects, dates, etc., that they cover—so that those who wish to do research know what they might find even though every item is not listed.

Despite this general principle, archivists have also traditionally dealt with the physical arrangement of collections in ways that involve handling each individual item, sometimes more than once. They may replace existing file folders with acid-free folders, arrange items within folders chronologically or alphabetically, remove staples, paperclips and other metal fasteners, and photocopy fragile documents such as newspaper clippings and onionskin carbon copies. These extremely labor-intensive practices, especially when applied to large 20th-century collections, have resulted in huge backlogs of unprocessed collections. There simply aren't enough resources to do everything.

This situation was addressed at a recent symposium conducted by the Midwest Archives Conference. Titled “More Product—Less Process,” the symposium offered alternative practices and procedures that will make archival resources more readily available to researchers. The symposium presenters maintained that archivists have gotten bogged down in too much attention to individual items. In some repositories unprocessed collections are not available for research. Although that has not been our policy at CHI, we have been working under the impression that most of our collections are unprocessed and constitute a large backlog of work.

“More Product—Less Process” emphasizes providing the minimal level of processing necessary to let people know what records we have and what information they contain. Some may need more work; others less. In applying this concept to CHI's holdings, we plan to make sure that all collections have at least minimal descriptions in our online database, which is as follows—<http://chi.lcms.org/collections/search.asp>—whose records they are and what information they contain. We will limit the physical handling of records and maintain them as they are received. Collection descriptions in word processing documents and HTML files on the

“preliminary inventories” of our large collections that were prepared in the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s are adequate to provide access to the collections. We can consider these to be processed collections. We will concentrate on getting the finding aids into electronic form so that they can be searched.

There is still much work to be done to complete the minimal descriptive information on each collection, update the database, etc. We will pay closer attention to the organization and condition of manuscripts from the 19th century, and some collections will have sufficient value and significance to deal with them at an item level.

This approach will benefit our users by making more information available. It will expect more of those doing research, but we will work closely with the reference staff to monitor feedback from users about problems in using records or finding information. Then attention can be given to those areas where more work may need to be done to describe our holdings and note related materials.

## DID YOU KNOW...?

Did you know that Rev. Walter A. Maier, pioneer in religious broadcasting, and Rev. John W. Behnken, sixth president of the LCMS, were camp pastors in World War I? Come see *In the Gospel: LCMS Military Chaplaincy* at CHI to learn more about camp pastors and WWI.



Rev. John W. Behnken

## *Hill of Peace Annual Reunion Service*



The former members of Peace Lutheran Church, Friedenberg, Missouri, as well as descendants of students of its parish school and the area's pioneer settlers attended the 26th Annual Hill of Peace Homecoming Service on Sunday, September 10, 2006, at 3:00 pm. Pastor Terry Weinhold of Saint Joseph, Missouri, was the preacher for the occasion. He is the first vice-president of the Missouri District and is a native of East Perry County. He spoke about how, though the congregation is officially defunct, its legacy lives on in the faith of countless people who were touched by the Gospel through its ministry of 150 years.

Most of the members at Peace Lutheran Church joined Immanuel Lutheran Church in Perryville when the former parish was disbanded in 1980. The senior pastor at Immanuel, the Rev. Thomas Handrick, recently from Wichita Falls, Texas, served as the liturgist. The property at Friedenberg is administered by the Friedenberglutheran Historical Society and owned by Concordia Historical Institute.

## *The 11th Annual Pieper Lectures*



David Adams, Timothy Wengert, Christian Preus, Gene Edward Veith, Jr.



John Pless, Uwe Siemon-Netto

The 11th Annual Pieper Lectures were held at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis on September 11th and 12th, 2006. The lectures are jointly sponsored by Concordia Historical Institute and the Luther Academy, and hosted by the seminary. This year's topic was "The Lutheran Doctrine of Vocation." Stimulating lectures were given by David Adams, Uwe Siemon-Netto, John Pless, Christian Preus, Gene Edward Veith, and Timothy Wengert.

The lectures will be published, it is planned by summer 2007, and will become available through Concordia Historical Institute and *Logia* Books.

### Correction:

The Summer 2006 issue of *Historical Footnotes*, p. 5, contained an error in the article about communion chalices. The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and its congregations can claim three chalices (not two) in their possession from the Saxon emigration from Germany. One was used by Concordia, Frohna, Missouri, and is now at CHI. The other two are in the possession of Trinity Lutheran Church, St. Louis, and Trinity Lutheran Church, Altenburg, Missouri. We apologize for the oversight.

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*CONCORDIA HISTORICAL INSTITUTE AWARDS PROGRAM NOMINATION FORM*

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Each year, Concordia Historical Institute honors individuals and groups who have rendered significant service to the mission of preserving our American Lutheran history and heritage during the previous year. The CHI Awards Committee will be meeting in the coming months to consider publications that appeared and activities that were carried out in the calendar year 2006 that meet these qualifications. The committee will also consider nominations for the Distinguished Service Award for people who have made outstanding contributions to American Lutheran history and archives. To place an individual or group in nomination for any of the categories, please complete this nomination form and return it to CHI by April 1, 2007.

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Work (article, book, project, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

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Documentation submitted with the nomination will become part of the Institute's collection, unless other arrangements are made. Please supply sufficient documentation for the Awards Committee to make a judicious decision. Please send two copies when submitting a publication or other media.

Categories (check one):

- ☐ Distinguished Service Award—This award is granted to an individual "whose contributions and service to the cause of American Lutheran history and archives is exemplary."
- ☐ Congregational Anniversary or History—historical work that covers one congregation or parish, or the products of a congregational anniversary, including all materials and activities produced by the anniversary committee
- ☐ District or Regional History—historical works that cover a group of congregations within a church-body, such as the LCMS "districts" or "circuits" or ELCA "synods," or geographical regions, such as states, counties, or cities, etc.
- ☐ Institutional History—historical works that cover a particular agency of a church, such as an auxiliary, social ministry organization, college, parish school, or a general ministry, such as the chaplaincy
- ☐ Family History—historical works that deal with families that are either predominantly Lutheran or which contain unique biographical information about a major American Lutheran person
- ☐ Major Publications—books, either popular or scholarly, dealing with a major topic or serving as a reference work
- ☐ Journal Articles and Other Brief Publications—articles in professional journals and popular magazines will be considered, as well as essays published in brochure or tract form
- ☐ Non-Print Media, Events, Displays, and Performances—any presentation of historical materials using non-print media, e.g. film, video, audio, multi-media presentations, computer programs, Web sites, displays, performances, parade floats, or historic celebrations
- ☐ Historic Preservation—submissions are for programs for, or specific instances of, historic preservation, including archives, museums, manuscript collections, art collections, historic artifacts, historic buildings, or historic properties
- ☐ Other—any entry not described in the previous eight categories
- ☐ Youth—this award is granted to an individual of age 17 or younger, in any category listed above

Description for Nomination of an Unpublished Program or Project:

On a separate piece of paper, summarize the program for which nomination is being made. Describe in detail the program and the person's special contribution to it, giving appropriate names and dates. Include a discussion of supporting documentation in your description, if necessary. Documentation may include photos, news clippings, brochures, testimonials, scrapbooks, slides, tapes, etc.

*Mail or deliver this nomination form and supporting documentation to Concordia Historical Institute*

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Research Assistant William Wangelin gives a tour of the CHI museum and archives to first, second, and third grade students of Word of Life Lutheran School, St. Louis, Missouri.