## Pastor Comments On Martin Luther

By ELIZABETH WISSMAN

About the most provocative subject to introduce into a versation with a Lutheran minister is the personality of

conversation with a Lutheran minister is the personality of Martin Luther.

The Rev. Carl E. Mehl, pastor of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church near Kendaliwood Shopping Center, is no exception to the rule.

What a reincarnated Luther would have to say about present day churchdom is an "in" topic for speculation.

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Pastor Mehl comments:

"I WOULD SAY that he would be quite disturbed about
the bureaurcaticism of present day churches because this
was one of the things that nettled him in the first place. Its
main effort was to bring the church back to the people.

"Lutherans today favor a congregational policy. We believe the place of the church is with the people.

"Today there is a strong tendency toward centralization
of administration and authority. I see danger in this.

"We're living in an age of efficiency—the age of the computer—the huge business empire cannot operate efficiently
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Most of the pastor's ministery has been mission development.

He says, "This was primarily my own choosing because
I believe the call to a church is divine. I obeyed Christ's
order.

Before coming to Prince of Peace when it was a mission
rhurch, Pastor Mehl served six mission congregations from
00 this acceptance of the permanent pastorate at Prince
of Peace, he says, "After you get to be 50 years old, mission
work is hard to do. You are your own secretary writing all
the church correspondence, letters and bulletins; you move
furniture; you are your own spinitor and everything else."

The local minister is the son of a Lutheran clergyman,
the Rev. Theodore Mehl, and because he was born in a parsonage in Farmerswille, Ill., all of this could have been no
surprise to his

Singuistics of this as strong background in communications media and has done public relations work during his entire ministery. He paid his way through Concordia Seminary in St. Louis by working as a jack-of-all-trades on the campus radio station and worked for two years on station KOA in Denver.

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I in you." These words of
Jesus, as given in the gospel
of St. John, will open the responsive reading in The Bible
Lesson on "Doctring of Atonement," to be read in all Christian Science churches this
Sunday.

# a knowable God

Perhaps one of the most persistent beliefs about God is that there is a mystery about Him. The Bible, however, records many searchers who found God to be very knowable, very close. Job said: "acquaint now thyself with him thereby good shall come unto thee."

You are invited to consider some of the stens to take in getting to know God better by tending a lecture by Georgina Tennant, C.S.B., of The Christian Science Board of Lectureship. Her lecture, entitled "Meeting Today's Challenge with Christian Science," will explore how acquainting one's self with God meets all his human needs and brings peace and satisfaction into his life. Admission is free and all are welcome.

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THE REV. CARL E. MEHL

He has been for eight years editor of the Michigan Lutheran and conducts an interview like a seasoned newman.
WHEN HE CAME to the Farmington church in February
1958, there was nothing there but a plot of ground
At present a fact-finding committee is investigating the
building of a new sanctuary to sent 300-900 people that will
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It is progressive.

It is progressive that the church and how effective it is something the progress of the church and how effective it is something to making whatever changes in the church that may be called for I would chafe under a program of church work that was carried out simply because it was ralways done.

When he is out for a social evening, the pastor is also most progressive.

He likes to quote a reference to Luther as being "prayerful and beerlowing" and notes:

"On the one hand, Lutherans are devotedly loyal to the scriptures. On the other, we are not so plottlife that we can't enjoy a highball or a game of cards. We believe all of this is possible to a good Christian.

"In my church, we believe in the centrality of the word God. The pastor takes the leadership in keeping this word central."

On the minister's role in secular life, the pastor says, and the research and even even areas secular se

central."

On the minister's role in secular, life, the pastor says, "Most of the problems we face today are in gray areas sucher black nor white. I believe that people expect some sort of direction from a minister because they feel his attitudes are directed by scripture."

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"Here of course you can fall on your face because you refirst a human being. You must be cautious and always exercise some restraint.

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"A minister's life is really no different, but there is always this man looking over further throughts about minister taking part in civil disobedience. "To me," be states, "our government is a divine institution. I feel as Christians we have to support our government."

"It think we have a moral solligation to foster equal opportunities and the basic digally of the individual. But I do not believe that we have the right to break laws in order to accomplish this purpose.

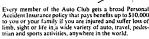
"In this country, as Christians, we are in a unique position. We can by the power of our vote help determine the course of our government. This is the right and Christian way."

After taking note of the pastor's two sides—conservative and progressive—one wonders if his Sunday sermons present such a study in contrasts.

## Dates Set For Show By St. Andrew's Church

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med dealed corps and Mrs. John Huelt, of Grand River Ave., spent part of Grand River Ave.,

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