

CONCORDIA THEOLOGICAL QUARTERLY



Volume 61: Number 4

October 1997

Table of Contents

Harold H. Buls (1920-1997)	243
Mark J. Steege (1906-1997)	244
The Theological Symposia of Concordia Theological Seminary	247
Books Received	250
Luther on Atonement--Reconfigured Kenneth Hagen	251
Lutheran and the Priesthood of All Believers Norman Nagel	277
The Universe as the Living Image of God: Calvin's Doctrine of the Universe Reconsidered Randall A. Zachman	299
Book Reviews	313

Testing the Boundaries: Windows to Lutheran Identity.

By Charles P. Arand Lawrence R. Rast Jr.

Melanchthons Briefwechsel. Band 8. Regesten 8072-9301 (1557-1560). Bearbeitet von Heinz Scheible und Walter Thüringer.

..... Lowell C. Green

Melanchthons Briefwechsel. Band T2. Texte 255-520 (1523-1526). Bearbeitet von Richard Wetzels unter Mitwirkung von Helga Scheible. Lowell C. Green

Augustine Confessions: Books I-IV.

Edited by Gillian Clark John G. Nordling



Rev. Dr. Harold H. Buls
(1920-1997)

† Harold H. Buls †
(1920-1997)

Harold Buls, long-time Professor of Exegetical Theology at Concordia Theological Seminary, was called by his Lord to his eternal rest on September 5, 1997, after an illness of several months. Born on January 4, 1920 in Garland, Nebraska, and reborn in the waters of baptism that same year at Zion Lutheran Church, Garland, Nebraska, Dr. Buls began his study for the ministry of the Lutheran

Church at St. John's College, Winfield, Kansas, graduating in 1940. He then entered Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, and, following a year of vicarage at Trinity, Brooklyn, New York, he graduated in 1945. He was ordained into the holy ministry for service as a missionary with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Nigeria in June 1946. In 1949 he was called as pastor of the Missionary Board, Alabama Field, and later served on the faculties of the Alabama Lutheran Academy and College, Selma, Alabama (1950-1951), and Immanuel Lutheran College and Seminary, Greensboro, North Carolina (1951-1955), before returning to his alma mater, St. John's College (1956-1969).

Dr. Buls came to the Springfield Seminary in 1969 to teach in the department of exegetical theology. An expert in the field of New Testament, he quickly won the students' affection with his fiery orthodoxy and quick wit. Above all, though, was his commitment to the unimpeded and clear proclamation of the Christ of the Scriptures. Never one to "beat around the bush," students and colleagues alike could always count on Dr. Buls to speak his mind directly, though always respectfully and collegially. During his tenure as professor he taught courses on the gospels of Luke and John, as well as the epistles to the Colossians, Galatians, Hebrews, Philipians, and Romans.

He earned his Ph.D. in Classics at the University of Chicago in 1970. His dissertation was entitled, "A Study of the *Clausulae* in Dionysius of Halicanassus." A prolific author, Professor Buls used his exegetical expertise to make the message of the Greek New Testament usable for the parish pastor. Most prominent in this regard were his Exegetical Notes on the Pericopes for the Gospel and Epistle lessons for both the three- and one-year series of readings. Several of these volumes have been translated into Russian.

His retirement from full-time teaching in 1986 freed him to return to his other love, mission work. Over the course of the past decade, when not teaching courses at the Seminary, Dr. Buls, often accompanied by his wife Marge, made a series of trips to teach in mission stations overseas. In places as diverse as Nigeria and St. Petersburg, Dr. Buls shared, in his inimitable style, the centrality of the Gospel: Christ crucified and risen again. On May 23, 1997 the Board for Mission Services of the LCMS acknowledged the special contributions of Dr. Buls to the life of the church by presenting him with an award for outstanding achievements in the mission field. He is survived by his wife Marge, whom he married in 1955, as well as by his children Jonathan, David, Barbara, and Fredrik.

Dr. Buls was buried in Concordia Gardens in Fort Wayne on Tuesday, September 9, 1997, after a service at St. Paul Lutheran Church with his pastor, the Reverend Richard Radke officiating. Speaking for the Seminary was President Dean Wenthe, who noted three outstanding aspects of Dr. Buls' life. He held before us all the unconditional love of Christ. He blessed us with fine scholarship. And finally, "He taught us all the pilgrimage of faith. He lived life as Christ's gift and he lived that life abundantly. For that we are all grateful."

† Mark John Steege, (1906-1997) †

Mark John Steege, Professor of Sermon Theory at Concordia Theological Seminary from 1947-1980, entered eternal life on May 26, 1997 at the age of ninety.

Born September 6, 1906 in Sharon, Wisconsin, he grew up in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where his father was pastor of Bethany Lutheran Church.

Dr. Steege graduated from Concordia College, Milwaukee in 1926 before going on to Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, which awarded him the following degrees: B.D. (1930), S.T.M. (1942), and Th.D. (1958). He also did graduate work at the University of South Dakota and Marquette University.

His first service in the Office of the Holy Ministry was as campus pastor for the University of South Dakota, Vermillion (1931- 1932). He later helped found Bethany Lutheran Church of Cedar Rapids, Iowa (1932-1942), and served at St. Paul, Readlyn, Iowa (1942-1946).

In addition to his teaching responsibilities, Dr. Steege served the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod on numerous boards, committees and commissions, including a doctrinal discussion committee with a Finnish Lutheran Church (1950-1966), which resulted in that body merging into the LCMS. He also taught at Oberursel, Germany, and River Forest, Illinois. An essayist at District Conventions in Texas, California, Michigan, Iowa, and Ontario, his scholarly work appeared in the *Lutheran Witness*, *Lutheran Education*, the *Springfielder*, *The Abiding Word*, and *Interaction*. Perhaps his greatest service to the church was as Parliamentarian for the turbulent synodical conventions at Milwaukee (1971), New Orleans (1973), Anaheim (1975), and Dallas (1977).



**Rev. Dr. Mark J. Steege
(1906-1997)**

Dr. Steege was married twice, first to nee Erna Horstmeyer, with whom he was blessed with seven children. His second marriage, to Barbara nee Whalen, was blessed with one daughter. He is survived by his wife Barbara (long-time librarian at CTS), and his children Rev. Mark W., Carol Myers, Richard, Sharon Algar, Susan Krueger, Judith Grande, David, and Elizabeth. President Wenthe of the seminary noted, "The Rev. Dr. Mark Steege brought an expertise in homiletics to the seminary community that was made accessible to generations by virtue of his generous, kind, and pastoral heart. Dr. Steege's great humanity, as well as the marvelous teamwork that he and his wife Barbara displayed over the decades, will live in the memories of countless seminarians." A memorial service remembering this faithful servant was held in Oxford, Massachusetts, June 7, 1997.

PSALM 121

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills:

from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh from the Lord:

which made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved:

He that keepeth thee will not slumber.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel:

Shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is thy Keeper:

the Lord is thy Shade upon thy right hand.

The sun shall not smite thee by day:

nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil:

He shall preserve thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in:

from this time forth and even forevermore