



St. John's Lutheran Church, New Ulm, MN
April, 2022 *Fortress*

Sing the Easter Hymn of Praise

Psalm 96:1-3 Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth. Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

For several weeks -- six to be exact -- we celebrated the season of Lent. We focused on the Lord's Passion and listened to the detailed account of the events of Holy Week. From the triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday to the closing of the tomb on Good Friday we followed our Lord. In its wake the path to Easter left behind the cloaks and palm fronds lying on the ground, the coins of the money-changers and the feathers of the doves scattered in the temple courts, the basin used to wash the apostles' feet, the dishes of the Passover meal where Jesus instituted the Sacrament, the silver coins of Judas' betrayal thrown across the temple floor, the tell-tale rooster which proclaimed Peter's denial of the Lord, the crown of thorns, the blood-stained cross, and the grave clothes emanating with the scent of burial spices.

But then comes the morning of the Resurrection. Oh, the music and the hymns! Suddenly, with that one great event, all of the other events of the Lenten season become the initial score of a great symphony which had been building up into a crescendo, reaching its climax on Easter Sunday, where every instrument of creation bursts into song, and voices from earth and heaven blend together in harmony to sing the praises of God who redeemed the world by his grace. Furthermore, the song continues to echo and re-echo throughout the ages, even until this very day. We are a part of that great symphony. As we come before God with our hymns and prayers of thanksgiving we join in the chorus of heavenly host.

When the Psalmist invites us to sing a new song to the Lord, it is not a song new in age, but new in that it is different -- new in quality. The song he speaks of is the song of the gospel. It is not like the old song of the law which bound us and condemned us. It is the song of liberty and renewal.

Under the curse of law, we found ourselves lost and condemned, even dead in sin. As we look to the cross, we can see by the law, what pain and sorrow our sin brought on us. Our Lutheran Confessions remind us that at the cross of Christ we do see the depth of our sin

But the same Confessions also remind us that the cross promises us forgiveness, mercy, and peace with God. There we read: “Accordingly, although the preaching of the suffering and death Christ, the Son of God is an earnest and terrible proclamation and declaration of God’s wrath, whereby men are first led into the Law aright, after the veil of Moses has been removed from them, so that they first know aright how great things God in his Law requires of us, none of the which we can observe, and therefore are to seek all our righteousness in Christ: Yet as long as all this (namely, Christ’s suffering and death) proclaims God’s wrath and terrifies man, it is still not properly the preaching of the Gospel, but the preaching of Moses and the Law, and therefore a foreign work of Christ, by which he arrives at his proper office, that is, to preach grace, console and quicken, which is properly the preaching of the Gospel (*Formula of Concord, Epitome V*, 7-8).”

At the cross we see the fulfillment of the law as God’s perfect justice falls upon the innocent Christ who became a sinner for us. At the same time, it is there we see the saving grace of God as he removes our sin and pronounces us righteous in his sight for Jesus’ sake. In his death we find atonement and redemption. It is a message which supersedes the law, and shines with greater glory, so that the terrible implement of death, the cross, which cannot but remind us of God’s justice, becomes the greatest symbol of God’s love and mercy. It is no longer the place where we wallow in guilt, but the token of our forgiveness and freedom from sin, death, and the devil.

Now we celebrate the Resurrection and are reminded that what was done on the cross is really ours. Since Jesus has risen, we know our sins are forgiven. We know God accepts us, because he accepted the sacrifice Jesus made for us. We know that because Jesus lives, we too shall live.

The celebration of Easter did not end on Easter Sunday for the apostles. The great new song went on, even beyond the forty days Jesus remained with them visibly on earth. They sang the song to countless souls, so that the words of the Psalmist were fulfilled: **Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.**

It continues with us, as we sing our new song to the Lord. Sing joyful hearts this song to the hearts of sinners everywhere so that they too may find peace and forgiveness in Christ our Savior. We sing this song to the glory of God until the day we are with him in heaven.

In Christ,
Pastor Bovee

April Sermon Texts

Apr. 3	Luke 20:9-19	The Stone the Builder's Rejected
Apr. 6	Matthew 27:3-4	What to Remember When You are Seized with Remorse
Apr. 10	Luke 19:28-40	The King is Our Savior
Apr. 14	Luke 22:7-20	Forgiven by the Lamb
Apr. 15		The Seven Words from the Cross
Apr. 17	John 20:1-18	The Mystery of Easter Revealed
Apr. 24	Revelation 1:4-18	I Am the Living One

Bible Classes meet in the Church Basement
The class can also be found online at bit.ly/SJBibleClass

Sundays at 9:30 am	Book of Titus Book of Ecclesiastes (beginning 4/21)	John Boeder Joel Thomford
Thursdays at 10:30 am	1 and 2 Thessalonians	Pastor Jeff Bovee
Thursdays at 7 pm	Psalms	Pastor Rob Guenther
Fridays at 9:30 am	Women's Class: Colossians	Pastor Jeff Bovee

Council Digest

The Church Council met on March 15. A summary of reports and action from the meeting not reported elsewhere in the Fortress follows:

Membership change approved. Transfer Out for Hans and Amelia Thomford to Amazing Grace, Amarillo, TX.

Council Guests. The council welcomed two guests, kitchen committee member Donna Dose and St. Paul's Principal Pete Markgraf.

- Mrs. Dose discussed plans to update the kitchen with currently available funds. Updates would include a new layout, new cabinetry, and new appliances. One of the fundamental principles is to realize that these updates and improvements are a temporary measure until the construction of the new kitchen. The committee will set priorities, including purchasing appliances with thought for how they can be used now and eventually be moved to the new kitchen.
- Principal Pete Markgraf shared that St. Paul's will be issuing another call for a Learning Coordinator following Mrs. Melissa Hunter's return of this call. The school will also be opening up a third preschool room.

Warm Welcome! Deacon Brad Price shared the news that greeters have begun this year welcoming worshippers as they arrive for services. They are doing a great job

- * serving as the first point of contact for worshipers,
- * answering occasional questions, and
- * ensuring worshipers feel comfortable.

Others interested in becoming greeters should contact Deacon Price. Our greeters are male and female, young and old!

Childcare Study. The Board for Youth and Education has formed a study committee to look at St. John's offering childcare as an outreach into the community and how that would coordinate with St. Paul's and MLC's early childhood programs. The city expressed a willingness to provide the adjacent green space at Lincoln Park to the congregation should St. John's offer childcare. The subcommittee has applied for study grants to offer additional resources for this study.

Called Worker Support. With the direction of the voters and council, Elder Jason Mohror noted that the Medicare payment for Staff Minister Dretske received approval for Medicare Part B, C, and D, including a basic supplemental plan. The monthly cost is expected to change slightly with the next Medicare year's enrollment, yet will remain lower than previous VEBA costs.

Elder Jason Mohror reported the elders approved a health insurance allowance for each called worker to provide them greater flexibility. This allowance maintains current budgeting and is based on an annual recommendation of the premium costs from the Elders to the voters.

Prospect Outreach. Evangelism chair Jesse Zahrt indicated that work is moving forward to compile a prospect database. Contact information from multiple outreach events is being used to create lists tailored to different groups based on their expressed area and level of interest.

First Aid. You usually learn where it is after you need it! However, the Trustees proactively reported that two new first aid kits are being installed by ZEE Medical in the kitchen and the new narthex. They will monitor kit items throughout the year.

Future meetings:

The next Church Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 19, at 7 pm.

The next quarterly voters' meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 25, at 7 pm.

Jonathan M. Schaefer
Congregational Chairman

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday Services

Saturday, April 9: 6:30 pm
Sunday, April 10
8, 9:30 and 11 am



Maundy Thursday Services

Thursday, April 14
11:00 am, 4:00 and 6:30 pm



Good Friday Services

Friday, April 15
12:00 pm: Tre Ore Service at St. Paul's
7:00 pm: Tenebrae Service



Easter Sunday Services

NO Saturday Service, April 16
Sunday, April 17: 7:00, 9:30 and 11:00 am



Church Library

April brings spring but more important, the celebration of Easter. We shout Hallelujah! when we realize that heaven is ours because of what Jesus did. The Bible tells us so.

A book donated this month discusses and explains how we can tell about Jesus to others using his "Tactics." The author is Gregory Koukl who has a Masters degree in both apologetics and philosophy. He speaks on university campuses and hosted his own radio show for over thirty years defending Christianity. He explains the tactics he knows will work such as the Columbo tactic. Remember Columbo? He solved crimes but did it tactfully, asking questions in a mild mannered way. We can use the same tactic of questions, such as "What do you mean by that?" which puts you in control of the conversation and you learn more about what the other person is thinking. There is so much information in the book to help us discuss our Christian convictions, that I read the book twice. You can read it to get more ideas, also.

A second book donated for the library is "Psalms in My Backpack" by Linda Jane Niedfeldt. She and her family (four children and husband) hiked the Appalachian Trail in 1990 and kept notes. Now in 2020, she added Psalms to each vignette (154 of them) as they hiked 262 miles in Pennsylvania and New York in 23 days, over rocks, in the rain, and saw waterfalls and other beautiful scenery. They ended stronger and closer as a family, and closer to God.

Have a good Easter season.
LeiLani Rahn, church librarian

Volunteers Needed

St. John's members have an opportunity to volunteer at the New Ulm Emergency Food Shelf on the 3rd Monday of each month from 11:45 am - 3 pm. Two to three volunteers are needed for the following dates:

June 20	November 21
July 18	December 19

Please consider signing up for a Monday or two. High school and college students are welcome.

Please contact Rita Walters via phone or text at 507-351-8603 or email at rmwalters@hotmail.com.



Evangelism

Easter is quickly approaching and it's an amazing time to share the news of Christ's sacrifice for us with others. In this light, the Board of Evangelism has a couple things planned for Easter this year to help share this news with our community.

The first is a joint effort with St. Paul's through our John & Paul Ministries group. **On April 9th, from 9 - 11 am, we will have a basket assembly event** at St. Paul's church. We will then deliver these baskets to SJNU, MLC ECLC, and SP Preschool to be handed out to families. A canvassing event will also be taking place during this same time. There will be food provided at 11:15 am for volunteers. **We are hoping to have participation from the JPM crew, youth groups, church members,** and MLC Evangelism Day Teams. All who attend can either stay to assemble the outreach baskets, go canvassing, or they can do a little of both.

The second thing to watch for are **Easter displays in the arches of the church entryway.** One of the ideas at our Shark Tank event was larger scale Easter and Christmas displays. Although we had originally been aiming for Christmas 2022 as the initial launch, **we could potentially be ready to have an introductory display up this Easter already.** This is dependent on printing and assembly being able to happen in fairly short order before Easter, but we believe we may be able to put up 4 of the 7 planned arch displays. Design examples are included here showing the intended panels to display this year. You will see that it will look like viewing the Easter scene through the arches.

Feel free to reach out to Jesse or another member of the St. John's Board of Evangelism if you are interested in serving with our Evangelism efforts for outreach and fellowship.

Jesse Zahrt, Board of Evangelism evangelism@stjohnsnewulm.com

Total of seven future Easter Banners planned for 2023



Initial four Easter banners as proposed for 2022

Our Synod at Work

WELS Annual Report: Called to Prepare

This month we will begin looking at the various sections contained in the 2022 Annual Report to their members. “Called to Prepare” is the section featured in our report for April. Although there are many aspects to the “Called to Prepare” section, such as our preparatory schools (Luther Preparatory School and Michigan Lutheran Seminary) that prepare high school students for future service as pastors, teachers, and staff ministers, our emphasis will be on Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary and Martin Luther College.

Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary

On May 21, 2021, 28 men graduated from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, Wisconsin, to begin their pastoral ministries. There are basically five general objectives that have been established by the Seminary to carry out their purposes:

1. To lead theological students and pastors in a reverent study of the inspired and inerrant Word of God so that they are able to understand and apply its Christ-centered message of law and gospel.
2. To encourage theological students and pastors to grow in their personal faith through daily contact with the means of grace.
3. To teach all the areas of the theological curriculum in a thorough and scholarly fashion, in full harmony with the Holy Scriptures and in conscious agreement with the Lutheran Confessions.
4. To train theological students and pastors in the skills required for ministry in an ever-changing world.
5. To instill in theological students and pastors the kinds of attitudes that will assist them as they carry out their ministry in the contemporary world; e.g., confessional in stance, evangelical in approach, mission-minded in spirits, culturally sensitive, appropriately flexible, and zealous both to nurture and to equip the saints.

Martin Luther College

Martin Luther College is, of course, located right here in New Ulm. In the fall of 2021, there were 714 students enrolled in undergraduate studies. To meet the current ministry needs of the WELS, Martin Luther College does the following:

1. Prepares men for pastoral training at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary.
2. Prepares men and women for service as teachers and staff ministers in the synod’s churches, schools, and other institutions.
3. Prepares men and women for other church ministries, both full- and part-time, responding to the needs of WELS.
4. Prepares international students for ministry in partnership with WELS mission fields.
5. Provides program of continuing education that meet the ministerial needs of WELS.

Next month’s column will focus on the section entitled “Called to Proclaim.”

Gerald Woodley

Easter Outreach Baskets and Community Canvas!

Join John and Paul Ministries on April 9th at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, to assemble 400 Easter outreach baskets and/or canvas throughout our community to invite our neighbors to Easter worship! There will be a complimentary volunteer pizza lunch after the event, so please sign-up using the poster QR codes or the form at johnandpaulministries.com. We look forward to seeing you there!

Donations Needed: To fill the outreach baskets, donations of the following are appreciated (400 of each are needed)! **Vanilla frosting* (pre-packaged, 16 oz. tub) **Easter candy and/or jelly beans* (new, in original packaging, 10 oz. or more). Put donations in the designated bin. Thank you!



Student of the Month

Through the generous donations of members around the globe, MLC offers a Congregational Partner Grant Program. Our congregation awards a grant to any undergraduate student who is our member and is also enrolled at MLC. MLC then matches that grant from \$100 to \$1,000 per student! If you'd like to help support our MLC student members financially, please use the "Ministerial Education" envelope in your offering envelope box. (It's between September 5th and September 12th). Thanks for your prayers and gifts of support for our students!

Aric Reim is one of the students who is receiving funds and is attending Martin Luther College.



I've only known I wanted to become a pastor for the last few years, but the idea has always been in the back of my head. That's because I come from a long line of pastors: I can count at least six generations back of men who were soul-shepherds. As a matter of fact, my grandfather, Rollin, was one of the first pastors here at St. John's! Finally I decided that the best way for me to serve our Lord was to pursue the public ministry. After this year, I have six years of school "still before the stole."

Up on the hill, I've been interested to see how my history classes have become my favorites. Maybe it's because the Bible is a historical book, and it's fascinating to see its place in the world's record. I don't know if I could pick the hardest class for me--it's all of them put together that's the thing! In my free time, I'm an avid fan of literature. Lately I've been working my way through classic novels--the books that "everyone talks about but nobody reads." I also spend a good deal of time playing cello and piano.

I haven't been a member at St. John's for long, but I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the fellowship, friendship, goodwill, and support I've received since I came. You have all been kind and welcoming and I know that I and my fellow students are in many of your prayers. These fruits of your faith make me say with Paul, "Indeed I have all and abound . . . having received . . . the things sent from you, a sweet-smelling aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well pleasing to God."

St. Paul's School

Green with Anticipation

The signs of spring are all around us even though we all have a good idea that winter will rear its head upon us one more time. How do you keep yourself busy when the thaw is gone and the buds are popping? Some people like to get their garden going. Some like to take up walking. Others spend time cleaning around the outside of their house and in the garage.

At school we are all watching the fields. Last fall, we were having trouble with grubs and a dead lawn. The football field, the softball field, and the baseball field all had some damage. If you drive by on Garden St. you will see with us. We hope that the grass we planted in the fall will be popping through the soil any time now. The dark soil should show signs of life. We won't be able to play on the fields this spring. Baseball practices and games will be moved. We hope to find a home at North Park which is owned by the city. The softball team hopes to practice at St. Paul's, but the games are likely all to be away games. Track will work around the new fields.

Our prayer is that we can use the football field in the fall, but we know that we need the rain or a lot of water. Some of you may consider yourself a success story when it comes to seeding a new lawn, but this is one big lawn!

Join us in praying for a successful summer with a thick growth of grass!

Pete Markgraf, Principal

LWMS

Have you ever....

- ... wondered how a mission church gets started?
- ... thought about what life is like in a foreign country?
- ... wanted to meet a missionary?
- ... wondered how to pray for home/world missions?
- ... wanted to help a mission?



If you answered YES! To any of these questions, then you'll want to attend a Lutheran Women's Missionary Convention (LWMS) convention. By the way, it's not just for women but also for the men who love and support them!

This year the 59th annual convention will be held June 23-26 in Rochester, New York! Check the link for all things convention! <https://59.lwms.org/>

For those of us in Minnesota, we're considering renting a bus through Thielen Bus Services, leaving New Ulm early Wednesday, June 22 and returning to New Ulm late on Monday June 27. (Possible pick-up in LaCrosse and Milwaukee if room and interest.)

The bus cost:

- 50+ people \$250 + 2 hotel nights (@\$175 double occupancy)
- 40+people \$310 + 2 hotel nights (@\$175 double occupancy)
- 30+people \$410 + 2 hotel nights (@\$175 double occupancy)

Convention registration/hotel is NOT included in the bus trip cost.

April 1 is the deadline for Early Bird convention registration. I'd like a verbal/email/text commitment for the bus by April 2. If there's enough interest I'll proceed with officially reserving the bus/hotels. Full payment will be required by mid-May.

Please share this with any who may be interested. Contact me with questions and comments.

Side note: Flights from MSP to ROC are about \$600 today and will likely continue to increase .

Set Free in Christ!

Jackie Hieb

LWMS-United to Serve Jesus

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Youth Group

Spring is Here! The Youth Group will be hosting an Easter for Kids event on Saturday April 2nd. There will be a variety of activities for kids in PreK through 5th grade including crafts, music, games, snacks and an easter egg hunt.



Also, the Youth Group will help decorate the church for the Easter breakfast on Friday, April 15th from 1pm to finish. Snacks will be included. Then on Easter morning, the youth will help serve at the Easter breakfast.

Stay tuned for more fun activities as we head into May.

Kristin Ulicky

Staff Minister Report

Online Church Directory

Large and small copies have been placed in the New Narthex on the table by the windows. If you have not taken one yet, please take one. I am keeping an eye on the supply available and will produce more as needed. If the supply is depleted, feel free to put a note in my mailbox or email me at sm.dretske@stjohnsnewulm.com and I can print the size you want and place it in your church mailbox.

The Online Directory App really works well. It is secure and available to only our members and can be updated easily. Download the App for your Android or iPhone by visiting instantchurchdirectory.com and downloading the app. I believe you can also visit the Apple or Google Store to download the FREE App. Just type in Instant Church Directory. I have found it to be very easy to access. Once you are signed in on your phone it only takes a second to open and use to find your family at St. John's.

Visiting Homebound

I continue to have the privilege of joining the pastors in visits to members who are homebound—sharing the Gospel in Word and Sacrament. If you are not on our list to be visited but would like to be included, please call the church office or me at 507-217-7604 to get on the list.

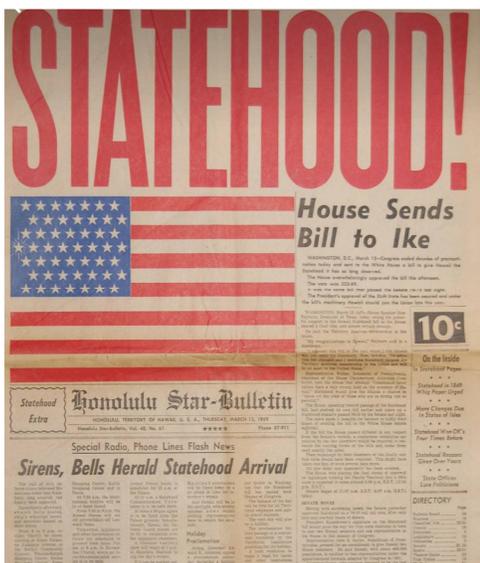
Streamed/Recorded Services

In regard to YouTube, it is actually a good thing to **SUBSCRIBE** to St. John's "channel." You will not need to pay a monthly fee. It only means that our St. John's New Ulm "Channel" will show up under your Subscribed Channels in the YouTube App and if you choose to accept notifications, you will receive a notification on your computer or phone whenever St. John's New Ulm uploads or streams a new video.

Thanks for watching and subscribing to the St. John's New Ulm YouTube channel. If you have been able to watch our live feeds or recorded YouTube services, you can fill out a **quick response survey online** to let us know how we are doing. Go to: <https://bit.ly/SJRecord-Stream>

To our Homebound or older members: There were a number of members who indicated on the Time & Talent Survey last fall under "**Member Concern**" that they would be interested in helping others. The next step is to find out what is needed help with. If you find that you need help with something, please don't hesitate to call me at 217-7604. I can help to find people who would be willing to help you with things you can't do or can't do alone. We want to help!

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Dretske



The Gathering Storm *The Prelude to Pastor Nitz*

The year was 1959. President Dwight D. Eisenhower was in the final year of his second term as president. The American flag received its 50th star. Aspiring baseball player Fidel Castro became dictator of Cuba.



By August of 1959, Pastor Rollin A. Reim was well into his fourth year as a well-respected, faithful pastor of St. John's.

The very dark cloud that had been looming over the Wisconsin Synod was its relationship with its much bigger sister, The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod. For the better part of a century both synods had enjoyed a relatively harmonious fellowship. However, in the mid-1940s a group of LC-MS theologians publicly stated that they no longer held to the practices which reflected the historical, biblical heritage we shared. In the early 1950s one prominent LC-MS theologian even offered an "experimental essay" in which he proposed that the errorless Word of God contained errors.

Calls for the LC-MS to discipline these theologians came from within LC-MS as well as its sister synods. These calls ultimately met with inaction. By 1953 the Wisconsin Synod declared itself in protesting fellowship with the LC-MS. This was a step on the way to declaring that every effort to affect change within the LC-MS had proven futile. The years between 1953 and 1959 were sprinkled with meetings between the leaders of both synods as well as two more Wisconsin Synod conventions. By the 1959 convention, the atmosphere was charged with frustration and anxiety. And understandably so. The precious communion around God's truth had produced tender friendships between many families of Missouri Synod and the Wisconsin Synod. St. Paul's guidance to the Christians in Rome came to bear on WELS dealing with Missouri Synod: "I beseech you, brethren, mark them that cause divisions and offenses contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them." (Ro. 16:17 KJV).

During the first week of August, 1959, Pastor Reim attended the Saginaw Convention. He was convinced that after exhausting every effort at reconciliation, WELS had "marked" LC-MS as a false teaching church body. Having done that, it was necessary for WELS to "avoid them" - immediately. Not to do so would make WELS a partaker in Missouri's sin.

Some delegates to the 1959 convention thought that more instruction and patience was needed. Other delegates felt that, over a decade had been spent to encourage LC-MS to correct her errant theologians. But the convention delayed a final break until the 1961 convention. Needless to say, Pastor Reim returned from Saginaw with a heavy heart.

It is impossible to tell what the average St. John's member thought about the resolution to delay a break with Missouri. How many understood it or were even aware of it? No doubt the local WELS pastors, teachers, informed laymen and D.M.L.C. professors were aware of it.

After the Sunday services on August 23rd, Pastor Reim called for a meeting with St. John's Church Council the next day. The meeting was convened, even though the constitution mandated that every meeting of the congregation had to be announced at least two Sundays in advance. Because of previous commitments, several council members were not able to attend. Those who did attend did not know the reason for the meeting until they arrived.

At that meeting, Pastor Reim distributed copies of a letter he wrote to the church council and that he intended to distribute to the entire congregation. In it he said that he had withdrawn from the fellowship of the Wisconsin Synod and that he was giving notice to both the district president and the synod president. He told the council that he was not going to go into detail about the reason for his decision at this meeting. Rather, he invited them to a series of Wednesday evening study meetings, the first of which would meet on September 2nd at 8 PM. At that study all confirmed men and women of the congregation could "hear the case and ask for information." Pastor Reim said that his duty was "to instruct you in this matter and seek to persuade you to follow the Word in this course and assume the status of an independent congregation."

At first the council sat, stunned, with letter in hand. Then the chairman, Prof. Howard Birkholz, reported, "The letter provoked much discussion," especially the part about the proposed study meetings. Then the council insisted upon the presence of a proper synodical official at those meetings to (1) answer any charges that might arise against the Wisconsin Synod, but also (2) to present the Wisconsin Synod position." Pastor Reim insisted that "error (Wisconsin Synod) not be given equal place with the truth (Pastor Reim's position) on the same program or at the same meetings." Thus, an impasse was reached.

The Council finally prevailed upon Pastor Reim *not* to send the above letter to the congregation but to draw up another letter in which the proposed study meetings were not mentioned. In addition, the Council was calling a special voters' meeting on Wednesday, September 9th, at 7:30, "at which meeting Rev. Reim was to outline for the voter's assembly the cause he intended to pursue with the congregation in the light of his resignation from Synod and to seek approval from the assembly to pursue that course..."

The Council further decided that the chairman should inform Rev. Manfred Lenz, Minnesota District President, and Rev. Oscar Naumann, Wisconsin Synod President, that St. John's Council had been informed of Rev Reim's resignation from Synod. Both presidents would also be informed about the special congregational meeting of Sept. 9.

To be continued in the May Fortress

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