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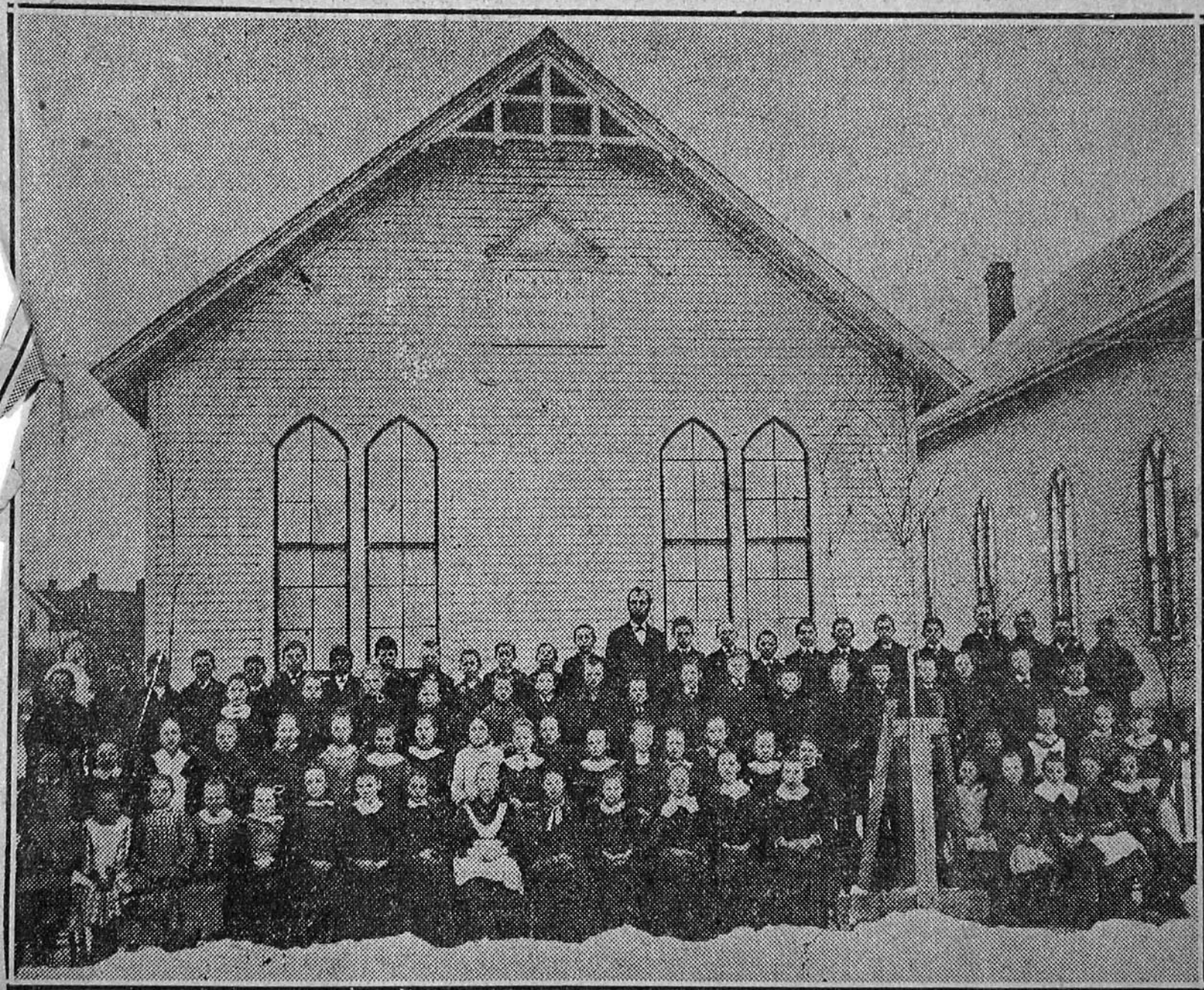
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Concordia to Have Combined Anniversary and Dedication

Church 60 Years Old Opens Its Rebuilt Home with Rites

Services marking a dual celebration will be conducted tomorrow morning in Lutheran Concordia Church, Helena St. The 60th anniversary of the church's founding will be combined with rededication services of the remodeled church interior.

Rebuilt interior has made possible new rooms in the church for various types of services. Speaking at the German service tomorrow, the Rev. Wilfried Tappert, pastor, will preach on "A New Song." Subject of the minister's English sermon will be "Building the Church."

During the service, will be dedicated the altar in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Demler, the chancel in memory of the Rev. Dr. Carl Conrad, former pastor of the church; the baptistry in memory of the Rev. Dr. E. Haydler, founder of the church, and a baptistry window in memory of the Rev. C. Reichardt, another former minister of the church.

Musical selections will be sung by the regular choir, together with 40 members of the Junior Choir. For the first time the choir will march into and out of the church during the service. The council of the church will march into the auditorium in a body.

At 3 p. m. tomorrow a combined service for members of all Lutheran congregations will be conducted.



REV. WILFRIED TAPPERT

ROCHESTER DEMOCRAT AND CHRONICLE, SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 1940

Drive to Finance Joint Religious Activities

Concordia Choir to Sing for Lutheran Rally



Directed by Arthur F. Nowack, left, Lutheran Concordia Choir will be heard in a special program of music tomorrow at 4 p. m. in Lutheran Concordia Church when members of Lutheran Confirmation classes rally at that church.

Lutheran Rally To Bring Host To Concordia

Lutherans of the Rochester area will attend a huge rally service for members of Lutheran confirmation classes of the city and vicinity tomorrow at 4 p. m. in Concordia Lutheran Church, Helena and Putnam streets. The meeting will be under the auspices of the Lutheran Pastoral Conference.

Principal speaker for the festive service will be the Rev. Paul J. Hoh, D. D., author, lecturer, and professor of pastoral theology at Mt. Airy Lutheran Seminary, Philadelphia. The chorus choir of Concordia Church will sing, under direction of Prof. Arthur Nowack.

Rev. Carl N. Conrad

The Rev. Carl N. Conrad, Ph. D., S. T. D., came to Concordia Lutheran Church as a young minister just out of the seminary. The church itself had been founded only five years earlier.

Then for nearly 50 years his life was bound up with that church. He would have completed a half century as pastor had he lived until the end of July. He saw most of his original congregation pass away and a younger generation take their places, many of whom he had baptized as children.

Always without an assistant, he officiated at all church services, organized church societies, the Concordia Brotherhood and Sunday school and performed with quiet zeal and deep sympathy all the duties of a pastor.

Doctor Conrad had calls to other churches, but accepted none of them. Under his ministry Concordia Church grew until it became one of the strongest church organizations in Rochester.

Doctor Conrad's preaching was backed by sound scholarship. He was the author of several books. Though of French Huguenot ancestry and born in English-speaking Rochester, Doctor Conrad spoke and wrote German with fluency and accuracy.

He was an active force in building up the Lutheran Church in Western New York, organizing seven churches and missions. An extremely close bond existed between the pastor and the congregation he served for five decades.

Doctor Conrad's life was one of devoted service in his chosen field, his record that of a great pastor who will be sorely missed by his flock.

PASTOR'S BODY TO LIE IN STATE AT CONCORDIA

Will Be Removed from
Home Tomorrow Morn-
ing — Funeral Service
to Begin at 2 p. m.

The body of the Rev. Carl N. Conrad, pastor of Concordia Lutheran Church for nearly half a century, who died Wednesday, will be taken from his home tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock and will lie in state in the church until the funeral service at 2 o'clock.

At the beginning of the service the bell of the church will toll 74 times, one stroke for each year of the clergyman's career.

Music by Choir

The German sermon will be delivered by the Rev. Carl Betz, minister of Lutheran Bethlehem Church. The Rev. Walter Krumweide, minister of Grace Lutheran Church, will conduct the English service.

Assisting them will be the Rev. Wilmer M. Zuehlke, minister of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, and the Rev. Charles Reichart, assistant at Concordia Church.

A delegation from the Rochester Ministerial Association headed by the Rev. G. A. Schneider, president, will attend the service. Music will be supplied by the church choir under the direction of Arthur F. Nowack.

Active bearers will be Arthur Demler, John Radtke, Otto Scheik, William Panneitz, John Pembroke and Anson Hannemann.

The honorary group will be composed of William A. Griep, Charles H. Neuwirth, Frank W. Manske, Henry Unterborn, Erhardt Gaedt and Gustave Heinrich.

The young men's society of Concordia Church will meet at 1:30 o'clock in the church hall and will attend the service in a body. Burial will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

\$15,000 LEFT TO CHURCH IN CONRAD WILL

Many Lutheran Institutions Among Beneficiaries—Value of Estate Set at \$32,000

The Rev. Carl N. Conrad, Ph. D., S. T. D., who died June 8, left \$15,000 to Lutheran Concordia Church, of which he was minister for nearly 50 years.

Admitted to probate yesterday, Doctor Conrad's will lists many Lutheran seminaries and institutions among the beneficiaries. The petition for probate sets value of real property at \$12,000 and personalty at \$20,000. The will disposes of a larger total amount.

Besides his gift to Concordia Church, Doctor Conrad made the following bequests: St. John's Home for the Aged, \$12,000; Wartburg Orphan Home Mount Vernon, N. Y., \$2,000; Passavant Memorial Home, Rochester, Pa., \$2,000; Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminaries of Chicago and Seattle, \$3,000 each; Good Shepherd Home, Allentown, Pa., \$2,000; Thiel College, Greenville, Pa., \$2,000; Telegu Mission of East India of the United Lutheran Church, the Lutheran Orient Missionary Society of Kurdistan, and the Lutheran Mission of the United Lutheran Church of Japan, \$500 each.

The will lists gifts of \$12,000 each to two sisters, Emilie M. and Elizabeth M. Conrad, 104 Rockingham Street, and equal shares in the residue of the estate. John F. Heech, a brother-in-law, receives \$3,000.

Rev. Carl N. Conrad Dies, Half Century at Concordia

Rochester Native Came Of French Ancestry, Chose German

By AUGUSTA S. ANDERSON

The Rev. Carl Nicholas Conrad, Ph. D., S. T. D., minister of Concordia Lutheran Church for nearly half a century, died yesterday at the Genesee Hospital. Had he lived until the end of July, he would have celebrated the 50th anniversary of his pastorate, the only one he ever had.

The body rests at the home, 104 Rockingham Street. The body will lie in state at Concordia Church Saturday from 11 o'clock in the morning until 2 o'clock in the afternoon, at which time funeral services will be conducted.

Doctor Conrad's pastorate was said to be longer than that of any other clergyman in Western New York and possibly longest in the city's history. Perhaps the nearest approach was the ministry of the late Rev. James B. Shaw, D. D., 48 years minister of Brick Presbyterian Church, and then for two years minister emeritus.

Features other than seniority distinguished Doctor Conrad's notable pastorate. He never had an assistant. He had ministered to men and women from their baptisms in infancy and to their children and grandchildren. One member of his church board is the third generation of his family in the church, and he has a son 14 years old. Doctor Conrad was called to the ministry of other churches and also to the presidency of a Southern university, and declined them all.

Came To Young Church

Concordia Church was founded only five years before Doctor Conrad became minister, and his biography as a minister is in a sense a sketch of that church's life. He organized seven churches. They are in Byron Center, Brockport, Bethlehem Church of Rochester, Concordia Mission in Charlotte before that suburb became part of the city, a church at West Henrietta, one at Kendall, and Church of Concordia, Greece. He organized several societies in his own parish, Concordia Young Men's Society, a Bible class, a mission class, the



REV. CARL N. CONRAD

Concordia Brotherhood and the Concordia Sunday School.

When he had served his congregation 46 years, he had married more than 3,000 of the persons baptized more than 5,000 persons. More than 3,000 of the persons buried in Mount Hope were laid to rest with last words by Doctor Conrad. In the midst of this busy life, he found time to write a number of books.

The minister of a half century was born in this city, Apr. 30, 1858, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Conrad. His father had a youth's clothing store, one of the first in the city, in the early 50's. From his mother, the son gained his first knowledge of the Bible. As Miss Mary Rohr, she was a teacher in a German-speaking canton of Switzerland before her marriage, and he told in later life that he owed his knowledge of "high" German to her.

Took Little "Time Off"

It has been said that Doctor Conrad preached in his own pulpit more Sundays in a year than most other Rochester clergymen. Although he visited the sick and troubled, as the others do, he had the faculty of throwing off depressing influences directly his help

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REV. DR. CONRAD DIES AFTER 50 YEARS' SERVICE

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had been given. Another unusual characteristic of the man who filled one pulpit a half century was that he didn't choose so-called "current topics."

Although he was a native of Rochester and attended its schools in boyhood, Doctor Conrad conducted his services in German at first because his congregation consisted chiefly of native Germans. Nearly all of about 100 families there had migrated from Germany. He studied, preached and wrote in "high" German and talked to his people in that tongue and also in the German dialects in those earlier years. Later, as children of German parents attended schools here, he was able to conduct services in English. Sometimes he had one service on Sunday in German and another in English.

Not of German Ancestry

Doctor Conrad was not a German even by ancestry. His forefathers were French Huguenots, expelled from France for their religious views many years ago. He became interested in the study of German and decided to take up the ministry in that language.

He was baptized in this city, and began his education at one of its public schools. Then he attended a parochial school conducted by Zion Lutheran Church. In that church he was confirmed. He went to a parochial school conducted at one time in Mortimer Street by St. Paul's Episcopal Church. He then entered Williamson's College in old Reynolds Arcade. He prepared for regular college at Newark Academy, in Newark, N. Y. He entered Muhlenberg College, at Allentown, Pa., remaining until his graduation in 1879. He won the highest honors in his class for his work in German. He finished his divinity course in 1882 at the Lutheran Theological Seminary of Philadelphia.

Ordained in Rochester

Doctor Conrad was ordained to the ministry in this city by the New York Ministerium. Scarcely had he reached home after receiving his theological diploma when he was asked to preach in Concordia Church for a number of weeks, owing to the illness of its former minister, the Rev. Ernst Hydler. In a short time the Rev. Mr. Hydler was unable longer to serve the church. Then its congregation called Doctor Conrad to be the permanent minister, July 25, 1882.

Dr. Conrad received the degree of doctor of philosophy from the Theological College of Greenville, Pa. In 1900 Harriman University of Tennessee conferred on him the title of Doctor of Sacred Theology (S. T. D.), and in 1901, D. D.

On Oct. 31, 1895, he was married to Miss Catherine A. Heech, of West Henrietta, in Concordia Church. Dr. Conrad often told of the great aid Mrs. Conrad had been to him in his ministry.

After Dr. Conrad took the church, with its fewer than 100 families, it started to grow. In 1927, when he celebrated his 45th anniversary, the church had 18,013 pledge holders. He rarely announced his Sunday topics in print, yet his church was well filled when the morning of that day came. The edifice where he began his pastorate was less than half the size

of the present one, at Putnam and Helena Streets.

Dr. Conrad said that although he didn't have time to attend baseball games, he read the scores every morning.

Doctor Conrad wrote quite a number of books. Two are in the Library of Congress, in Washington: "Epicurian Philosophy and Its Influence on Human Thought to the Present Day," and "False Theories of Life." He took a post graduate course in philosophy. Doctor Conrad rose at 6 o'clock in the morning, and by 10 o'clock he had read 300 or 400 pages of some literature. His studies included common law and international law. He wrote "Gespraeche mit Gott," and "The Good and the True." For 25 years he was editor of "Hausfreund."

This clergyman rarely did public work other than preaching or writing. In other words, he was not active in civic affairs, save as he influenced them through his moral and spiritual influence on his own parishoners. They knew him as leader and friend.

Mrs. Conrad died two years on Memorial Day. Doctor Conrad leaves two sisters, the M. Emilie M. and Elizabeth M. Conrad, both of Rochester.

Today's Daily

1858—1932



Rev. Dr. Carl N. Conrad

LAST SERVICES SATURDAY FOR DR. C. N. CONRAD

Minister of Lutheran Con-
gregation for Nearly 50
Years—Body to Lie in
State at Church

Funeral services for the Rev. Dr. Carl N. Conrad, who died yesterday in Genesee Hospital, will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock in Lutheran Concordia Church, Helena and Putnam streets, of which he had been pastor since 1882.

The body will be taken from the home at 104 Rockingham Street Saturday morning to the church, where it will lie in state from 11 to 2 o'clock.

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Attended Academy

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Attended Academy

Later he attended Williamson's Business School, Newark Academy, Newark, N. Y., and Muhlenberg College in Allentown Pa. He was graduated from the last in 1879, winning the highest honors in his class for his work in German. He then took a divinity course at Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia and was ordained in 1882 by the New York Ministerium, following his return to Rochester.

A short time later he was requested to preach in Lutheran Concordia Church and when the Rev. Ernst Hydler, then pastor, became seriously ill Doctor Conrad received a call to the church and was made pastor July 25, 1882.

Doctor Conrad married Miss Catherine A. Heech of West Henrietta, Oct. 31, 1895. In 1900 Harri-man University of Tennessee gave him the degree of doctor of sacred theology. The degree of doctor of philosophy was conferred by the Theological College of Greenville, Pa.

For a long time after he assumed the pastorate of Lutheran Concordia Church he preached in German, although he was not a German even by descent. His forefathers were French Huguenots, expelled from France for their religious views many years ago. Doctor Conrad took up the study of German because he became interested in the language and he preached in German to his congregation and conversed in German principally because many members of the congregation were Germans.

Wrote Several Books

Lutheran Concordia Church was established in 1877, five years before Doctor Conrad became pastor. In his close to 50 years as pastor, he organized seven other churches in as many towns, including Byron Center, Brockport, Charlotte, West Henrietta, Kendall, Greece and Bethlehem Church, Rochester. He organized the Concordia Young Men's Society, Concordia Brotherhood, Concordia Sunday School, a Bible class and a mission class.

He wrote several books, including "Epicurean Philosophy and Its Influence on Human Thought to the Present Day" and "False Theories of Life."

Mrs. Conrad died two years ago. Surviving Doctor Conrad are two sisters, Miss Emilie M. and Miss Elizabeth M. Conrad, both of Rochester.

DR. CONRAD'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY TO BE CELEBRATED TOMORROW

In special services tomorrow evening, Rev. Dr. Carl Nicholas Conrad will celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of his pastorate of North Evangelical Lutheran Concordia Church, at Helena and Putnam Streets. The morning service will be conducted as usual in German by Dr. Conrad.

A special programme has been arranged for the evening. Arthur F. Nowack, at the organ, will play an open musical programme. It will be followed by an address by Rev. William Ludwig, pastor of Friedens German Evangelical Lutheran Church; Rev. Henry C. Erbes, of Trinity Lutheran Church and Rev. T. C. Martin.

Dr. Conrad was born in this city, April 30, 1858. He was educated while a youth in the schools of Zion's Lutheran Church, St. Paul's Episcopal Church and Wilson's and Newark Academy, after which he attended Muhlenberg College, Pa., receiving the degrees of A. B. and A. M. He was prepared for his ministerial career at the Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia. He took a three-year post-graduate course in history, philosophy, psychology and sociology at Thiel College, Greenville, Pa., where he received the degree of Ph.D., and a two-year course at Harriman College, Harriman, Tenn., where he received the degrees of S. T. D.

When Dr. Conrad first conceived the idea of entering the field of religion, it was his initial intention of doing missionary work in India or Africa. Later conditions and occurrences changed his mind, and the greater part of his life has been spent in Rochester. He has been intensely active in work that could be termed missionary work after a manner, as he has gone among Rochester's poor and needy, doing almost inestimable good.

The estimation he enjoys in the minds of his people, and of the residents in the neighborhood of his church, is demonstrated by the fact that since he was elected pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Concordia Church on July 24, 1882, his congregation has grown from 100 families to one of approximately 300 families, or 3,000 persons. He has married 1,348 couples; officiated at 2,175 funerals; confirmed 2,804 persons; baptised 4,441 infants and adults, and administered communion to about 60,000. His brilliant ability is recognized throughout this section of the country and he has had calls from churches in Buffalo, Philadelphia, New York, Brooklyn and Jersey City.

His work as an organizer has been productive of remarkable results in

Rochester, the following churches having received their impetus through his efforts: Lutheran Concordia Church, West Henrietta; Lutheran Bethlehem Congregation, East Rochester; Lutheran Concordia Church, Brockport; Lutheran Concordia Church, Byron Center; Lutheran Concordia Mission, Charlotte, now dissolved; Lutheran



REV. DR. CARL H. CONRAD.

Concordia Church, Kendall, and English Lutheran Church of Concordia, West Greece.

Dr. Conrad is a writer of prominence in religious subjects, and author of several books, among them being "Conversation with God," a prayer book in the German language; "Christian Narratives in the Kingdom of God," in German; "Christian Program," in German, which is said to have a large sale in Germany and the Western states of this country; "Erroneous Views of Our Life," a philosophical work, in English; "Epicurean Philosophy and Its Influence on Human Thought," and "Essays on Free Text," the latter two to be published this year. He is editor of "Der Haus Freund." While receiving his education at Muhlenberg College he was sporting editor of the Allentown Call.

The church itself will celebrate its 35th anniversary on Sunday, September 22.

Happiest on Visits To Ill, Says Pastor



REV. DR. CARL N. CONRAD

Veteran Pastor Has Married 2,141 Couples in Forty-six Years.

Pastor of the Lutheran Concordia Church for nearly forty-six years, the Rev. Dr. Carl N. Conrad continues to find his greatest happiness in visiting the poor and the sick.

He sums it up this way:

"They are my friends."

Doctor Conrad's identification with Concordia Church, Helena and Putnam Streets, down through the years, is unique in Rochester's church history. He is the senior Protestant pastor of all Rochester.

SEES CHURCH GROW

Since he became pastor on July 18, 1882, he has seen the church grow from a congregation of 104 to nearly three thousand, including congregations of seven daughter churches.

Concordia, the largest Lutheran church in the city, has 1,820 pledge holders, representative of 600 families.

His ministerial services to his congregation have grown annually, until today they stand as a record in Rochester.

BAPTIZED 5,926

The following approximate figures illustrate the unusual scope of his ministrations:

Baptized 5,926, the oldest of whom was seventy-five.

Confirmed 3,972.

Administered communion to 86,250.

Married 2,141 couples.

Buried 3,450.

Becoming pastor of the church at the age of twenty-three, Doctor Conrad has ministered to families of three generations. Among those who were baptized by him in the early days of his ministry, there are many who have been confirmed and later married by him.

TOIL IS PLEASURE

Commenting on his long term

pastorate, Doctor Conrad said:

"The toil has been pleasure. I am proud to say that in these forty-five years I have preached Christ and Him crucified.

"I have never preached philosophy in the pulpit."

Doctor Conrad was born in the Kiefober Block, near Main and Scio Streets, April 30, 1858.

From his parents he received Christian training, which was later broadened and deepened by his attendance at Zion Lutheran Church, where he was confirmed when fourteen.

IN SCHOOLS HERE

His elementary secular education was obtained in Rochester public schools and at the age of sixteen, he entered Newark Academy, Newark, N. Y.

In 1875 he became a student at Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pa., obtaining his A. B. degree in 1879 and his A. M. degree in 1882.

The latter year also marked his graduation from the Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, and his ordination in Rochester.

In 1897 Thiel College conferred on him the degree of doctor of philosophy and in 1900 he was awarded the degree of doctor of sacred theology, by Harriman University, Harriman, Tenn. The latter institution honored him with the degree, doctor of divinity, in the same year.

On July 18, 1882, he was ordained to the ministry by the Rev. Philip King at Zion Church, where he had been baptized and confirmed.

Concordia Choristers of 1908 Enjoy Outing



This picture of a group of Concordia Lutheran Church Choir members of 1908 was taken at a picnic held in East Maplewood Park. Pictured, left to right, are: Front row, Miss Eleanor Reihle, Mrs. Carl Conrad, Miss Emma Schultz, Mrs. Nowack, Miss Lillie Gliewe, Emelia Greipp, Martha Vrlau. Second row, Leo Mason, Anna Velte, Grace Smith,

Laura Yaekel, Emma Leder, Rose Gross, Laura Leber, Minnie Knitter, Emma Klick and Charles Seegler; third row, Hannah Krappick, Slora Koepke, Wamp, the Rev. Carl Conrad, Ella Wamp and Miss Nowack; fourth row, Mr. Kerber, William Griep, Don Beecher, Otto Scheick, Fred Elmer, Fred Seegler, Henry Tillack and Frank Men-

CLIPPING
FROM THE
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ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

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SUBJECT

Kirche 55 Jahre alt.

Lutherische Concordia Kirche feierte
Wiederkehr des Gründungstages mit
Festgottesdienst.

Die Lutherische Concordia Kirche blickt auf ein 55-jähriges Bestehen zurück, was gestern Anlaß zu einem großen Festgottesdienst gab, bei dem der amtierende Geistliche Pastor C. J. A. Reichardt dem im Juni verstorbenen Pastor Carl M. Conrad Tribut zollte, der fast 50 Jahre lang Seelsorger der Gemeinde gewesen war, ehe er durch den Tod aus seinem Wirkungsbereich gerissen wurde.

Die Kirche prunkte gestern im Blumenschmuck und viele Geschenke wurden gemacht. Die Sonntag Schule und Dorcas Bibel Klasse machten ein Altarkreuz, Kerzenhalter, ein Altarpult und Altarschmuck zum Geschenk. Von der Ruth Bibelklasse wurden Altarvasen gestiftet, von der Loyal Heart Klasse ein Altarbuch, von Frau Freada Martin ein Sammelsteller, von der Girls Friendly Society eine englische und deutsche Bibel, von der Bibelklasse Altarschmuck für die Passionszeit. Das letztgenannte Geschenk ist noch nicht eingetroffen. Die Geschenke wurden bei ihrer Ankündigung durch Frau Hoas Carol und Frau Amelia Bundy enthüllt.

Der Erinnerung an Pastor Conrad waren das Altarkreuz, die Kerzenhalter und Vasen geweiht.

Der Kirchenchor brachte mehrere Lieder zum Vortrag und Alfred Hauke war in einem Bariton solo zu hören.

A Home Newspaper

The ABENDPOST is an evening daily published six days in the week and is delivered directly into the homes in all parts of the city and suburbs by carriers. A 40-page Rotogravure Magazine Section is included in the Saturday afternoon edition. The ABENDPOST is thoroughly read by the large German-reading population of Rochester and surrounding towns.



DR. CONRAD PASSES 68TH MILESTONE

Pastor of Concordia
Church for 44 Years
and Still Vigorous—
Never Had Assistant.



REV. DR. CARL N. CONRAD.

There is probably not a man in Rochester who is busier than the Rev. Dr. Carl N. Conrad nor one who has less time for personal pleasure, yet the man who has been pastor of Concordia Lutheran church for 44 years was 68 years old yesterday. Dr. Conrad imagines himself to be growing old but his clear eye, unlined face and energetic personality belie his own words.

He was born in Rochester April 30, 1858, in what was then Keif Faber's Block at the corner of Main and Sco streets. Baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith he was reared under religious influences. As a child he attended the public schools, later enrolling in Wilson's College, then a small school in Reynolds' Arcade. From there the young student went to Newark Academy in New York and finally to Muhlenberg College in Allentown, Pa. He was educated for the ministry in the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia and came back to Rochester for his ordination.

Concordia church was Dr. Conrad's first pastorate and the only one he has ever held. When he was called there in 1882 the congregation, which was the fourth oldest Lutheran body in this city, consisted of only 100 families. They were almost without exception immigrants from Germany who came over in the early eighties. Services were entirely in German and this meant work and study for the young minister who found it necessary to speak the high German as well as the dialects.

Dr. Conrad baptized and confirmed the children of those families. As they grew up he married them and now he says, "I am baptizing their babies and will probably live to marry them too."

He has kept a record of baptisms marriages and other services. In the 44 years of his ministry this clergyman, who has never had an assistant, has baptized about 5,300 souls, has confirmed 3,500, administered communion to 80,000, married about 2,500 and buried 2,700 and 2,500 of that number in Mt. Hope cemetery.

Dr. Conrad has no time for conferences, synodical meetings or social affairs. When he isn't calling on the sick, preparing a sermon or reading a funeral service, he is sleeping and resting for the labors of another day. He is vitally interested in baseball but has never had the time to attend a game.

"I read the scores the first thing in the morning but that is about as near as I come to seeing a game," he says.

Dr. Conrad has probably seen more changes than the majority of ministers who have labored in several fields but he lays no particular emphasis on the changing times as many persons refer to the conditions today. Human nature is much the same, he thinks, although people live differently now than they did a generation or so ago.

Summing it all up the man who is 68 years young says there are two remedies that never fail to produce worthwhile results. One is prayer and the other is work.

Dr. Conrad is the author of several religious and philosophical works. He is a member of the American Academy of Political Science, Chi Phi fraternity and the Atlantic Auxiliary of the Lutheran Orient Mission Society.

Rev. Carl N. Conrad

In the death of the Rev. Carl N. Conrad, Ph. D., S.T.D., the city that gave him birth and the community in which his years of service were expended has lost not only a most useful citizen, but a man of extraordinary talent and accomplishment. His church has lost a pastor who seemed in the half-century of his service to have become almost the personification of the church itself.

Doctor Conrad was extraordinary in his ministerial service in that he never had served but the one congregation in all the years of his professional career. He came to Concordia Lutheran Church as a student just out of the seminary, and remained through five memorable decades to build up one of the strongest church organizations in Rochester. He came of French Huguenot ancestry and was a native of English-speaking Rochester, yet he deliberately chose to adopt German as the language of his pastorate and of his literary work.

It is the testimony of his native German friends that he spoke and wrote German with classical purity and precision, and was familiar with the dialects of that language as well. In all his work he was thorough; no effort seemed too great for him in the prosecution of his duties. He had no assistant, yet he ministered to the needs of a great congregation, prepared his sermons with painstaking care, and wrote books and pamphlets besides.

Doctor Conrad was truly a pastor to his great flock, a leader whose steadfast faith and keen understanding were a light and an inspiration to all who knew him.