

REFORMATION DATE NOTED

426th Anniversary Is Celebrated at Bronxville School

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BRONXVILLE, N. Y., Oct. 3—Two thousand persons from all sections of the New York area attended a service in observance of the 426th anniversary of the Reformation, held this afternoon in an improvised chapel on the campus of Concordia Collegiate Lutheran Institute here.

The Rev. Dr. Otto P. Kretzmann, president of Valparaiso Lutheran University, Valparaiso, Ind., who was the speaker of the day, asserted that the doors that Martin Luther had opened 400 years ago have been progressively closed.

"Man has devoted the last 400 years to closing doors, one by one," said Dr. Kretzmann, who is an associate editor of the American Lutheran, a monthly. "And so, as always, God came and closed the last door into the future. Here in America we heard it close at 7:55, Hawaiian time, on the morning of Dec. 7, 1941. Pearl Harbor ended the era of the deification of man and the worship of things and all the cheap, tawdry, fearfully wrong ideas which the world has been pleased to call modern thought."

Officiating at the service was the Rev. Dr. Albert E. Meyer, president of the institute. Capt. William A. Wenger, chaplain at Mitchell Field, presented the greetings of the Chaplains corps of the Lutheran Church. The program opened and closed with a procession of vested clergy and choristers numbering 250.