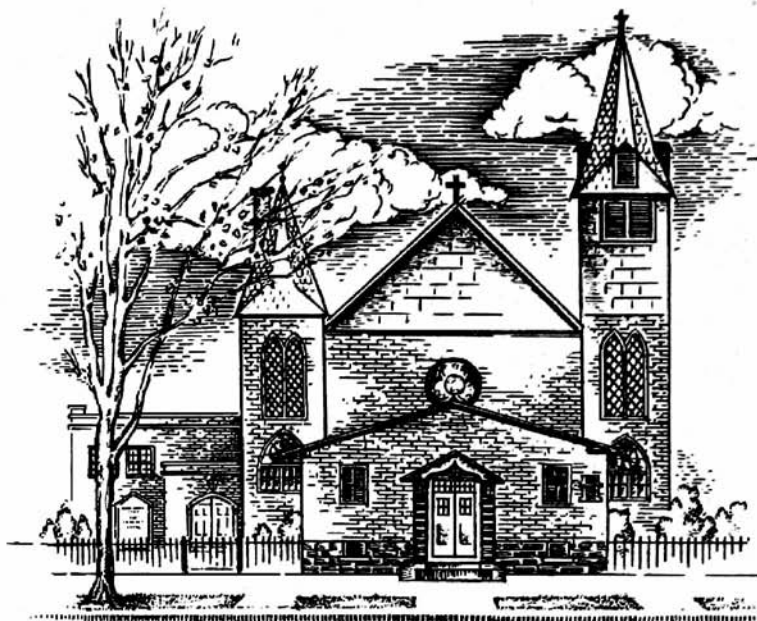


Fiftieth Anniversary



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

CORNER CENTRAL PK. AND FOURTH ST.

ROCHESTER, N. Y.

REV. AUSTIN H. ROEDER, *Pastor*

REV. ALFRED J. SCHRODER, *Asst. Pastor*

January Eleventh to January Seventeenth
Nineteen Hundred and Forty-Two



PASTOR AUSTIN H. ROEDER



CHURCH AS IT WAS



MRS. AUSTIN H. ROEDER
1871 - 1940



CHANCEL

"Christ loved the Church and gave Himself for it."
EPHESIANS 5:25

When a congregation is observing her fiftieth anniversary, she naturally wishes to be informed about some of the most important events which occurred during such a period of time.

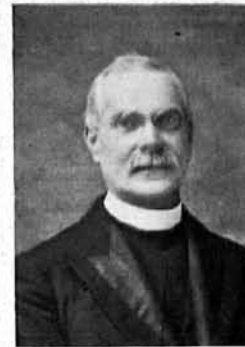
The Rev. W. E. Rommel, pastor of Concordia Lutheran Church in West Henrietta, New York, had been called as assistant pastor by the Norddeutsche Evangelische Lutherische Concordia Congregation of Rochester, New York, on August 13, 1890. He was installed on October 5, of that year. It was incumbent upon Rev. Rommel, as assistant pastor, to hold regular preaching services in Bethlehem Chapel, corner Fourth Street and Central Park, property of the Norddeutsche Evangelische Lutherische Concordia Gemeinde, and "to perform such duties as were required by the Rev. C. N. Conrad, senior pastor." Eventually the desire was expressed by the people worshipping in the chapel, to be permitted by the mother church to organize themselves as a congregation. This request would be granted if one hundred and fifty persons would sign such a petition. In a very short time a petition with one hundred and seventy-three signatures was forwarded to the Concordia congregation. The request, however, was "energetically refused." The outcome of this refusal was the organization of The Deutsche Evangelische Lutherische Christus Gemeinde on January 11, 1892.

The organization having been effected, a Church Council was elected consisting of Phillip Zuck, Frederick Schmidt and C. H. Rathke, elders; Christian Genkel, H. Buhr, C. Ehlenfeldt, Jacob Thomann, William Siems, F. Oldenburg, deacons; and H. Dummer, H. Lessten, F. Rathke, A. Genkel, C. Tosch, and F. Meyer, Trustees.

This Council in the name of the congregation extended a call to the Rev. W. E. Rommel, who had resigned as assistant pastor of the Concordia Congregation.

On January 19, 1892, the formal organization of the congregation was carried out by the Rev. Theodore H. Becker, President of the Fourth District Conference of the Ministerium of New York and Adjacent States and Counties—now the Western Conference of the United Lutheran Synod of New York. Professor Jacob Steinhäuser of Wagner College, then located at Nos. 4-6 Oregon Street, Rochester, assisted President Becker in this act. We see from this that Christ Church from the very beginning was associated with Wagner College and has always taken a keen interest in the institution. The present pastor of Christ Church was treasurer of Wagner College for several years. In 1916 Wagner College held its graduating exercises in Christ Church. Arthur Sachs, well known in Christ Church, was a member of that class. It is also significant that the present pastor and the assistant pastor are graduates of Wagner.

The young congregation wanted to buy the Concordia owned Bethlehem Chapel for a house of worship, but it was not for sale. It was then decided to build a new church. Two lots on the north-west corner of Fourth Street and Central Park were purchased from a Mr. Kreckman for \$1,800.00. A building committee consisting of



REV. W. H. ROMMEL
1892-1893



REV. O. E. LORENZ
1893-1894



REV. JOHN KRAEMER
1895-1898

Phillip Zuck, Henry Dummer, Henry Lessten, Fred Rathke, Christ Genkel, Carl Tosch and F. Meyer was appointed. A plan calling for a brick building with a tower 140 feet high, not to cost more than \$15,000.00 was presented by the committee to the congregation, but was rejected. A second plan for a frame building, fifty-two feet wide and eighty-two feet long with two towers, one to be sixty feet high, the other less. The building was also to be equipped with a gallery for an organ and a choir. This plan was adopted on March 3, 1892. The congregation decided to build. Max C. Dietrich, architect, prepared the plan. On June 7, 1892, the contract was awarded to W. Levin and J. Karweick, builders and contractors, who agreed to erect the building for \$8,205.00.

The corner stone was laid on July 24, 1892. The Church was dedicated on January 15, 1893. The pastors who took part in this service were: W. E. Rommel, Pastor of the Congregation; E. F. Reissig, West Henrietta; J. Steinhäuser, Rochester; A. Redderoth, Rochester; G. Mantz, Rochester; E. Hartmann, Rochester; J. Nicum, Rochester; O. Posselt, Rochester; W. L. Hunton, Rochester; and G. Gomph, Pittsford, N. Y. The Rev. George Gomph assisted the congregation very much during these trying times.

The first pastor of Christ Church was the Rev. W. E. Rommel from February 15, 1892 to May 8, 1893. During this time he baptized 34 persons, confirmed 5, married 8 couples and officiated at 18 funerals.

The first child baptized in the history of this church was Minnie Johanna Louise Caroline Oldenburg, daughter of Frederick and Augusta Heidemann Oldenburg, born November 24, 1892 and baptized February 7, 1893.

The first marriage recorded is that of Jacob Kiesel and Barbara Raab on April 26, 1892, and the first burial was that of Mrs. Mary Maurer, nee Petern, on January 14, 1892.

The first confirmation class confirmed on Easter Sunday, 1893, consisted of Caroline Bippes, Rosina Albertina Niggli, Louise Stubenbord, Minnie Herman and Hermann Koenne.

The Rev. O. E. Lorenz was the second pastor from May, 1893 to September, 1894; 43 baptisms, 10 confirmed, 9 marriages, and 15 burials were recorded by him.

Pastors Rommel and Lorenz were members of the Ministerium of New York. With this Synod Christ Church also united on June 24, 1892, but withdrew in 1894 to join the Evangelical Synod of North America, having been promised financial help from that body.

During a vacancy from September to November 1894, a Rev. George Seel of Rochester supplied. There is no record of ministerial acts by him.

The Rev. Frederick Wiedner of the Evangelical Synod of North America was the third pastor from November 1894, to September 1895. He officiated at 23 baptisms, 6 weddings, 12 funerals and confirmed 10.

The Rev. John Kraemer, also of the Evangelical Synod of North America was the fourth pastor from November, 1895 to October, 1898. In these three years he reports 55 baptisms, 11 weddings, 14 funerals, and the confirmation of 30 persons.



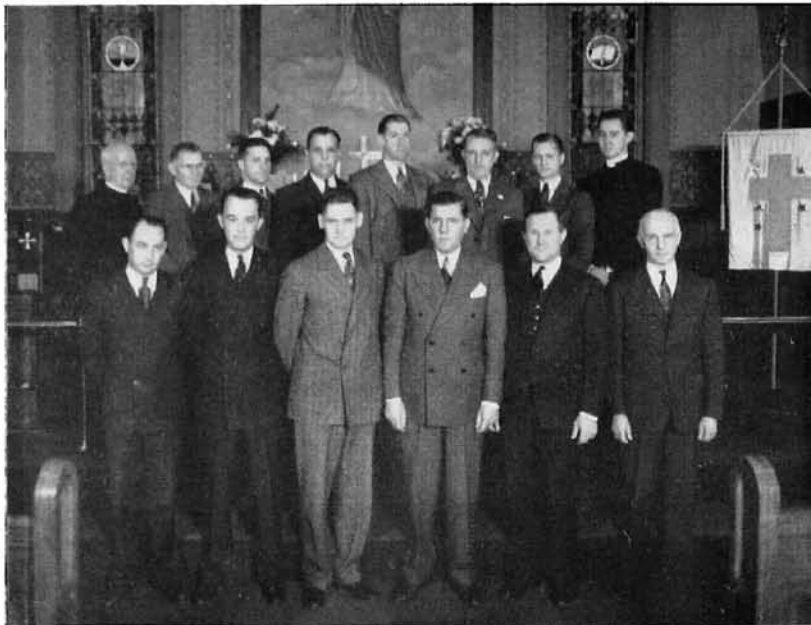
CHARTER MEMBERS



ASST. PASTOR A. J. SCHRODER

After the resignation of Rev. Kraemer, the congregation, because of unfulfilled promises by the Evangelical Synod of North America and unpleasant experiences, withdrew from that body and again called a Lutheran pastor.

On October 26, 1898 Christ Church unanimously called as her fifth pastor the Rev. Austin H. Roeder of Tremont, Pa., where he had been serving his first pastorate for five and a half years. The call was accepted with the condition that he who was called, would be granted the right to do his work according to Lutheran practice. This was unanimously agreed to by the congregation. The call was signed by the following members of the Council: Christian Genkel,



CHURCH COUNCIL

president; Jacob Raetz, secretary; Andrew M. Utz, Albert Bramer, C. Breu, Martin Stunz, John Rath, Conrad Stunz and William Peters. Mr. Andrew Utz is the only one of the signers who is connected with the Church today. All the others, with the exception of William Peters, have been called to their eternal reward.

On Wednesday, November 16, 1898, the Rev. Austin H. Roeder came to Rochester to begin his work as pastor of Christ Lutheran Church. On Sunday, November 20, the 24th Sunday after Trinity, he preached his initiatory sermon. On Sunday, November 27, the first Sunday in Advent he was installed by his brother-in-law, the Rev. George M. Bock of Mahanoy City, Pa. On November 23, 1941, the 24th Sunday after Trinity, the 44th year of service was begun by the present pastor of Christ Church.

His first baptism in Rochester was that of Walter George Zimmer, son of Henry J. and Katie Zimmer, born October 11, 1898 and baptized on November 27, 1898. The sponsors were George J. and Marie Hoeltzer. The first confirmation class, confirmed on Palm Sunday, March 26, 1899, consisted of Frederick W. Keehn, Adolph R. F. Peters, William J. Tosch and Wilhelmina J. A. Tosch. The first couple married were Frank Harps and Christina Sophia P. Rathke on February 9, 1899, attended by Thomas Harps and Wilhelmina Rathke. The first Burial was Elmer Doell, son of Albert and Emma Doell at the age of nine months and twenty days.

A summary of ministerial acts during these fifty years shows that 1,355 persons were baptized, 894 were confirmed, 628 couples were married and 750 bodies brought to rest.

The four charter members who can rejoice "in the midst of the congregation" on this golden anniversary are: Front row from left, Mrs. Friedericke Wettermann, and her sister Mrs. Wilhelmina Siems Panneitz. Standing behind Mrs. Wettermann is her husband, Mr. Charles Wettermann; in the center is Mr. Rudolf Huwald. A word of congratulation and joy is very appropriate and timely. The pastor, who as a student at the Theological Seminary was present at the laying of the corner stone of Christ Church, is also in the picture.

Christ Church is still bilingual, and because of this situation, it was deemed advisable to call an assistant pastor. At a well attended congregational meeting held on July 27, 1941, the Church Council was authorized to call an assistant pastor. A call was extended to Mr. Alfred J. Schroder of Brooklyn, New York, a graduate of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Mt. Airy, Philadelphia, Pa. Mr. Schroder accepted the call and came to Rochester in September, 1941 to take up the work at Christ Church. He was ordained in his home Church, St. John's, Brooklyn, New York by the president of the United Lutheran Synod of New York, the Rev. Samuel Trexler, D.D., L.L.D., on September 19, and was installed in Christ Church on October 5, by the president of the Western Conference of our Synod, the Rev. Eugene Stowell. The sermon was preached by the Rev. August H. C. Blunck, D.D., Pastor of St. John's Church, Brooklyn, New York. Others participating in the service were the Rev. Alfred L. Beck, assistant pastor of the Church of the Reformation, Rochester and the Pastor of Christ Church.

When a congregation has a Church Council consisting of conscientious, yes, consecrated men, happy to serve the Lord and the congregation, she can be congratulated. Christ Church has such a Council. Some of the men have been on the council for quite a number of years and have served the congregation with commendable fidelity.

In the front row from left to right they are: Raymond Woerner, Secretary; Owen Blake, Treasurer; Carl Koeberle, Vice-President; Raymond Doell, President; Edward Roller, Financial Secretary; Herbert Roeder, Benevolence Treasurer.

In the back row from left to right: Pastor Austin H. Roeder, Theodore Dangelmaier, Sr., Ernest Dangelmaier, Clarence Ziegler, Frank Spindler, Leo Schlemmer, Gordon Neumann, and Pastor Alfred J. Schroder.

LADIES AID—This society was organized on February 21, 1892 as the Frauenverein, nineteen ladies being present. Only three of them, Friederike Wettermann, Wilhelmina Siems Panneitz and Christina Schmidt, are still among the living, and the first two are still members of Christ Church.

The first officers of this organization, elected on February 21, 1892 were: Wilhelmina Siems, President; Augusta Schmidt, Vice-President; Carolina Tosch, Financial Secretary; Margareta Buhr, Treasurer; and Caroline Dailor, Recording Secretary.

For many years the business was transacted in the German language, but now it is done in English. The first English recording Secretary was Minnie Rapp and the last minutes written in the German language were written by Mary Schaefer.



LADIES' AID

The officers during the year 1941 were Helen Fontana, President; Florence Bauer, Vice-President; Amelia Roeder, Recording Secretary; and Anna Schaefer, Treasurer. No officer with the exception of the treasurer is permitted to serve longer than two years in succession. The Treasurer may be re-elected year after year.

The president, at the expiration of her term of office, automatically becomes vice-president. Alma Braemer Hauser is now the president.

That this society has been a power in the life of Christ Church and in the work of the Kingdom is readily conceded. The motto is: "Serve the Lord with gladness."



BIBLE SCHOOL—On February 27, 1892, the Sunday School of Christ Church was formally opened. Instruction was given in the German language exclusively. A German parochial school, conducted for a few years, was discontinued because it lacked patronage.

In 1903 on November 8 an English Sunday School was begun "because the children do not understand the German language well enough to teach them religion." Several students of Wagner College assisted very nobly in this movement. So for a time there were two Sunday Schools connected with Christ Church, but in the course of a few years the German School was merged with the English, and since then the Sunday School is known as the Bible School. The sessions of the German School were held in the morning and the English in the afternoon. A report shows this enrollment: In the German Sunday School 125 scholars and 17 teachers, in the English Sunday School 105 scholars and 12 teachers.

In our Bible School we have a fine body of consecrated teachers headed by the Assistant Pastor, the Rev. Alfred J. Schroder.

The teachers in the junior, intermediate, and adult department, alphabetically arranged are: William Bippes, Jr., Miss Margaret



BIBLE SCHOOL

Bramer, Miss Louise Brucker, Ernest Dangelmaier, Raymond Doell, Mrs. Alma Hauser, Miss Elva Kehrig, Carl Koeberle, Paul Kohler, Miss Esther Liefeld, Miss Charlotte Michael, Miss Elizabeth Nohe, Mrs. Edward Roller, Carl Schaefer, Herbert Schaefer, and Pastor Alfred J. Schroder.

The staff in the primary department are: Miss Rose Keehn; Superintendent for many years; Mrs. Harvey Nohe, Mrs. Carolyn Rode-merk, and Mrs. Emma Wahl.

The Officers of the Bible School are: The Rev. Alfred Schroder, Superintendent; Edward Roller, Assistant Superintendent; Herbert Roeder, Assistant Superintendent; Miss Rose Keehn, Primary Department Superintendent; Mrs. Edward Roller, Secretary; Miss Elva Kehrig, Treasurer; Robert Blake, Librarian.

At this writing the enrollment is: Bible School 115, Bible School Adults 75, Teachers 19, Total 209.

THE EVER FAITHFUL MISSION GUILD—Because not all the members of a congregation are mission minded, therefore, in order to give the proper support to the work of the church elsewhere, it is necessary to effect an organization of such who are mission minded.

This missionary society was organized by three young men then students at Wagner College who were very active in our English Sunday School. They succeeded in interesting the members of their classes in Mission Work. The name given to this organization was The Ever Faithful Mission Girls, because these classes in the Sunday School were composed of girls. The name has now been changed to The Ever Faithful Mission Guild. The students were Kurt Saleski, Herbert Kohls and William Niebling. They had the holy ministry in view. Only one, William Niebling, reached his goal. He is a suc-



MISSION GUILD

cessful pastor in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin. Two of our former members, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Rapp are members of his congregation.

Kurt Saleski died in Rochester. His body is resting in Mt. Hope Cemetery, where his grave is being cared for by the Missionary Society, which has also established a Mission Library in honor of his name at Wagner College, Staten Island, N. Y. An annual contribution of \$10.00 is given by the Ever Faithful Mission Guild to maintain this library.

Herbert Kohls had completed his theological course at the seminary in Waterloo, Ontario, Canada, and had received a call from a congregation but was called away from this world before he could take up his work in the parish which had called him. His body rests in the cemetery in Pembroke, Ontario, Canada, his home town. A Mission Library in memory of Herbert Kohls has also been established by the Ever Faithful Mission Guild in the Waterloo Seminary and is supported by them.

The Missionary Society of Christ Lutheran Church is a monument which these three young men have erected for themselves. Their "labor was not in vain," and "Their works do follow them."

The funds of the Ever Faithful Mission Guild are outright gifts and sacrifices. No questionable methods are employed. This very active missionary society has helped to support the work of the Church at large in all parts of the world. Some years ago it sent an operating table to a hospital in far off India. In the parish it visits the sick and "shut-ins" and brings cheer and comfort to them in spiritual and material ways. The help which the Ever Faithful Mission Guild has brought to others cannot be valued by dollars and cents.

The officers are: Mrs. Lillian Kohler, President; Mrs. Edna Schaefer, Vice-President; Miss Marie Schroer, Secretary, Mrs. Elsie Koeberle, Treasurer.

OUR SCOUTS—Our Girl Scouts, a very fine organization, has established an enviable reputation. Troop No. 7 is under the able leadership of Mrs. Margaret Ernise with Mrs. Florence Bauer as



GIRL SCOUTS

an able assistant. These leaders receive very good support from the committee consisting of Mrs. Alma Hauser, Mrs. Anna Wilson, Mrs. Esther Eisenbraun, Mrs. Arline Schlemmer, Mrs. Florence Schaefer and Mrs. Mildred Wackerow.

BOY SCOUTS—A Boy Scout Troop is being organized. It is manned by an executive committee consisting of Frank Spindler, Chairman; Raymond Woerner, Promotion; Clarence Ziegler and Carl Koeberle, Camp and Outdoors; Norman Wetzler, Health and Safety; Ernest Dangelmaier, Finance; The Rev. Alfred Schroder, Chaplain.

LUTHER LEAGUE—In January, 1897, twenty-seven young people held a meeting for the purpose of organizing a society—having as its objective the study of the scriptures and the development of a spirit of loyalty to the Church. The officers chosen were: William Reiss, President; Dora Rathke, Vice-President; Martha Happ, Recording Secretary; Christina Rathke, Financial Secretary; Dora Walker, Treasurer.

In 1898, about a month after the present pastor had come to Rochester, the remnant of a disheartened group was reorganized as the Young People's League. These officers were elected: Martin Stunz, President; Laura Eisemann, Vice-President; John Pike, Secretary; Lillian Bittner, Financial Secretary; Fred C. Bock, Treasurer. This Society is now known as the Luther League. It is associated with the Genesee Valley District Luther League, an organization composed of Lutheran young people, members of the United Luth-



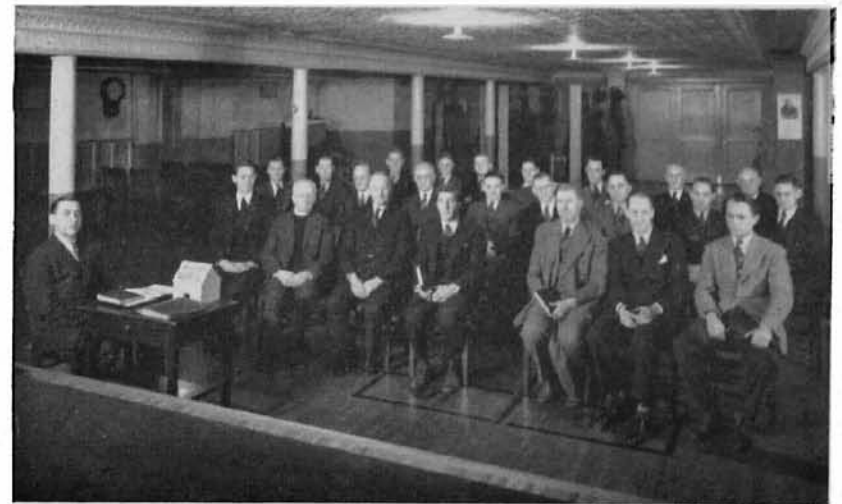
LUTHER LEAGUE

eran Churches in Rochester and vicinity—"In union there is strength." The Genesee Valley District Luther League, organized in Christ Church not so very many years ago, has been doing effective work in giving support to the work of the Church in India, China, Japan, South America, Porto Rica, etc. Three meetings a month—two devotional and one business meeting—are held by the League.

In 1941 the officers were: John McCarthy, President; Gerald Nettin, Vice-President; Muriel Wilson, Secretary; Norman Northrup, Treasurer.

At the December meeting the officers elected for 1942 are: Gerald Nettin, President; Norman Northrup, Vice-President; Marion Schaefer, Secretary; Warren Wagner, Treasurer; Lois Eisenbraun, Educational Secretary; Evelyn Long, Missionary Secretary; Muriel Schlemmer, Life Service Secretary.

THE BROTHERHOOD—The men of the Church came to the conclusion that "it is not fair that the women should experience all the joy that comes to a person by being deeply interested in the work of the church." So they organized the Brotherhood on December 15, 1927 with twenty-eight men. "The object of this organization shall be to promote the efficiency and welfare of the congregation through spiritual, intellectual and social development of the men of the Church, to win souls for Jesus Christ, and to help them to be faithful to the end. Also to bring all the men of the congregation to a clearer understanding of the duties, responsibilities and privileges of membership in the Church of our Lord, to stimulate them to greater activity in the work of the congregation and in that of the



BROTHERHOOD

Church at large and to promote the spirit of Christian fellowship and mutual cooperation. The first officers of the Brotherhood were: Layton Northrup, President; Walter Nohe, Vice-President; John McCarthy, Secretary; Charles Ratzel, Treasurer. The Brotherhood has been giving financial support to men who are in the ministry, and is now giving such help to a young man who has this calling in view. It is also supporting mission work.

During 1941, John Nohe was the President; Clarence Doell, Vice-President; Robert Blake, Secretary; and Charles Bach, Treasurer. The present officers are: Frank Spindler, President; John Hartman, Vice-President; Harvey Nohe, Secretary; and Charles Bach, Treasurer.

THE CHOIR—Christ Church has always had a choir, and never a mediocre one. The present excellent choir, however, is the largest in the history of the Church. "This department of our service has become outstanding. Our organist and choir director, Mr. John F. Hartman, is deserving of much credit for this achievement.

The first organist in Christ Church was a Miss Karweick. Her successors were Mr. Goehner, Mr. Kraemer, John Pike, Henry Betz, Miss Helen Schaefer, Austin Grab, Elmer Asmuth, Miss Amelia Grab, and John F. Hartman.

They are from left to right, the first row: Esther Liefeld, Charlotte Michael, Marion Schaefer, Julia Schaefer, Jean Hauser, Janette Salomon, Muriel Wilson, Eleanor Nohe. Second Row: Dorothy Keehn, Muriel Schlemmer, Mildred Cramer, June Roller, Loretta



CHOIR AND ORGANIST

Nohe, Marion Wagner, Ruth Dangelmaier. Back Row: Owen Blake, Harvey Nohe, Ernest Dangelmaier, Nelson Newell, Norman Northrup, Milton Bulau, Fred Nohe, Raymond Greenhagen, Gerald Nettin, and Franklin Kehrig. Mr. John F. Hartman, Organist and Choirmaster is at the console.

THE ORGAN—The first organ of Christ Church was a very small pipe organ, pumped by hand, located in the gallery. It served its day and purpose, but eventually failed to respond satisfactorily. A new organ was needed. Dr. George Gomph, Pastor of St. Paul's Church, Pittsford, an organ builder before he studied for the ministry, advised us to get a Morey Organ built in Utica, N. Y. This we did in 1906. For almost thirty-five years this organ furnished the music. It began to show signs of weakness. A local organ builder, Mr. Arthur Kohl was consulted. We took his advice and had the tracker action organ rebuilt. The work was watched very closely by our Mr. John Hart-

man, and we now have a very fine "Kohl Triumphal Organ" supplied with electro-pneumatic action. A mechanical organ blower, also installed in 1906, furnishes the power. The new organ was dedicated on November 17, 1940. Pastor Herbert Bosch was the guest speaker. An organ recital was given by Mr. Robert Noehren, one of the outstanding organists of Buffalo, on November 19, 1940.

It took Christ Church but a short time to get together the \$2,200.00 to pay for the practically new organ.

That section of our Church building with the new organ and the reconstructed choir loft is really very attractive.



CHILDREN OF THE CHURCH

THE CHILDREN OF THE CHURCH is the youngest of the organizations of Christ Lutheran Church both in point of length of time organized and in the age group of which it is composed. This organization was begun in April, 1939 under the sponsorship of the Women's Missionary Society of Christ Lutheran Church. It is very ably led by Mrs. Raymond Wackerow and her assistants, Mrs. Carl Koeberle and Mrs. Herbert Schaefer. The Children of the Church has for its objectives: to help the children grow in Christian faith and love, and to express the same through joyful and effective participation in all phases of the life and work of the Church at home and abroad; to give more time for Christian education; and to reach out to the un-churched children of the community.

The Children of the Church has already distinguished itself in the October of 1940 when it was invited to appear as the special guests of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Western Conference of the United Synod of New York to take part in the convention program.



NURSERY

THE NURSERY—This arrangement in the Church takes care of the children of those parents who wish to attend the service but have no one to look after the children during the church hour. Some of the ladies of the church, alternating, take care of such children while their parents are in church.



PRIMARY DEPARTMENT

OTHER MEMORABLE DATES AND EVENTS NOT COMMENTED ON ELSEWHERE

- 1902 The grave of a person who has bequeathed \$100.00 or more to the Church, shall be taken care of by the congregation. A resolution adopted.
- 1903 The tenth anniversary of the pastor's ordination was observed by the congregation. The pastors taking part in this service were George M. Bock of Mahanoy City, Pennsylvania; Carl Betz, Henry Erbes, Louis Mayle, all of Rochester; and Ernest Hinkeldey of West Henrietta.
- 1905 The congregation planned to build a parsonage. The pastor advised against the project because of the heavy debt resting upon the church. The plan was not carried out.
- 1906 The present hot water system was installed costing \$1,100.00.
- 1912 Regular English services were introduced. Up to this time an occasional English service was held. The order observed was: German Sunday School, 9-10 o'clock; German Service, 10-11; English service, 11-12; English Sunday School, 2-3 in the afternoon.
- 1914 A new bell weighing 1,523 pounds and warranted for 15 years was purchased from the McShane Bell Foundry Co., Baltimore, costing \$580.00.
- 1916 The final debt was paid by the congregation.
- 1917 The Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the congregation was celebrated on Sunday, January 14. A fine introduction to the occasion was a special service held by the Ever Faithful Mission Girls on January 7, the Sunday before. Miss Rose Keehn, President of the Missionary Society, extended a word of welcome to the guests. Miss Margaret Bramer had charge of the program. The Rev. Ernest Bachmann, Director of the Mary J. Drexel Home of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Miss Annette M. Kaehler of Buffalo, student secretary of the Women's Missionary Society of the General Council were the guest speakers. The Rev. J. A. W. Kirsch of Wagner College was the guest preacher on the Anniversary Sunday. At the celebration by the Sunday School in the afternoon, the Rev. F. C. Martin of Grace Church, Rochester, gave the message in English and the Rev. W. Trebert of St. Luke's, Rochester, addressed the school in German. At the evening service, The Rev. Henry C. Erbes of Trinity Church, Rochester, preached in English and the Rev. W. Ludwig of the Church of Peace, Rochester, in German. The Rev. Ernest Heyd of Zion Church, Rochester, and the Rev. Andrew Blum of St. John's Church, Rochester, also took part in the service. In this year the German Sunday School was discontinued. From now on the Sunday School is called the Bible School. A reunion of all who had been confirmed in Christ Church since her founding was held. The choir vestments, made by members of the congregation under the leadership of the Pastor's wife, were introduced.

1919 A "Welcome Home" service "to our Boys" who were in the "World War," was held. Not one of the thirty-five had been called upon to make the supreme sacrifice. The congregation gave them a reception during the week.

1922 Resolutions adopted in this year were: a. To remodel the Church, b. To introduce the Common Service Book, c. To discontinue the pew rental system and introduce the Duplex Envelope System, d. To undertake the Every Member Canvass.

1923 From November 11-13 the congregation observed the 25th Anniversary of her pastor. The Rochester Times Union had this to say: "Twenty-five years ago, Christ Lutheran Church in Central Park at Fourth Street extended a unanimous call to the Rev. Austin H. Roeder of Tremont, Pennsylvania, to become its pastor. The call was accepted and on November 20, 1898, the Rev. Mr. Roeder preached his first sermon as pastor of Christ Church. Special anniversary services to commemorate this pastorate of 25 years will be held next Sunday. On Sunday morning at 9 o'clock the Rev. F. R. Knubel, Associate Pastor of the Church of the Reformation of Rochester, will speak to the Sunday School.

The Rev. Mr. Roeder will preach the sermons at the 10 o'clock English service and at the 11:05 o'clock German service. In the Evening at 7:30, the Rev. Fred H. Bosch of New York City, President of the New York Ministerium, will preach the sermon. In connection with this service, the first baby baptized by the Rev. Mr. Roeder in Rochester years ago and the first couple married by him and the family; the last couple married and the last baby baptized by him up to this time will be presented to the congregation."

The Democrat and Chronicle refers to this event thus: "Twenty-five years ago a struggling group of people gathered at Central Park and Fourth Street each Sunday to worship God at Christ Lutheran Church, and yesterday afternoon and evening in the same place, but in an enlarged and enriched structure, hundreds of people gathered to honor Rev. Austin H. Roeder, who took up his work as minister of the Church on November 20, 1898, and by constant labor throughout the intervening years has helped the struggling congregation of former days to grow to its present prosperous proportions." Other pastors who took part in this extraordinary celebration were the Rev. George M. Bock of Lancaster, New York; the Rev. Henry C. Erbes and the Rev. Walter Krumwiede, both of Rochester. At the banquet on Monday, November 12, at which the Pastors Bock, Erbes and Bosch spoke, the congregation gave the pastor a check for \$1,000.00 with which to buy his first automobile.

The remodeled church was dedicated on March 26; Special commemorative services were held in April at which time these pastors participated: Bock, Betz, Krumwiede, Erbes, Trebert. Dr. Holthusen, president of Wagner College, Staten Island, brought the message.

1924 A new English constitution was adopted and the congregation was reincorporated as Christ Lutheran Church.

1925 The congregation which up to this time was independent, united with the Synod of the New York Ministerium. Also a union Reformation Service of Rochester and Vicinity Lutherans was held in Christ Church. The Rev. William Freas of New York City, Secretary and Treasurer of the Inner Mission Board of the United Lutheran Church in America was the preacher at this 40th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation.

1926 The corner stone of the Parish House was laid on Sunday, July 18th. The Rev. G. M. Boch and the Rev. F. H. Bosch were the preachers.

1927 The Parish House was dedicated on Sunday, February 13. The sermon in the morning was preached by the Rev. Herman Brezing of Niagara Falls, President of the New York Ministerium. In the evening the Pastors W. Krumwiede and Carl Betz, neighboring pastors, preached.

1932 The Fortieth Anniversary of the founding of Christ Church was observed in a modest way on Sunday, August 7. Pastor Herman Brezing of Niagara Falls, President of Synod, preached in the morning, and Pastor Herbert Bosch of Buffalo, a member of Christ Church when a student of Wagner College, addressed the Bible School in the afternoon.

1936 A wedding anniversary service, sponsored by the Brotherhood of the Church was held in June. Invitations to this great and unique service had been sent to all "who were joined in Holy Wedlock by the Rev. Austin H. Roeder during the thirty-eight years of his pastorate at Christ Church," and whose addresses could be ascertained.

1938 On Sunday, November 20, the congregation celebrated the anniversary commemorating forty years of service of the pastor. The Rev. Ellis Burgess, D.D., L.L.D., President of our United Lutheran Synod of New York, was the preacher at the morning service. Pastor Henry C. Erbes, preached in the evening. Pastor Fred Heins of the Inner Mission addressed the Bible School at the 9 o'clock morning session. The Rev. Herbert Bosch of Buffalo was the speaker at the banquet held November 17.

1940 A reunion of all those who were confirmed in Christ Church between the years of 1892 and 1940 was held in the evening of May 12, Pentecost.

The Kohl Triumphal Organ was dedicated on Sunday evening, November 17. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Herbert Bosch of Buffalo.

MEMORIALS AND OTHER GIFTS

WITHIN THE CHANCEL.

1. The Ascension picture by Henry Utz in memory of his mother, Margaret Utz, who was also the mother of Barbara Utz Bramer and Andrew Utz. The massive frame for this picture was donated by Philip Huber.
2. The Altar in memory of Henry and Martha Bock by their children Fred and Anna.
3. The candelabra in memory of Julia Huwald by her father Rudolf Huwald.
4. The cross by Emma and Victor Wahl.
5. The brass vases by Elizabeth and Marie Fontana and Emma Schaefer. These three also donated an expensive Common Service Book for the Pastor's use.
6. The Altar, Lectern and Pulpit Hangings: The green by Margaret Thomann; Mrs. Alma Bramer Hauser's Bible School Class, the Redeemer Class, gave the purple; and the white was donated by the Willing Workers of 1923. Philip Huber made a repository for these hangings in the Choir Room.
7. The Chancel chairs are in memory of Adam and Elizabeth Keehn by Martha and Rose Keehn, daughters.
8. The lectern in memory of Charles and Albertina Vick by their children Edgar, Harlow, Florence, Mildred, Alice and Ada.
9. A common cup Communion set in memory of Conrad Stunz by his wife, Margaret Stunz; the individual cup Communion set in memory of George and Barbara Woerner by their children Charles, Emma, Carrie, William, Robert, Elsie and Raymond.
10. Offering plates by the class confirmed in 1933.
11. The service flag on which to place gold stars for those who are in the service of the Kingdom and the blue stars for those who are preparing for that work, by Ida Arnold and Ida Northrup.
12. The national flag by the Clara Barton Tent of the Daughters of Union Veterans through Elizabeth Hinde.
13. The window on the right side of the Ascension picture by Margaret and Mary Stunz, and the window on the left side of it by the Luther League.

MEMORIALS AND OTHER GIFTS ELSEWHERE IN THE CHURCH.

14. The pulpit in memory of Henry and Mary Schaefer by their children Anna, Fred, Carl, Edward, Herbert, Emma, Ernst and John.
15. The English pulpit Bible by Fred and Helen Fontana.
16. The German pulpit Bible by Fred and Elizabeth Laufer.
17. Pulpit Light by Charles and Friedericka Wettermann.
18. Baptismal Font by Mary Koeberle and her children, Edwin, Albert, Florence and Ida.
19. The picture over the Baptismal Font, "Jesus Blessing the Little Children," in memory of Anna Bellon by her sister Barbara Woerner.
20. The Vox Humana, a beautiful organ stop, in memory of her parents Martin and Elizabeth Stunz by Elizabeth Stunz.
21. The Chimes in memory of Herman Roeder by his parents Pastor Austin H. and Catherine Roeder.
22. The original choir loft by Philip Huber in honor of his daughters Matilda and Alma.
23. Twenty Common Service Books, Music Edition, for the Choir by Fred Schaefer.
24. Fifty Common Service Books, Word Edition, in memory of Mina Bippes by her children, Carrie, Fred, William, Charles, and Esther.
25. Library case and books in memory of Herman Roeder by the Luther League.
26. Lectern by Grandfather and Grandmother Martin and Anna Stunz.
27. Library Table in memory of their son George by Henry and Martha Bock.
28. Library Table in memory of her son Ernst by Mary Schaefer.
29. Pianos: (a) by the teachers of the Primary Department, (b) by Elizabeth Stunz, and (c) by the Herbert Roeder family.
30. Wayside Pulpit Bulletin Board by the Bible School Class taught by Anna Bock.
31. Useful furniture in different parts of the Church Building by Mary Brede, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wettermann and Gordon Neuman.
32. The national flag in memory of Walter Thomann by his parents Jacob and Elsie Thomann.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEES

GENERAL COMMITTEE

CLARENCE ZIEGLER	<i>Chairman</i>
HERBERT ROEDER	<i>Banquet</i>
CARL KOEBERLE	<i>Records</i>
GORDON NEUMANN	<i>Organizations</i>
OWEN BLAKE	<i>Publicity and General Program</i>
RAYMOND WOERNER	<i>Finance</i>

SUB-COMMITTEES

Anniversary Booklet and Programs—OWEN BLAKE

Art—MISS FLORENCE LINHOS

Banquet—HERBERT ROEDER, Chairman

Dinner—FRANK SPINDLER, MRS. HELEN FONTANA, MRS. FLORENCE BAUER, MRS. AMELIA ROEDER, MR. AND MRS. EDWARD ROLLER

Decorating and Programs—MRS. CARL KOEBERLE, MRS. HERBERT SCHAEFER

Printing—MR. AND MRS. CARL KOEBERLE

Finance—RAYMOND WOERNER, Chairman

Publicity

OWEN BLAKE	<i>Chairman</i>
GORDON NEUMANN	<i>Photographs</i>
MISS FLORENCE LINHOS	<i>Art Work</i>
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THE REV. AUSTIN H. ROEDER	<i>Church History and Speakers</i>
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