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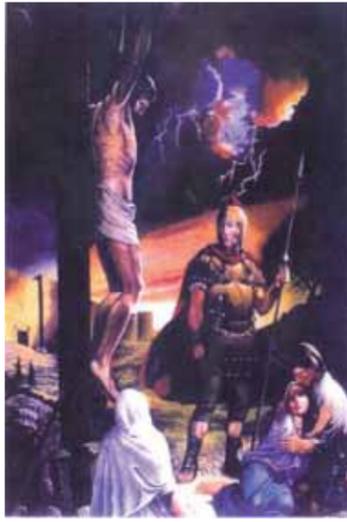


Why Jesus IS the Only Way

By Dr. John MacArthur
St. Louis Metro Voice, April 2012

In the Jesus Movement of the 1960s and '70s, the "One Way" sign-the index finger held high-became a popular icon. "One Way" bumper stickers and lapel pins were everywhere, and the "One Way" slogan for a time became the identifying catchphrase of all evangelicalism.

Evangelicalism in those days was an extremely diverse movement. (In some ways it was even more eclectic than it is today.) It encompassed everything from Jesus People, who were an integral part of that era's youth culture, to straight-line's fundamentalists, who scorned everything contemporary. But all of them had



The Crucifixion
By Marvin Linenbroker, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Eureka, Missouri

at least one important thing

in common: They knew that Jesus Christ is the only way to heaven. "One Way" seemed an unshakable belief that all evangelicals held in common.

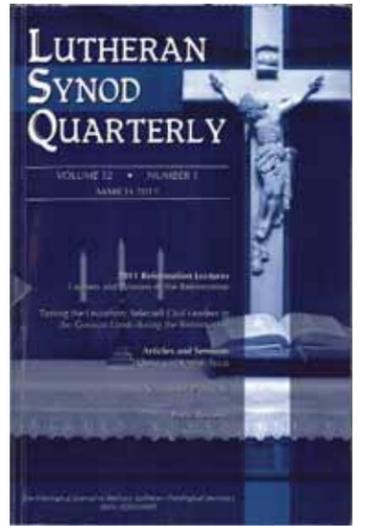
That is no longer the case. The evangelical movement of today is no longer unified on this issue. Some who call themselves evangelicals are openly insisting that faith alone in Jesus is not the only way to heaven. They are now convinced that people of all faiths will be in heaven. Others are simply cowardly, embarrassed, or hesitant to affirm the exclusivity of the Gospel in an era when inclusivity, pluralism, and toler-

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The Great Works of God

Valerius Herberger. *The Great Works of God: Parts One and Two: The Mysteries of Christ in the Book of Genesis, Chapters 1 - 15.* Translated by Matthew Carver. St. Louis, Missouri: Concordia Publishing House, 2010. 400 pages. \$44.99. Valerius Herberger. *The Great Works of God Parts Three and Four: The Mysteries of Christ in the Book of Genesis, Chapters 16-50.* Translated by Matthew Carver. St. Louis, Missouri: Concordia Publishing House, 2011. 544 pages. \$44.99.

Review by Gaylin R. Schmeling, President Bethany Lutheran Seminary, Editor-



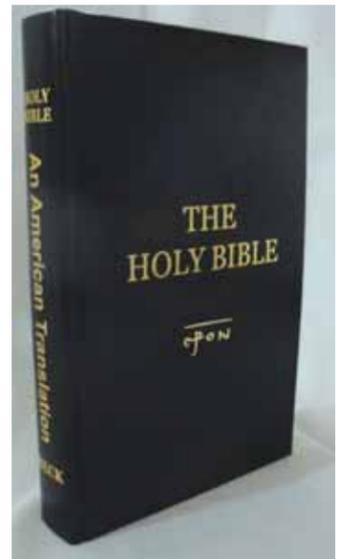
in-Chief *Lutheran Synod Quarterly*, Bethany Lutheran Seminary, 6 Brown Ct. Mankato, MN 56001. Reprinted by permission on pp. 14-15.

Study of three Bible translations planned

The Translation Evaluation Committee (TEC) is coordinating a new study of three different English Bible translations that WELS could consider for use in its publications.

In this study, more than 100 pastors will participate in a side-by-side comparison of the New International Version 2011, the Holman Christian Standard Bible, and the English Standard Version. Reviewers from three different groups—synod leaders, attendees of the translation workshop held at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary (WLS) in January, and pastors who

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Not on the list of translations to be evaluated at both the WELS and LCMS

Common English Bible Advances in Best Seller Status

From Religious News Service

NASHVILLE, TN (March 22, 2011)—The new Common English Bible (<http://CommonEnglishBible.com>) is #7 in unit sales and #10 in dollar sales on the CBA Bible Translation Best Seller list for the month of April (http://cbaonline.org/nm/documents/BSLs/Bible_Translations.pdf). This marks the fourth month the Common English Bible (Twitter@CommonEngBible—<http://twitter.com/CommonEngBible>) has been on the Unit Sales list (moving up from #10) and the first month it's appeared on the Dollar Sales list since its release last fall.

"The broad acceptance of the Common English Bible by scholars, consumers, and book sellers is gratifying," says Paul Franklyn, PhD, associate publisher. "It con-



firms our decision to create an academically rigorous yet naturally understandable translation for 21st century English readers; a translation from the original Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek that's built on common ground from the bottom up."

The Common English Bible's popularity has soared since it was first released last September. In addition to being a repeat best seller,

• it was named one of the
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Loss of Missouri Synod Churches in Chicagoland, pp. 9-11

IMPORTANT FOR CN TO CONTINUE

Dear Pastor Otten:
March 5, 2012
Re: Support for Christian News

A statement is frequently made in Christian News, such as the one that appeared on page 10 of its March 5, 2012 issue, that "The organized conservatives with their blogs and publications are silent ... They never recommend or even mention CN's many publications." I do not question the truth of that statement, but there are notable exceptions. Thus, I wish

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Chicago

Seward artist Reinhold Marxhausen died

By L. Kent Wolgamott
Lincoln Journal Star, 4/25/2011



Reinhold Marxhausen, an inventive artist whose sound sculptures landed him on late-night television and who mosaics in the Nebraska Capitol, died Saturday. He was 89.

Born in Minnesota and a veteran of World War II, Marxhausen moved to Seward in 1951 to be the first art teacher at what was then Concordia College. He taught there for 40 years, but he was far more than a professor.

"It's hard to put one thing down," said his wife, Dorris. "This is his diversity. I wouldn't want him being called only an art professor. He was happiest when he was exploring a new medium. The two Great Hall murals in the Capitol were significant. That was a competition. He was the only Nebraskan of the five artists that participated in all that."

Marxhausen had only done
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Reinhold Marxhausen flips a 'Flurry' in his hands in this file photo from 1977. Marxhausen died Saturday, April 23, 2011, at age 89. (LJS file)



Historic Trinity Lutheran Church, Detroit, MI



Bucking the Trend A Growing Cathedral

Most of Europe's great cathedrals now have few members and worshippers. This issue of *Christian News* has photos of several large beautiful Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod churches in the Chicago area which have closed. St. Matthew Lutheran Church in New York, the oldest continuing Lutheran Church in the

U.S. with a charter from 1964, has sold its church building and school and its almost one third of a city block in Manhattan and now has only a few worshippers at a small cite. Concordia College, Bronxville, New York began in the church. It has had a long line of well-known pastors, sending
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many youth into the pastoral or teaching ministry, among them, members of the CN editor's family. When LCMS Director of Publicity and later Lutheran Hour speaker, Oswald Hoffmann, was the assistant pastor at this church, he was primarily responsible for getting such Concordia Seminary, St. Louis and later Seminex professors as John Tietjen, John Damm, and Ralph Klein to vicar at St. Matthew. Robert Sehnabel, a teacher at St. Matthew, became a president of Concordia College, Bronxville and then Valparaiso University.

Under the leadership of Dr. David Eberhard, a battling human dynamo ever since his student days more than 50 years ago, Historic Trinity Cathedral in downtown Detroit is one of the few cathedrals in the world which has bucked the trend of the massive shrinking cathedrals and inner city churches. The 2012 Lutheran Annual lists Dr. Eberhard as pastor, 1,859 baptized members, 1,003 confirmed members and an average attendance of 475.

Historic Trinity recently sent the CN editor's congregation a card signed by Dr. David Eberhard and former Michigan District President and LCMS Council of Presidents Chariman, John Heins, with a packet of material from Historic Trinity.

The card said that the editor's congregation in New Haven, Missouri was one of the congregations for which historic Trinity had prayed.

Here is some of the information the packet from Historic Trinity included:

Historic Trinity Lutheran Church

Is a traditional Cathedral Ministry in downtown Detroit

Serving the metropolitan area

Providing an open and caring environment

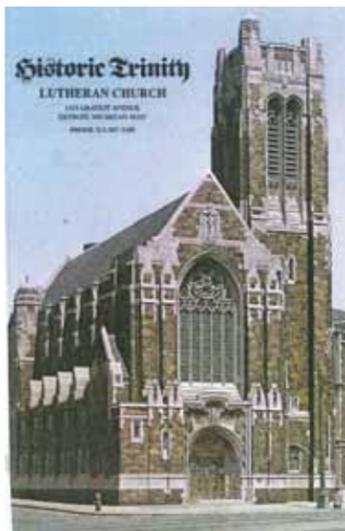
That encourages personal and spiritual growth

Welcome to Historic Trinity Lutheran Church, the Mother Church of Detroit Lutherans and our Lutheran-Cathedral in downtown Detroit, since 1850. Historic Trinity Cathedral is an ecclesiastical, cultural, community resource and gathering place for Metro Detroit.

Historic Trinity is a National, State, and Local historical designated site.

CATHEDRAL MINISTRY

Serving the Historic Trinity Cathedral Ministry today are: Rev. Ronald Guettler, The Rev. Dr. David Eberhard, Rev. James Gruetzner, Rev. Gary Headapohl, Dr. John Heins, and Lay Assis-



tant Randy Goddard at Historic Trinity. Rev. Dr. John L Heins at Junior Confirmation Class. Rev. Gary Headapohl at Adult Bible Class. Rev. James Gruetzner at Adult Information Class. Rev. Dr. Kieth Gerberding and Rev. Dr. John Herzog on R/R.

LUTHERAN CHURCH IN THE CITY

"Lutheran Church in the City" is a quality faith network that engages people of the city in faith relationships. LCC is reinventing the Church's role in the City by:

Providing volunteer opportunities in the city.

Forming Bible study & discussion groups at multiple locations in the City helping to reestablish several parishes in the City.

Encouraging rejuvenation of local parishes in the City.

Working with various ethnic ministries.

Matching needs with providers.

Developing virtual networking.

LCC is fostering contacts with the religious community, developers, and community representatives to allow it to become involved in all of these communities. Using existing religious, community, civic, and business resources, LCC is facilitating opportunities for Detroit residents, especially urban pioneers, to maintain and improve their values of life ..

LCC is seeking partnerships with suburban parishes, service organizations, and urban churches to unite and strengthen the Church in the City

Holy Communion

All who accept the Real Presence of our Lord's Body and Blood in the Sacrament invited to attend Communion. At Historic Trinity, the wine is distributed to all by the common communion cup and the individual communion cup, at the same serving. Holy Communion is celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sundays at 11:00 a.m., on the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 8:15a.m and 9:30a.m., and there is no communion on the 5th Sunday.

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Lutheran Church is the largest Protestant Church in the world, with nearly 80 million members living in every corner of the world. The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod is the third largest denomination in the

United States with over eight million members. Historic Trinity Lutheran Church is a member of the Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod that has nearly three million baptized members in some 6,000 congregations located in fifty states. Together, we send missionaries to thirty countries.

JOIN HISTORIC TRINITY

You are invited to become a member today of Historic Trinity Lutheran Church, the church where the action is, in downtown Detroit. Join this, the fastest growing church in downtown Detroit, with more than 2000+ members at a median age of 41. With a membership that is 50% female and 50% male. Historic Trinity is THE church to belong to! An Authentic Church for our times. At the heart of our activities is a worshiping congregation affirming the inclusive love of God, which is made known through Jesus Christ. That love makes a difference in our lives and challenges us to make a difference in the world. Studies show that persons attending church found strength to deal with setbacks in life, and they also found they are less stressed by everyday worries when they attend church regularly. Why attend, or stay away, from a church that makes you uncomfortable or upset? Each week, more and more individuals are deciding to make Historic Trinity their church home. Become one of these people and make your choice today! Membership applications are available in the Sunday Bulletin, on the Web page, or by request. You may join the church by baptism, confirmation, profession of faith, transfer of membership from another congregation, or dual membership. Simply fill out the application and hand it to a pastor, or to an usher, or mail it to the church office. Don't wait any longer – take the big step and sign up today. You will be proud you joined this church which is an innovative leader in today's ministries.

WE PRAY

In each worship service at Historic Trinity Lutheran Church, we ask you to pray for our fellow Christians. In today's services, please pray for Trinity Lutheran Church in Louisiana, Missouri; Trinity Lutheran Church in Nevada, Missouri; and Trinity Lutheran Church in New Haven, Missouri.

HISTORIC TRINITY CATHEDRAL MINISTRY

Each major city in the world usually contains at least one cathedral. This unique niche ministry has stood the time thru many centuries. It becomes "The" church in the city. Historic Trinity is our Lutheran Cathedral in downtown Detroit. As a Cathedral Church it is a source of beauty cathedral Ministry and pride for the city, outrageous and orthodox, utopian and savvy - the place comes to you all at once, in a great rush of con-

tradiction and paradox. A place of holy awe! The cathedral church speaks in the quietude of holy sanctuaries, in the golden shout of the mighty organ raining down, in the stories of Christian history captured in stained glass and wood and stone carving. It educates and uplifts, using pageantry and drama, choral music and concerts, dance and sounding bells.

Everywhere it provides beauty. As important as the cathedral church building is, the Cathedral Ministry consists not of the building's appearance - but in how the ministry is conducted. The Historic Trinity Cathedral Ministry is more than its own parishioners, more than a membership club. Such a ministry has a vital, committed parish membership at its core, nurtured by solid pastoral care. The Cathedral Church belongs to more than its members. The Cathedral ministry belongs to all who are encouraged to claim it as theirs, to use it on occasion, to return to it anytime, and to bring their children there to see their historic roots. The Cathedral Ministry also finds purpose in reaching out to the unchurched. Reaching far beyond the four walls of the cathedral building and beyond the four lines that mark the property border. A Cathedral Ministry serves a far wider sphere of people this is this our joy, our privilege and our responsibility. DVD on the Historic Trinity Cathedral Ministry is available from the church office or on our Web Page. You may also review the DVD on the Web Page www.historictrinity.org.

Historic Trinity CATHEDRAL is an ecclesiastical, cultural, community RESOURCE and GATHERING PLACE for all of Metro Detroit. CHECK IT OUT:

HISTORIC TRINITY ARCHITECTURE

Each week we will present a paragraph depicting an artifact, a symbol, a furnishing, or a window at Historic Trinity Lutheran Church. This our Lutheran Cathedral in downtown Detroit is filled with outstanding architecture and unique artifacts. You may view the total items on our web site. Stone Carvings on the clerestory wall trusses both sides of the clerestory walls have stone



GOTTLIEB SCHALLER (1819-1887)
(On the lecturn side, 6th figure from the front)

carvings high up on the trusses, adjoining the windows. They are primarily decorative and are not intended to be actual portraits of the historical figures they represent.

GOTTLIEB SCHALLER (1819-1887)

John Michael Gottlieb Schaller, born February 12, 1819 at Kirchenlamitz, Bavaria, was confirmed and instructed in Latin by Pastor William Loehe. He attended the Gymnasium at Nuremberg and then studied theology at Erlangen where he graduated in 1842. After serving as vicar at Windsbach and at Kattenhochstadt he came to America in 1848 at the insistence of Pastor Loehe who was anxious to have the American church profit by the splendid gifts of "his Timothy", hoping to have him assume the direction of affairs in Michigan. However, Schaller became a pastor of congregations in Philadelphia in 1849 and joined The Missouri Synod the same year.

At the session of the Missouri Synod of 1850 he was convinced by Walther's arguments that Loehe's view on the Office of the Keys was in error. Because of his love of the truth was greater than his respect and great love for his spiritual father he followed Walther. On November 10, 1850, he became the 1st pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Detroit, and later vice president of the Northern (Michigan) District.

For many years Trinity was called "Schaller's Kirche", or "St. Charles Church". It was the custom in those days to refer to a church by the name of its pastor. As the founder of a parish school at Trinity Lutheran Church, Rev. Schaller started the first Lutheran parochial school in Detroit. From 1854 to 1872 Schaller served as a vicar (of President Wyneken) and later as pastor of Old Trinity Lutheran Church in St. Louis. In 1857 he was elected president of the Western District. From 1872 to 1886 he was professor of church history at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. He died November 19, 1887.

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"Total Ministry for the total Man." An article in the December, 1962 AAL Correspondent featuring Dr. Eberhard said in part:

They were busy at Riverside Lutheran Church on Detroit's southeast side in the summer of 1967 as the city burned.

Federal troops patrolled the streets during Bible School. Snipers infested the area. Fire razed two homes a couple of blocks away. Shattered windows and looted stores marred the neighborhood business district on E. Jefferson, a six-lane thoroughfare connecting downtown Detroit and Grosse Pointe-posh suburb in a million miles from the ghetto.

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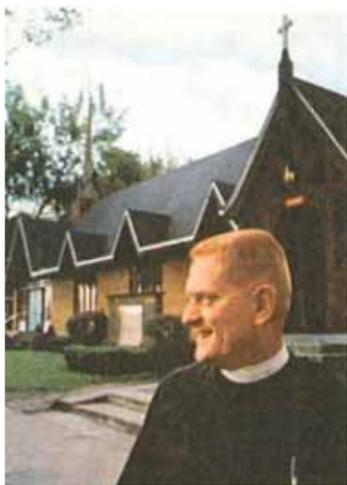
A Growing Cathedral

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But no one from the Riverside neighborhood was arrested during the civil disturbance. The people were busy with church activities or quietly watching the troops from their front porches. While their peers elsewhere in the auto capital were screaming, "Daddy, get off my back," Riverside's people, black and white alike, faced the future with optimism. They had a better way.

And they had the Rev. David Eberhard, father of four sons, rugged, red-headed, crew cut optimist who believes in working within the system to strengthen what is good and to change what is not.

Fresh out of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, in the spring of 1959, Eberhard was ordained into the Holy Ministry, married to Beverly Jacobs in Louisville, honeymooned in Bermuda, and called to Detroit's inner city to close Riverside's 30-member parish, a deteriorating congregation in a deteriorating area. They told him not to unpack his luggage.



Eberhard at Riverside Lutheran Church in Detroit. Photo from the December, 1962 AAL Correspondent. This church is no longer listed in the Lutheran Annual.

But the brash young pastor with the earthy tongue was not about to follow orders, despite the objections of 45 Missouri Synod pastors in Detroit. Spreading the Word and following the admonition to "love thy neighbor as thyself" were good parts of the system which needed strengthening. Joining the rush to suburbia and leaving the hopeless and helpless behind to fend for themselves was the part that needed change.

And change it he did. Pastor Eberhard literally pulled the forlorn congregation up by

its bootstraps and made it mean something. The sense of urgency that permeates the Riverside atmosphere already was with him as he struck out to find ways the church could help people. "Now, now, now" was the cry. Tomorrow was too late for too many.

"The church is people," he said. The people, in desperate physical and spiritual need, were not in the church building, but out on the street. So that's where the church went. On Jefferson, Harding, Meadowbrook, Freud. Into the 15-square block area north of the Detroit River between Waterworks Park and the Chrysler Corporation's Jefferson Assembly Plant. The church reached out to the 12,000 people, almost half of them non-white, who were too old, too tired, too comfortable, or too poor to flee.

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Rev. David Eberhard a dynamo! His untiring energy is a continuing example for his program of a "total ministry for the total man." His basic concept of "It can be done" originated in 1948 when a serious accident during a Boy Scout outing nearly claimed his life. Another lad mistakenly struck him on the head with a hatchet. Doctors said

he would never recover as the result of the head injury. But Dave Eberhard said, "It can be done," and it was!

Marching Ministry

Since that time, the doors of opportunity for spreading the Lord's Word have never remained closed in the face of Rev. Eberhard's marching ministry to people.

High school days as the son of a Louisville, Kentucky, pastor included much athletic experience, running in particular. This promoted his personal endurance and stamina for the years ahead. Many a spare moment in his seminary days was utilized to repair and sell furniture for the poor of St. Louis. Their credit problems were well understood by Eberhard, experience what was to become a driving force for promotion of community-oriented activities in Detroit. Rev. Eberhard is constantly fighting a battle with time. A sense of urgency surrounds his ministry. "Don't spend more time talking about it than doing it. We may not have another year, we may not have another day."

Pastor Eberhard uses the love of God in his spiritual syringe to inject his people with courage to face another day.

"The people of the inner city need the Gospel of Jesus Christ today."

Future involvement of Riverside in the Detroit community will include a seemingly impossible program, yet Rev. Eberhard says, "It can be done."

Shopping Center of Human Concern

His dream is known as the Shopping Center of Human Concern—an \$8,000,000, 15 to 20 story complex that will provide physical needs for his people, while maintaining the church as the center of community life.

Present services of Riverside. Will be substantially expanded and broadened for mutual financial assistance, education and housing. Riverside Enterprises, another unit in the center, will provide economical mortuary services and home maintenance. Still another unit, Riverside Productions, will produce television and audio recordings, films and various educational materials. The center will serve some 42,000 people of Detroit's lower eastside.

Human Dynamo David Eberhard His Own Man

This issue includes excerpts from an article in the *Concordia Historical Journal* about the closing of formerly large Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod churches in the Chicago area. It also has a story on the historic Trinity Lutheran Cathedral in Detroit where Dr. David Eberhard is the pastor. He is a 1959 graduate of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. Eberhard has remained his own man ever since his student days. A feature article in the December, 1968 *AAL Correspondent* spoke of him as "rugged," filled with "untiring energy," "a dynamo," "endurance and stamina enhanced by running. *The Correspondent* noted "Pastor Eberhard, in his drive to reach people through people, seeks financial support for the entire city of Detroit, the state and the nation.



Through the years, Eberhard has been a successful fundraiser using some methods frowned on by critics. He has had blessings of the hops, blessings of the pets, blessings of the fleet, and served on the Detroit City Council.

As far as CN knows, Eberhard has never been lined up with any liberal or conservative action group in the LCMS. He is not listed on the liberal Jesus First list of more than a thousand throughout the LCMS. This issue includes a photo of Eberhard as a worker at the LCMS' 1965 convention. It appeared in the June 28, 1965, *Christian News*. Several of the overtures considered by this convention signed by more than 300 from over 20 states called for the LCMS to insist on the inerrancy of Scripture, the historicity of Jonah, Genesis, the Mosaic authorship of the Pentateuch, Christ being the only way to heaven and to decline membership in the Lutheran Council in the USA, The National Council of Churches and Lutheran World Federation.

Eberhard was not one of the hundreds of signers of any of his overtures. Yet through the years CN has not seen his name on any of the overtures submitted by LCMS liberals or moderates to LCMS Conventions.

The Pete Seeger matter was one of the big issues at the 1965 convention. The LCMS' Walther League had invited Seeger to entertain LCMS youth at its 1965 youth convention in Squaw Valley. The CN editor presented evidence to the Detroit Convention that Seeger had been identified as a Communist by the U.S. House Committee Un-American Activities. LCMS liberals said they had



This is one of the more than 50 photos Lutheran News (now Christian News) published of the LCMS' 1965 convention. This photo appeared in the June 28, 1965 Lutheran News with the caption "Rev. David Eberhard and sons driving through the convention display hall."

government documentation to refute what CN presented. CN challenged the liberals at the convention to submit their documentation. They had none. Later Seeger wrote in the *Communist People's World* that he was a communist when LCMS youth leaders were defending him in Detroit. CN challenged the Seeger defenders at the 1965 Detroit convention to also invite some anti-communist as Herb Philbrick or Fred Schwarz to expose the danger of communism.

As far as CN knows, Eberhard did not get in-

involved in such matters. He and Dr. Kurt Marquart were roommates their second year at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, when the CN editor was on vicarage at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in the inner city of Rochester, New York. Eberhard's father was the chairman of the Board of Appeals of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in the Seminary vs. Otten case where Marquart, Sig Becker, and Walter Niewald were Otten's counselors.

CN recalls Eberhard running around the 440 yard cinder tract at the St. Louis Seminary more times than any seminarian he had ever seen. He thought: "Where does this red head get all the energy?"

Eberhard has kept much of this energy throughout his ministry. While he will be approaching 80 in a few years he is still not retired as almost all of his classmates are. A growing number like Kurt Marquart have been called to their eternal home.

Confessional Lutherans may criticize some of Eberhard's methods and political activity yet he has done what many liberals and conservative have failed to do. He has kept a large inner city cathedral, where the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ is still preached open while many such cathedrals throughout the world were attracting few worshippers.

When it comes to working hard, not being influenced by any church bureaucrats, being his own man, keeping a large inner city cathedral going this dynamo David Eberhard has set a good example for all pastors, particularly in a day when many are spending too many hours at their computers. Seminarians and younger pastors keep running as David Eberhard did as a seminarian. Don't plan on an early retirement.

Newsweek July 25, 1988

Sold—to the Gent With No Taste



The folks at Detroit's historic Trinity Lutheran Church don't claim to know everything about art, but they know what they hate. That's how pastor David Eberhard hit upon the idea of an Ugly Art Show and Auction as a way of raising money for his church's restoration. Did his congregants come up with contenders for "Worst in Show" or what? Note the crude, cartoonish rendering of the woman's face, the inept brushwork on the flowers, the fact that the hockey player has no neck. More than 100 Detroiters are paying \$25 per couple to inspect—and bid for—pictures and sculpture that make paint-by-numbers portraits look like masterpieces. Knowing the kind of crowd he's attracting, Eberhard, who's also a city councilman, is cheerfully serving refreshments—Cheez Whiz, hot dogs and Twinkies—that are the culinary equivalent of Elvis on black velvet.

PETER YATES—PICTURE GROUP
Bad art, good cause: Eberhard

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