

Synod sets showdown on doctrine

NEW YORK (AP) — The president of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod has charged in a report that the denomination's chief seminary is conveying "false doctrine" and called on its board to "deal with those professors" involved.

The Rev. J.A.O. Preus, president of the 2.8-million-member church, said that to many of the professors at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis "theology seems to be something to be discussed with pros and cons."

"The world and the church do not need more questions or debates," Dr. Preus said in an epilogue to the report by a five-man inquiry committee. "We need answers, given with conviction and certainty."

The seminary's board of control has consistently supported the faculty and Dr. Preus' report pointed to a showdown between his administration and the board. The conflict may have to be resolved at the denomination's convention next year.

The questioning of the 45 faculty members by the inquiry committee took place more than a year ago but the report on their findings was not made public until Thursday. The affair has created considerable controversy within the church.

The committee found that: "Within the faculty, the doctrine of the Holy Scriptures is subverted to the point where, in effect, false doctrine is proclaimed regarding them."

Dr. Preus concluded that there was a "permissiveness toward certain false doctrines" such as the possibility that the theory of evolution is correct and the Adam and Eve story only symbolic.

In a statement included in the report, the seminary board challenged the findings and said it has "found no false doctrine" among the faculty.

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Ponderings

By ROSS BLAKE
Gannett News Service

At first I simply took it for granted, read it, and then read on. For it was an acknowledgement of error and a consequent correction in The New York Times.

I took it for granted because errors occur in the best of newspapers. And I'm not at all cynical about this. Gathering news fully and accurately is no easy job. Sources to check and double check are often not available or coy when they are. Deadlines need to be met. And under such circumstances, involving many persons and factors, errors are bound to occur.

At the same time I hold no brief for sloppy work and easy shuffling and I make no whitewash for Jack Anderson's printing of drunken rumors about Thomas Eagleton. The press of time and the push of competition in no way excuses such irresponsibility.

But back to the correction in the New York Times. At first I took it casually, but then I moved from a simple acceptance to a strong gratitude.

For those corrections were appearing regularly in the same prominent location on the front page of the second section as part of the much read News Summary and Index. There was no attempt to bury them someplace among the funeral home ads on back pages or to tuck them into obscure filler spots. And that I think is a real gain. For while a correction always has a hard time catching up with an error and you always wonder if those who read the wrong will read the right, yet I know of no better way of closing that gap than by prominently saying: here it is as it really is.

Now there's much in that practice that resonates with biblical faith. For we are enjoined to remember our finitude and to recognize our wrongs, and if we do, we can be free from some of the cultural hangups about mistakes and accept them as part of human existence. Every person in every organization makes them. Lots of them. And daily. That doesn't mean we don't take them seriously, try to correct them, learn from them and avoid them. We do all these things. But we don't take them so seriously that we try to hide them, deny them or evade them. Which is what most of us do most of the time — even in church and temple although our Book instructs us differently.

And so the simple acknowledgement of error and the open and honest admittance of wrong is a posture pleasing to God and helpful to man whether it appears in a prayer or a newspaper — or anywhere else.

Ponder what might happen if this became a dominant practice among us. We would still have contending interests to balance, human blindness and selfishness to deal with but these would be mitigated by a new awareness. And once we got used to seeing our follies we might get freed up to admit our complicities. And that would be salutary again. All the energies channeled into pretense and face-saving and silly notions about honor could instead be used to get things done. Like ending the war for instance.

So I see in this new policy in the Times a paradigm of what ought to be everywhere. And since God works in all places in this strange and wonderful world I see this as a sign of his presence. And I rejoice in it.

CHURCH "FIRE" — St. James United Methodist Church, 4661 Porter Road, Niagara Falls, had a fire last Sunday. It took place during the morning worship hour. John Duke, chairman of the board of trustees, lit the match and applied it to the church mortgage, signifying payment of a long-term debt on the new property on Porter Road. Mr. Duke's granddaughter, Patty, held the receptacle to receive the ashes. Bishop Joseph H. Yeakel, new leader in the Syracuse area of the United Methodist Church, led in the words of dedication. A former pastor, Dr. J. Wesley Searles (now retired), and Mrs. Charles Bathurst, led the congregation in the response as they "received" the gift of the new building. The St. James congregation moved to its present location on Porter Road from a building at 15th Street and South Avenue on Feb. 16, 1964.

Retreat is planned at Mount Carmel

NIAGARA FALLS — A "Better World Retreat" will be held at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 2703 Independence Ave., Nov. 2 through Nov. 8.

The Rev. Bernard Magee, pastor of Mount Carmel, said the retreat is for his parish but anyone else who wants to attend may do so. Students in grades 10, 11 and 12 are also invited to participate. Parish facilities will be used.

Hours for the retreat will be 7 to 10 p.m. Nov. 2, 3, 6, 7, and 8 and from 2 to 10 p.m. Nov. 4 and 5. Dinner will be served during both of the long sessions.

The retreat will be conducted by Sister Pauline Lincourt, R.S.M., a native of Providence, R.I.; the Rev. James Wineski, former pastor of Saint Leo Parish in Pipestone, Minn.; the Rev. John Mitchell, S.J., former hospital chaplain at King's County Hospital Center, Brooklyn; and Sister Martha Randall, a member of the religious order of Cenacle.

The four leaders have all had special training to conduct the Better World retreats.

Father Magee said a Better World retreat "is a retreat of the parish priests, sisters and laity together." He said that "instead of stressing individual holiness, it aims at developing a true Christian community, a holy people."

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the International Movement for a Better World headquarters in Washington, D.C.

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MRS. JUDITH BEILIN

Israel consul to speak at honor event

NIAGARA FALLS — Judith Beilin, consul of Israel in New York City, will be the speaker at an award presentation dinner here as the official representative of the State of Israel. The dinner will honor Mrs. Irwin Sidenberg on Sunday, Nov. 5 at Temple Beth Israel and is being held on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of Israel's independence, focusing on worldwide observance of the historic milestone.

Mrs. Beilin has been serving in New York City since 1961, and prior to her appointment was chief assistant in the public relations department of Israel's foreign ministry. Born and educated in England, she gave up a broadcasting career to marry the ardent Zionist, Harry Beilin, and settled in the then Palestine.

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Baptists produce films to offset sex, violence

By RUSS PULLIAM
NEW YORK (AP) — A national Protestant denomination has ventured into the commercial film distributing business in an effort to counteract the emphasis on sex and violence in modern movies.

In explaining the unusual move by the 1.5-million-member American Baptist Convention, the Rev. Kenneth Curtis, general manager of the church's newly formed Gateway Films, says:

"The motion picture theater is a central place where the values and views of young Americans are shaped. This is ample reason, he adds, for the church to get into that field. Moreover, he says, 'the pervasive work of the gospel in society is as powerful a subject as any other for the screen.'"

Nevertheless, the denomination is the first to enter the highly competitive movie arena with professional quality productions, one of

them already a success, and the other soon to hit the market.

Gateway Films currently is booking "The Cross and the Switchblade" in 250 to 300 theaters around the country. The film, starring Pat Boone, already has grossed more than \$6 million in over a year of showings.

The agency this fall also is releasing "The Late Liz," a film starring academy award winners Anne Baxter and Jack Albertson, and has plans for distributing other films with a religious message.

"While the sex and violence films are going stronger and stronger, a deeper and deeper backlash is growing against them," says the Rev. Mr. Curtis of Valley Forge, Pa.

Herb Gillis, a Detroit film distributing executive who was involved in marketing of the movie, "Love Story," agrees there is a growing, major demand for the type of movie that upholds the value of character and faith.

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PEKIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
PEKIN — There will be a guest speaker at the 11 a.m. worship service at the Pekin United Methodist Church on Sunday. Don Allen, lay leader, will assist in the service. Sunday School will meet at 9:30 a.m., with classes for all ages.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
9151 ST. at READ AVE.
Sunday School 9:45 A.M.
Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.
Evening Service 7:30 P.M.
Young Peoples Service 6:45 P.M.
WED. PRAYER SERVICE 7:30 P.M.
PAUL S. GILMORE, Pastor

BETHANY
P.C.A.
Hyde Park Blvd.
at Porter Road
John A. Huenniger, Pastor
297-6036
Worship 10:15
Sunday School 9:00

Rev. J. David Mumford
Pastor
Holy Communion First
Sunday of Each Month

CHURCH OF THE ESCARPMENT
P.C.A.
Upper Main Street & Branson Blvd.
Worship Service 9:30 A.M.
Church School 10:45 a.m.

The following events and services have been scheduled by area churches.

LATTER DAY SAINTS LEWISTON — Clifford Spilsbury, of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 5235 Lewiston Road, has announced that the Western New York district conference will be held here Sunday.

Services will be as follows: Worship service at 9:30 a.m., business meeting at 10 a.m., dinner served at the church at 12:15 p.m., and business meeting continued at 1:30 p.m. Guest ministers will be Keith E. Harvey, regional administrator; Perry M. Mair, regional bishop, and R. Wayne Banta, quorum of Seventies.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTISTS
NIAGARA FALLS — Sunday's lesson sermon at First Church of Christ Scientists, Park Place and Pine Avenue, will be "Probation After Death" and deals with death as an illusion that we have awakened from.

Included in the lesson is the passage from Romans 13:11 "Now is high time to awake out of sleep, for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed," and from Science and Health by Mary Baker Eddy "Death will be found at length to be a mortal dream, which comes in darkness and disappears with the light."

The service Sunday will be at 11 a.m. A service also will be held at 8 p.m. Wednesday.

THE SALVATION ARMY
NIAGARA FALLS — Special evangelical services will be conducted at the Salvation Army, Buffalo Avenue, Tuesday through Sunday. The special speaker will be Maj. Kenneth C. Lance of



Utica, where the Salvation Army is presently undergoing extensive development study relative to extended service in that community.

Maj. Lance is a native of Glens Falls. He attended schools there and attended Junior College, Bronxville, and West Liberty State Teachers College in West Virginia.

As a young man, Maj. Lance spent some time at the local Niagara Falls Corps. Major Lance is one of the Army's outstanding Bible students and musicians, and has conducted many evangelistic services throughout the New England States. He is married, and Mrs. Lance assists in all the activities of the work in Utica. They have five children.

The major will be accompanied by Mrs. Lance and she will participate in the services here. There will be special music at all meetings and the public is invited.

The evening services will commence at 7:15 p.m. daily and on Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH YWCA
4th & Main St.
Rev. W. O. ESTES
Sunday School 9:45 A.M.
Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.
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Evening Worship 7:00 P.M.

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Worship 10:15
Sunday School 9:00
TRINITY
(MISSOURI)
Longview Drive at Irving Ave.
8:30 Matins Early Service
9:30 Family Service — Sunday School
11:00 Regular Worship Service
Walter G. Schultz, Pastor

ZION (L.C.A.)
Worship Services
8:30 and 11:15 a.m.
Michigan Ave. at Tenth St.
(One block east of Main St.)
284-4357
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

TOWN OF LEWISTON
CHURCH OF THE ESCARPMENT
P.C.A.
Upper Main Street & Branson Blvd.
Worship Service 9:30 A.M.
Church School 10:45 a.m.

YOUNGSTOWN
Worship Service
10:30 a.m.
Church School
9:15 a.m.

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH
NIAGARA FALLS — The Usher's Board of the New Hope Baptist Church will observe its annual Usher's Day Sunday. Mary Ruth Davis has been named general program and publicity chairman. Assisting her will be Mrs. John Henry Smith, hospitality; George Mabry, morning program; Debbie Green and Charlotte Sally, afternoon program and Napoleon Simmons, finance. Guests will be the Rev. Lacey K. Curry, Great Calvary Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill., and members of his congregation. The public is invited.

YOUTH FOR CHRIST
NIAGARA FALLS, Ont. — A Youth for Christ rally will be held today at the Drummond Branch Library, 5929 Main St., beginning at 8 p.m. Featured on the program will be Bob Heisner of Niagara Falls, N.Y., second degree black belt Karate instructor, who will give a Karate demonstration and share his faith in Christ. Special music will be provided by a YFC musical group, "The Abundant Life." The public is invited.

On Wednesday, the YFC Haunted House will open for the Halloween season. Featuring such scenes as the spider room, dracula's den and the mad room. The Haunted House will be open nightly from Wednesday through Oct. 31 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Old clothes should be worn. Location is 5624 Dunn St., two blocks from the Royal Tower.

TUSCARORA BAPTIST CHURCH

TUSCARORA RESERVATION — The Rev. Benjamin J. Elbe is now the pastor of the

REV. BENJAMIN ELBE

Tuscarora Baptist Church. The Rev. Mr. Elbe attended Calvary Bible College and the Florida Bible College, and was ordained to the ministry June 23, 1968 at the Nebo Baptist Church.

Previous to his call here he had served as a missionary in Mexico, as well as at a pastorate in South Carolina. Before arriving at the Tuscarora Indian Reservation, he was an associate pastor and music director in Miami, Fla. A reception for the Rev. Mr. Elbe and his wife, Cindy, will be held in the Tuscarora Baptist Church dining area, Sunday after the evening worship service, at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited.

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GOOD SHEPHERD C. JRCH
PENDLETON — The Arch-Confraternity of Christian Mothers of Good Shepherd Church will sponsor a spaghetti dinner on Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. in the school auditorium, 5443 Tonawanda Creek Road North.

Chairman for the event is Mrs. Joseph Stankovich. Tickets will be available at the door.

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH
NIAGARA FALLS — Trinity Baptist Church's youth usher board will hold its annual day in a special program Sunday at 4 p.m.

The guest will be the Morning Star Baptist Church, Erie, Penn. The message will be Sunday evening by the Rev. Amos Goodwin. Music will be provided by the visiting choir under the direction of Charles Harris, minister of music.

Ronald Owens is president of the youth usher board. Mrs. Louise Barner is supervisor.

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
NIAGARA FALLS — Four women will be installed as lay assistants at Zion Lutheran Church during the 11:15 a.m. service Sunday.

They are Mrs. John Pfisterer, Mrs. Robert Lee, Mrs. Vaughn Artley and Kathleen Pogel.

There will be a reception in the parish hall of the church after the service to honor the new leaders and also to welcome new members who were recently received into membership of Zion congregation.

GRACE CALVARY CHURCH
The Rev. William McIntosh will be speaking at both services Sunday at Grace Calvary Church, 15th Street and Weston Avenue, on the subjects "Jesus, the Unrecognized" and "Jesus, the Rejected One." The youth choir will render special music.

The pastor's class will start on Thursday at 6 p.m. The men's fellowship will hold their monthly breakfast Oct. 28 at 8 a.m.

JULIA MEMORIAL HEALING CENTER
NIAGARA FALLS — Rev. Rosebud Vogel Williamson and Mrs. Mabel Leibinger of Grand Island will share the pulpit Sunday at 4 p.m. at the Julia Memorial Healing Center, 639 Main St.

To be discussed will be the law of movement as taught by Thurman Fleet and the laws of the soul.

United Presbyterian Churches
NIAGARA
Military and Lockport Roads
Town of Niagara
Sunday School
9:45 a.m.
Sermon: "CLEAN HANDS" 11 a.m.

Rev. William J. Devine, Pastor
HYDE PARK
Michigan Ave. & 29th St.
Worship Service 11 a.m.
"DON'T BLAME ME!"
Rev. Howard B. Haines
Preaching
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Child care during worship
FIRST
311 First Street
Worship 10 a.m.
Sunday School 11:15 a.m.
"GOD DON'T MAKE NO JUNK"
Rev. A. R. Stevenson
Wed. 7:30 Prayer & Praise Mtg.

RIVERSIDE
84th St. and Lindbergh Ave.
Pastor Hans H. Klee
9:30 & 11 Church Worship
"WE ARE FELLOW WORKERS WITH GOD"
9:30 Nursery
& Kindergarten Classes
11 Nursery thru 7th Grade and Adult Class

BACON MEMORIAL
59th Street near Buffalo Ave.
Roy K. Hollin, Minister
10:30 A.M.
Partners in Learning
Theme: "WHO IS MY BROTHER?"
Inspirational Service

PIERCE AVENUE
1815 Pierce Avenue
Rev. Roger E. Purdy
10:45 a.m. Worship Service
Sermon:
"The Servant Church"
Sunday School 9:30
Child Care During Worship

LEWISTON
5th and Cayuga — Lewiston
Rev. Paul Denise
Rev. George W. Walker III
Assistant Pastor
11 A.M.
Sermon:
"LIVING UNDER PRESSURE"

Church School 9:30 a.m.

YOUNGSTOWN
570 Main Street, Youngstown, N.Y.
Rev. Charles F. Stratton, Pastor
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Sermon:
"FOR HIS NAME SAKE"

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Pastor: REV. GLEN TRAYER
Special Speaker from THE GIDEONS
Sunday School — 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service