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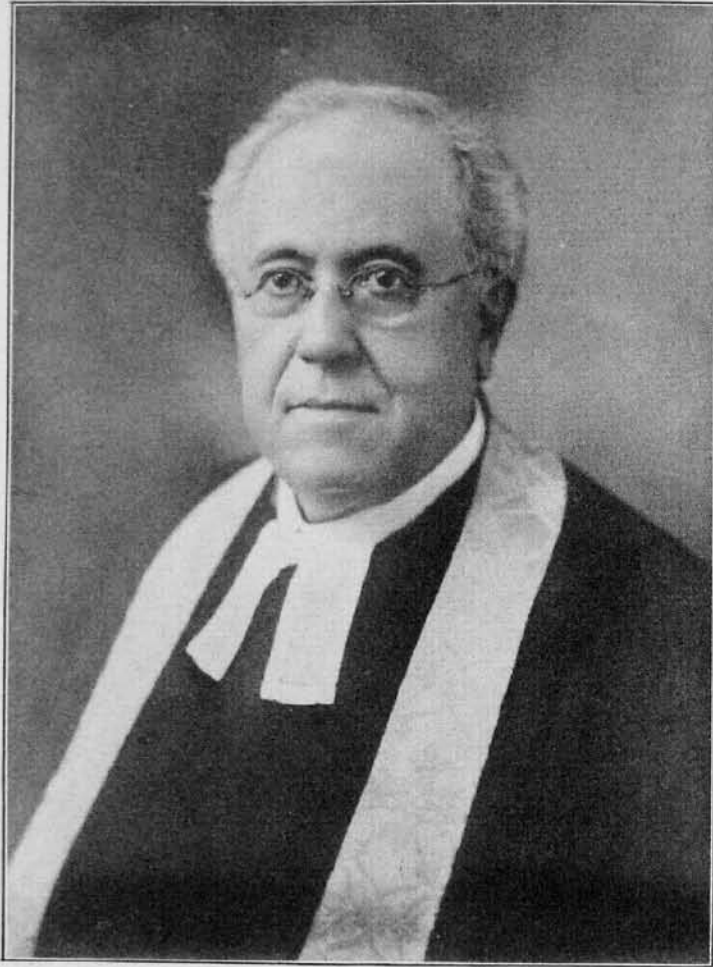
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The Reverend Walter Krumwiede, S. T. D., Pastor

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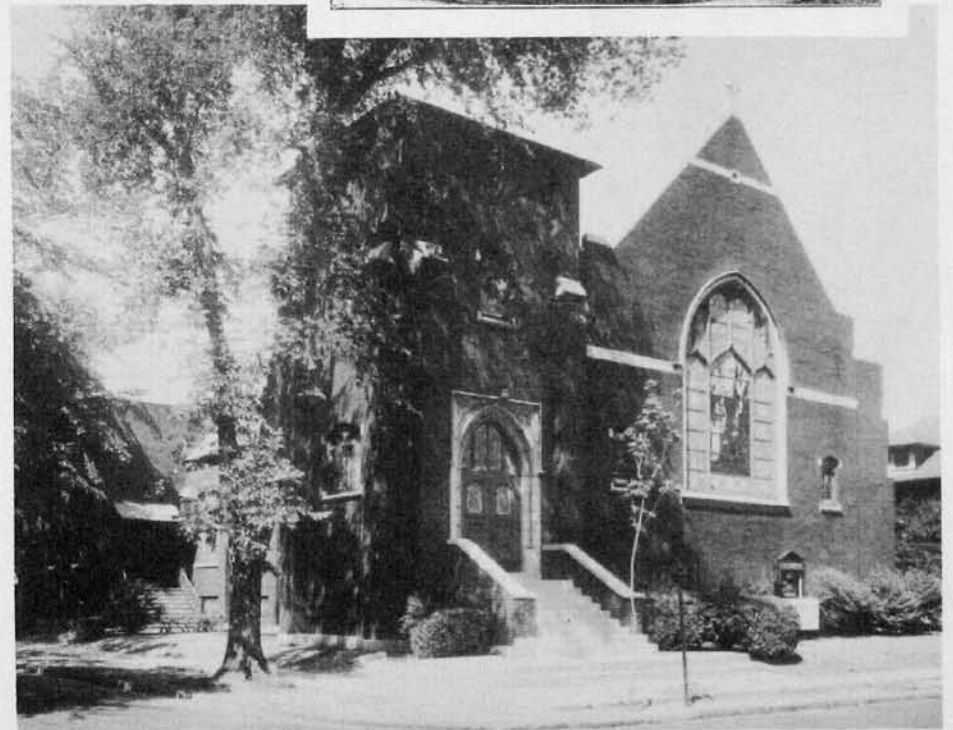
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"Through good report and evil, Lord,
Still guided by Thy faithful Word,—
Our staff, our buckler, and our sword,
We follow Thee."



THE REVEREND J. H. WHITTEKER, D. D., LL. D.
Founder of Grace Lutheran Church

OUR FIRST CHURCH
Built by the Church of the Reformation at a cost of \$3,000. Corner stone laid March 12, 1889. Dedicated August 25, 1889.



OUR PRESENT HOME
Built at a cost of \$90,000. Corner stone laid December 12, 1920. Dedicated November 13, 1921.

REMEMBER

THE first step toward the organization of Grace Lutheran Church was taken on January 5, 1889, when the Rev. J. E. Whitteker was authorized by the Council of the Church of the Reformation to start a mission on the "Wakelee Farm."

On January 20, 1889, a Sunday School was organized at 4 Central Park with 17 teachers and officers and 97 pupils present. Among those present that first session of the Sunday School, the following are still members of the Congregation: Miss Emma Amsler, Miss Elizabeth Miller, Miss Elizabeth Graning (now Mrs. Yerger), Miss Lillian Hutter (now Mrs. Schmidt), Miss Julia Hansis (now Mrs. Wedow), John Amsler, for many years faithful treasurer of the Congregation; John Lohrman, one-time president of the Church Council and at present a member of the Council, and Arthur Sutter.

After this initial step the work of promoting the new mission was vigorously prosecuted. On March 12, 1889, a lot was purchased at the corner of N. Alexander and Bay Streets by the Mother Church on which a chapel, costing \$3,000 was erected. This was dedicated on August 25th.

The preliminary meeting for the organization of the Congregation proper was held in the new chapel on September 25, 1889. The following were present: Mr. and Mrs. Adam Altpeter, Dora Altpeter, Anna Altpeter (later Mrs. Hecht), Milton Altpeter, Charles, Emma, and Mrs. John Amsler, Libbie Barr, E. E. Englehardt and wife, Mrs. Daniel Harris, Mary Miller (later Mrs. Stowell), Ida Miller, Elizabeth Miller, Mrs. Catherine Meyer, William Pugh, Maggie Rohr, Mrs. Caroline Snyder, and Albert S. Schild. The permanent organization was finally effected on December 2, 1889, at which time the constitution was adopted.

Of the original group, the following are still members of the Congregation: Miss Emma Amsler, Miss Elizabeth Miller, and Mrs. Daniel Harris.

The first pastor to serve Grace Church was the Rev. D. W. Sarver. His ministry was brief, running from January 8, 1890, to July 26, 1891, when he preached his farewell sermon and demitted the ministry to enter secular work.

Pastor Sarver was succeeded by the Rev. William L. Hunton of Amanda, Ohio, who was called August 17, 1891, and began his labors on October 4th, preaching his initial sermon on the text John 21:15-17.

During the pastorate of the Rev. William L. Hunton the congregation was incorporated, December 7, 1891, 145 persons were added to the membership of the Congregation, 81 children baptized, 78 confirmed, 25 couples married, and 47 funerals conducted. Pastor Hunton's ministry in Grace Church closed on September 30, 1894, when he left to organize Atonement Church, Buffalo, N. Y.

The Rev. Waldo Emerson Murray was then called and began his pastorate on February 14, 1895, serving until November 26, 1905. His last message to the congregation he based on 1 Corinthians 16:13. During the term of Pastor Murray's labors 189 persons were added to the Congregation, 290 children baptized, 101 couples married, and 99 laid away in God's Acre.

From January 19, 1906, to September 23, 1907, the Congregation was served by the Rev. C. P. Weiskotten.

A call was extended on October 21, 1907, to the Rev. F. C. Martin, pastor of Holy Trinity Church, Elmira, N. Y. Pastor Martin began his ministry at Grace Church on December 1st, a ministry which was destined to be one

of great activity and real and solid achievement. A revision of the membership roll by Pastor Martin showed an active membership of 161. When he relinquished his pastorate in August 31, 1919, the Congregation numbered 515. During his pastorate 301 infants were baptized, 287 confirmed, 20 adults baptized, 148 couples married, and 157 funerals were conducted.

It was during Pastor Martin's ministry that the old parsonage on Niagara Street was turned into a parish house, a new parsonage at 1420 Clifford Avenue purchased, the site for a new church at Clifford Avenue and Manitou Street secured on February 26, 1916, for the sum of \$2,025, and the campaign, conducted from February 18-22, 1917, which netted \$35,000 in pledges and cash for the erection of a new church home.

After the resignation of Pastor Martin, the Rev. Walter Krumwiede, then serving as Superintendent of the Inner Mission Society, Buffalo, N. Y., was called. Pastor Krumwiede began his ministry in Grace Church on November 1, 1919, and was installed in the old building on November 12, 1919, the Rev. F. F. Fry, D. D., then President of the New York and New England Synod, officiating, assisted by the Revs. S. G. Trexler, D. D., and H. C. Erbes.

The World War having terminated, and restrictions on building having been raised, the Church Council created an Advisory Building Committee, which began studying ways and means for the erection of the new church edifice. Their efforts bore fruit, and on September 19, 1920, ground was broken, the Pastor officiating, assisted by the Revs. F. F. Fry, D. D., A. H. Roeder, and H. C. Erbes. On December 12, 1920, the corner stone was laid by Pastor Krumwiede, the liturgical service being read by the Rev. H. Branson Richards, and the message given by the Rev. F. F. Fry, D. D.

On Sunday, the Thirteenth of November, 1921, the hopes, and prayers, and sacrifices of many years and many faithful members were realized and answered as the new church edifice was dedicated by the Rev. Samuel G. Trexler, D. D., president of the New York and New England Synod. The Service of Dedication was followed by a week of special services in which three of the former pastors of the Congregation took part, the Rev. W. H. Hunton, Ph. D., the Rev. W. E. Murray, and the Rev. F. C. Martin, D. D. And great was the rejoicing!

On October 5, 1924, the Pearl Jubilee was observed by the dedication of a new organ, designed by Prof. George Fisher, and built by Hillgreen, Lane & Co., of Alliance, Ohio. The new organ, exclusive of chimes and harp, contained 1,697 pipes, controlled by 26 speaking stops. The Rev. Elmer F. Krauss, D. D., Professor of New Testament at our Chicago Seminary, preached the dedicatory sermon.

Today we gather in our House of Worship to set another mile stone in the service for God and our Christ. Fifty years now lie behind us, but the future is limitless, bounded only by our personal consecration, our willingness to serve and to sacrifice, and the mercies and blessings of God. To these last, there is no limit. It is for us, therefore, young and old of Grace Church to determine what the future of our Congregation is to be.

Our Golden Anniversary Year motto has been

"Still faithful to our God,

And to our Captain true,

We follow where He leads the way,

The Kingdom still in view."

God grant the full realization of this prayer and pledge.

FORMER PASTORS



REVEREND W. L. HUNTON, Ph. D.
Oct. 4, 1891, to Sept. 30, 1894



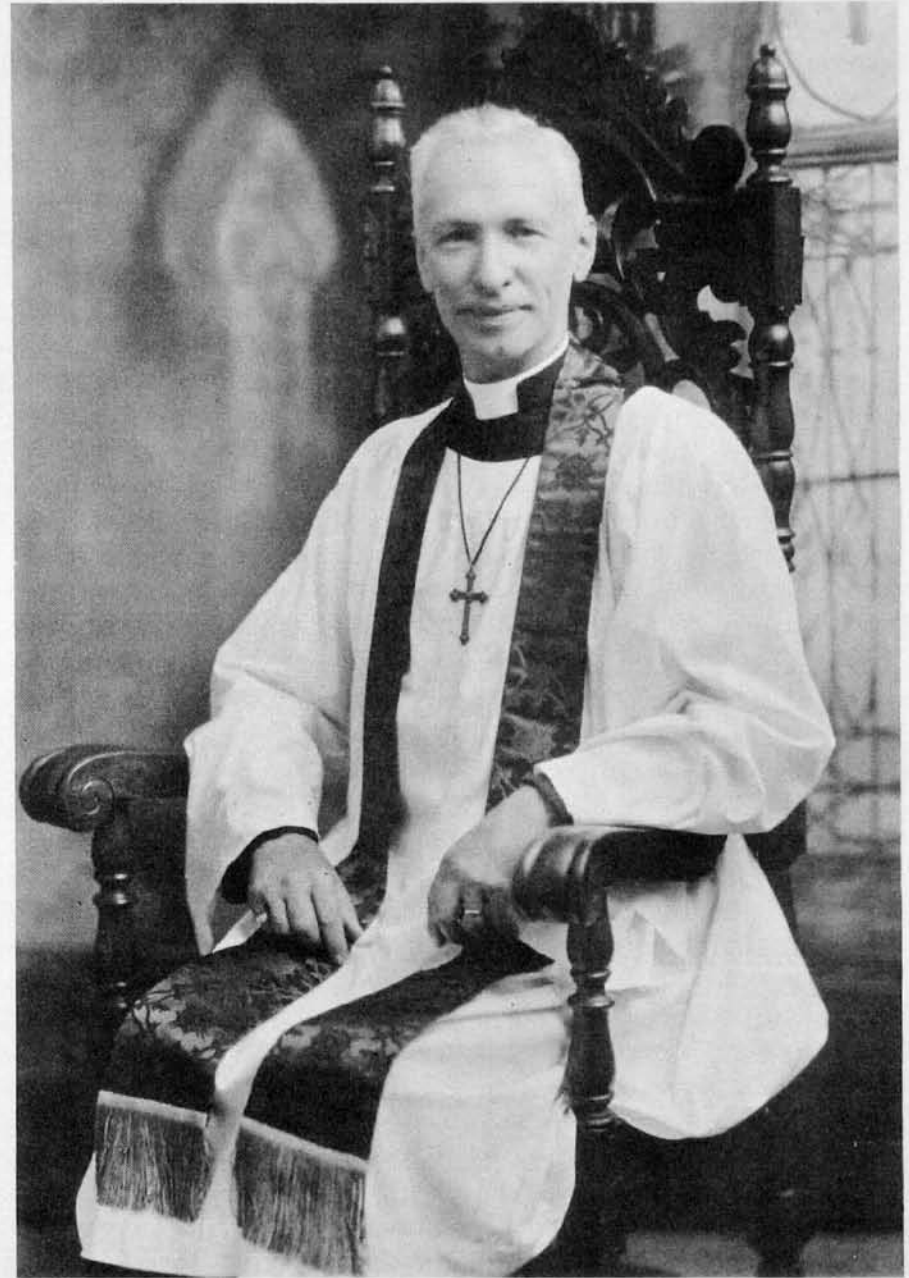
REVEREND W. E. MURRAY
Feb. 14, 1895, to Nov. 26, 1905



REVEREND C. P. WEISKOTTEN
Jan. 19, 1906, to Sept. 23, 1907



REVEREND F. C. MARTIN, D. D.
Dec. 1, 1907, to Aug. 31, 1919

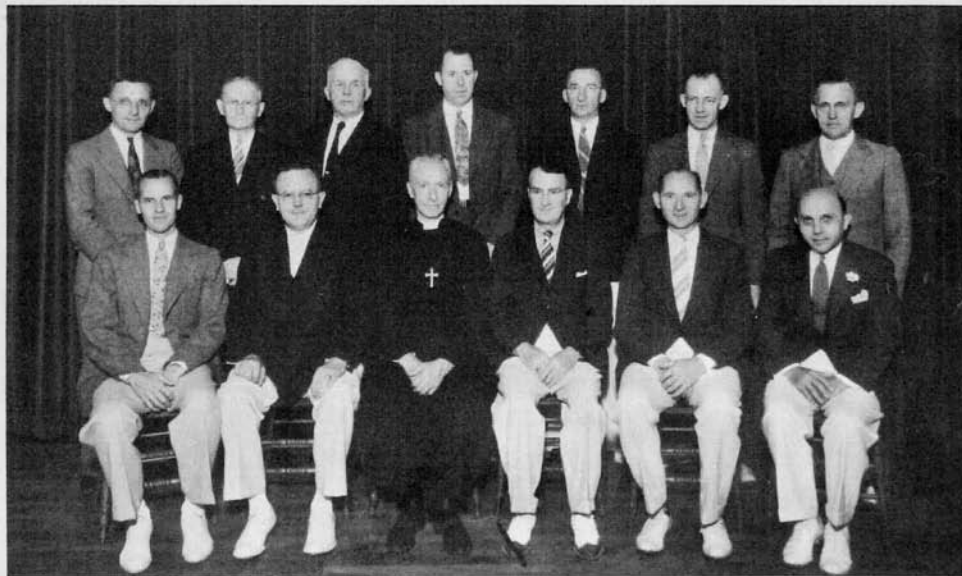


THE REVEREND WALTER KRUMWIEDE, S. T. D.
Installed November 12, 1919

**CHARTER MEMBERS***

Miss Emma Amsler
 Mrs. Margaret Harris
 Inset: Miss Elizabeth Miller

*Mrs. Mary Stowell is now a member of the Church of the Resurrection where her son is pastor.
 Mr. Charles Amsler now lives in California.

**THE CHURCH COUNCIL**

President, Mr. Chester R. Schlenker. Secretary, Mr. Archie L. Thomas. Treasurer, Mr. Frederick E. Hussey. Building Fund Treasurer, Mr. Edward R. Brockmann.



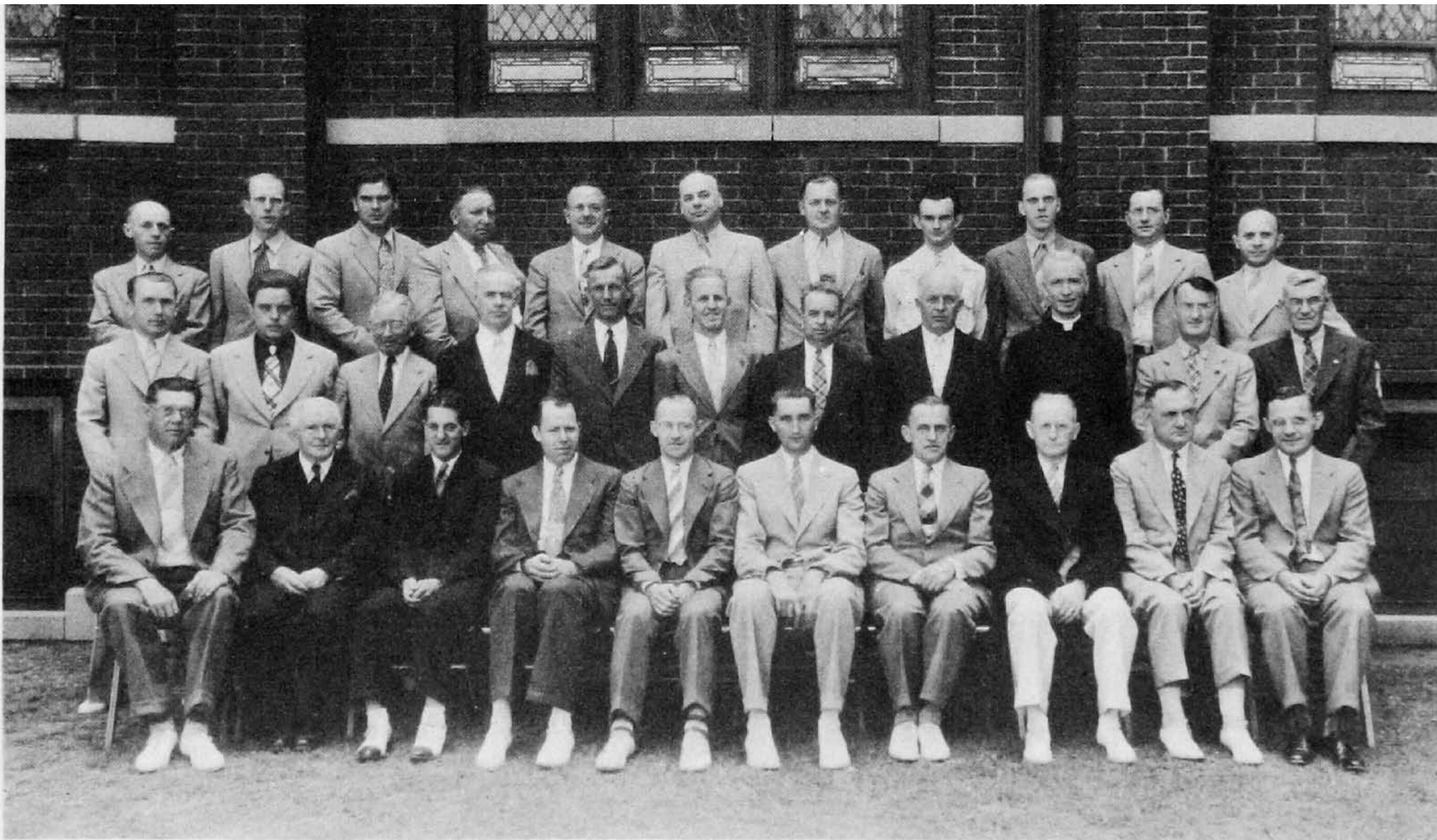
YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUP

President, Roy Brockman. Vice-President, Miss Arline Bartels. Secretary, Philip Braunle. Treasurer, Miss Leora Schoeneman. Publicity Director, Robert Brandt.



BIBLE SCHOOL OFFICERS and TEACHERS

Superintendent, The Pastor. Cradle Roll, Mrs. Edward Brockmann. Primary, Miss Helen Dummer. Intermediate, Mr. Thompson McCaw. Young People, The Pastor. Adult, Mr. John Barg. Secretary, Miss Florence Resler. Treasurer, Mrs. John Barg. Attendance Secretary, Miss Betty Peacock.



Organized: May 16, 1919

THE BROTHERHOOD

Meets: Third Monday

President, Mr. Charles Auer. Vice-President, Mr. Raymond Wedow. Secretary, Mr. Richard Hallauer. Financial Secretary, Mr. Armour Mack. Treasurer, Mr. Edward Brockmann.

Organized:
Feb. 10, 1890
Meets:
First Monday



LADIES' AID SOCIETY

President, Mrs. Fred Elam. Vice-President, Mrs. Chester Schlenker. Secretary, Mrs. Minnie Voss.
Treasurer, Mrs. Emma Frank.



Organized: January 6, 1891

DAUGHTERS OF GRACE

Meets: Second Monday

President, Mrs. Henry Wisotzke. Vice-President, Mrs. John Hoffmann. Secretary, Mrs. George Hecht. Treasurer, Mrs. Walter Peart. Pianist, Mrs. William Barg.



Organized: January 23, 1922 **PASSAVANT MISSIONARY SOCIETY** Meets: Third Tuesday
 President, Mrs. Rex Schuetzow. Vice-President, Mrs. William Barg. Secretary, Miss Emma Frank. Treasurer, Mrs. Charles Jarvis.

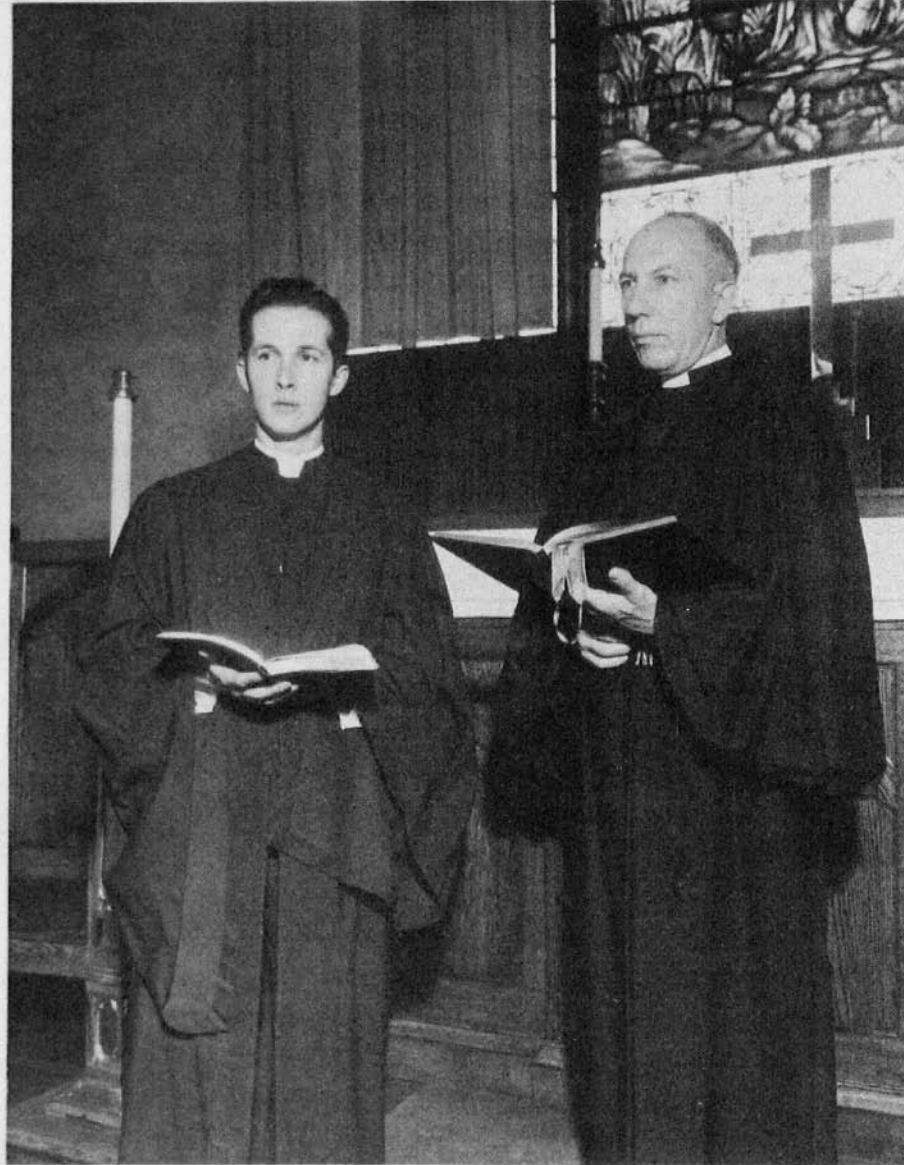


THE CHOIR

Choir Master*, Mr. C. Elmer Fisher. President, Miss Florence Resler. Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Clara Schlenker. Librarian, Ruth Hamp.

*Mr. Fisher began his services as Choir Master and Organist on December 1, 1909. Choir Circle organized in 1913.

GRACE CHURCH in KINGDOM SERVICE



THE REV. WILLIAM C. KRUMWIEDE
Assistant Pastor
Zion Church
Rochester, N. Y.

THE REV. EUGENE STOWELL
Pastor
Church of the Resurrection
Rochester, N. Y.



Charter members Still members
of Grace Church

Miss E. Miller, Mrs A. Hecht, Mrs M. Stowell, Miss E. Amisler
Mrs D. Altheter, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. A. Amisler.