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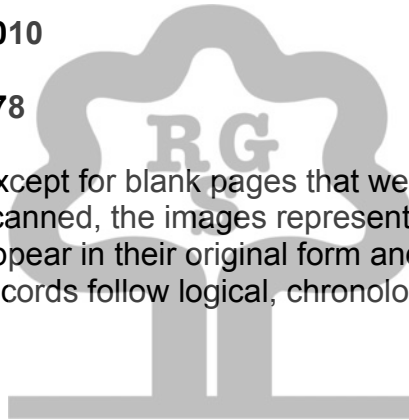
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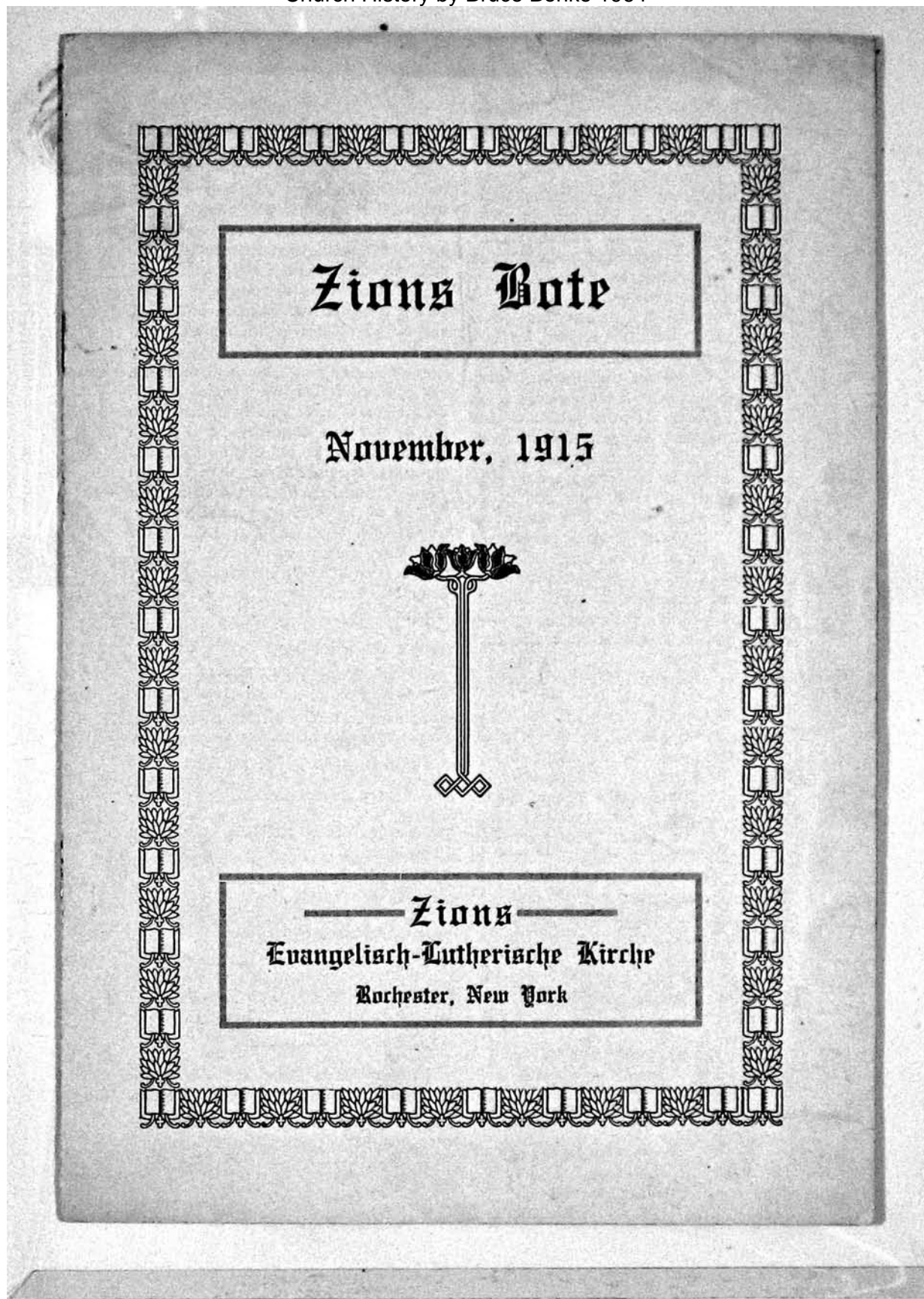
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Bekennernut.

In dem ersten Jahrhundert christlicher Zeitrechnung lebte in Carthago ein Mann mit Namen Victorinus. Durch eisernen Fleiß und durch beharrliche Treue hatte er sich auf dem Gebiete der Wissenschaft einen großen Namen erworben. Er stand in großen Ehren unter dem Volke. Trotz seiner Gelehrsamkeit wandelte er im Finsternen und Schatten des Todes, denn er war ein eifriger Befenner und einflussreicher Vertreter des Heidentums. Er war ein Heide mit Leib und Seele. Aber es sollte noch Licht um ihn werden, ehe sein Lebensstern zu Neige ging. Im hohen Alter fiel ihm die Heilige Schrift in die Hand und beim eifrigen Forschen und Lesen fielen ihm manche Stellen derselben wie feurige Kohlen in das Herz. Eines Tages offenbarte er einem Freunde, der schon lange in die Nachfolge Christi getreten war, daß auch er nun ein Christ sei. Darauf antwortete sein Freund: „Daß du ein Christ geworden bist, werde ich erst dann glauben, wenn ich dich in einer christlichen Kirche sehe.“ „Machen die Mauern einer Kirche einen Christen?“ fragte Victorinus.

Aber die Zweifel schwanden, der Nebel stieg, die Sonne ging auf, der Glaube wuchs, und in ihm regte sich das Verlangen, ein öffentliches Bekenntnis für Christentum abzulegen. Er sollte getauft werden, und da manche glaubten, eine öffentliche Taufe möchte ihm empfindlich sein, wurde ihm nahegelegt, daß der Taufakt in Gegenwart etlicher Freunde vollzogen werden könnte. Darauf antwortete der weise Mann ganz edel: „Ich habe öffentlich bekannt, daß ich ein Heide war, daher muß ich auch öffentlich Jesum Christum bekennen.“ Für Leute scheint es leichter zu sein, ihren Unglauben zu bekennen, als für den wahren Glauben einzutreten.

Darin sind wir wohl alle einig, daß wir mit unserem Bekenntnis für Christum nicht zurückhalten dürfen; unser Leben muß zeigen, daß wir auf unserem Wege den

Herrn nicht zurückgelassen haben. Aber mit Christo durch das Leben pilgern ist nicht so leicht, wie manche denken. Von Jugend auf haben gottesfürchtige Seelen uns unterrichtet, daß der Weg, der zum Himmel führt, eng ist, und nur wenige auf demselben wandeln, die Frage ist nur: Wandeln wir auf diesem Wege? Dieser Weg ist nicht immer angenehm und eben, es kommen rauhe und harte Stellen, die das Wandern beschwerlich und die Füße wund machen werden. Darauf ist der christliche Pilger gefaßt. Er sucht keine Rosen, wo sein Heiland Dornen fand. Der Jünger ist nicht über seinem Meister. Er darf nicht über Rabulistische Klagen, da sein Heiland eine Dornenkrone trug. Zeiten werden kommen, wo der Christ ermüdet und fast erschöpft zeugen wird: Liegt das Ziel noch in weiter Ferne? Hält der Zug nicht bald an der letzten Station des Lebens an? Nur Geduld, der Abend wird kommen, der Ruhe und Frieden bringen wird, und dann kann dein müdes Herz sich ausruhen an der Brust des Herrn. Bis diese selige Stunde schlagen wird

Sing, bet und geh auf Gottes Wegen,
Bericht das Deine nur getreu
Und trau des Himmels reichem Segen
So wird er bei Dir werden neu;
Denn welcher seine Zuvorsicht
Auf Gott setzt, den verläßt er nicht.

Am ersten Advent die Feier des Heiligen Abendmahls.

Am zweiten Montag im Dezember Jahresversammlung der Gemeinde.

Beiträge für den „Vote“ nimmt Herr Arthur Seig in Empfang.

Es sei nochmals darauf hingewiesen, daß Gaben für Mission noch abgegeben werden können, aber es sollte bald geschehen.

Viele unserer Familien wohnen in ziemlicher Entfernung von der Kirche. Von ihnen hört man keine Klage über die große Entfernung und den weiten Weg; im Gegenteil, sie wohnen dem Gottesdienste regelmäßig bei und sind auch immer pünktlich. Mir will es oft scheinen, je bequemer wir Menschen es haben, desto nachlässiger werden wir.

Liebe überwindet alle Hindernisse. Eltern bringen ihre kleinen Kinder selber in die Sonntagschule und bleiben dann mit ihnen zum Gottesdienste. Es läßt sich schon einrichten; man muß nur wollen. Werden sie es je bereuen, daß sie diesen Gang mit ihren Kindern gemacht haben?

Unsere Krankenliste: die Frauen Bergmann, Burgelin, A. Schlegel, J. Wagner, Hofferbert, Theuerkauff, Rohr, Stoeber, Miller, Lang, Doppel und die Herren C. Elinger, C. Schlegel, J. Herbrand, J. Miller, G. Schaid, J. Jareis, Herbert Wagner und Carl Goltzhus.

Der Gemeinde wird es gewiß Freude bereiten, wenn sie erfährt, daß an der Schuld am Pfarrhause \$300.00 abgetragen worden sind. Besondere Anstrengungen wurden nicht gemacht; vor einem Jahre wurde bekannt gegeben, daß noch eine Anzahl Penny-a-Day-Boxes vorhanden seien, die für diesen Zweck gefüllt werden dürften. Nicht alle konnten dafür interessiert werden; das war auch nicht zu erwarten; nur wer ein Herz für die Sache hatte, kam und holte sich eine Penny-a-Day-Box und brachte sie gefüllt nach Jahresfrist wieder. Durch diese Opfer und durch den Zufluß aus den Frauen-Verein und den „Töchter Zion“ nebst einer persönlichen Gabe wurde die erwähnte Abzahlung möglich gemacht. Den fleißigen Sammlern sowie den beiden Vereinen sei hiermit im Namen des Kirchenvats gedankt.

Mrs. C. Schlegel \$5.00
Mrs. C. Lebertheil 3.50
Mrs. J. Mey 4.00

Mrs. A. Keller	4.00
Mrs. B. Miller	4.00
Mrs. C. Kerman	4.00
Mrs. C. Grunst	5.00
Mrs. M. Kaiser (im Laufe des Jahres gestorben)	52
Mrs. M. Christ	3.68
Mrs. M. Mailander	3.68
Mrs. C. Mailander	3.73
Mrs. C. Seyd	4.00
Mrs. J. Klein	3.65
Mrs. G. Blaes	3.73
Mrs. J. Strauch	3.65
Mrs. G. Roessler	3.62
Mrs. J. Gebhard	3.58
Mrs. J. Jrenz	4.00
Mrs. J. Seidenmann	3.69
Mrs. M. Rüscher	3.92
Mrs. R. Strauch	4.00
Mrs. B. Borau	3.73
Mrs. M. Sodke	3.66
Mrs. E. Sodke	3.66
Mrs. A. Arndt	3.65
Mrs. D. Glodd	4.02
Mrs. L. Binder	3.75
Mrs. J. Weber	3.50
Mrs. J. Guldenschuh	4.00
Mrs. B. Schramm	3.75
Mrs. M. Leve	3.65
Mrs. E. Leve	3.65
Mr. A. Seig	4.00
Mrs. G. Holborn	5.00
Mrs. J. Schulz	3.65
Mrs. V. Albert	3.74
Mrs. J. Hofferbert	4.00
Mrs. B. Bender	4.00
Mrs. A. Mohr	3.75
Mrs. R. Bender	4.20
Mrs. G. Hedroth	3.69
Mrs. B. Kuehler	3.75
Mr. G. Schmidt	3.75
Mrs. C. Brandlin	3.65
Mrs. C. Strohm	3.75
Mrs. R. Schreiber	5.00
Mrs. J. Ries	3.65
Mrs. J. Elinger	3.70
Mrs. L. Jacob	3.69
Mrs. J. Seig	3.65
Mrs. C. Gebrke	3.62

Frauen - Verein.

Am Mittwoch, den 3. November, fand die regelmäßige monatliche Versammlung des Frauenvereins statt und wurde mit Gebet von Herrn Pastor Heyd eröffnet. Das Protokoll der letzten Versammlung wurde verlesen und mit einer kleinen Berichtigung angenommen. Die monatlichen Beiträge beliefen sich in der allgemeinen Klasse auf \$19.00 und in die Sterbekasse wurden \$18.00 einbezahlt. Frau Thürsam berichtete über verschiedene Besuche des Krankenkomitees und wurde solches dankend anerkannt. Frau Kinde und Frau Vender erboten sich, im Monat November zu dienen. Auch wurden die Glieder des Frauen-Vereins aufgefordert, wenn irgend möglich auch bei Gemeinde - Gliedern, die nicht zu dem Frauen - Verein gehören, Krankenbesuche abzustatten. Für den Gedenktag der Zions-Gemeinde im Altenheim, welcher auf Mittwoch, den 10. November, fällt, wurde Frau Pastor Heyd als Empfangs- und Frau Kuder als Kasse-Komitee ernannt, mit dem Verständnis, daß sie sich selber ihre Hilfskomiteen ernennen sollen. Da der Frauen-Verein wie üblich ein „Supper and Sale“ verbunden mit der Stuhlvermietung abhalten wird, wurden Frau Kerman als Supper- und Frau M. Knop als Apron-Komitee ernannt und ebenfalls beauftragt, sich ihre Hilfskomiteen zu ernennen und sie selber davon zu benachrichtigen. Nach Beendigung der Geschäfte hatte der Herr Pastor die Güte, eine kurze Geschichte vorzulesen, betitelt „Eine Mutter.“ Darnach Vertagung mit Gebet.

Marie Knop, Secr.

Für Donnerstag, den 18. November, ist folgenden Komiteen aus den verschiedenen Vereinen die Leitung unserer Sale anvertraut worden:

Frauen - Verein.

Apron Booth.

Die Frauen M. Knop, Kohler, Christ, C. Frenz, Guldenschub, Heberle, Rudig, C. Mailander, Kuder, Keltz, L. Schulz.

Supper.

Die Frauen Kerman, Arndt, Jacob, Kichler, Kemnitz, Kramer, Sauer, Kinde, B. Meier, P. Wagner, Schaedlich, Uß, Frenz, Blaesj, Paschke, Holborn, Roesler.

Töchter Zion.

Reception Committee.

Die Frauen C. Vender und W. Schlegel und die Fr. E. Steinmiller und A. Bachmann.

Fancy Booth.

Die Frauen Bollertsen, Snow, C. Wagner, R. Vinder und die Fr. E. und R. Galster, M. Seig, M. Weisfall.

Ice Cream Booth.

Die Frauen Betts, Spud, Klein, Mey, Grefenz, Uffelman, Meyer und Fr. E. Strauch.

Young Peoples Society.

Candy Booth.

Die Fr. A. Seig, Meyer, Mailander, J. Kemnitz, Schlottman, Kirsch, B. Arndt, O. Schramm, W. Gladd.

Amtshandlungen.

Taufen.

Marcel Louise, Tochter des Herrn Durfee Le Roy und seiner Ehefrau Louise Grunzt, geb. am 12. Mai, getauft am 20. Juni.

Herbert Peter, Sohn des Herrn Fred. Ries und seiner Ehefrau Amelia Keller, geb. am 3. Mai, getauft am 20. Juni.

Robert William, Sohn des Herrn Louis Stierling und seiner Ehefrau Caroline Biergle, geb. am 2. Mai, getauft am 20. Juni.

Oliver Fredrick, Sohn des Herrn Jacob Schwind und seiner Ehefrau Anna Kleinow, geb. am 10. Mai, getauft am 20. Juni.

Ruth Amy, Tochter des Herrn Fred. Neppard und seiner Ehefrau Cora Kerber, geb. am 6. Mai, getauft am 23. Juni.

Jane Dorothy, Tochter des Herrn Albert Werner und seiner Ehefrau Anna Volz, geb. am 8. Juni, getauft am 26. Juni.

Hazel Eleonore, Tochter des Herrn Frank Seiser und seiner Ehefrau Florence Morphet, geb. am 11. Feb., getauft am 27. Juni.

Marion Lucille, Tochter des Herrn Charles Blaesj und seiner Ehefrau Lucille Margrander, geb. am 16. Mai, getauft am 11. Juni.

Howard John, Sohn des Herrn Elmer Mezger und seiner Ehefrau Jennie Madan, geb. am 10. Juni, getauft am 18. Juli.

Margaret Josephine, Tochter des Herrn George Schulz und seiner Ehefrau Josephine Bridler, geb. am 14. April, getauft am 25. Juli.

Conrad Edison, Sohn des Herrn Edison Schulz und seiner Ehefrau Elizabeth McLean, geb. am 5. Juni, getauft am 25. Juli.

Marie Catherine, Tochter des Herrn Jacob Schulz und seiner Ehefrau Lena Hermann, geb. am 11. Juni, getauft am 25. Juli.

Rose Lena, Tochter des Herrn Albert Merrill und seiner Ehefrau Mary Thuer-sam, geb. am 12. Dezember, getauft am 1. August.

Kenneth Schaft, Sohn des Herrn Henry Hill und seiner Ehefrau Emma Schaft, geb. am 17. Juli, getauft am 8. August.

Carl Nelson James, Sohn des Herrn John Guldenschub und seiner Ehefrau Regina Steger, geb. am 5. Juli, getauft am 15. August.

Roy Louis Clarence, Sohn des Herrn Louis Wamser und seiner Ehefrau Clara Zeitvogel, geb. am 20. September, getauft am 17. Oktober.

Arthur John, Sohn des Herrn Arthur Seig und seiner Ehefrau Grace Powers, geb. am 9. Juli, getauft am 7. November.

Trauungen.

Am 9. Juni, John Bernard Mezger und Luella Hazel Orlop.

Am 19. Juni, Edward Andrew Wechsler und Rosa Gedo

Am 24. Juni, William S. Kerber und Carrie F. M. Schult.

Am 7. Juli, William G. Jacob und Anna M. Zimmermann.

Am 15. September, Lo-in D. Smith und Clara S. C. Janson.

Am 16. September, Ford B. Watson und Lenna S. Jeltton.

Am 7. November, Henry D. Forkill und Hester M. Verboth.

Am 8. November, Carl P. Kramer und Pearl D. Patrik.

Todesfälle.

Am 19. Juli, Bertha Schulz im Alter von 13 Jahren, 11 Monaten und 10 Tagen.

Am 14. September, Frau Caroline Kuschner, geb. Koch, im Alter von 38 Jahren, 7 Monaten und 14 Tagen.

Am 25. September, Frau Barbara Gottes, geb. Hoap, im Alter von 32 Jahren, 5 Monaten und 14 Tagen.

Am 12. Oktober, Howard Mezger im Alter von 4 Monaten und 2 Tagen.

Am 7. November, Frau Phillipine S. Wagner, geb. Koerner, im Alter von 88 Jahren und 12 Tagen.

Zions Bote

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Congregation and Various Organizations of Zion
Lutheran Church, Rochester, N. Y.

Minister—REV. ERNEST HEYD
100 N. GOODMAN ST. Home Phone 4214

Send all communications to the Pastor.

Contributions will be cheerfully received by Mr. Arthur Seitz, who has charge of the financial end of the paper. It would be a credit to the congregation if every member would contribute to its maintenance, as heretofore a faithful minority has borne the expense. Hence we would ask the hearty co-operation of everyone within our fold.

A gift of \$50.00 or \$100.00 for new library books in the Sunday School would be very welcome. Here is an opportunity for a good investment, which would yield large returns.

The catechetical class meets on Tuesday and Friday afternoons at 4:30, in the council room of the church. It is a blessed thing when children are early taught in matters of religion so that they may not only grow in stature but likewise in wisdom and favor with God, and be able to give light and information upon the facts and truths relating to grace and salvation. Irregularity in attendance is an evil thing and worketh mischief for the delinquent as well as for the class, and parents who are anxious to bring up their children in the fear of the Lord will make special effort to have them attend regularly and promptly.

There are a number of young women and young men whom we would like to see enrolled as full-fledged members of the congregation. The pastor stands ready and would welcome the formation of an adult catechetical class. There surely would be

no harm in becoming acquainted with the teachings of the Lutheran Church, for it is important to know what a church stands for to which we pledge our allegiance, and having received light and knowledge the last step toward being received into full membership would not be difficult. Consider it prayerfully, and make your decision known to the pastor as soon as possible.

Save the 18th. Ask your friends to save the 18th. Pew Rental and Sale on that day. Supper will be served and the committee in charge asks the congregation in general for liberal patronage. The societies offering things for sale do not want you to pay more for them than you would have to pay elsewhere; it is merely an opportunity to buy handsome Christmas presents at a reasonable price, and the church will get the benefit of the profit. Whether you are a member of a committee or not plan to assist in whatever way appeals to you most. Let us all remember the 18th of this month. Let us above all strive to make it an evening of friendly welcome and Christian fellowship. Do your part on the 18th.

A BIT OF SUNSHINE.

The church year of 1915 is nearing its end. Generally the ending of one year and the beginning of another leads to reflection. Our thoughts naturally turn to past events and experiences, and to speculation as to the future. We think of hopes not realized and fears that were groundless. Many expected events never came to pass, and others, not looked for, have happened. We may feel particularly blest that when we look back over our church year that our reflections can be mostly pleasant ones, for it has been a year of progress. We have gone forward. Do you remember last year, how gloomy the outlook? Industries idle, work scarce, the prospect of a hard winter? It would not have been surprising nor disappointing if these conditions had adversely affected the church finances. It was a natural expectation that they would be. But

here again the expected has not happened and the unexpected comes into its own.

Notwithstanding that we have heavier interest charges to meet than formerly, that we had large street assessments to pay and insurance premiums to meet, all of which were additional to our usual expenses, we have been enabled to reduce our mortgage indebtedness by three hundred dollars. Good news indeed! We feel good about it. It warms the heart. It gives one courage for next year. But we are not really proud of it. On the contrary we feel rather humble about it. It was not our doing, therefore, no credit to us. We were merely the instrument.

It was made possible by your sacrifices, dear people of Zion, your charity, the faith in you which proved by its works, that it was a living faith. The societies and the Sunday School helped wonderfully. Also the "Penny a Day" boxes. Our pastor's contribution was an addition that we are very grateful for. What can not be accomplished when all work as with one purpose, with love in their hearts for their church, and faith? "By their works, ye shall know them."

So looking forward into the next year, we can feel optimistic. Hard times are on the wing, the next year promises to be a better one than the last has been, and surely this promise holds good with us for the next church year after the past year's record.

May the year be blest to all of us.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The opening is scheduled for nine o'clock with the exception of the summer months. Please be on time, be regular, be attentive. Boost your Sunday School and your church. Enthusiasm is contagious and will produce results.

The past year has been a record-breaker as far as the "Mission Offerings" of the Sunday School are concerned. The tide had been steadily rising during the past, and when we assembled in 1914 and rejoiced

over the reward of our efforts, the opinion prevailed among us that we had reached the high water mark. It is true when God's spirit takes possession of the heart records count for naught, as our chief concern shall ever be to honor our God with willing service and loving sacrifice. Let it be recorded to the credit of our teaching force that they having caught the spirit of the Master have exerted a most beneficial influence by their personal sacrifices upon the scholars under their care as the inspiration of their example enthused young hearts to achieve greater results than ever before, and teachers and scholars may have the blessed assurance that their sacrifices are acceptable unto God.

Miss Martha Betz	\$ 19.02
Miss Mabel Kinde	7.00
Miss Selma Gresenz	6.15
Miss Elsie Kerman	5.50
Mrs. L. Meyer	8.75
Miss Marie Wagner	5.00
Miss Rose Haller	13.25
Miss Laura Schulz	10.00
Miss Mamie Steinmiller	7.25
Miss Alice Seitz	15.75
Mrs. F. Snow	14.00
Miss Sadie Strauch	8.00
Mrs. G. Smith	34.05
Mrs. C. Bender	30.00
Miss E. Fricker	22.75
Mrs. H. Holborn	20.00
Student Wolfenberg	14.15
Student Vesper	8.00
Pastor's Bible Class	102.00
Miss Emma Haller	50.00
Miss Sophie Steinmiller	35.50
Mrs. E. Heyd	120.00
Officers	6.40

\$562.52

SOCIETIES.

Daughters of Zion.

Our last meeting was held at the home of Mrs. B. Bender, No. 46 Scio St., and was well attended in spite of the fact that it was election night. There was enough business on the program to keep us busy throughout the evening. Mrs. Holthus reported for the Visiting Committee to the effect that they had called upon the sick in

the congregation to whom an act of kindness in the hour of suffering means so much. For the next month this pleasant duty is entrusted to Mrs. G. Uffelman and Mrs. W. Schlegel.

Some time ago a committee was appointed to purchase table linen and teaspoons. This has been done and the members of the committee were complimented on their good taste. When we do things we do them right or not at all.

The final arrangements for the sale and supper on the 18th were made and the various committees appointed to take charge of the booths and to solicit donations from the members.

Mrs. Harris kindly extended an invitation to come to her home for our next meeting. Let the members bear in mind, our next meeting place is 128 Seventh St., when Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Akey, Miss Martz, Misses A. and R. Wilk will serve us with good things to eat.

Young People's Society.

When we think of the good attendance at the October meeting, we are at a loss to account for the drop in November. It may be that dates conflicted, but we hope for a rousing gathering in December. Let our slogan be: Everybody at the meeting in December.

We have an interest in the sale and supper next week, and it is up to every member to work and work hard to make our end of it a success. We have charge of the booth of "sweets" and as we do not want our committee to sour we are going to pull together and provide handsomely.

Our pastor gave us the first of a series of mission talks, and the absent missed something worth while hearing.

Men's Club.

If good things are planned, gratifying results may be looked for. The Entertainment Committee of the Men's Club is wide awake and embraces every opportunity to make the meetings as interesting and profitable as possible. The spirit shown at the meeting on October 26th is very commendable. The matter relating to the "Zion's Bote," whether it was to be or not to be, had been the subject of discussion in previous meetings, the only thing needed was the report as to the expense. Keeping pace with the high cost of living our little parish

paper will cost \$20.00 an issue. The pastor urged the co-operation of the secretaries of the various societies and other members of the church who are eminently fitted mentally to assist in the work connected with the publication of the Bote.

The president, Mr. C. Kannevischer, gave a very interesting talk on the new constitution, which was to be voted upon at the coming election. He gave an unbiased analysis of some of the main features involved.

Next on the program was the topic "Woman Suffrage." Miss Margrander championed the affirmative while the pastor had to take the role of an anti. It was delightful indeed to have so goodly a number of visitors among us on that night and we hope that they may feel free to come into our meetings at any time and enjoy what we have to offer them.

LUTHERAN SUNDAY SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

The Lutheran Indoor Baseball League opened its third season Monday evening, October 25th, at Exposition Park. The League now has ten teams in it, and plays every Monday evening. The two new teams are represented by young men from St. Paul's and Bethlehem Churches. Wagner College also has a team in the League, made up of students of that institution.

In the opening game Zion team beat Trinity by the score of 15 to 3. It would be a great encouragement to our young men if those interested in baseball would attend the games and "boost" for them. There is no admission charged to these games, and those attending surely will spend a very enjoyable evening.

Our girls are also active in the Basketball League, and play at Concordia Hall on the second and third Wednesdays of each month. The following girls make up our team:

Ella Schading	.....Center
B. Kannevischer	.....Center
Louise Meyer	.....Guard
Julia Kirsch	.....Guard
Elsie Hofferbert	.....Forward
Elsie Janson	.....Forward

They lost to Concordia by the score 39-8, which is considered a good showing, as their opponents are the champions of the League, in which seven churches are represented: Church of Peace, Christ, Reformation, Trinity, Concordia, Zion and St. Paul.

Festival Services in Commemoration of the
One Hundredth Anniversary
of ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
Grove and Stillson Streets -- Rochester, New York



REV. ERNEST HEYD, D. D., Pastor

Sunday, October eleventh

Nineteen Hundred and Thirty Six

Ten fifteen in the morning

Seven thirty in the evening

Organist,

Miss Bertha D. Strauch

Soloist,

Mr. Bernard Tiede

GUEST SOLOISTS

Dorothy Knight, *Soprano*

Janina Gorecka, *Violin*

Frances Schott, *Cello*

Margaret Ives, *Harp*

ZION CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY

10 / 11 / 36

Morning Service

OFFERTOIRE IN C MINOR *Grisson*

QUARTET—MADRIGAL *Fimonetti*

SOLO—I Do Not Ask, O Lord *Spross*

HYMN

Congregation standing.

Now thank we all our God
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In Whom His world rejoices;
Who, from our mother's arms,
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours to-day.

O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in His grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills,
In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and Him Who reigns
With Them in highest heaven:
The One Eternal God
Whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins
unto God our Father, beseeching Him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the Name of the Lord.
Who made heaven and earth.

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.
And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

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Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto Thee,
that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against
Thee by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Thine
infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Thy grace, for the sake of our Lord
Jesus Christ.

O Most Merciful God, Who hast given Thine Only-begotten Son to die for us,
have mercy upon us, and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and
by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee, and of Thy will,
and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may
come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, hath had mercy upon us, and hath given
His Only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgiveth us all our sins. To
them that believe on His Name, He giveth power to become the sons of
God, and bestoweth upon them His Holy Spirit. He that believeth, and
is baptized, shall be saved. Grant this, O Lord, unto us all.

Amen.

The Introit.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in
the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Glory be to God on high!

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men. We
praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give
thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God
the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the Only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son
of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that
sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with
the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

The Collect.

EPISTLE FOR THE DAY—Ephesians 6:10-17

Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

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DUET—How Beautiful Upon the Mountains *Harker*

GOSPEL FOR THE DAY—John 4:46-54

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the Life everlasting. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

QUARTET—Intermezzo Sinfonico from Cavalleria Rusticana . . . *Mascagni*

HYMN

I Love Thy Zion, Lord,	Beyond my highest joy
The house of Thine abode,	I prize her heavenly ways,
The Church our blest Redeemer saved	Her sweet communion, solemn vows,
With His own precious Blood.	Her hymns of love and praise.
I love Thy Church, O God!	Jesus, Thou Friend divine,
Her walls before Thee stand,	Our Saviour and our King,
Dear as the apple of Thine eye,	Thy hand from every snare and foe
And graven on Thy hand.	Shall great deliverance bring.
For her my tears shall fall,	Sure as Thy truth shall last,
For her my prayers ascend;	To Zion shall be given
To her my cares and toils be given,	The brightest glories earth can yield,
Till toils and cares shall end.	And brighter bliss of heaven.

ORGAN MEDITATION WITH CHIMES—Sweet Hour of Prayer

ANNIVERSARY SERMON—Rev. Augustus Steimle, D.D.

Pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Advent,
New York City.

ADAGIO FROM THE 3RD SONATA *Guilmant*

ANNIVERSARY OFFERING

SOLO—A Gift of God *Fichthorn*

CLOSING PRAYER WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

DOXOLOGY

POSTLUDE—Festal March in C *Calkin*

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Community Service

PRELUDE IN C MINOR FROM THE 3RD SONATA *Guilmant*

QUARTET—Cavatina *Raff*

SOLO—Hold Thou My Hand *Briggs*

In the Name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost. Amen.

HYMN

My Church, my Church, my dear old Church! My father's and my own!
On Prophets and Apostles built, And Christ the cornerstone!
All else beside, by storm or tide, May yet be overthrown;
But not my Church, my dear old Church, My father's and my own!

My Church, My Church, my dear old Church! I love her ancient name;
And God forbid, a child of hers Should ever do her shame.
Her mother-care, I'll ever share; Her child I am alone,
Till He who gave me to her arms Shall call me to His own.

My Church, my Church, I love my Church! For she exalts my Lord.
She speaks, she breathes, she teaches not, But from His written Word.
And if her voice bids me rejoice, From all my sins released;
'Tis through th' atoning sacrifice, And Jesus is the Priest.

My Church, my Church, I love my Church! For she doth lead me on
To Zion's Palace Beautiful, Where Christ the Lord hath gone.
From all below, she bids me go, To Him, the Life, the Way.
The Truth to guide my erring feet, From darkness into day.

PSALM

I was glad when they said unto me: Let us go into the house of the Lord.
Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.

The Lord preserve our going in and coming out:
From this time forth, even for evermore.

Peace be to this house.
And to all that enter therein.

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord; or who shall stand in His holy place?
He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart, who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the
King of glory shall come in.
Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the
King of glory shall come in.
Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory.

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

PRAYER—Pastor Carl Betz Bethlehem Church

SOLO—Be of Good Comfort Cowen

SCRIPTURE LESSONS—Pastor Austin H. Roeder Christ Church.

HYMN

The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the Word;
From heaven He came and sought her
To be His holy Bride,
With His own Blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.

Elect from every nation
Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation
One Lord, one Faith, one Birth;
One holy Name she blesses,
Partakes one holy Food
And to one hope she presses,
With every grace endued.

Though, with a scornful wonder,
Men see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distressed;
Yet saints their watch are keeping,
Their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song.

'Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace for evermore;
Till, with the vision glorious,
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.

Dr. C. Franklin Ward, Executive Secretary Federation of Churches

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QUARTET—Trauerelei Schumann

Rev. Frederick R. Knubel Church of Reformation
President of Western Conference

Rev. Eugene L. Stowell Church of Resurrection
President of Rochester Pastoral Conference

OFFERING

OFFERTORY—Evening Prayer Mason

DUET—Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah Lansing

HYMN

Saviour, again to Thy dear Name we raise
With one accord our parting hymn of praise;
Once more we bless Thee ere our worship cease,
Then, lowly bending, wait Thy word of peace.

Grant us Thy peace upon our homeward way;
With Thee began, with Thee shall end the day;
Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
That in this house have called upon Thy Name.

Grant us Thy peace, Lord, thro' the coming night,
Turn Thou for us its darkness into light:
From harm and danger keep Thy children free,
For dark and light are both alike to Thee.

Grant us Thy peace throughout our earthly life,
Our balm in sorrow, and our stay in strife;
Then, when Thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,
Call us, O Lord, to Thine eternal peace.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE—Jubilate Amen. Kinder

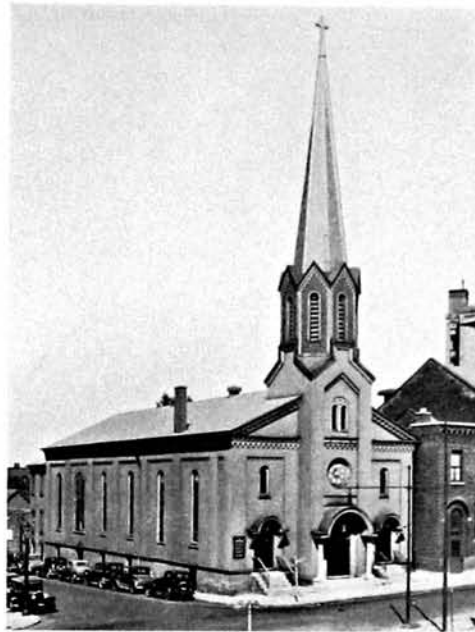
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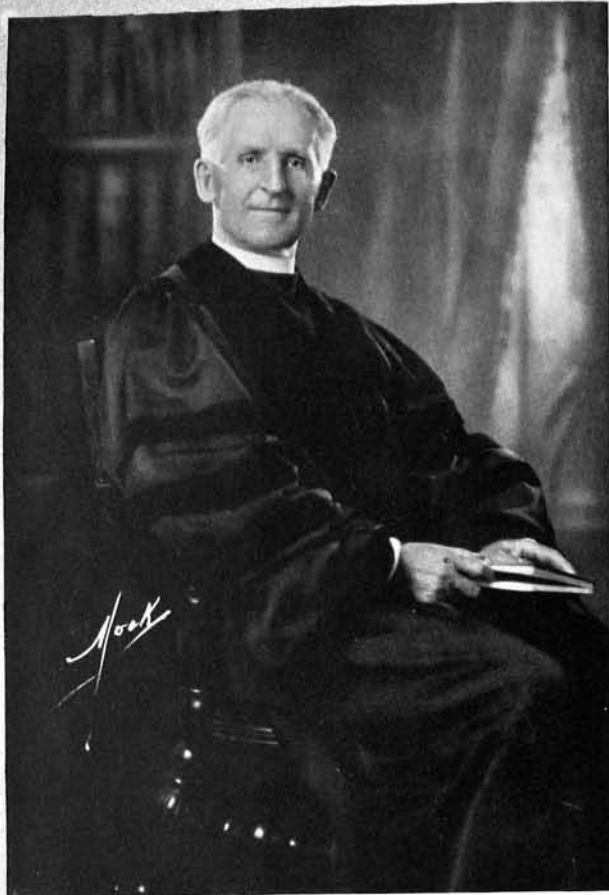
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OUR BELOVED PASTOR
THE REVEREND ERNEST HEYD, D. D.

Some interesting facts about his faithful ministry among us:

Baptisms, 436; Confirmations, 377; Communed, 3,180;
Weddings, 267; Funerals, 415.

Contributions: Current Expense	\$248,819.90
Benevolence	65,000.00
	\$313,819.90

Records show that current expense contributions rose from \$2,737.39 in 1900 to \$14,427.73 in 1925, the peak year, while benevolent contributions were proportionate.

*L*utheran Pioneers

WHEN a group of God's people emigrate from their homeland to establish themselves in a new country, because they are God's people they cannot be happy without the ministrations of His Holy Church.

In the midst of new and strange surroundings; with people about them with whom they have little in common in language, customs, mode of living, and form of religious conviction; and with the hardships and privations of new settlement; the need and desire for the Church's ministrations are all the more intensified. God's help and guidance are so sorely needed, the comfort and solace of His Presence are so necessary, that hearts go out in yearning for Word and Sacrament, and self-sacrificial labors are soon put forth to establish that Divine Institution, which God has made the instrumentality thru which Word and Sacrament are to be mediated to His people.

This was the experience of the first Lutheran settlers in Rochester, N. Y. Early in 1831, three years before the village of Rochester became an incorporated city, a group of Lutheran families came to the village to found for themselves and their descendents a new home. Once settled, their hearts yearned for the Church, and so early in 1832 we find a group of Lutheran families, named, Abersold, Engle, Rohr, Schneeberger, and Schwartz, gathered together in the basement of the abandoned Second Presbyterian Church (then on Carroll Street, which is now State Street) and eagerly drinking in God's Word as the message is brought to them by a Pastor Mueller.

For the next several years we have little definite information as to the progress of the church life of our Lutheran forefathers. The oldest official Church Record Book of our congregation dates from 1838. In this book there is a somewhat fragmentary account of what transpired in the congregation between 1832 and 1838. From this fragmentary account we learn that the Rev. Francis H. Guenther, who had been instrumental in establishing mission congregations in Rush and Rochester, reported in 1833 to the old

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OUR ORGANIST
MISS BERTHA D. STRAUCH

Ministerium of New York that inasmuch as these mission congregations had a promising future and were capable of supporting a regular pastor he would no longer minister to these groups. Thereupon the Rev. C. F. Welden was assigned to the pastorate at Rush with the understanding that he was to minister to the spiritual needs of the little group of Lutherans in the village of Rochester.

From an interesting loose leaf, found in the effects of Pastor Welden after his death, and sent to our present pastor by Pastor Welden's daughter, we find the following definite, documentary historical datum, which we offer here in an English translation of the original German record—

"Rochester, November 17, A.D. 1833."

"The undersigned hereby testify that we unite for the purpose of organizing an Evangelical Lutheran and Reformed Congregation under the pastoral supervision of Christian Welden, missionary of the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of the State of New York, adopt a constitution as a guide, and elect at the earliest date the necessary officers who shall preside over the affairs of said congregation."

This statement bears the signatures of the following persons—

—— Schwartz, Bernhard Schweitzer, Johanniell Diener, Heinrich Diener, Gristian Lauer, Georg Engel, Johann Maurer, Johannes Stares, Jacob Maurer, Georg Friderick Westermann, Christian Traugott, Hans Aebersold, Johannes Rohr, Daniel Hoffman, Peter Werdle, Johann Reis, Johann Kirchhofen, Michael Mueller, Jacob Lauchenauer, Johannes Badicher.

In 1834 the Rev. William A. Fetter succeeded Pastor Welden. The first officers, then chosen were—C. Lauer, C. Traugott, G. Drehmer, J. Schoenemeier, Jacob Maurer, J. Aebersold, J. Rohr, John Maurer, H. Diener, B. Heidt, G. Ellwanger, R. Heidt, and George Maurer. A communicant membership of 70 is reported by Pastor Fetter.

In September of 1836 the congregation decided to erect its own church building. The records show that a Mr. Rhie (known in the community as Riley) presented a lot located at the corner of Stillson and Grove Streets with implicit understanding that neither the church building nor the pews



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were ever to be sold. The records further show that this offer was not fully accepted, but that, under date of June 18, 1838, a resolution was passed to purchase this same lot from Mr. Riley for the sum of \$220.00. Altho this action to purchase was not taken until 1838, it would seem that meanwhile the congregation had at least acted on Mr. Riley's offer, for we find that the corner-stone of a cobble church building was laid some time in May, 1836.

Early in the same year, Pastor Fetter resigned from his Rochester congregation to give his full time to the pastorate at Rush. He was succeeded by the Rev. John Muehlhaeuser in March 1836. Lack of funds had been delaying the progress of the new building, but finally Synod came to the rescue with a loan which was repaid in full some years later.

One of the happy and encouraging incidents of these early days of struggle was the fine community spirit shown by pastors of non-Lutheran Communions. Three Presbyterian pastors, Eduard, Bilscher, and Boardman, and an Episcopalian rector* gave material aid to the congregation. Dr. Boardman raised the sum of \$250.00 by special offerings in the Presbyterian group as its contribution toward the building project. Encouraged by such help, and with the aid of Synod's loan, the erection of the building was now pushed and completed in 1838 at a cost of \$2,242.00. The happy day of dedication was on December 14, 1838.

From now on the membership grew steadily. By 1839 it reached 140, an increase of 100% over a period of four years of foundation. But soon a severe testing time was to come. It opened in 1842 and resulted in great loss of membership. Up until now the doctrinal differences between the two groups, Reformed and Lutheran, forming the union congregation had not come to the fore. This period of amity now came to a close. Doctrinal controversy arose with the result that the two groups separated and the Reformed body organized its own congregation late in the year 1842.

The Lutheran nucleus now had a hard struggle to hold its own. The debt was theirs to carry and meet, but many had left them to carry it alone. But they rose with true courage, born from loyalty to their Faith, and met the challenge, and by 1847 their faith and courage had borne such fruit that a balcony had to be added to accommodate the increased number of worshippers.

*The name of this Episcopalian rector does not appear in the original records.



THE CHURCH COUNCIL

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In 1848 the Rev. George J. Kempe succeeded Pastor Muehlhaeuser. From now on a steady growth took place due, no doubt, to the heavy immigration from Europe. The 162 communicants reported in 1848 grew to 293 by 1849. This increase in membership raised the problem of enlarging the church edifice. A happy solution was found in the erection of new church home in 1851 which was dedicated on January 29, 1852. Four years later the continued growth of the congregation necessitated the addition of galleries.

Pastor Kempe remained with the congregation until 1862 when he was succeeded by the Rev. Armin Uebelacker on August 17. Under Pastor Uebelacker the missionary zeal of the congregation was aroused and the Mother Church of Rochester Lutheranism really became a mother thru the establishment of a mission daughter in Pittsford, N. Y., which mission was organized into a separate congregation in 1867 under the name of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church. As is always the case, the bread cast upon the water came back and Zion Church now reports no less than 1088 communicant members.

Rapid changes now take place in the pastorate. In 1868 Pastor Uebelacker resigned to be succeeded by the Rev. A. G. Vorberg who remained with the congregation only three months. He, in turn, was succeeded by the Rev. F. von Rosenberg who held the pastorate of the congregation until 1874.

These comparatively few years of Pastor von Rosenberg's labors were, however, very rich ones in the history of Zion Church. The growth in membership took such a leap that the church edifice was enlarged in 1872. The Rev. E. Heydler was called to be assistant pastor. A mission, which had been started in the northern part of the city, grew so rapidly that it became necessary to form another parish and in 1871 St. John's Church was organized and established at the corner of Joseph Avenue and Buchanan Street with Pastor Heydler as its shepherd until he resigned to organize Concordia Church on Helena Street.

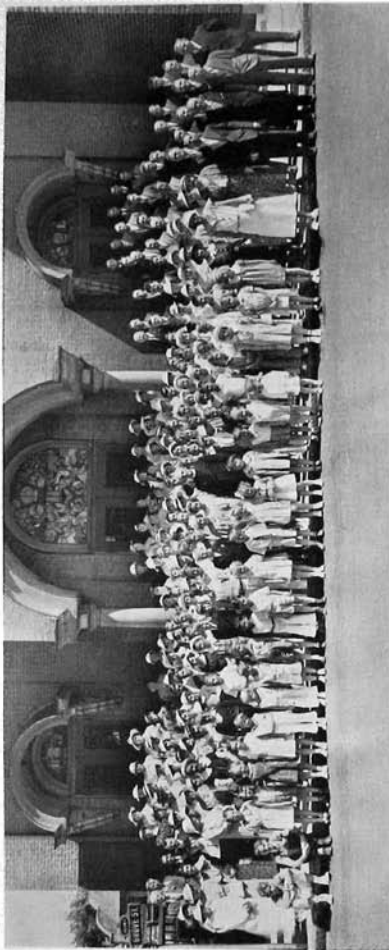
Pastor von Rosenberg was followed by the Rev. C. F. W. Hoppe, whose quiet, but fruitful ministry was brought to an end with his death in 1881.

With the calling of the Rev. Alexander Richter, pastor of St. Jacobi Church, Philadelphia, a man of high culture and scholarly attainment, began what may be called "The Golden Era" of Zion Church. Under his wise and far-sighted leadership the congregation made marvelous progress. Church

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discipline was no myth, the sacrificial spirit was in evidence thruout the entire membership, and the many accomplishments for the advancement of the Kingdom of God during Dr. Richter's pastorate bear rich testimony to the strength and joy and beauty of real, consecrated, self-sacrificial faith and service for Christ our Lord.

Among the many important contributions of the congregation to God's Cause we note—

1. The introduction of the beautiful and impressive liturgy which has since been the feature of our divine worship, and which has added so much to the devotional spirit of our communion with God;
2. The founding of the Lutheran Pro-Seminary in 1883, which subsequently became Wagner Memorial Lutheran College. The entire expense and burden of the College was borne willingly and loyally by the congregation without any outside assistance. In 1885 a site, 4-6 Oregon Street, was secured thru the generosity of Mr. J. G. Wagner, a prominent member of Zion. The ground and buildings cost \$12,000 and were donated by Mr. and Mrs. Wagner as a memorial to their deceased son. In addition to this personal gift, Mr. Wagner gave his time and energies to the raising of a fund of \$6,000, to which he also contributed most generously, for the necessary equipment of the College, and to provide for its expenses.

As we know, the growing inadequacy of the facilities made necessary a program of expansion, which was inaugurated in 1918 when Wagner College was moved to Staten Island. Such a radical change in location, with the added burden of expansion, found Zion Church loyally behind the College it had founded.

In 1887 the congregation celebrated its 50th anniversary with a special Jubilee Service at which the Dr. A. Spaeth, the noted Lutheran scholar and preacher, was the guest speaker. Why this anniversary service was held in the 51st year of the congregation's life is not known. Perhaps the fact that in 1886 the church edifice was being completely renovated had something to do with this year's delay. At this time the congregation reported 1332 communicant members.

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Dr. Richter was called to the pastorate of St. Matthew's Church, Hoboken, N. J. in 1891 and was succeeded by Pastor Hartmann, who served Zion until 1899 when, owing to unfortunate differences of opinion, a part of the congregation withdrew with him and founded St. Luke's Church on Cumberland Street.

At this critical period, when the congregation so badly needed a consecrated and courageous pastor who could bind up the wounds made by this schism and knit the membership together again in Christian love and forbearance, the Spirit of God again provided a man equal in personal consecration, in pastoral experience, and in scholarly training to take up and complete the important task, and on February 1, 1900 our present beloved pastor, the Rev. Ernest Heyd assumed his labors.

With that becoming modesty, which has always characterized his work for us, Pastor Heyd has been reluctant to furnish data of the accomplishments of Zion under his fine leadership. But we cannot forget to speak of the heroic devotion with which the congregation met the disaster of April 13, 1909, when, during the devastating fire which swept the neighborhood, our edifice was so seriously damaged by flame and water; or again, the happy willingness with which they met the problem of a changing community, purchased a fine site on North Goodman Street, in a fine residential section of the city, and in 1912 erected a new parsonage at a cost of \$10,785 including purchase price of the lot.

It is also of interest to note that during the hundred years of Zion's ministry for Christ 6,749 persons have been baptized; 2,238 made their first public confession of faith thru the Rite of Confirmation; 16,577 came to the Altar to receive the Blessed Sacrament; 2,044 were united in the bonds of Holy Matrimony; and 2,704 were laid away in God's Acre.

We note also that in 1901 English services were introduced and that in 1916 the "Duplex Envelope" system was adopted with fine results for in the very first year of its use the offerings amounted to twice what usually came in from the old pew-rental system.

During the passing years Zion has given liberally in money to the many needs of the Church; it has surrendered many members to help establish new Lutheran congregations in several parts of the city and its environments; and during the trying and testing years of financial shrinkage has gone steadily along in gifts and service for the Kingdom.

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THE SEWING CIRCLE

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In recognition of Pastor Heyd's fine leadership, the Church, thru Wagner College, conferred on him in 1930 the degree of Doctor of Divinity.

A great past, a promising future. What more could any group of God's people desire. The seed, sown in sacrifice a century ago, has borne a rich harvest. In grateful remembrance of the labors and sacrifices of our pioneer forebears; with full recognition of the debt we owe to those who carried on after them to preserve and transmit to us so precious a heritage; we of today, children of the past, pioneers of the future, rededicate ourselves to the service of Jesus Christ, our dear Redeemer and our Lord, that His Kingdom may come, and His will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

*"Hitherto the Lord hath blessed us;
Sure He still will lead us on."*

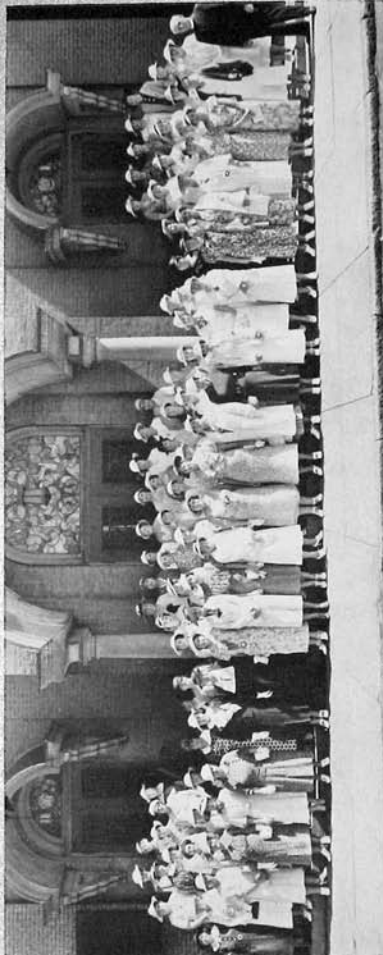


OUR HISTORIAN
REV. WALTER KRUMWIEDE, S.T.M.
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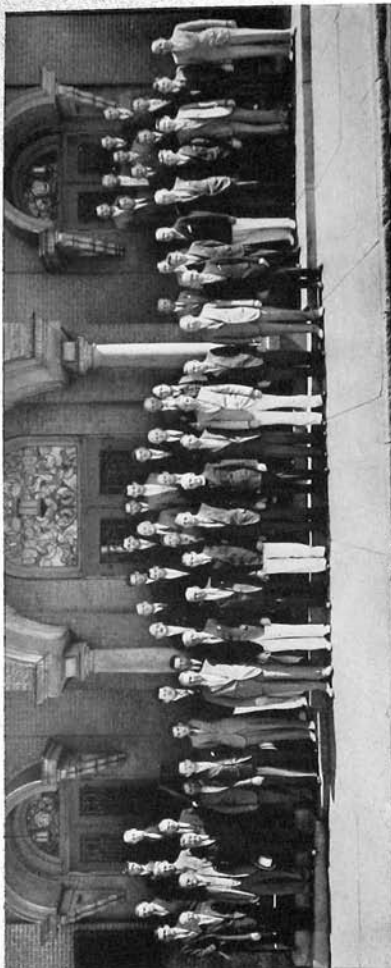
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THE YOUNG MEN'S SOCIETY

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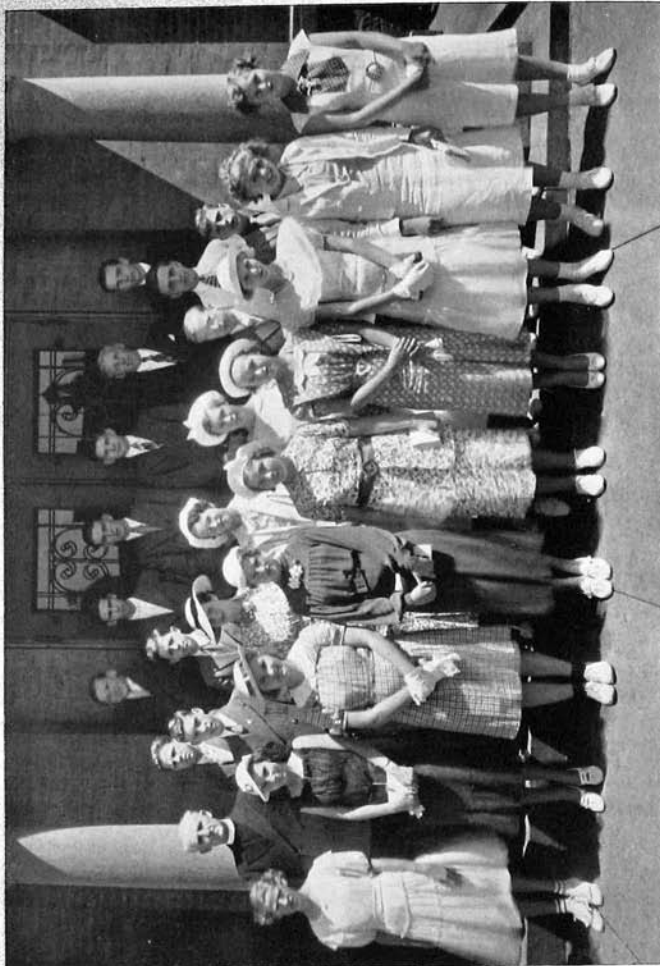
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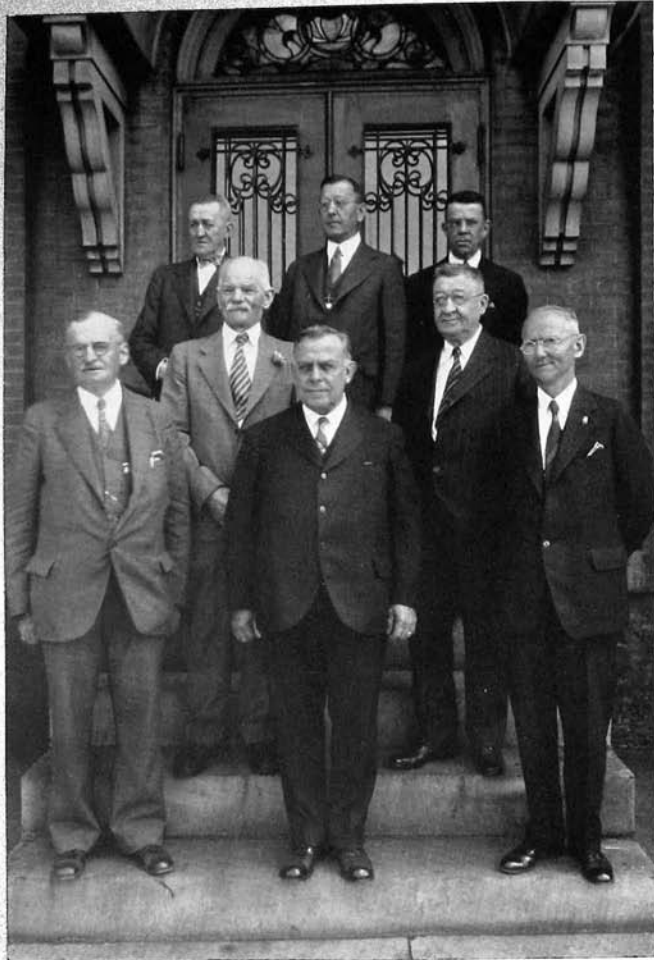
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REV. CARL BETZ, A. B.
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PASTOR'S REPORT

"Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ." Ep. 1:2

"Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you guardians, to feed the Church of the Lord, which he obtained for himself with his own blood." Acts 20:28

"Christ loved the Church---that the Church might be presented before him in splendor without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish." Ep. 5:24

In presenting a report, as the Pastor of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Rochester, to the Annual Meeting for 1959, it has been necessary to weigh with a reverent mind, what the Will of God has been. As we have prayed, can we truthfully say, "Thy Kingdom Come," Thy Will be done"? We must ask, over and over again, what instrument of measurement was used? Is it accurate? Is it a true picture of the Church, in which we have had a part. The Church is more than four brick walls and a roof over head--it is made up of believers of the Lord Jesus Christ. Each person is a part of the Church represented here this evening. We interpret the word "the Vine," to be Jesus Christ, and we are the branches. Thus we are bound together by those principles of love, fellowship, a reverence for truth and knowledge, and a steady and sincere sharing with others of all which we have received for Jesus Christ, who is the True Vine. Truthfully, as Paul the Apostle writes, "None of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself." - "We are the Lord's" Thus, we must ask ourselves--have we plowed the soil well?--Have we sown good seed? Have we watered the plants? And have we helped to bring in the harvest? Did not Our Lord say "The Harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

I. In the scale of measurement, let us look at matters honestly--First- let us take a look at our Worship Services. Each one must ask this question--did I do my full share to promote My Church? Did I promote the Worship Services? Our Worship Services have been well attended during 1959. There is an increase in the average attendances at regular worship services--the over-all gain is 1.2 more than 1958, and the average attendance for all Sundays in the year 1959 was 135.2. Several factors have helped to increase our interest in these Services--the New Service Book and Hymnal was introduced in September of 1959 and many familiar hymns have been sung. The membership of the Choir has increased, and with the help of two fine young men from the Eastman School of Music, the Choir has produced great music. Members and friends in the Church are much pleased with the program of music. It is believed, too, that the Hour of Worship (ie, 10:30 A.M.) is satisfactory and convenient to all worshippers. This has been an element in the promotion of an attendance at each Sunday's Service.

It has been the hope of your Pastor to create a period of worship, in which the Holy Spirits' presence will be felt, and also that all activities should center around Jesus Christ, the corner stone of the Church.

2. The influence of the Church has come to the homes of our people. The Pastor believes in and practices a very rigid and careful program of visitation. He visits at all times, the sick, the shut-ins, members, and prospective members. He has tried to administer the Holy Communion to all shut-ins, at least two times a year. An effective program of visitation is possible only when all homes and members are contacted. It is important that all changes of addresses

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be submitted to us. How is it possible to know "the sheep" unless the homes are visited? I am indeed grateful to Mr. Llewellyn Jones, and the members of the Sick Committee, who are assisting in this great work.

3. During the year 1959, we have had guest speakers in our Worship Services from the Church-At-Large--Pastor K. Devashyam, Miss Mary Victoria, and Miss N. Martha, of India; Sister Catherine Stirewalt from the Baltimore Deaconess Motherhouse.

4. The largest single undertaking by the Churches in the Rochester Conference has been the promotion of St. John's Home for the Aged and its program of development. This is an interdenominational project, and thus is supported not entirely by Lutheran Churches, in fact, less than half of the number of U.L.C. Churches in Rochester are helping in the support of this program. In another report, Mr. Alex Walker will describe this project for us. But stated very simply, this project is very closely associated with the life and work of our Congregation.

5. During the year, 11 Services of Holy Communion were held, giving an opportunity for all to partake of the Word and Sacrament.

II. STATISTICS

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL REPORT

1. Membership *Child Members*

1. Received by Baptism	- 6		
2. Otherwise	<u>11</u>		
A. Total Accessions 1-2 =	17	17	
3. Transferred by Confirmation	8		
4. Losses by Death	0		
5. Losses by Certificate	6		
6. Losses otherwise	<u>18</u>		
B. Total losses 3-4-5-6 =	32	32	
I Net Gain or Loss		Loss	15

Adult Members

7. Accessions by Baptism	2		
8. Accessions by Confirmation	14		
9. Accessions by Certificate	17		
10. Accessions by Restoration	<u>8</u>		
C. Total accessions 7-8-9-10 =	41	41	
11. Losses by Death	4		
12. Losses by Certificate	5		
13. Losses otherwise	<u>25</u>		
D. Total Losses 11-12-13 =	34	34	
II Net gain or Loss		Gain	7

2. Communing Membership

In 1959	219		
In 1960	262		
Gain 1959	43		

3. Baptized Members as of Jan. 1, 1960

Adults	377		
Children	<u>116</u>		
Total	493		
Loss	8		

4. Confirmed Membership 1960	377		
5. Communing Membership 1960	262		

2. OUR BENEVOLENT PROGRAM

1. Its basis

Year	Quota	Congregation's figure in Budget	Actually paid	Based on Communion membership
1959	4112	1500.00	1434.50	257 for 1957

2. Estimate for 1960

Year	Quota	Congregation's figure	1960 Budget	Actually Paid	Based on Communion membership
1960	4161	2,000.00			219

3. Lutheran World Action

Year	Quota	Congregation's figure Budget	Actually Paid	Based on Communion membership
1959	514	514	537.72	257

4. Estimate for 1960

Year	Quota	Congregation's figure Budget	Actually paid	Based on Communion membership
1960	438	438		219

5. Inner Mission, Extension Society & Federation

1959 Quota fixed by Congregation	Paid
Inner Mission	250
Extension Society	50
Federation of Churches	50.00
	239.09
	45.52

Our Congregation during the year did not reach its goal, but exceeded its giving in 1958 to the U.L. Church and Synod. In 1958, we gave to the Church at Large \$1218.75--in 1959.

We have exceeded our goal for Lutheran World Action in 1959, and the Congregation is to be commended for this response. I am indeed grateful to each one that you have responded to these appeals, and I trust in the years to come, remembering that we do have an obligation to others as well as ourselves, we should naturally expect to reach our goal--we cannot stop at this point.

III. PASTORAL ACTS DURING THE YEAR

1. Baptisms

Adults	2
Children	6
Total	8

2. Confirmations

Adults	6
Children	8
Total	14

3. Sermons & Talks

Sermons - Regular	46
Holy Week Services	6
Good Friday at St. Luke's	1

Christmas Eve 1
 Christmas Day 1
 with Holy Communion
 Anniversary Sermon 1
 Foreign Mission 1
 talks 3
Total 62

4. Catechetical Classes 1959 8
 1959-60 Adult 8
 1959-60 17

5. Funerals for Members 3
 by Fellow Pastor 1
 For In-active & Non 3
 members 3
Total 10

6. Marriages
 Members 2
 Others 1
Total 3

IV. What May we project for the future - 1960?

1. Communion Services will be held--January 3, March 6th, April 14th, April 15th, June 5th, July 31st, October 2nd, November 27th, Christmas, Dec.25.

2. United Projects - Reformation Church, St. Luke's Church, and Zion Church will promote a united Service on Good Friday from 1 to 3 P.M., a joint Vacation Bible School program in June, and an Annual Thanksgiving Service--in Zion Church. We are indeed very grateful to God, for the good work the Senior Citizens of the three Churches are doing. The organization is named 'The Tri-Church Group' its next meeting will be held in Zion Church on January 28th at 1:30 P.M.

3. What does Zion offer us for the future?

The Council is looking ahead with great interest to all ventures which will advance Zion. We should be on the alert to study such projects as will increase our growth and enlarge our influence in the Community. The Council will plan for programs of music--an organ recital and a choir program of sacred music during the month of February or March. We are planning for some type of a Service as, one Sunday afternoon in each month, for the months of March, April, May, October and November. We must be alerted to world situations and problems, upon which the Church must take a stand.

4. The Church Council are now planning for the celebration of the 40th Wedding Anniversary of Pastor and Mrs. Fink, and for Pastor Fink's 40th Anniversary of his Ordination into the Ministry on June 19th. Dr. Alfred L. Beck, President of Synod will be our Guest Preacher.

5. Finally - A word to each of us. The Lord spoke to Samuel--and said, "but one thing, I require of thee." God does require of us that we remain faithful--that each one shall help to promote the Church and to keep it spotless before the world. He does require us to give ourselves in service--our gifts so that His Church may be extended to all nations. We must be givers and promoters. We must help others to see the light, as we are in the light. There are 377 Confirmed members in the Church--We are Christ's arms and feet.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL REPORT FOR 1959

The year 1959 our Sunday-School continued its aim to have 1 new project each year. Our project this year was our Family Day Breakfast held June 14th with 39 present. After morning Devotions a breakfast was served by the Teachers.

Our attendance records for the year show we have made no marked increase.

Our daily vacation Bible School was held for nine days and was very successful. The enrollment this year was twenty-four with the greater percentage of the pupils having perfect attendance. The children brought their pennies each day and collected \$18.35 which was sent to the School for the Blind at Rentachental.

During the year we had the privilege of having J. Victoria Mary speak to us; also Sister Catherine Stirewalt from the Deaconess Mother House in Baltimore.

On December 20th at 7 P.M. the Sunday School had their program--a pantomime play directed by Clarence Fink. The collection this year was shared by the John Milton School for the Blind and the American Bible Society.

Sunday-School is at 9:15 A.M. each Sunday of the year. Won't you come and join us?

Respectfully submitted,

Alyce Leistmann, Secretary

OFFICERS FOR 1959

Superintendent - Mr. Paul Eisotzke
 Secretary - Miss Alyce Leistmann
 Treasurer - Miss Mayme Steinmiller
 Income Account Sec. &
 Sunshine Secretary - Miss Helen Leistmann

SUNDAY-SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

	1958		1959	
January	196	Avg. 49	190	Avg. 47
February	172	" 43	210	" 52
March	272	" 54	254	" 50
April	215	" 53	187	" 46
May	203	" 50	232	" 46
June	254	" 50	177	" 44
July	128	" 32	148	" 37
August	189	" 37	180	" 36
September	169	" 42	171	" 42
October	204	" 50	184	" 46
November	239	" 47	287	" 57
December	176	" 44	222	" 55
AVERAGE	2417	46	2442	47

SUNDAY-SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1959

Balance 1/1/59		\$ 456.63
Receipts		
Pledges & Loose Collection	\$651.53	
Birthdays	18.29	
Easter Collection	12.95	
Rally Day	14.65	
Thanksgiving	15.95	
Children's Day	17.25	
Christmas Collection	50.47	
Initial Envelope Offering	13.30	
Dorcas Society - for Christmas Decorations	25.00	
Daughters of Zion "	25.00	
Misc. Cash received	1.00	
	<u>845.39</u>	
	\$1,302.02	
Expenses		
Gifts for Christmas	\$ 58.35	
Christmas Candy	40.28	
Christmas tree & Wreaths	157.58	
Federation of Churches	20.00	
Mission to the Church	177.00	
Sunday-School Books	167.44	
Bible Vacation School Expense	53.15	
Memorials	5.00	
Flowers for Altar	14.00	
Wedding Gift	9.20	
Sunday-School Breakfast	14.59	
Flowers and Fruit for sick	6.14	
Picnic	20.00	
Gift to Sister Stirewalt	10.00	
Postage	3.00	
Expense for Supper (Trir-Tree)	18.95	
Gift of Stole to Pastor	28.00	
Supplies	26.16	
Library Expense	1.51	
Balance on Hand 1/1/60	<u>800.25</u>	
	\$ 471.67	

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LUTHER LEAGUE

Our officers run from May to May to correspond with the Genesee Valley District Luther League. Our officers are: President, Linda Stopani; Vice President, James Bramer; Treasurer, Nancy Klein; Secretary, Carole Stopani.

We hold our meetings the first and third Sunday of each month. Membership is from Confirmation until eighteen years of age.

We have two projects a year to procure money for activities outside the Church League; they are a booth at the Sauerkraut Supper and the Ice Cream Social.

We have used our money to participate in the following activities:

1. State Convention - Buffalo University; 3 members and one advisor attended. 1 week-end was the length of the convention.
2. National Convention - Cornell University; 2 members attended 1 week in length.
3. Silver Lake Camp - 4 members attended 1 week in length.
4. Camp Cory Retreat - 2 members attended 1 week-end in length.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR LUTHER LEAGUE

Balance on Hand 1/1/59		\$ 106.91
Receipts		
Check -- Daughters of Zion Bible Class	\$ 75.00	
Supper money and Offerings	15.20	
Profit on Ice Cream Social	81.56	
Sale of Books	13.80	
	<u>\$185.56</u>	
Disbursements		
National Convention	\$ 78.00	
Silver Lake	80.00	
Post Cards	1.50	
	<u>\$159.50</u>	
Balance		\$26.06
Receipts		
Cash Received by N. Klein Sept. 1, 1959	\$ 26.06	
Check - Young People	10.00	
Donation	1.00	
Profit on Sauerkraut Supper Sale	36.42	
Sale of Books	7.50	
Supper Money & Offerings	46.32	
	<u>\$127.30</u>	
Disbursements		
Supper Expenses	\$ 32.16	
Luther Life Subscriptions	8.00	
Book Invoices	29.34	
Post Cards	1.50	
	<u>\$ 71.00</u>	
Balance on Hand Dec. 31, 1959		\$ 56.30

Nancy Klein, Treasurer

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ALTAR GUILD

The Altar Guild of Zion has completed its 13th successful year. Many things have been accomplished this past year. On March 1st, 1959, the new White Paraments were dedicated.

On Easter Sunday, 42 Lilies beautified our Altar, Chancel and Windows in the Church.

Flowers were placed on the Altar every Sunday except three during the year in Memory of loved ones by members and friends of the Congregation. On the Sundays that were not taken by individuals, the Altar Guild placed the flowers on the Altar.

In May of 1959, a letter was sent to the members of Zion telling them of the Hymnal Drive that was to take place. It was our desire to purchase enough books for the whole congregation so that we might start using them in September. The people responded very well and we succeeded in having the books by September.

Because of the increase in number in the Choir, the Altar Guild purchased six more beanies so that all the ladies would have one.

The Candle-light service this year was very beautiful. The ushers distributed the candles this year instead of the members of the Guild. We had a very good attendance--137. At our December meeting the Guild had their annual Christmas Party which was enjoyed by all.

Officers for 1960 are: President, Miss Alyce Leistmann; Vice President, Mrs. Elsie Pundt; Treasurer, Mrs. Alma Tobin; Secretary, Mrs. Jean Ahrens.

There are 27 members in the Guild and we are always hoping that more will join our organization.

Respectfully submitted

Jean Ahrens, Secretary

ALTAR GUILD TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance Jan. 1, 1959

\$1162.62

Receipts

Hymnal Drive Receipts	\$ 732.55
Dues	66.25
Memorials	325.00
Check rec'd for portion of Altar Hanging	22.00
Wedding candles	5.00
Flower Boxes	2.00
Altar Guild Books sold	1.50
Receipts from Christmas Party	6.00
Interest from bank	27.85

1188.15

\$2350.77

Disbursements

Hymn Books & book plates	\$ 810.13
Caps for Choir	12.42
Candles	20.00
Liturgical music	38.33
Candle-light Programs (2 Years)	9.68
Communion glass filler	5.59
Flowers for Altar	13.00
Final payment on White Altar Hanging	174.88
Postage for Hymnal Drive	12.00
Stationery " "	17.60

1113.63

\$1237.14

Balance Jan.1,1960

DORCAS SOCIETY

The Dorcas Society meets first Wednesday of the month for a luncheon meeting at 12:30 P.M. Members bring a sandwich, coffee and dessert are furnished by a committee.

The society is continuing to work for the Cancer Society. Members come at 10 A.M. to pin and sew pads. Ruth King and Jean Ahrens have charge of this project. Ninety-three dozen pads were made during this past year.

Sunshine Secretary, Mrs. Demers sends flowers and cards to sick members, and birthday cards to older members.

Projects of year, in cooperation with Daughters of Zion, Pot Luck dinner for the Congregational meeting, Jan. 12th.; dinner for Thiel College Choir, Feb. 24th.; Rummage Sale, March 11th.; Fall Sale and Supper, Nov. 18th. Proceeds from these are put in a special fund to be used at future date. Dorcas served luncheon on April 8th for Pastoral Conference. In July all the societies enjoyed a picnic at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Paul Gudat.

The society contributes to the church at Easter, Sunday School at Christmas, Mt. Airy Auxiliary, Lutheran World Action, American Red Cross, Hymnal Fund. At our December meeting members gave donation of money instead of exchanging gifts. This money was used to defray expense of gifts and baskets for shut-ins and our sick members.

Our society has a membership of forty-six, of which, five are honorary members.

We would be happy to welcome new members.

Officers for 1960 are: President, Mrs. Edna Schramm; Vice President, Mrs. Jean Ahrens; Secretary, Mrs. Emma Cook, Treasurer, Mrs. Bertha Morells.

Respectfully submitted

Emma Cook, Secretary

DORCAS TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance Jan. 1, 1959	\$ 237.03
Receipts for the year	175.50
	<u>\$ 412.53</u>
Disbursements	167.28
Balance Jan. 1, 1960	<u>\$ 245.25</u>

Renovation Fund Total \$1540.53
(Daughters of Zion & Dorcas Societies)

Respectfully submitted

Bertha Morells, Treasurer

Sunshine Balance	12/31/59	\$ 39.18
Expenses		<u>32.08</u>
Balance Jan. 1, 1960		7.10

Anna Demers, Sunshine Secretary

DAUGHTERS OF ZION BIBLE CLASS

The year 1959 has come to a close and again the Daughters of Zion Bible Class has had a successful year.

The society has a membership of eighty-seven, of which five are honorary members. Our meetings take place the second Monday of each month in the Sunday School Auditorium, with the exception of June, July, and August. The Brotherhood has joined us at dinner and then each society conducts its own business meeting.

We have a Sunshine Fund, voluntary contributions by the members, which enables us to send flowers, fruit and gifts to the shut-ins. Birthday cards are sent to the members by our Birthday Secretary, Mrs. Julia Sauer.

Our projects to raise money are the sale of kitchen items and our yearly coin cards. We cooperated with the Dorcas Society for the Rummage Sale in March and our annual sale and supper in November. The proceeds were deposited in a special fund through which we were able to complete furnishing the Church Parlor.

The society has made many contributions during 1959. Easter gift to the Church, March of Dimes, Mt. Airy Seminary, Federation of Churches, Luther League, Inner Mission, Arthur Seitz Testimonial Dinner, Sunday School for Christmas Decorations and Christmas Gifts. We purchased a new rug for the Shepherd Room and provided drapes for the Sunday-School Altar.

Our members participated in the clothing drive for Lutheran World Relief and furnished home-made cookies to the Inner Mission Auxiliary. These were distributed to the shut-ins in Nursing Homes and Hospitals for Christmas cheer.

Our annual Birthday Party is held in the month of May. Twelve gayly decorated tables, representing the twelve months of the year, and a delicious dinner always makes it a high-light of the year.

In July we had our picnic at the home of our President, Mrs. Paul Gudat, 251 Orchard Park Blvd. The Dorcas Society and Brotherhood were invited too and we enjoyed a wonderful time.

Again this year Our Heavenly Father called to her eternal rest our member, Miss Sadie Strauch. We shall miss her but we realize He knows best.

In the December meeting we celebrated our Christmas Party. We enjoyed a delicious dinner and rather than exchanging our usual dollar Christmas gift, the members donated the amount to the Lutheran World Action.

We are grateful to Our Father for allowing us to meet every month to enjoy fellowship and to do good in His Name. May He be with us in Old Zion during the new year.

Officers for 1959 are: President, Mrs. Marie Gudat; Vice President, Miss Alyce Leistmann; Secretary, Miss Lydia Mailander; Treasurer, Mrs. Pearl Kramer; Sunshine Secretary, Mrs. Nettie Pfeiffer; Birthday Secretary, Mrs. Julia Sauer; Ticket Chairman, Mrs. Jean Ahrens.

Respectfully submitted

Lydia Mailander, Secretary

DAUGHTERS OF ZION FINANCIAL REPORT

Cash on Hand Jan. 1, 1959		\$ 838.03
Receipts		
Dues	\$ 141.00	
Other cash received (Profit on suppers sale of knives, etc.)	354.49	495.49
		<u>\$1,333.52</u>
Disbursements		
Contributions and Gifts	\$ 387.50	
Drapes for Sunday-School Altar	133.51	
Rug for Shepherd Room	92.65	
Decorations (Easter and Christmas)	40.00	
Kitchen supplies	19.58	
Knives and Scrapers	30.00	
Miscellaneous (Stamps, etc.)	24.60	
Transferred to interest bearing acct.	500.00	<u>\$1,227.84</u>
Cash on hand - Checking Account Dec. 31, 1959		\$ 105.68
Cash in interest account		500.00
Balance Jan. 1, 1960		<u>\$ 605.68</u>

Pearl Kramer

KITCHEN COMMITTEE REPORT

Balance Jan. 1, 1959		\$ 22.47
Receipts		
Dorcas Society	\$ 10.00	
Daughters of Zion	10.00	20.00
		<u>\$ 42.47</u>
Disbursements		
Soap	\$ 5.22	
Sugar	2.26	
Salt	.51	
Tea	1.59	
Wax Paper	.28	
Paper for Tables	3.84	
Place Mats & Napkins	13.07	
Dishes	1.91	<u>\$ 28.68</u>
Balance Jan. 1, 1960		<u>\$ 13.79</u>

Respectfully submitted

Millie Newborn

BROTHERHOOD REPORT

The Brotherhood meets the second Monday of each month with the Daughters of Zion for 6:30 P.M. dinner. After the meal, the men go upstairs for their meeting.

We started in January 1959 with attendance of eight men which was doubled by the May meeting with attendance of sixteen. The average for the year was eleven plus, plenty of room for improvement. We are trying to benefit the men religiously, "But" to receive benefits, you have to attend meetings.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Jan. Pastor Fink elaborated on program to learn more about Church.
Feb. Discussion of membership; it did bear fruit for attendance kept increasing 16 for May meeting. There was also planning for future programs.
March. Work was progressing on Shepherd Room. Ladies and Men heard an interesting talk by Pastor Horn.
April. Discussed with Mr. Ahrens, plans for Mr. Seitz Testimonial dinner. And U.L.C.M. convention, Pastor Fink spoke on "Must we have the Church?" We also arranged for screening in the Steeple.
May. Pastor Fink spoke on "Advancement and Benefits of our Church" Men then came down with Ladies and enjoyed pictures of Manning's trip to Europe.
June, July, August. Vacation period. However picnic at Gudat's was outstanding.
Sept. Pastor Fink suggested Topics for future meetings through June 1960. They are very interesting, Educational along religious lines to be presented as panel group discussions.
Oct. Panel discussion "What does Holy Spirit do" Pastor Fink in charge.
Nov. 8 P.M. talk by Pastor Gibson of Reformation Church followed with coffee and kuchen.
Dec. Further talk on how to get men out to our meetings and Pastor Fink then talked on "Prayer." the question, answer discussion period was very interesting.

Men! there are some very interesting educational topics coming up. Let's reward the Pastor for his efforts by attending meetings regularly.

Sincerely

Al Cook, Secretary

BROTHERHOOD FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance Jan. 1, 1959		\$ 144.92
Receipts		
Dues		9.00
Sunshine Fund		21.74
		<u>\$ 175.66</u>
Disbursements		
Altar Flowers for Brotherhood Sunday	\$ 8.00	
3 Subscriptions for 'Lutheran Men'	4.50	
Arthur Seitz Testimonial Banquet	25.00	37.50
Balance Jan. 1, 1960		<u>\$ 138.16</u>

\$30.00 of which is ear-marked for purchase of new coat racks or alterations on present racks.

Mr. Philip Ludwig

UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN'S GROUP

A group of women met in the Church Parlor on Sunday October 11th at 11:30 A.M. The purpose of this meeting was to form a United Lutheran Church Women's Group at Zion.

The following officers were elected: President, Alyce Leistmann; Secretary, Bertha Morells; Treasurer, Ruth King.

Our group meets the first Friday of each month at 8 P.M.

Our program is to study missions.

At our December meeting Mrs. Fink gave a very interesting talk on India.

At our January meeting she will discuss Africa:

We have ten members at the present time and may I at this time, extend a cordial invitation to all women of the Church to join us.

Treasurer's Balance Jan. 1, 1960 \$ 5.50

Alyce Leistmann

President

THE PUBLICATIONS AND LITERATURE COMMITTEE

The Publications and Literature Committee was formed in 1959. Its purpose is to better inform the congregation of events and happenings in the church and of the Church-At-Large.

One of our functions was to begin publishing a church newspaper, Zion's Herald. Three issues have been published to date. We plan better the publication in 1960, with the use of pictures and drawings. We will also keep the community better informed of events and happenings in Zion.

Please feel free to inform the Committee of any items of interest or of any suggestions you may have.

The Committee: Mr. William Reno, Chairman
Mrs. Albert Cook, Secretary
Mrs. P. Friesser
Mrs. Ellwood King
Mr. Edward Serow

YOUNG ADULT GROUP TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance Jan. 1, 1959	\$ 149.10
Checks Paid	<u>113.67</u>
	\$ 35.43
Deposits Made	<u>24.75</u>
Balance, Jan. 1, 1960	\$ 60.18

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

November 8th was Stewardship Sunday and thirty enthusiastic Zion members conducted an every-member visitation. The visitors worked in pairs and received pledges for both Zion and St. John's Home. Our thanks to all those on the visitation committee for two jobs well done.

The following figures represent the amount pledged for Current Expenses of Zion for the years 1959 and 1960:

	No. of Pledges	Amount Pledged	Avg. Pledge per Sunday
1960	232	\$13,801	\$ 1.14
1959	<u>204</u>	<u>11,564</u>	<u>1.07</u>
Improvement Factor	24	\$ 2,237	\$.07

The increase of 7 cents per pledge represents a 6% increase over last year. This is a smaller increase than was hoped for, but is still a step in the right direction.

Pledges for Benevolences and Special Appeals numbered 193 and represent \$1947.40. This is a little more than \$10.00 per pledge per year. It is our hope that more of our members will make a Benevolence pledge and that the amount pledged will show an increase this coming year.

Respectfully submitted

Paul Ludwig, Chairman

WAGNER COLLEGE FUND REPORT

Total Amount Pledged		\$4075.00
Credited to Accounts	1958	\$1278.40
	1959	<u>1743.25</u>
Pledges outstanding		3021.65
		<u>\$1053.35</u>

Of the \$1053.35 still outstanding, \$310.00 represents 14 pledges on which nothing has been paid. These are the potential losses. All other pledges are gradually being paid and should be paid in full by March of 1961, maturity date for the 30 month pledges.

The Treasurer shows Wagner College Receipts for 1959 totaling \$1812.70. Actual postings to the accounts totaled \$1743.25 or \$69.45 less than the Cash taken in. This difference in figures could be due to one or more Wagner College envelopes not being marked with the donor's name.

Statements will be mailed soon. Be sure to check yours carefully. If there is a discrepancy between your figures and mine please phone me at H.U.2-3639.

Respectfully submitted

Paul Ludwig, Chairman

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1959

Receipts

Pledges	\$ 12240.50
Loose Offering	604.97
Lenten Collection	337.21
Maundy Thursday	23.55
Palm Sunday	34.66
Easter Sunday	446.53
Christmas Offering	199.70
Parking Contribution	638.00
	<u>\$1,4525.12</u>
Benevolence	
Quarterly	1376.85
Sunday School	177.00
Communion	279.16
	<u>\$ 1833.01</u>
Other Offerings	
St. John's Home	\$ 208.00
Renovation	115.00
Wagner College	1812.70
Lutheran World Action	582.22
Telephone	38.50
Zion Memorial Building Fund	152.00
Bertha D. Strauch Offering	290.00
Picnic Receipts	9.15
American Bible Society	35.65
	<u>\$ 3243.22</u>
	\$1,9601.35

- 1 \$10,000 Bond Series F
Cost \$7400.00 Matures 1962
- 3 \$1,000.00 Savings Bonds
Cost 2160.00 Matures 1964

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1959

Expenses

Salaries - Pastors	\$ 4500.00
Car Expense - Pastors	485.40
Salaries - Organist	999.96
" Choir Director	677.75
" Sexton	960.00
Pastor Expense	207.72
Officers "	487.50
Pension & Family Protection	450.00
Pulpit Supply	50.00
Telephone	364.64
Heat & Light	2382.84
Misc Expense	1257.52
Taxes	511.22
Water	68.32
Postage	74.24
Public Relations	839.31
Insurance	823.11
Repairs & Improvements	1619.10
Dues Rochester Conference	15.00
Special Gifts	245.00
Choir Help	189.00
Supply Organist	95.00
Extra Sexton	60.00
	<u>\$17362.63</u>

Other Payments

St. John's Home	208.00
Wagner College	732.05
Lutheran World Action	537.72
American Bible Society	35.65
Bertha Strauch	290.00
	<u>\$ 1794.42</u>

Benevolence

U.L.C.A. & Synod	\$ 1434.50
Inner Mission	239.09
Federation of Churches	50.00
	<u>\$ 1723.59</u>

Summary of Accounts

Receipts

Balance Carried from 1958	\$ 619.38
Receipts	19601.35
Transferred from Interest Account	1160.00
	<u>\$21380.73</u>
Less Disbursements	20880.64
Lincoln Rochester Interest Balance 12/31/58	500.09
Balance Lincoln Rochester Interest Account	<u>4683.67</u>

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1960

I For work outside the Congregation

	Budget 1959	Quota 1960	Budget 1960
(a) Through apportioned benevolence by Synod and the U.L.C.A.	\$ 1500.00	\$ 4161.00	\$ 1500.00
(b) Through Unapportioned Benevolence			
Extension Society	50.00		50.00
Federation of Churches	50.00		50.00
Inner Mission Work	250.00		250.00
Toward Camp at Penn Yan			50.00
Total in Budget	<u>\$ 1350.00</u>	<u>\$ 4161.00</u>	<u>\$ 1900.00</u>
(c) Lutheran World Action	514.00		438.00
	<u>\$ 2364.00</u>	<u>\$ 4161.00</u>	<u>\$ 2338.00</u>

II. For our work within the Congregation

	Budget 1959	Budget 1960
1. Pastors' Salary	\$ 4500.00	\$ 4500.00
2. Supply Pastors	60.00	60.00
3. Parsonage Maintenance		756.00
Heat & Utilities	\$500.00	not listed
Telephone	90.00	separately
Water	16.00	for 1959
Repairs	150.00	
4. Auto Allowance	485.00	485.00
5. Pension Plan	414.00	414.00
6. Family Protection Plan	36.00	51.00
	<u>\$ 5495.00</u>	<u>\$ 6266.00</u>

WORSHIP

	1959	1960
Organist:	\$ 1050.00	\$ 1050.00
Choir Director	1000.00	1000.00
Social Security	not listed	61.00
Music & Supplies	separately	50.00
Organ Maintenance	in 1959	40.00
Communion Supplies		50.00
	<u>\$ 2050.00</u>	<u>\$ 2251.00</u>

CHURCH ADMINISTRATION

	1959	1960
Church Secretaries	not listed separately	\$ 350.00
Financial Secretary	"	150.00
Treasurer & Secretary	"	360.00
Programs & Bulletins	"	120.00
Equipment	"	30.00
Supplies	"	150.00
Printing	"	150.00
Postage	\$ 125.00	100.00
Telephone	260.00	150.00
		<u>\$ 1560.00</u>

*CONCORDIA LUTHERAN
CHURCH*

16 HELENA STREET

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SCRIPTURE READING AND PRAYER, Rev. Dr. C. N. Conrad

HYMN: "Stand up! Stand Up for Jesus!"

Stand up! Stand up for Jesus!
Ye soldiers of the Cross:
Lift high His royal banner,
It must not suffer loss.
From victory unto victory,
His army He shall lead,
Till every foe is vanquished,
And Christ is Lord indeed.

CHORUS.

Stand up! Stand up for Jesus!
Ye soldiers of the Cross:
Lift up His royal banner,
It must not suffer loss.

Stand up! Stand up for Jesus!
The trumpet call obey;
Forth in the mighty conflict,
In this His glorious day,
Ye that are men now serve Him,
Against unnumbered foes;

Let courage rise with danger,
And strength to strength oppose.
CHORUS.

Stand up! Stand up for Jesus!
Stand in His strength alone;
The arm of flesh will fail you,
Ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the gospel armour,
Each piece with prayer;
Where danger or death,
Be never wanting there.

CHORUS.

Stand up! Stand up for Jesus!
The strife will not be long;
This day the noise of battle,
The next the victor's song.
To Him that overcometh,
A crown of life shall be;
He with the King of glory
Shall reign eternally.

CHORUS.

ADDRESS: Rev. Prof. Christian Krahmer, Pittsford, N. Y.

LORD'S PRAYER. Announcements.

Envelope Offering for New Church.

ORGAN: "Prayer"

Simmens

ANTHEM: "To Thee O Country"

Eichberg

THE CHOIR

HYMN: "Now Thank we All Our God!"

Now thank we all our God,
With heart and hand and voice,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom His earth rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms
Hath blessed us on our way,
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours to-day.

O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;

And keep us in His grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns
With them in highest heaven;
The One eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

BENEDICTION, Praise God etc.

POSTLUDE: "Grand Chorus"

Dubois

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Vierzigjähriges Jubiläum

der Nord-Deutschen Evang.-Lutherischen

Concordia Gemeinde

Helena Strasse

Rochester, N. Y.

Sonntag, den 14. Oktober 1917

Rev. CARL N. CONRAD, D. D., Ph. D., Pastor

PROGRAMM

Sonntag Morgen-Gottesdienst, 10.30 Uhr

Vorspiel: Fantasie in E Minor

Merkel

Prof. Arthur F. Nowack, Organist

Singchor: „Danket unserm Gott!“

Adams

Die Eröffnung.

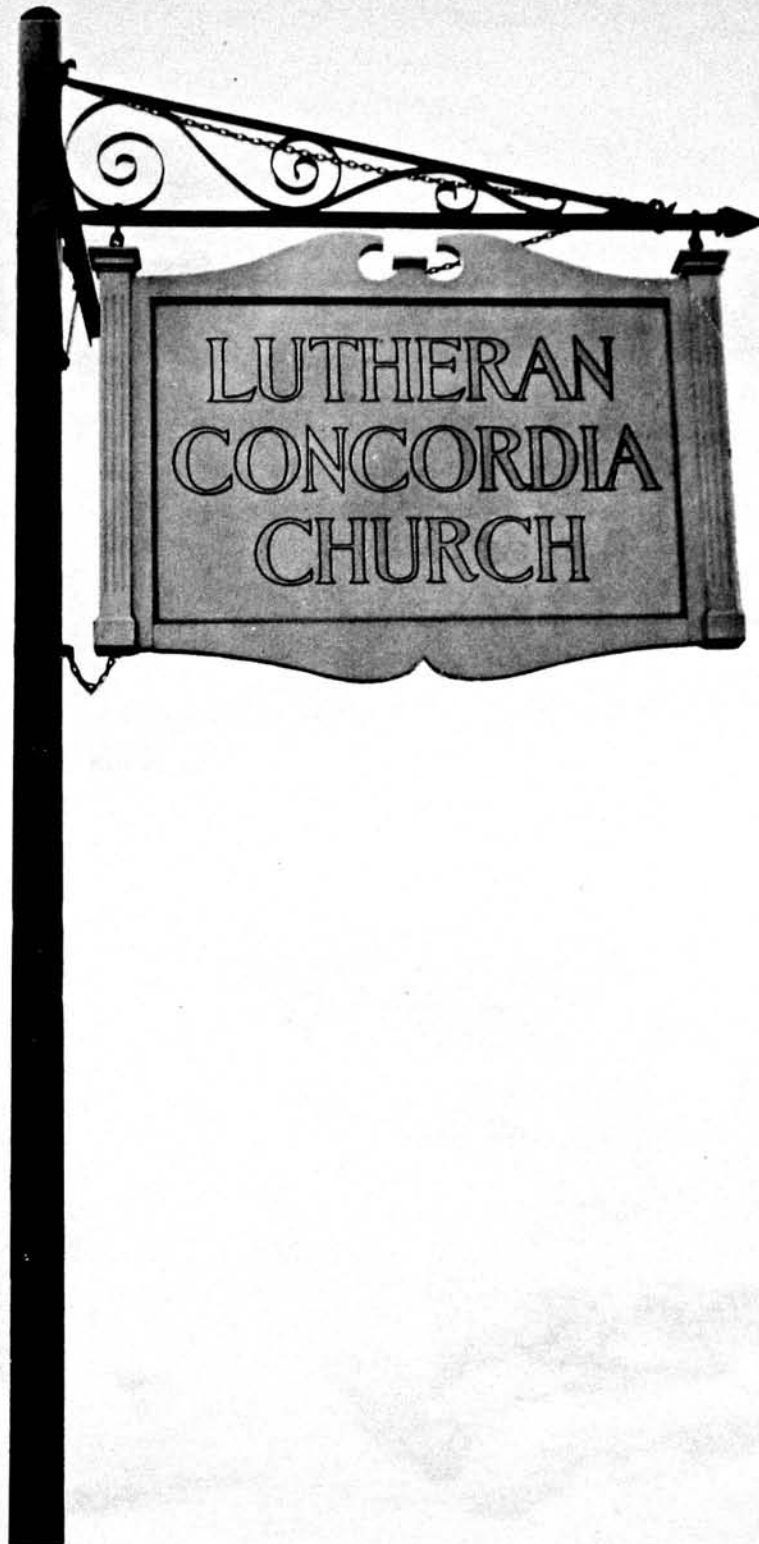
Pastor: Im Namen des Vaters und des Sohnes und des hl. Geistes.
Gemeinde: Amen.

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Foreword

Saturday, September 20, 1952, was an auspicious date in the life of Lutheran Concordia Church, Rochester, New York. It marked the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of the congregation's founding. Having reached this venerable age, it was decided to mark the event not only with Services of Thanksgiving, but also by the issuance of an anniversary booklet. This booklet would continue to remind the parishioners of Concordia Church of this significant milestone long after the occasion had passed and would also bring to mind some of the things we did as a congregation during our Diamond Jubilee Year.

And so with these thoughts in mind, we present the life and work of our church and its members as they happened in the Year of Our Lord 1952.

The Anniversary Book Committee

Louis Kastner

Otto Scheik

Henry Unterborn

The Executive Committee

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Sixty former members of St. John's Lutheran Church, Rochester, New York, gathered in the home of the Rev. Ernst Heydler, St. Joseph Street, on Thursday evening, September 20, 1877, for the purpose of organizing a new congregation. At this meeting the North German Evangelical Lutheran Concordia Church came into being. Soon thereafter, the new congregation met in Goer's Hall, Hudson Avenue, for weekly services, but the growth of the congregation together with the desire for a church home of their own led the members to purchase property at the corner of Helena and Putnam Streets for the sum of \$700. At the same time a parochial school was opened in a rented house in Concord Street. On October 6, 1878, a newly erected church was formally dedicated and one year later a school house was built adjacent to the church on Helena Street, several additional lots having been added to the original purchase. Pastor Heydler's untimely death after six years of labor led to the calling of Carl C. N. Conrad, a seminarian from Mt. Airy Seminary, Philadelphia, Pa., but a native Rochesterian. Upon accepting the call, July 24, 1882, Pastor Conrad began a ministry which, until the time of his death, was the longest pastorate in the city of Rochester. Under Dr. Conrad's direction the congregation grew rapidly. He was alert to the tremendous influx of immigrants coming to Rochester and was successful in gathering vast numbers of North Germans into the membership of Concordia Church. The church had to be enlarged several times, the old parish hall (formerly the school building) replaced with the present large brick structure (1924) so that the expanding congregation could be served. Aware of the home mission field, Dr. Conrad was instrumental in founding seven daughter congregations, most of which bear the name "Concordia".

In 1932 the entire congregation was prepared to celebrate the Golden Anniversary of Dr. Conrad's pastorate. But several weeks before these plans could be culminated, Pastor Conrad was called into the Church Triumphant, entering it on June 8, 1932.

A brief interim pastorate was filled by the Rev. Charles J. Reichardt until October 6, 1932, when he too passed into Eternal Life.

The Rev. Wilfried C. H. Tappert of Connecticut, succeeded as the third pastor of Concordia Church, taking charge November 6, 1932. The nine years of Pastor Tappert's ministry were marked with significant advances. English services were read every Sunday morning instead of only twice a month as previously. The interior of the church was completely remodeled into a beautiful, harmonious Tudor Gothic structure. It was also under Pastor Tappert's leadership that the congregation, after a period of almost forty years of independency, re-entered the fellowship of the United Lutheran Synod of New York.



Leaving a congregation much strengthened by his labors, Pastor Tappert accepted a call from St. Paul's Church, Mt. Vernon, New York. He was followed by the Rev. Thomas A. Berg of Lyons, New York, who began his ministry, October 19, 1941.



Rev. Thomas Berg, Rev. Louis G. Golder and Rev. Wilfried C. H. Tappert.

During the seven years of this fourth pastorate, the congregation's life was expressed with interest in its own affairs and in the greater work of the entire Church. It was while Pastor Berg served Concordia that the trying days of World War II were experienced. The quiet spiritual guidance of the Pastor was deeply felt during these difficult times.

But once again a call came from another field and Pastor Berg accepted the summons from Trinity Church, Herkimer, New York, in May, 1948. In August of the same year, the Rev. Louis G. Golder, pastor of the Lutheran Service Center, Norfolk, Virginia, received the call as Concordia's fifth pastor and assumed his duties, November 1, 1948.

The four years since that time have seen an internal growth and strengthening of the congregation's life as expressed by its stewardship, its increasingly active role in Synod affairs and its advances in many local aspects. The recent acquisition of a large parking lot, the purchase of a sexton's house together with an adjoining property and the renovation of church and hall properties, were steps toward conserving our church and its present location. The many fine gifts for the church buildings, given in connection with the 75th Anniversary, have also led to a new appreciation for our House of Worship and its spiritual heritage.

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This is our church and parish hall. Here our whole congregational life is centered. The original frame building and school house have given way to the fine brick structures seen today. Our property, no longer confined to Helena and Putnam Streets, now extends to Hudson Avenue where the dignified sign at our parking area entrance announces our presence to the entire community.



Every Sunday Morning (and on many other occasions too!) during the past year, the members of Concordia Church came to worship, as indeed they have done for three-quarters of a century. Worship is the most important function in which a congregation can engage; in fact, it is the reason for the existence of our church or any other church. As we sang at our anniversary Service;

"I love Thy Zion Lord,
The House of Thine abode,
The Church our blest Redeemer saved,
With His own precious Blood."

It is here, in this holy place, that God's Word is proclaimed, His Sacraments received and our faith renewed.

When we Lutherans think of worship we automatically think in terms of music. We not only sing hymns, but also the entire Service. Aiding us in our worship and contributing music of their own is the Senior choir. Several directors were in charge during 1952, but each added a unique contribution to our Service. (Picture on next page)



Turning aside from the purely spiritual aspects of our church life, attention is directed to the working phase of the congregation. On the first Monday of every month, the Church Council meets to deliberate on the happenings of the past month and to decide on policies for the months ahead. This business of operating a church is largely a "behind the scenes" operation, but it must be done. Here are the twelve councilmen who served during 1952.



Charles Strauss, Raymond Moldenhauer, Willis Seville, Arthur Sedler, Pastor Golder, Alvin Pembroke, Ellis Faro, Alvin Tinsmon, Edward Schlegel, Gregory Kraus, Arnold Schock, Arthur Schock. Absent, Edward Latal, Jr. Officers: President, Pastor; Secretary, Ellis Faro; Treasurer, Arthur Sedler.

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Next to the worship of God, the most important function of the Church is the instruction of both children and adults in the truth of our Holy Faith.



We are reasonably proud of our Sunday Church School with its many classes, fine staff of teachers and varied activities. They had a group picture taken one evening as they assembled for their monthly Worker's Conference. You will, of course, notice the lovely Altar of the Primary-Junior Department beside which the teachers are standing.

1st. row-Mrs. John Mitchell, Miss Elsie Phillips, Mrs. George Baron, Mrs. Ray Moldenhauer, Mrs. Leonard Karweick, Mrs. Gregory Kraus, Mrs. Edward Schlegel. 2nd. row-Mr. Henry Unterborn, Mrs. Arthur Sedler, Mrs. Frank Bock, Mrs. Louis Golder, Mrs. Elsie Hayes, Mr. Otto Scheik, Mrs. Erney Hopkins, Mrs. Roy Fries. 3rd. row-Mr. Arthur Sedler, Pastor Louis Golder.



Our Junior Choir, here under the direction of Miss Joan Franks, is an activity of the school which reaches into the Services of the church. We enjoy the choir's singing and eagerly await the Sundays when the Junior's participate in The Service and also sing an anthem.

AUXILIARIES

Concordia Church, during its seventy-five years of history, has established auxiliaries and societies for all age groups. Generally speaking, the aims of these organizations are directed toward Christian fellowship and to provide a closer tie of the members to their church.

Of all such organizations in the congregation, the oldest in point of existence is the Young Men's Society, a beneficial group founded by Dr. Conrad in 1878. Numbering 202 members, the Society has had a record of continuous service to its membership.



Officers of the Young Men's Society

President, Frank Manske; Vice-President, William Wisotzke; Recording Secretary, William Griep; Financial Secretary, Ernst Unterborn; Treasurer, William Schroeder; Librarian, Edward Muisus; Finance Committee: Louis Weber, Charles Patzer, Perry Sheehan.

The Dorcas Society, founded in 1917 in place of the former Frauenverein is in its thirty-fifth year of activity. A service organization of ladies, it has served in many capacities. It presently has 84 members.



Officers: President, Mrs. Charles Putzig; Vice-President, Mrs. Earl Newman; Secretary, Mrs. Frank Manske; Treasurer, Mrs. August Bunde.

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The monthly supper meetings of the Brotherhood provide a time of fellowship, relaxation and entertainment for the members. An informal group, the Brotherhood seeks only to develop the spirit of comradeship and service within the men of the congregation.



Officers: President, Alvin Pembroke; Secretary-Treasurer, Arnold Schock.

The Women's Missionary Society of Concordia, is a study and project group which interests itself in the work of the whole Church throughout the world. Its membership numbers forty-four ladies who meet for a business session, topic presentation and a social hour.



Officers: President, Mrs. Milton Sheehan; Vice-President, Miss Eleanor Schroeder; Secretary, Miss Ruth Twietmeyer; Statistical Secretary, Mrs. Harold Cooper; Treasurer, Miss Mildred Pioch.

Newest of the adult groups in our congregation, is the Young People's Club, which meets the first Wednesday of every month for supper, a program and a fellowship hour. Organized a year ago, the group is small, but has fine possibilities for growth.



Officers: President, Frank Bock; Vice-President, Mrs. Gregory Kraus; Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Carol Giepp.

Youngest in terms of years, is the Luther League, composed of young people between the ages of twelve and seventeen. Meeting every Sunday afternoon, their busy schedule includes a meeting, devotions, topic or program and supper. Often they are engaged in preparing for a play, a festival pageant or other activity. The league is divided into Intermediate and Senior groups, each with its own set of officers.



Intermediate
President, Lee Tinsmon; Vice-President, William Brueckner; Secretary, Elaine Evershed, Treasurer, Judy Miller.



Senior
President, Jerry Koepplin; Vice-President, Robert Painton; Secretary, Joyce Cooper.

INASMUCH AS 1952 was the Seventy-Fifth Anniversary Year, we celebrated the occasion in a manner which we thought befitting. In June, the United Lutheran Synod of New York and New England was our guest for its Twenty-fourth Annual convention. This marked the first time in Concordia's history that such an event took place within our church. Those days of June 9 to 12, were memorable ones for us and here are some of the highlights.



Tuesday Morning, June 10, Pastor Golder presents a gavel to Synod President Dr. F. R. Knubel on behalf of Concordia Church.



Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, President of the United Lutheran Church in America was the visitor from the Church to our synod.



On Wednesday evening, June 11, nine seminarians were Ordained to the Holy Office of the Ministry. They are pictured here together with the clergy who officiated during The Service.

September 21, 1952, was the Anniversary Sunday. The celebration of a Holy Communion of Thanksgiving took place with the sermon being preached by the Rev. Arthur W. Hergenhan, Concordia's only son in the ministry.



The second service, Sunday, September 27, brought Dr. Clarence C. Stoughton, president of Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio, to us as our guest speaker.

The last Anniversary service took place on Sunday morning, October 5. It was during this Service that the blessing of the many beautiful gifts and memorials took place, a list of which appears at the end of this book. Altogether, these three acts of worship were not only our response to the Goodness of God but became the channels of God's grace to us as well. This is as it should be.

We also had a wonderful time, socially speaking, at a Jubilee banquet which we held on the evening of October 1, in our beautifully redecorated parish hall. Over three hundred guests came to dine, to enjoy one another's company and to reminisce. The three people most responsible for the success of that evening are pictured below.



Mrs. Frank Manske, Dinner Chairman; Mr. Ray Moldenhauer, General Chairman; Mr. Charles Pioch, Toastmaster.

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Here is a view of the banquet from the balcony of the Parish Hall. On the stage are our special guests: Pastor and Mrs. Yost Brandt, Pastor and Mrs. Berg, Pastor and Mrs. Tappert.



Toastmaster Pioch is keeping everyone happy as can be readily seen from this view of the speaker's table.



To all who were members of the church fifty or more years and were present at the banquet, gold crosses were given in recognition of their many years of faithfulness and service. The cameraman has caught a few of the seventy in his lens as the Pastor is about to distribute the crosses.



Pastor Tappert addresses the banquet.



Pastor Berg speaks to former parishioners.

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GIFTS AND MEMORIALS
PRESENTED TO LUTHERAN CONCORDIA CHURCH
ON THE OCCASION OF
THE SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE—in memory of Mrs. Loretta Eisenberg
by her husband Carl P. Eisenberg
and her children
Dorothy and Willis Seville

THE MEMORIAL DESK—in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wetzel
Frieda McCaffery Caroline Wetzel Elizabeth Wetzel
Amelia Weber Charles Wetzel George Wetzel

MEMORIAL WINDOWS

The NATIVITY OF OUR LORD—in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig Mathiak
by Mrs. Ludwig Mathiak

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD—in memory of Miss Bertha Czadsick
by her estate and her nieces and nephews
Edwin Czadsick Bertha Groth Herman Schadsick Herman Senn
John Gartz Frieda Morrison William Schadsick May Senn
Rosetta Gingras Louise Mueller Bertha Schroeder Olga Wolf
Augusta Grienke Edward Schadsick Charles Senn Margaret Young

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD—in memory of William and Emilie Frankenstein
by their daughter Anna Wegman

REPENTANCE—in memory of John and Ernestine Keehn
by their children
John C. Keehn Frieda Machen Loretta Merkel

PARAMENTS AND VESTMENTS

A White Altar Superfrontal—the gift of the Red Cross Unit in honor of
the Seventy-Fifth Anniversary of Concordia Church

A White Lectern Antependium—in memory of Mrs. Mary Siegel
by her daughter May Siegel

A White Pulpit Antependium—in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Konrad Schlicker
by their Children

A White Stole—Presented by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geiger as a Thankoffering

Green Lectern and Pulpit Antependia—in memory of Mrs. Eleanor Nowack
by the Dorcas Society

Altar Fair Linens—in memory of Mrs. Anna Bock by her husband
Albert R. Bock

A Red Stole—in memory of Mr. Charles Neuwirth by Dr. and Mrs.
George W. Bair and Family

CHURCH FURNISHINGS

CHANCEL PRIE-DIEU—presented by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Phillippsen
in honor of their parents
Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Graham
and
Mr. and Mrs. Jacob R. Phillippsen

BAPTISTRY CREDENCE BRACKET—presented by Frieda Miller
in honor of her parents
Mr. and Mrs. John D. Miller

PARISH HALL FURNISHINGS

DRAPES FOR THE AUDITORIUM—The gift of the Women of the Church
and the Women's Missionary Society
in honor of
The Seventy-Fifth Anniversary of Concordia Church

FOLDING CHAIRS AND TABLES—presented by
Mrs. Rose Meyer and Frank Knop in memory of Cornelius Meyer
Miss Emma Scheik in memory of Departed members of the Scheik Family
Relatives and Friends in memory of Mrs. Elfreda Dittman
Miss Elsie Manzek in memory of her mother Mrs. Mathilda Manzek
Franklin and Lincoln Kalwas in memory of their father, Mr. John Kalwas
Miss Bertha Pegosh
The Mission Class
Red Cross Unit



Our Parking Lot, looking toward Hudson Avenue

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A NEW CHURCH

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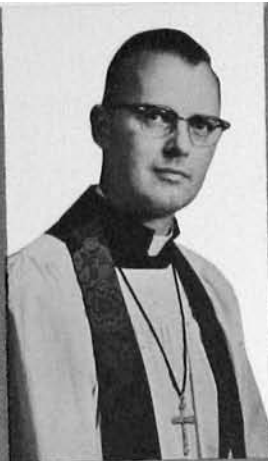
A NEW HOPE

for

A NEW DAY

CONCORDIA SEEKS A NEW CHURCH

1955



"Why must our Building Fund Campaign succeed?" The very survival of our Concordia Church depends upon our effort. We have no choice! Changing neighborhood patterns have made imperative our relocation in a more fertile area.

We rouse ourselves to this great endeavor, therefore, not because of pride or vain-glory. We seek but to give life to an institution that has earned life, to guarantee vitality to a church that has guided almost three generations of Lutherans in the pathway of our fathers.

Our new venture is not a monument to the past. Our expanding metropolitan community requires that this house be built. Wherever Lutherans reside, there must be Lutheran churches.

This vision is not for ourselves alone. At no time in American history was there a more urgent need of renewal of spirit. Our new church will make a greater contribution to the spiritual life of Rochester. We shall be a strong witness of our FAITH to our community.

So let us build with our sacrificial offerings of gold and silver, of heart and soul, that there may stand, "A NEW CHURCH-with-A NEW HOPE-for-A NEW DAY", to the eternal grandeur of our Blessed Lord.

Your Pastor,

Louis G. Gelder

"Take heed now; for the Lord hath chosen thee to build an house for the sanctuary: Be strong and do it."

A NEW CHURCH

NEVER BEFORE IN THE MORE THAN SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS of our church have we been brought face to face with such a momentous decision . . . the decision, to move and erect a *new* church to the glory of God and the advancement of His work through our congregation.

This decision has solidified through the last ten years. We have realized, that to survive as a progressive church we *must* move. While our present location has served us well, it no longer affords us a future.

WHY?

The changing population, the rise of industrialism in this area, and the deterioration of properties have drastically altered a once fruitful field of service. The major cost of church improvements is excessive. The devaluation of the property is staggering. The in-attractiveness of the church surroundings reduces the church's potential for welcoming new church members. The limited possibility

for religious educational growth, as well as the hazards confronting our young people at night, are crying concerns to all parents. All these reasons, coupled with the obvious migrating of our congregation to new and different areas of the city, spell in large words which cannot be erased with the spirit of indifference, that *we will die* in our usefulness as a church—if not today—within a few years.

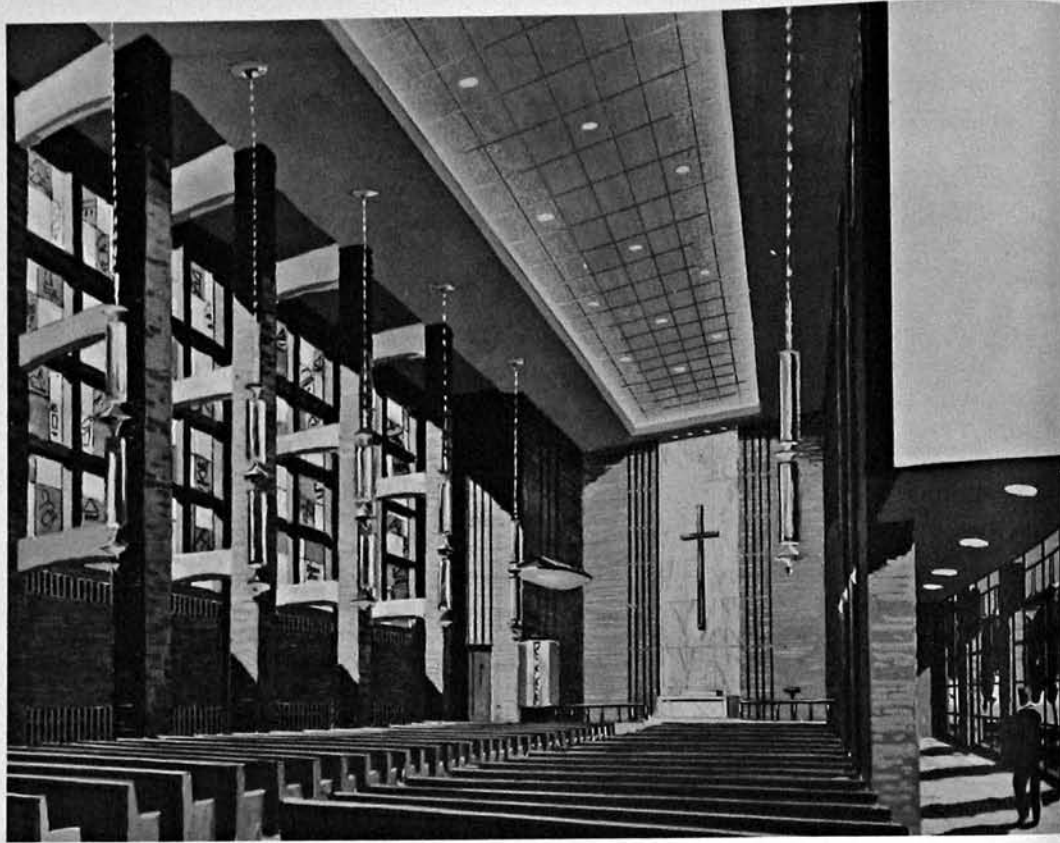
A NEW HOPE

OUR CONCORDIA CHURCH HAS MADE HER BID FOR SURVIVAL and has won her place. Now, she can hope for the future! The daring step will be taken—*now*—to establish a new church residence in the promising area of expansion that has been purchased by the congregation. Our church will be able to grow, attract new members, present a promising youth program, become a leader among Lutheran churches, provide more adequate parish facilities for all groups from infancy to full maturity, all within the framework of our new modern and suitable building.

We, like our founding fathers, seventy-eight years ago, may once again look to the future of our church with unlimited horizons.

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Our new Church has been developed along modern lines with carefully studied scale. It will be constructed in terms of new techniques and materials, but maintaining the beauty which has been characteristic of a place of worship throughout history.

A NEW DAY

TODAY, PEOPLE NEED THE SPIRITUAL DYNAMIC OF THE CHURCH. The main task in these times, as always, is to lead men and women, boys and girls into an awareness and acceptance of Christ and His Way.

Therefore, our Concordia Church will seek the people *where they are*, or will be, in the coming generations.

Our new church will be located on a two acre site at East Avenue, running from Goodman Street South to Arnold Park, in the very heart of Rochester's growth center, amid other churches of the Protestant faith, whose buildings have been erected with an eye to the *future new day*. The cost of this House of God, will approximate \$750,000, which also includes the price of the recently purchased property. The architectural design of the building has been so arranged that we will be able to build our edifice in units, in keeping with the financial ability of the congregation.

Our church has voted, unanimously, to undertake a fund-raising campaign at *this* time to secure a minimum goal of \$250,000. This coupled with the approximate sale price of the present church buildings, at an estimated \$250,000, will enable our church to proceed with the construction of the new building.

The sum of \$250,000 is a large amount of money, but not a staggering amount when everybody helps. Concordia Church is now a significant church with an illustrious history and a tremendous future. The attainment of the campaign goal will require gifts of unprecedented generosity and sacrifice.

The campaign leadership launches this program of advance, confident that the members and friends of the congregation will "rise up and build".

Our subscription plan provides for payments extending over thirty (30) months or three tax years, beginning with January 1, 1956. These pledge payments may be made weekly, monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, annually, or in any other manner desired by the subscriber.



Proposed
CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Maurice R. Salo & Assoc.
Architects
New York, New York

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"IN MEMORIAM"

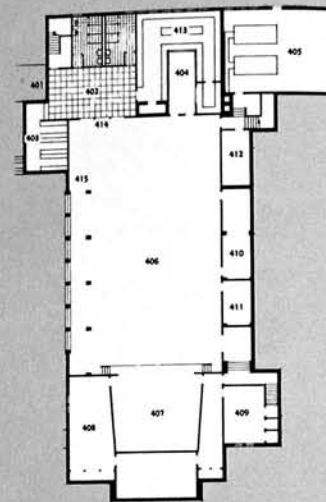
A CHURCH is personal and enduring. Through her memorial program she gives expression to the faith and hope of eternal life.

Memorials do not belong to the wealthy alone. They are the earnest, sincere expression of love and esteem placed in a church by those who wish to honor a family name—the good work of an individual—the memory of a loved one—that they may serve through the years as an inspiration to future generations.

The diagrammatic floor plans shown on the succeeding pages represent the "hope and future of our church for years to come". They provide many opportunities to all contributors for reserving memorials. Each memorial-tribute will be appropriately designated preserving the name of the one in whose honor it is given.

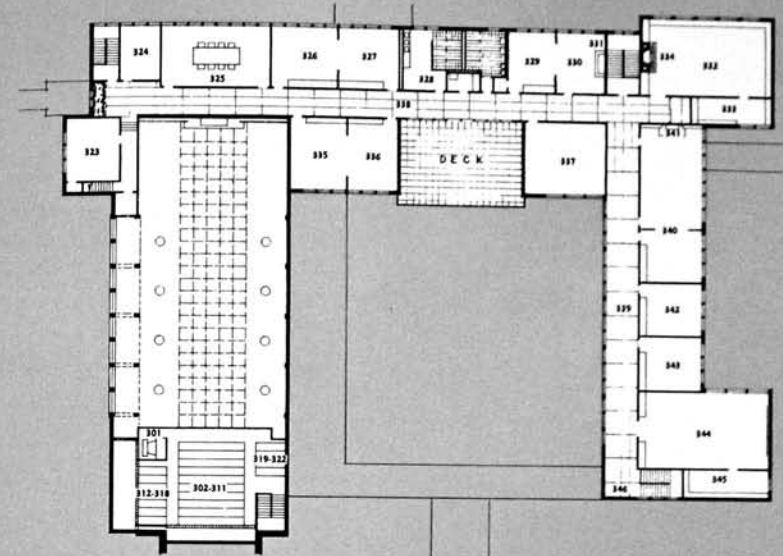
The cost of designating a memorial corresponds to its desirability and should not be construed to mean the actual cost of construction.

"Those who in Faith drink the Water of Life flowing from the Cross of Christ, will be assured of Victory (NIKA) over Sin and Death and given the Crown of Eternal Life."



GROUND FLOOR PLAN

UNIT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	VALUE
401	Lower Foyer Entrance	\$2,000
402	Lower Foyer	5,000
403	Cloak Room	750
404	Kitchen	10,000
405	Boiler Room	5,000
406	Parish Assembly Hall (20 Units at \$500 each)	10,000
407	Stage	3,000
408	Ladies' Choir Vestment Room	1,500
409	Men's Choir Vestment Room	1,500
410	Equipment Room	300
411	Assembly Storage Room	300
412	Assembly Storage Room	300
413	Kitchen Furnishings	3,000
414	Parish Hall Entrance	2,500
415	Parish Hall Lighting	2,500

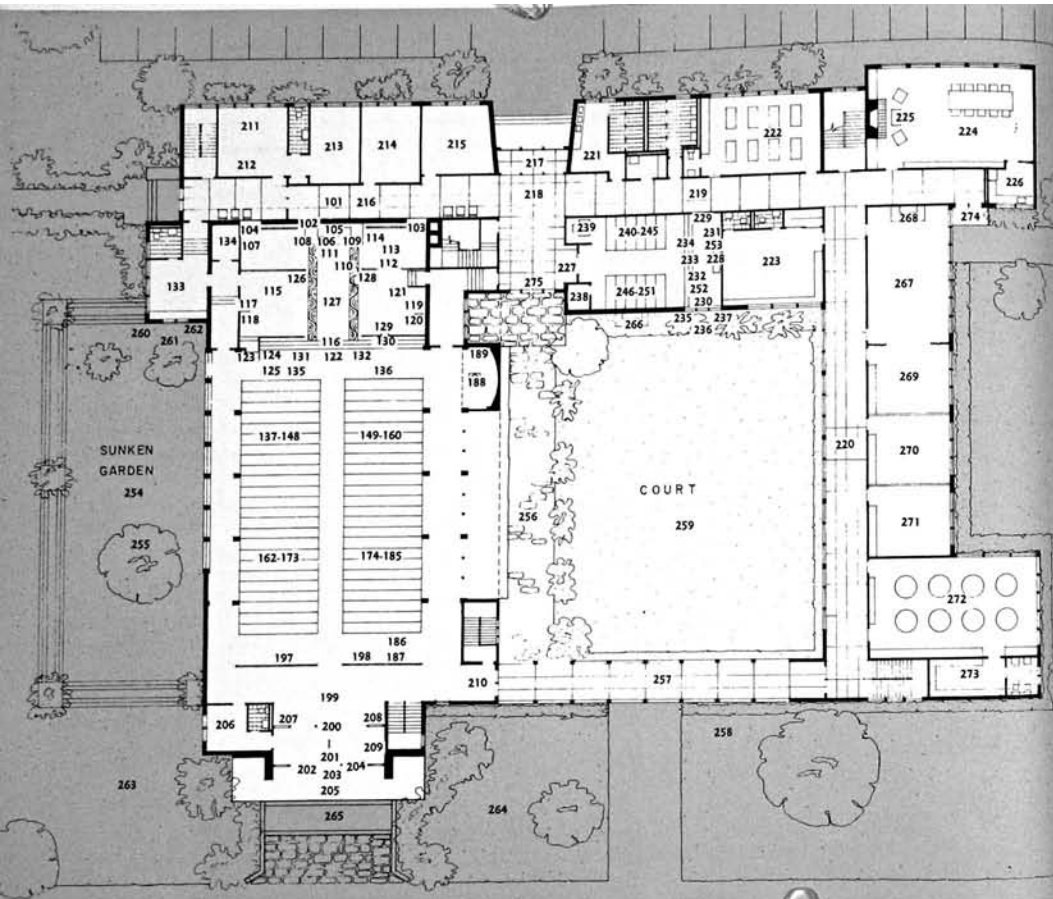


SECOND FLOOR

UNIT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	VALUE	UNIT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	VALUE
301	Nave Grand Organ	\$35,000	332	Boys and Girls Scout Room (4 Units at \$750 each)	\$3,000
302-311	Center Choir Stalls (10 Units at \$500 each)	5,000	333	Scout Trappings Room	1,000
312-322	Side Choir Stalls (11 Units at \$400 each)	4,400	334	Scout Memorial Fire-place	1,500
323	Pastor's Study	5,000	335	Adult Department Room	2,000
324	Youth Activities Office	1,500	336	Adult Department Room	2,000
325	Church Council Room (5 Units at \$1,000 each)	5,000	337	Senior High Class Room	2,500
326	Intermediate Class Room	2,000	338	Youth Corridor	1,500
327	Intermediate Class Room	2,000	339	Junior Corridor	1,500
328	Ladies' Powder Room	1,000	340	Junior Department Room (10 Units at \$300 each)	3,000
329	Intermediate Class Room	2,000	341	Junior Department Altar	1,500
330	Intermediate Class Room	2,000	342	Junior Class Room	2,000
331	Intermediate Department Altar	1,500	343	Junior Class Room	2,000
			344	Audio-Visual Department Room	5,000
			345	Audio-Visual Aids Office	1,000
			346	Parish House Public Address System	2,500

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UNIT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	VALUE	UNIT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	VALUE	UNIT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	VALUE	UNIT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	VALUE
101	Marble Reredos	\$10,000	162-173	Rear Gospel Pews (12 Units at \$600 each)	\$7,200	227	Chapel Entrance	\$1,500	227	Chapel Entrance	\$1,500
102	Reredos Bronze Cross	5,000	174-185	Rear Epistle Pews (12 Units at \$600 each)	7,200	228	Altar	2,500	228	Altar	2,500
103	Credence Table	1,000	186	Nave Lighting (8 Units at \$500 each)	4,000	229-230	Clergy Sedilia (2 Units at \$500 each)	1,000	229-230	Clergy Sedilia (2 Units at \$500 each)	1,000
104	Credence Table	1,000	187	Nave Address-System	2,500	231	Credence Bracket	750	231	Credence Bracket	750
105	Altar	5,000	188	Baptismal Font	4,000	232	Lectern	2,500	232	Lectern	2,500
106	Altar Superfrontal (5 Units at \$1,000 each)	5,000	189	Credence Bracket	1,000	233	Altar Rail	3,000	233	Altar Rail	3,000
107	Alms Bason	1,000	197-198	Narthex Screen (2 Units at \$2,000 each)	4,000	234	Altar Steps	1,500	234	Altar Steps	1,500
108	Altar Eucharistic Lights (2 Units at \$750 each)	1,500	199	Inner Narthex (3 Units at \$2,000 each)	6,000	235-237	Chapel Windows (4 Units at \$1,500 each)	6,000	235-237	Chapel Windows (4 Units at \$1,500 each)	6,000
109	Altar Office Lights (6 Units at \$750 each)	4,500	200	Narthex Doors (3 Units at \$2,000 each)	6,000	238	Sacristy	1,500	238	Sacristy	1,500
110	Altar Missal Stand	1,500	201	Outer Narthex (3 Units at \$2,000 each)	6,000	239	Electronic Organ	5,000	239	Electronic Organ	5,000
111	Altar Linens (3 Units at \$500 each)	1,500	202-204	Outer Doors of the Church (3 Units at \$2,500 each)	7,500	240-245	Gospel Pews (6 Units at \$500 each)	3,000	240-245	Gospel Pews (6 Units at \$500 each)	3,000
112	Altar Rail	2,500	205	Main Entrance to the Church	5,000	246-251	Epistle Pews (6 Units at \$500 each)	3,000	246-251	Epistle Pews (6 Units at \$500 each)	3,000
113	Sanctuary Seven Branch Candelabra (2 Units at \$1,000 each)	2,000	206	Bride's Waiting Room	3,000	252	Chapel Bible	500	252	Chapel Bible	500
114	Presbytery	5,000	207	Memorial Signifier Desk	2,000	253	Chapel Offering Plates	500	253	Chapel Offering Plates	500
115	Chancel Steps	2,000	208	Guest Registration Desk	1,500	254	Sunken Garden	2,500	254	Sunken Garden	2,500
117-120	Clergy Sedilia (4 Units at \$1,000 each)	4,000	209	Narthex Lighting	1,500	255	Memorial Shrubs (10 Units at \$300 each)	3,000	255	Memorial Shrubs (10 Units at \$300 each)	3,000
121	Chancel Lights (4 Units at \$750 each)	3,000	210	Narthex Side Entrance	2,000	256	East Avenue Garden Walk	1,500	256	East Avenue Garden Walk	1,500
122	Processional Cross	750	211	Pastor's Office (2 Units at \$1,250 each)	2,500	257	Cloister Walk	9,000	257	Cloister Walk	9,000
123	Pulpit	7,500	212	Pastor's Office Furnishings	1,500	258	Landscaping	5,000	258	Landscaping	5,000
124	Pulpit Fall and Lectern Hangings (5 Units at \$500 each)	2,500	213	Assistant Pastor's Office and Furnishings	2,500	259	Court	5,000	259	Court	5,000
125	Pulpit Bible	500	214	Church School Office	2,000	260	Tower	35,000	260	Tower	35,000
126	Prie-dieu	1,500	215	Church Business Office	2,000	261	Tower Illumination	5,000	261	Tower Illumination	5,000
127	Prie-dieu	1,500	216	Executive Corridor	1,500	262	Tower Chimes	5,000	262	Tower Chimes	5,000
128	Prie-dieu	1,500	217	Main Foyer Entrance	2,500	263-264	Outdoor Bulletin Boards (2 Units at \$1,000 each)	2,000	263-264	Outdoor Bulletin Boards (2 Units at \$1,000 each)	2,000
129	Lectern	5,000	218	Main Foyer (5 Units at \$1,000 each)	5,000	265	Exterior Church Cross	5,000	265	Exterior Church Cross	5,000
130	Lectern Bible	500	219	Parish House Corridor	1,500	266	Court Altar	2,500	266	Court Altar	2,500
131-132	Flower Stands (2 Units at \$1,000)	2,000	220	Parish House Corridor	1,500	267	Primary Department Assembly Room (10 Units at \$300 each)	3,000	267	Primary Department Assembly Room (10 Units at \$300 each)	3,000
133	Sacristy	5,000	221	Ladie's Powder Room	1,000	268	Primary Department Altar	1,000	268	Primary Department Altar	1,000
134	Working Sacristy	3,000	222	Crib and Cradle Room (8 Units at \$500 each)	4,000	269	Primary Class Room	1,500	269	Primary Class Room	1,500
135-136	Pew Parapets (2 Units at \$2,000 each)	4,000	223	Nursery (8 Units at \$500 each)	4,000	270	Primary Class Room	1,500	270	Primary Class Room	1,500
137-148	Front Gospel Pews (12 Units at \$750 each)	9,000	224	Church Parlor	5,000	271	Primary Class Room	1,500	271	Primary Class Room	1,500
149-160	Front Epistle Pews (12 Units at \$750 each)	9,000	225	Memorial Fire Place	2,500	272	Beginners Department Assembly Room (5 Units at \$500 each)	1,500	272	Beginners Department Assembly Room (5 Units at \$500 each)	1,500
			226	Church Parlor Kitchenette	1,000	273	Beginners Game Closet	750	273	Beginners Game Closet	750
						274	Arnold Park Entrance	1,500	274	Arnold Park Entrance	1,500
						275	East Avenue Parish Entrance	1,500	275	East Avenue Parish Entrance	1,500

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Concordia Lutheran Church - Rochester, New York

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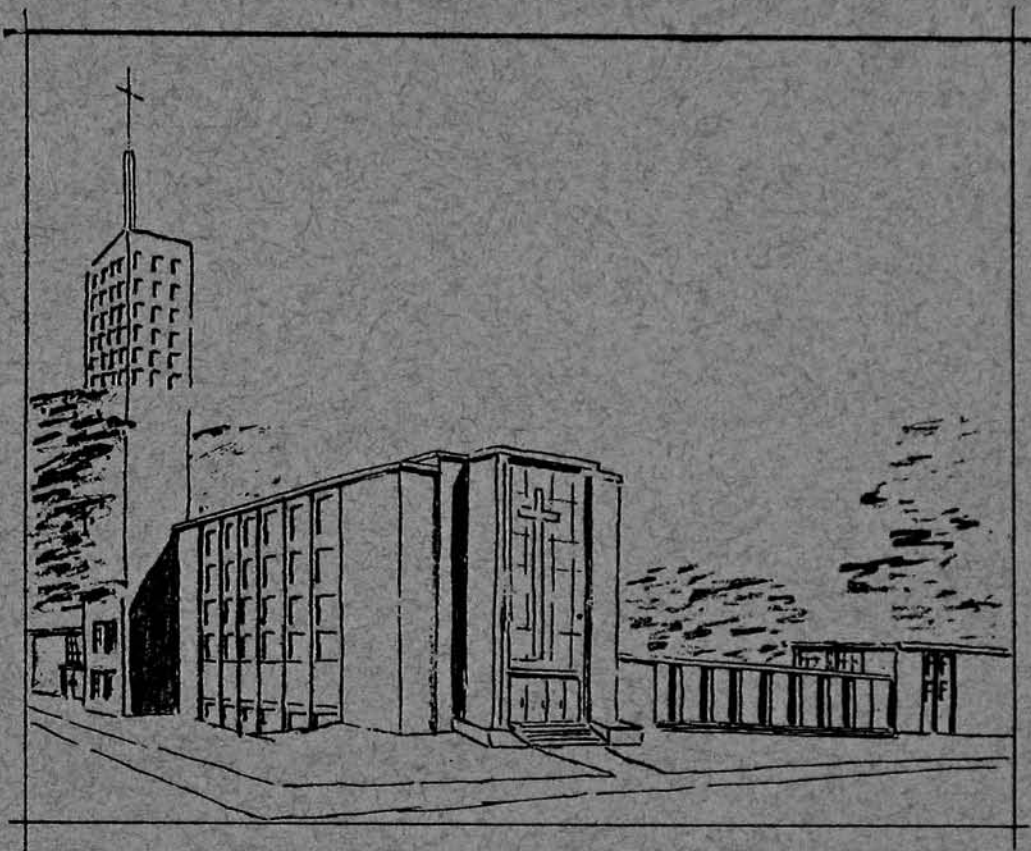
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Annual Report 1959



CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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CONCORDIA ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1959

PASTOR'S REPORT for 1959

"Grace be unto you, and peace, from God, our Father, and from Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen."

Every generation has its own problems and its own responsibilities. These must be met with a forthright commitment to what is true and to that which is the proper respect for the human person as a child of God. So, in every generation the task of the church must be re-assessed by the Christian and the message so assimilated that the Church can fulfill its mission to speak the Gospel in its day.

With the rapid changes in our day, the many sincere uprisings to a better life, the rapidly expanding world, the serious and inherent dangers and threats that we face, the Church has a larger task than ever. The question may well be asked "Are we big enough for it?" Let this pastor's report give you a picture of that portion of His Church which is "our" congregation, and to which we have been called to give of ourselves in commitment. Look at the figures and think about the reactions. Then ask God for the power of His Grace upon us to go on to an even greater future.

I. Pastoral MinistryA. Pastoral Visitation

Member calls completed	.....	366	
Hospital, Sick & Shut-in	.....	237	
Private Communion	.....	158	
Prospects and Non-Members	.....	65	
		<u>TOTAL</u>	..... 826
Incompleted calls	.....	68	
Office & Study Appointments	.....	192	

B. Pastoral Responsibilities

Sermons Preached	.....	70	
Talks	.....	40	
Classes Taught	.....	71	
Meetings attended - Concordia	.....	241	
- Outside	.....	238	
Churchmen's Conference, Washington -		4 days	
Synodical Convention -		4 days	

C. Pastoral Acts

Confirmations - class	10	
adult	.....	8	
Baptisms - child	.....	23	
adult	.....	3	
Weddings	.....	4	
Funerals - members	.....	17	
non-members	.....	10	
Dedication of New Home	.....	1	

Pastor's Report (continued)

D. Other Activities

In addition your pastor has given service to the larger church and to the community as he has been requested and able to serve. Some of these include:

Member of the Synodical Board of Education

President of the Board of Managers, St. John's Home for the Aged

Member of the Board of the Federation of Churches, and on a number of its committees

Member of the Clergy Advisory Committee of Planned Parenthood League

A teacher for Lutheran High School Students on the release time program for part of the year.

II. Church Membership

	CHILD MEMBERS	
1. Accessions by Baptism	74
2. Accessions Otherwise	1
Total Accessions		25
3. Transferred by Confirmation...		8
4. Loss by Death	0
5. Losses by Transfer	2
6. Losses otherwise	0
Total Losses		10
Net Gain or Loss		Gain 15

	ADULT MEMBERS	
1. Accessions by Baptism	3
2. Accessions by Confirmation		
Class	10
Adult	8
3. Accessions by Transfer	7
4. Accessions by Restoration.....		0
Total Accessions		28
5. Losses by Death	17
6. Losses by Transfer	6
7. Losses otherwise	13
Total Losses		36
Net Gain or Loss		Loss 8

Total Membership December 31, 1958			Total Membership December 31, 1959		
a. Baptized	.....	1,247	a. Baptized	.....	1,254
b. Confirmed	.....	890	b. Confirmed	.....	882
c. Communing	.....	690	c. Communing	.....	690

III. Church Attendances

A comparison type report of monthly attendances for 1955--1959 follows:

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
1955	415	390	359	516	343	302	249	225	319	393	400	374
1956	369	373	340	440	340	348	322	249	325	400	397	377
1957	376	408	445	545	389	372	282	268	410	369	405	384
1958	351	292	422	474	326	298	267	241	315	372	355	341
1959	320	333	437	352	311	282	240	236	280	361	359	332

Pastor's Report (continued)

III. Church Attendance:

Note that attendances do show a definite trend downward. This is the general mood in the Church today. It seems that the peak has been reached. We are now on a plateau in church life in our day. We need to marshal and strengthen our Christian forces again.

For us, what is more true is that Concordia shows a trend that is the problem of the urban church in an unfavorable location. This fact urges us to continue consistent and serious study of the situation and the responsibility of Concordia as a congregation in the city.

IV. EVANGELISM

The only evangelism that has been going on in Concordia in the past year appears in the pastoral work of the pastor, and whatever individual members in the congregation have been able to accomplish on their own by personal interest and invitation. This hardly represents a zeal for the Gospel of our Lord which ought to be a distinctive mark of The Church of Christ. We ought not to allow ourselves to be deterred from serving our God because the task looks too big. Rather we should gratefully accept the responsibility of matching our loyalty to Christ and our strength to serve Him with the task that is at hand, regardless of the size of it. Such effort, will be rewarded with a stronger personal faith.--that is a promise.

V. STEWARDSHIP

All basic benevolence items for 1959 have been met. Thank God for that. Imagine if the Church should fail the cause of Christ in a day when we in this country have "never had it so good!" What irony that would be! But we did not meet the one extra item for this year:

The 75th Anniversary Appeal for our Lutheran College - Wagner, on Staten Island, New York.

Our Synod had voted to build:

- (1) A Library to help keep our College on the accredited list of liberal arts colleges, doing an important job in the field of higher education.
- (2) A Chapel as a memorial to our "sainted" Dr. F. R. Knubel, former president of our Synod.

The tragedy of this failure is two-fold. Last year we voted it as an extra and promised to raise it. Even more important is the fact that we may be responsible for helping to take the church out of the area of Higher Education. In a day when it is most important for the church to "Star" in the field of education, the church is losing its colleges!

This means, the budget for 1960 will include the unpaid balance of 1959 and the other half of our pledge voted for 1960. The two come to a combined total of \$4,662.50 for Wagner College.

Pastor's Report (continued)

I will not suggest a special appeal for this. An item of this size, amounting to less than \$7.00 per communing member for the year, could hardly be called a special appeal. However, perhaps there are some who would like to take part in developing the future of one of our church related colleges.

In the meantime, our stewardship campaign for the 1960 budget adds up to the following figures:

578 cards returned	(740 individuals)		
Pledged for operating funds	.....	\$ 27,312.56	
Pledged for benevolences	.....	<u>17,512.94</u>	
	Total		\$44,825.50

On the basis of these figures, a budget for 1960 has been prepared for submission to the congregation. Both evangelism and stewardship lie at the heart of what is the "out reach" of the congregation. And to reach out implies inner strength. So pray for our strength of heart!

VI. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

This year more information about our educational program is provided in the body of the annual report to the congregation. This is partly due to the fact that some positions have been filled and thus more work has been done. But more important is the fact that education is an arm of the church that needs our wholehearted support, prayers, and interest.

VII. CONCORDIA in the Wider Work of the Church

Mr. Arthur Sedler, Federation of Churches: the Board, Department of Research and Planning and other committees: Extension Society
 Mr. Willis Seville - The Board of the Lutheran Inner Mission Society
 Mr. Charles Urlaub - Board of Managers for St. John's Home for the Aged
 John Strazzabosco - Executive Committee of the G. V. D. Luther League
 Mrs. Hilda Vanderslice working with the Camp Committee
 Mrs. Milton Sheehan - Past. Statistical Secretary of Rochester Conference ULCW
 Book Reviewer for Rochester Conference ULCW
 President of Mt. Airy Seminary Guild
 Mrs. Arthur Sedler - Past Book Reviewer for ULCW
 Mrs. Joel Johnson - Corresponding Secretary for Conference ULCW
 Mrs. Godfrey Alberti - Education Chairman of Rochester Conference ULCW
 Member of the Migrant Committee of Federation of Churches

The Rochester Conference was reorganized in 1959, including the creation of 7 departments with congregational representatives in each. The following from Concordia have been appointed:

Stewardship - Mr. Harry Burt
 Worship & Music - Mr. Raymond Vanderslice
 Pensions - Mr. Jay Painton
 Parish Education - Mr. Arthur Sedler
 Social Missions - Mr. Ray Moldenhauer

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Publicity & Promotion - Mr. Robert White, Jr.
Foreign Missions - Mrs. Milton Sheehan

VII. WHAT'S AHEAD

This may be the year when Concordia will be able to launch out on its relocation program initiated some years ago. If God should so lead us, He will call upon each of us to give of ourselves with courage, vision, and determination. For this must be accomplished, not for any self-glory, but only for the glory of God and the strengthening of His Church in our day.

In the meantime, we need to remember that what lies ahead for any congregation, wherever it is located, has been set down by our Lord Himself. That is, it must teach, preach, and heal. For this it must provide vital worship experiences, an effective program of education that speaks to this generation, and an "arm of love" that serves the needs of men according to the will of God. To lose the will to obey our Lord's command in this respect would be the ultimate in surrender to the forces of destruction. Our task is to keep the Church alive to its mission.

IX. APPRECIATION

Your pastor wants to say this personal word of appreciation:

1. To the four councilmen who are retiring after having served two full terms: Mr. Raymond Moldenhauer, Mr. Arnold Schock, Mr. Arthur W. Sedler, and Mr. Raymond Wackerow.
2. To the many who have aided your pastor in the development and operation of our program as a congregation.

My prayer is that we develop a confidence in each other that we may work together with the same devotion to the cause of our Christ.

Faithfully,

Godfrey E. Alberti,
Pastor.

LUTHERAN CONCORDIA CHURCH

Statement of Receipts and Expenditures - General and Benevolent Funds
Year Ending December 31, 1959 - with Budget Proposal for 1960

<u>General Fund</u> <u>Receipts</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>1958</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>1959</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>1959</u>	<u>Proposed</u> <u>Budget</u> <u>1960</u>
Balance Forward	(649.62)			
Ascension and Easter	542.55	540.00	593.50	540.00
Children's Offerings	140.62	150.00	134.82	140.00
Christmas Offerings	575.00	500.00	478.55	480.00
Coin Folders	1,461.11	1,450.00	1,608.96	1,500.00
Communion Offerings	546.39	550.00	650.26	650.00
Envelopes (Pledges)	25,582.79	28,500.00	25,872.35	26,624.00
Initial Envelopes	112.85	110.00	141.20	140.00
Lent Loose Offerings	52.42	50.00	54.96	50.00
Lenten Envelopes	908.80	900.00	747.27	800.00
Loose Offerings	567.84	550.00	562.28	550.00
Luther League	234.46	200.00	319.49	250.00
Lutheran Subscriptions	152.00	100.00	124.00	100.00
Miscellaneous:	102.89	-0-	104.73	-0-
Baptism & Marriage Cert.	11.00	-0-	21.00	-0-
Confirmation	111.45	-0-	69.65	-0-
Hall Rental	40.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
Purchases	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Refunds	234.64	-0-	371.57	-0-
Sexton's Oil	36.83	-0-	-0-	-0-
Sunday School Purchases	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Petty Cash	75.00	-0-	25.00	-0-
Shrove Tuesday	-0-	-0-	47.25	50.00
Special Collections	-0-	-0-	52.00	-0-
Special Events	-0-	-0-	60.00	-0-
Anniversaries	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Evangelism	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Installations	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Picnics	-0-	-0-	48.25	-0-
Sales-Stocks-Property	-0-	-0-	10.00	-0-
Stewardship	-0-	-0-	401.03	-0-
Others	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Taxes:				
Withheld	979.39	1,300.00	807.30	906.00
Social Security	-0-	-0-	225.13	263.00
State			78.00	104.00
Transfers from:				
Reserve Fund	2,781.02	3,000.00	725.00	2,000.00
Contingent Fund				260.00
Young Men's Society	27.00	26.00	39.00	-0-
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 35,047.84	\$ 37,926.00	\$ 34,372.55	\$ 35,408.00

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Disbursements

<u>GENERAL FUND:</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>1958</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>1959</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>1959</u>	<u>Proposed</u> <u>Budget</u> <u>1960</u>
<u>Salaries & Allowances</u>				
Organist	840.00	840.00	910.00	960.00
Organist (Supply).	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00
Choir Director	840.00	840.00	910.00	960.00
" " (supply).	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Parish Educational Director.	-0-	-0-	45.00	540.00
<u>Pastor</u>				
Remuneration	5,800.00	5,800.00	5,800.00	6,000.00
Board of Pensions	533.62	570.00	533.60	552.00
(Family Plan)	36.00	36.00	36.00	36.00
Car Allowance	800.00	800.00	800.00	800.00
Discretionary Fund	-0-	-0-	10.00	-0-
Extras	-0-	-0-	27.50	27.50
<u>Parsonage: 26 Gramercy Park</u>				
Amortization and Taxes	1,654.00	1,656.00	1,518.00	1,656.00
Heat - Light	468.09	480.00	408.09	425.00
Water			28.44	35.00
Insurance	-0-	-0-	114.00	40.00
Telephone	125.76	120.00	176.65	120.00
Upkeep	229.90	300.00	695.13	530.00
<u>Ass't Pastor</u>				
Remuneration	3,000.00	3,000.00	250.00	-0-
Board of Pensions	276.00	276.00	-0-	-0-
(Family Plan).	36.00	36.00	-0-	-0-
Car Allowance	700.00	700.00	58.25	-0-
Insurance	20.00	20.00	-0-	-0-
Rent	840.00	840.00	70.00	-0-
Telephone	107.60	75.00	13.43	-0-
Extras	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
<u>Guest Pastors</u>	-0-	100.00	165.00	150.00
<u>Secretary</u>				
Salary	3,200.00	3,200.00	3,198.00	3,300.00
Social Security	-0-	72.00	-0-	99.00
<u>Extra Clerical Help</u>	203.00	300.00	190.00	300.00
Social Security	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
<u>Sexton</u>				
Salary	3,200.00	3,200.00	3,198.00	3,300.00
Social Security	-0-	72.00	-0-	99.00
Extra Duty Fee	416.00	416.00	416.00	416.00
Social Security	-0-	10.00	-0-	12.00
Oil (1)	161.83	125.00	-0-	125.00
Rent	-0-	(720.00)	(720.00)	(720.00)
(1) (Included in Total Oil exp.)				
TOTAL SALARIES & ALLOWANCES	\$ 23,517.80	\$ 23,904.00	\$ 19,601.09	\$ 20,512.50

Disbursements

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>1958</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>1959</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>1959</u>	<u>Proposed</u> <u>Budget</u> <u>1960</u>
<u>Operating</u>				
Advertising	257.67	275.00	196.81	200.00
Conferences	150.00	250.00	200.00	250.00
Insurance	1,985.20	1,800.00	1,472.94	1,800.00
Luther League	507.37	500.00	669.78	400.00
Lutheran Subscriptions ..	616.00	312.00	9.49	248.00
Maintenance	348.39	500.00	247.13	500.00
Miscellaneous	366.03	500.00	512.62	500.00
Confirmation	71.35	-0-	52.08	-0-
Music Fee	483.39	500.00	446.40	500.00
Notes Payable	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Office Equipment	75.55	100.00	146.65	200.00
Oil: Church, Hall, Struct				
10 Helena St.	2,696.85	2,400.00	2,789.19	2,800.00
Pastoral Committee	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Petty Cash	69.39	-0-	47.17	-0-
Postage, Et. Al.	1,499.44	1,200.00	423.29	500.00
Paper			143.50	200.00
Supplies			963.88	800.00
Printing	447.41	500.00	410.25	300.00
Professional Services . . .	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Publications	82.50	300.00	98.80	150.00
Repairs Equipment	746.01	500.00	370.63	300.00
" Property	-0-	-0-	-0-	200.00
Soloists	1,727.00	1,920.00	1,790.00	2,000.00
Special Events	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Shrove Tuesday	-0-	-0-	40.11	-0-
Stewardship	286.17	150.00	524.50	150.00
Scouts	-0-	-0-	30.00	-0-
Anniversaries	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Evangelism	3.00	50.00	-0-	50.00
Picnic	84.00	100.00	107.53	100.00
Others	452.38	-0-	177.09	-0-
Stewardship Supplies . . .	-0-	-0-	49.04	-0-
Taxes				
City	66.51	500.00	401.27	400.00
County			77.65	79.50
With Held.T. * 1,160.00		1,300.00	797.70	906.00
Social Security * included			218.28	209.00
State * "			52.00	104.00
Church Share Soc. Sec. . . .	-0-	-0-	218.33	209.00
Transfers	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Utilities	1,001.95	900.00		
Gas & Elect. * included			485.35	500.00
Telephone * "			283.17	250.00
Water * "			90.86	90.00
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	15,184.46	14,557.00	14,543.39	14,895.50
TOTAL SALARIES-ALLOWANCES	23,517.80	23,904.00	19,601.09	20,512.50
TOTAL EXPENSES	38,702.26	38,461.00	34,144.48	35,408.00

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<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Benevolent Funds</u>		<u>Actual 1959</u>	<u>Proposed Budget 1960</u>
	<u>Actual 1958</u>	<u>Budget 1959</u>		
Bal. Forward	1,482.09	-0-		
Envelopes (Pledges) *	16,749.21	16,000.00	14,889.32	17,148.94
Children's Offerings *	Included	Included	134.82	130.00
Church School *	"	"	558.41	550.00
Other:				
Wagner College			205.00	-0-
Lutheran World Action ..			5.00	-0-
Transfers			1,155.00	-0-
TOTAL RECEIPTS	18,231.30	20,227.00	16,947.55	17,828.94
 <u>Disbursements</u>				
Camp - Keuka Lake				690.00
Federation of Churches . . .	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Lutheran Extension Society	840.00	840.00	840.00	840.00
Lutheran Inner Mission Soc.	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Lutheran World Action . . .	1,000.00	1,416.00	1,505.00 (3)	1,380.00
Miscellaneous - Colleges ..	600.00	-0-	-0-	
(1) Wagner Appeal	-0-	2,655.00	647.50	4,662.50
Others	-0-	-0-	144.62	-0-
Rochester Conference Dues .	35.00	60.00	35.00	60.00
St. John's Home	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
Synod Apportionment (2) . .	9,775.00	11,328.00	11,328.00 (4)	13,110.00
	14,606.00	19,249.00	17,450.12	23,692.50

Notes '58 (1)

1/2 Pledge \$5,310. Payable

(2)

708 Communing Members
@ \$16.00 each

Note: Apportionment plus
Wagner Appeal - \$19.75/member

(3)

Budget \$2.00 per communing member

(4)

Budget \$19.00 per communing member
(Increase of \$3.00 over 1959)

Respectfully submitted,

Finance Committee

Kenneth W. Geiwitz, Chairman

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LUTHERAN CONCORDIA CHURCH

Receipts - - - Disbursements and Transfers - - - All Accounts for Year End 1959

	Balance Forward	Total Receipts	Total Disbursements	Balance 12/31/59
<u>General Fund</u> - - - - -	-0-	34,372.55	34,144.52	228.03
<u>Benevolent Fund</u> - - - - -	-0-	16,947.55	17,450.12	- 502.57
<u>Altar Fund</u> - - - - -	70.34	517.00	368.89	218.45
<u>Recreation Fund</u> - - - - -	158.48	979.41	840.75	297.14
TOTALS	228.82	52,816.51	52,804.28	240.98
Ckg. Acc't Lincoln Rochester	206.58			240.98
Petty Cash	22.24	25.00	47.17	.07
Cash on Hand	\$ 228.82	-0-	-0-	\$ 241.05

BUILDING FUND

Ckg Acc't Lincoln Rochester	243.45	-0-	54.00	189.45
Acc'ts L.R. & Roch. Savings	24,291.91	21,843.46	-0-	46,135.37
<u>Special Building Fund</u>				
Roch. Savings Bank	6,891.44	2,739.88	256.96	9,374.36
TOTALS	\$ 31,426.80	24,583.34	310.96	\$ 55,699.18

STOCKS BUILDING FUND

381 Shs.Com Inv. U.L.C of A.	(cost)			4,796.79
Others: to be converted - -	(cost)			250.00
TOTALS				\$ 5,046.79

OTHER ACCOUNTS:

Contingent Fund - - R.S.B.	252.06	7.92	-0-	259.98
Gift Fund - - - - R.S.B.-	108.22	177.46	40.94	244.74
Parking Lot Fund - R.S.B.	2,170.26	650.10	1,666.37	1,153.99
Reserve Fund - - - R.S.B.	179.60	1,895.06	2,072.23	2.43
TOTALS	2,710.14	2,730.54	3,779.54	1,661.14

(1) includes: Bal. Forward
 Lincoln - - - 2,179.41
 Community - - - 22,112.50
 Pledges & Int. L.R.
 4,821.19
 Sale Stock Portfolio
 15,966.03
 Int. Community - - 1,056.24
 \$ 46,135.37

Respectfully submitted,
 Gordon C. Boncke, Treas.

CONCORDIA ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1959

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PARISH EDUCATION COMMITTEE

This committee met a few times this year. It's concern is the total educational program at Concordia involving every agency of our congregation in which religious education is to go on. The need is to maintain and develop a high level program in which we can speak to the modern generation of the abiding Truth of the Gospel of our Lord Christ. The most significant moves that we have made this past year was to recommend to the Council:

- (1) The appointment of Mr. Milford Apetz to serve as the General Superintendent of our Church School. This has been accomplished and he is serving very ably.
- (2) The suggestion of a part time religious education director to aid the pastor and this committee to develop our program according to the strength and ability of our congregation. In September the council engaged the services of Mrs. Hilda Vanderslice for this purpose on a limited fee basis.

A brief statement of her work, October--December, is appended to this report.

This committee will continue to have a major task on its hands to give continued strength and life to the work of Concordia.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur W. Sedler,
Chairman.

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

As newly appointed Director of Religious Education, I have concentrated on becoming better acquainted with the various educational divisions of Lutheran Concordia Church and Church School. Each Sunday a different department has been visited so that I might become more aware of methods and materials being used as well as observing the many age groups of our church. In this way I feel that in the coming year I will be better able to understand the different needs of the various age groups and to be able to help work out any problems or questions which may arise.

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (continued)

During six weeks of this fall, I attended the School of Religion of the Rochester Federation of Churches, working with the section on the Board of Parish Education. Here we discussed many different aspects of Christian nurture and some of the things that can be done and are being done in various churches of different denominations.

Under my direction, the Sunday School Christmas Program was presented on December 20 at 7:00 P. M. Participants were from the beginners through the young peoples departments.

At present I am a member of the programming committee of the newly purchased camp at Keuka Lake. We are planning camps to be held during the coming summer of 1960. It is hoped that all age groups from junior through senior citizens can be accommodated during this first year of our camp. It is expected that there will also be some camping activities for family groups.

I have been working very closely with the programs and activities of the Luther League, attending the executive committee meetings and most of the weekly meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Hilda Vanderslice,
Director of Religious Education

SENIOR CHOIR

A very active year for Choir members is in the making. A considerable amount of new music is planned in addition, of course, to many numbers which are great favorites of Choir and congregation alike. The fact that Choir is an important contribution to worship is uppermost and all music of the service is rehearsed and presented accordingly.

At least three Vesper services of music are being made ready for the coming year. During Lent, the "German Requiem" by Johannes Brahms will be presented. Other selections include "The Messiah" -- part Three during Easter tide, and "The Messiah" -- part One during Advent. More details will be available later.

The past year saw two changes in our soloist roster:

Soprano-- Mrs. Mary Bridegam
Alto----- Mrs. Catherine Betts
Tenor----- Mr. William Teter
Bass----- Mr. Warren Alexander

Respectfully,
Raymond Vanderslice
Choir Director

LUTHERAN CONCORDIA SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL
Yearly Financial Report
January 1, 1959 to January 1, 1960

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD \$ 187.96

RECEIPTS FROM JAN. 1 to DEC. 31

Church Banks	\$	23.23	
Miscellaneous		214.02	
Scholarship Fund		25.00	
Sunday School Offerings		1,507.20	
* Transfers		<u>400.00</u>	
		\$2,169.45	<u>\$ 2,169.45</u>
			\$ 2,357.41

EXPENDITURES FROM JAN. 1 to DEC. 31

** Benevolence	\$	178.22	
Choirs		68.29	
Church Hour Nursery		0	
Equipment		3.99	
Fees		257.50	
Gifts		9.00	
Lesson Material		418.25	
Miscellaneous		143.61	
Postage & Supplies		51.82	
Scholarships		75.00	
Supplies		<u>461.64</u>	
*** Transfers		<u>558.41</u>	
		\$ 2,225.73	<u>\$ 2,225.73</u>

BALANCE \$ 131.68

BANK ACCOUNTS IN THE NAME OF LUTHERAN CONCORDIA SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Checking Acc't Lincoln Rochester Trust Co.	\$	131.68
Interest Acc't No16191 Community Savings Bank		<u>1,072.02</u>

Total Funds on Hand \$ 1,203.70

Respectfully submitted,

Frank H. Bock, Treasurer

* This amount was transferred from our Account No. 16191 at Community Savings Bank to our Checking account at Lincoln Rochester Trust Co.

** \$ 55.42 White Christmas December 1958 (for Lutheran World Action)
50.00 Youth Sunday (for Luther League of America)
72.80 White Christmas December 1959 (for Lutheran World Action)
\$ 178.22

*** This amount represents three of the four quarterly portions for Benevolence work of our Church

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT

It is a pleasure to report that all the supervisory positions and the teaching staff of Concordia's Church School are filled for the year. We have added three new teachers to our present teaching staff, and we have been able to obtain the services of Mrs. Raymond Vanderslice as our new Director of Religious Education.

The following list is the present total enrollment for the Sunday School, excluding the Staff and the Cradle Roll Department.

<u>Class</u>	<u>1959</u>	<u>1960</u>
Nursery	7	14
Beginners	19	16
Primary	38	35
Junior	53	47
Intermediate	35	40
Senior	18	13
Teacher Training	21	17
Young People	-	3
Adults	25	26

The following information is a report of each department.

CRADLE ROLL DEPARTMENT: Mrs. Frank Bock, Superintendent

The Cradle Roll Department has a total enrollment of 60 children. Each parent receives mail concerning their child once every three months.

On September 27, 1959, the annual party was held in the Parish Hall. This was attended by 20 children and 22 adults. We also invited the children from the Nursery Departments. Each child received a gift and refreshments were served.

We intend to continue this program during the coming year.

NURSERY: Mrs. Edward Schlegel, Superintendent

Mrs. Harvey Hopkins - Teacher

Mrs. Ralph Pritchard - Teacher

The total enrollment for the Nursery Department is 14 children.

The facilities for the Nursery Department were enlarged this year by moving into the old adult Sunday School room. This has given the children a much needed work and play area.

Our lesson material in 1959 was "Christians of Three". In 1960 our lesson material will be "Christian Nurture for the Nursery Child".

During the year the children are taught prayers and songs. They also do a great deal of handwork such as starting plants from seed, and folders were made which contained a photograph of the child. These folders were given by the children to their parents as Christmas gifts.

The Church Hour Nursery is very active. We are grateful to the volunteer mothers and the Luther League girls who take care of the children at this time.

Sunday School (continued)

KINDERGARTEN DEPARTMENT: Mrs. Edward Latal, Superintendent
Mrs. Mabel Dumrese - Teacher
Mrs. Beatrice Domm - Teacher

The total enrollment in this department is 16 children.

During the year the children learn some of the Bible stories. They are also taught simple hymns and songs. They do a great deal of craft work. Each child recently made a manger scene and they will make book covers for their Sunday School lessons. Each child takes turns participating in the devotional service. By the time a child leaves the Kindergarten Department they know the Lord's Prayer by heart.

The Church Hour Kindergarten teachers are: Mrs. William Schoonover, Mrs. Harold Ofslager, Mrs. William Adams, Miss Janet Smith and Mrs. Rita Kalwas.

PRIMARY-JUNIOR DEPARTMENT: Mrs. Harvey Weingartner, Superintendent
Primary Department Teachers - Mrs. John Laing,
Miss Pat Schlegel,
Miss Judy Miller
Junior Department Teachers - Mrs. Ray Moldenhauer,
Mrs. Henry Miller,
Miss Eileen Schneiter
Mrs. Carl Saucke
Mrs. Gordon Boncke

The total enrollment of this department is 82 pupils.

During the year the standard course of studies is followed with encouraging reports, in most cases from the teachers. Augmenting the lesson, is handwork in which both sections work together. Some of the projects were a large flowered cross at Easter, again in the spring we decorated branches which were displayed and judged. At Christmas each class made decorations for the Christmas tree. During the summer months the entire department met together and heard reports on vacations from both the children and the teachers. Slides were used when possible.

We also used trainees during the summer which helped eliminate some of the confusion of previous years during the vacation period. At Thanksgiving we repeated the custom of distributing apples to the children. These are provided by the teachers as tokens of thanksgiving for having the opportunity to serve the Lord by serving the children.

We observed Stewardship month in November with the return of 50 cards which is a comparatively good response.

Our future aims and hopes include first and foremost a greater interest on the part of the parents to boost the morale of both the children and the teachers; the elimination of the awards system; and new hymn books for the department.

One of the service projects available to the Junior Department is the Junior Choir under the direction of Mr. Ray Vanderslice. They come to rehearsal

Sunday School (continued)

every Saturday at 10:00 A. M. and do sing in church about 6 times a year, and provide a program twice a year for St. John's Home for the Aged and for the Monroe County Home. Mrs. John Koehler and Mrs. Beatrice Domm are the choir mothers.

INTERMEDIATE-SENIOR-TEACHERS TRAINING-YOUNG PEOPLE Department

Intermediate Department Teachers - Mrs. Godfrey Alberti, Superintendent
Mrs. Roy Fries
Mrs. Milton Sheehan
Mrs. Arthur Sedler
Mr. Kenneth Ofslager
Senior Teacher - Mr. Harvey Weingartner
Teachers Training Teacher - Miss Marilyn Sheehan
Young People Teacher - Mrs. Milford Apetz

The total enrollment is about 73 in this department.

This group studies lessons from the Lutheran Publishing House called the "Christian Growth" and "Faith in Action" series. The teenagers have many social functions such as the picnic at Hamlin Beach Park, and they had a successful dance at Christmas time completely planned and executed by them. Some of them went to Migrant Camp for over 15 weeks during the summer with teachers from the department.

Twelve young people went to camp at Silver Lake this summer, four of which received scholarships, and about fourteen participated at the retreat at Camp Cory later in the summer.

The young people also presented the Youth Sunday program and playlet and they participated in the Christmas program.

The new Young People's Class was started for young people between the ages of 18--22. The enrollment fluctuates due to some of the members being in the service or away at college.

Our main hope for 1960 is to increase enrollment in all classes in the department.

The Youth Choir is part of our total youth program, under the direction of Mr. Ray Vanderslice. Choir mothers are Mrs. Richard Nyenhuis and Mrs. Paul Rode. This choir has become a valuable part of our Church program. They do provide music for our church service about once a month.

ADULTS: Mr. Robert White, Superintendent
Mr. Arthur Sedler, Teacher

The present enrollment of this class is 26 adults.

Under the able direction of Mr. William Adams the Adult Sunday Church School class quarters were redecorated and new draperies were made.

The summer the adult class again sponsored the annual St. John's Home picnic under the chairmanship of Mrs. John Mitchell. This event is eagerly looked forward to by all the residents of the Home and entertainment was provided by our young people. This year we tried an experiment by combining Pastor Alberti's new membership adult confirmation class with the adult Sunday School Class to study "What It Means To Be A Lutheran."

Sunday School (continued)

The rest of our teaching staff consists of the following associate teachers: Miss Kathy Dumrese, Mrs. William Schencke, Mr. Roy Fries, Mr. John Strazzabosco, Mrs. John Wimmatt and Mrs. Oral Graning.

Another service of the Sunday School is a Home-Church School Department. This department is organized to mail Sunday Church School Course material to those interested in Church School, but unable to attend. The present enrollment consists of three members.

Respectfully submitted,

Milford Apetz,
General Superintendent

YOUNG MEN'S SOCIETY

Lutheran Concordia Young Men's Society at its last meeting January 14, 1960 decided to dissolve effective January 14, 1960. Organized by The Rev. Dr. Conrad with seven members, April 20, 1883. Our largest membership at one time was 273 members, at the present time there are 133 members. There was no opposition to any proposals.

Respectfully submitted,

William A. Griep
Recording Secretary

UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN
LUTHERAN CONCORDIA CHURCH

Annual Report 1959

Missionary Benediction: "God be merciful unto us and bless us; and cause his face to shine upon us. That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations. Amen."

Officers - President - Mrs. Gordon Boncke
Vice Pres.- Mrs. Robert White Jr.
Secretary - Mrs. Joel Johnson
Treasurer - Mrs. Richard Strohmeyer
Stat. Secy- Miss Beverly Brown

Committee Membership - Mrs. Milford Apetz
Chairman Education - Mrs. Milton Sheehan
Christian Service - Mrs. Edward Latal
Offerings - Mrs. William Adams
Social - Mrs. Theodore Twietmeyer

There are two members of Concordia ULCW on the Executive Committee of the Rochester Conference ULCW. Mrs. Godfrey Alberti and Mrs. Joel Johnson. Mrs. Milton Sheehan is a book reviewer.

The organization is composed of 50 active members. Our meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 8:00 P. M. All women of Concordia are sincerely urged to take advantage of the opportunity for service and fellowship this group offers.

In the past year our activities have included:

Care of the Altar and appointments
Visits to sick and shut-ins
Gifts to shut-ins at Christmas and Easter
Sparked the committee for the Fast-Nacht Social
Sponsored a Family Night Dinner and Program in May
Spring Inspirational Dinner at Emmanuel Church
Bi-ennial Convention of Synodical ULCW in Syracuse
Rochester Conference Convention at Resurrection
Hostesses for an Educational Workshop in February
A spiritual Retreat in June
Provided 2 scholarships to Silver Lake for the Intermediate Senior department in Sunday School
Contributed to Migrant work
Assisted as hostesses at St. John's Dinner in October
Thank Offering Tea in November
Sponsored Book Corner in Narthex
Support work of Senior Concordians

UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN (continued)

The Senior Concordians meet the first Tuesday each month in the morning. Coffee and cake supplement the sandwiches each member brings for lunch. Picnics and outings with similar groups in Rochester were enjoyed during the summer. Our 2nd Anniversary was observed in September. As a Christmas project terry slippers were made for women shut-ins and wash cloth and soap favors for men. Forty members were present at the Christmas dinner. Interesting and informative programs are enjoyed by these older in age but young in heart and spirit members of Concordia. The current leaders are

Mrs. Otto Scheik, President
Miss Hermine Tomaschke, Secretary-Treasurer

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Joel Johnson,
Secretary.

UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN
of LUTHERAN CONCORDIA CHURCH

Statement of Receipts & Disbursements,
January 1, 1959 to December 31, 1959

Cash on hand	-	January 1, 1959		\$ 157.50
Receipts				
Monthly offerings		\$ 318.42		
Thank offerings		181.87		
Calendars		24.12		
Miscellaneous		<u>80.64</u>		
			Total	<u>\$ 605.05</u>
				\$ 762.55
Disbursements				
Monthly offerings		\$ 190.09		
Thank offerings		163.70		
Life Memberships		30.00		
Special Contributions		75.00		
Films, Books, & Progr.		40.96		
Miscellaneous		<u>154.51</u>		
			Total	<u>\$ 654.26</u>
Cash on hand	-	December 31, 1959		\$ 108.29
Birthday Fund		\$ 45.65		
Silver Tea Service Fund		\$ 57.58		

Respectfully Submitted
Mrs. R. Strohmeier, Treasurer

THE LUTHER LEAGUES

The Luther League of Concordia Church has undergone a governmental change this past year. Dropping the old system, where-by each league and its executive committee runs the leagues. The league has adopted the system of the model constitution for Luther Leagues. It consists of a steering committee from the Intermediate and Senior groups, forming one executive committee and one league. This new system gives the league a stronger executive system while at the same time it serves the individual problems and necessities of each league.

Meeting every Sunday after church, the leaguers attend choir rehearsal until 1:00 P. M. From 1:00 until 1:30 P. M. the leaguers eat lunch and from 1:30 until 3:00 PM the Luther League meeting is held.

Activities such as Christmas caroling, discussions on race, religion, vocational study, Christian recreation, and service for the Church are used to help fulfill the purpose of our league, which is to help our youth to a fuller and richer Christian life.

The activities of the league are based on topics in which the general interest of the leaguers are found. The activities this year have been well supported by the advisors of the league and by several other persons who have been kind enough to help out when the league has needed them. League activities thus far this year have consisted of Christmas caroling at homes for the aging, making of Christmas bells for a charitable cause, a Christmas time dance held at Concordia, numerous discussions on problems of general interest, Christian recreation, singing in several of our Church services, attendance at College Day, (a G.V.D. run program for the benefit of leaguers planning to attend college), and attendance at the G.V.D. rallies. The league plans to have an iceskating party, present several one act plays, present more discussions and to plan more activities which will be put on at a later date.

The leaguers wish to thank the advisors, our pastor, the mothers who put on the lunches every Sunday and everyone who has helped to make our program successful.

Respectfully submitted,

John Strazzabosco,
President.

CONCORDIA'S 1959 SCOUTING ACTIVITIES

Our Church-sponsored Troop 242, has indeed done well for itself in the past year. This, of course, was only possible for the most part, because of our superb leadership in the persons of:

Scout master - Frederick C. Elliott
Assistant - William J. Faro
Assistant - Norman J. Merkel
Troop Com. Chairman: - Charles J. Patzer
Committee Members - Walter C. Jermyn
Roy Fries
John Laing Sr.
Arthur E. Bohnke Sr.

Troop Activities Consisted of the following:

January - Toboggan Party at Durand Eastman Park
February - Troop observed Scout Sunday by our members attending the service in Uniform. Our troop was conducted on a tour of police Headquarters and Accident Bureau, on one of their meeting nights.
The last week end in February saw our Troop on a week end campout, at Camp Cutler, in the lean-to shelters.
March - Paper Drive on the 7th, netted approximately \$105. Court of Honor held on the 10th. At which time films on Camp Massawepie were shown.
April - Week end campout in the vicinity of Hornel, using tents.
May - District Camporee at Salvation Army's Camp area at Troutberg, N. Y. in tents.
June - Our Troop held a Court of Honor and Family Picnic in Seneca Park
July - A Week end campout at Sodus Point, in Tents
August - Troop, in the persons of 11 boys, 1 full time leader, and 1 leader for one week, spent two weeks at Scout Camp Massawepie, in the Adirondacks.
September - A week end campout, near Wallace, N. Y. in tents
October - District Camporee at Camp Warren Cutler, in tents. This month also saw our Troop holding a sauerkraut supper and a Court of Honor for families and friends
November - A paper drive, this month, netted approximately \$71.00. This month too, a campout was held at Camp Cutler, this time in Seneca Cabin.
December - Our Troop had real christmas spirit this month, by caroling for many of Concordia's shut-ins. Later a troop-family Christmas party was held in our hall.

Troop 242, at this time consists of 2 Patrols, and has a membership of 21 boys. (Last year, at this time, the membership was 12) Ranks, or progress of the boys, show the following:

3 star scouts
4 first class
6 second class
8 tenderfoot

BOY SCOUTS (continued)

With this outstanding program our leaders are conducting, it might make one wonder: out of this membership of 21 boys, only 5 are from Concordia!

The Troop meets every Tues. Ev. at 7:00, with two exceptions, Holy Week and Christmas week. Meetings are held in the basement of our Parish Hall.

A program for Scouts, the Pro Deo Et Patri award, a Lutheran recognition, in the form of a medal, is being formulated by award chairman Roy Fries, working with Pastor Alberti.

We are also in the Process of Reorganizing our Explorer Post 242.

During all of our many campouts, boys were taken to churches of their denominations.

Our scouting activities at Concordia, promises to be even better in 1960! Give us your support by more boys from Concordia!

Frank H. Bock,
Institutional Representative

THE DORCAS SOCIETY

The Dorcas Society of Lutheran Concordia Church was organized in 1912 for all ladies of our congregation. We meet on the second Wednesday of the month with the exception of Lent, July, and August.

Some of our year's activities included making and filling nineteen Easter baskets for the sick and shut-ins of Concordia.

We gave \$500.00 towards a memorial in our new church in honor and memory of our Dorcas members; and sponsored the collecting of \$369.77 for Senior Choir gowns.

A picnic was held in June at Ontario Beach Park, and 38 people attended our annual banquet held in September.

Present officers are -

Mrs. Edward Schlegel, President
Mrs. Rudolph Kaplin, Vice President
Mrs. Otto Riedel, Secretary
Mrs. John Koehler, Treasurer

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Margaret Riedel,
Secretary

Mr. & Mrs. Gordon C. Bonke

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PRAISE GOD!

With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the program envisioned by Concordia and Zion congregations is moving forward with amazing speed and success. This issue of the CHURCH NEWS will attempt to inform you of the progress being made in this action for unification. Kindly be patient and prayerfully concerned in this great program of your church.

1. The Church of Jesus Christ has moved forward in the fulfillment of its part in purchasing the church properties on Helena Street. There is every reason to believe that its congregation will be able to use these beautiful facilities to the advantage of the community. May God bless them as they seek to serve Him. The sale of Concordia's present properties will be consummated by September 15.

2. The ratification of the consolidation agreement between Concordia and Zion is to take place on Sunday, September 18. Zion will hold its meeting after the morning service at 11:30 a.m. Concordia will hold its meeting at 3:00 p.m. Dr. Alfred L. Beck, President of the United Lutheran Synod of N. Y. and N. E., will be present at both meetings. Directly after the Concordia meeting the congregation of Zion Church is cordially invited to join with Concordia members for supper and fellowship.

The first annual meeting of the consolidated congregation, to be known as Zion-Concordia Lutheran Church, Rochester, New York, is being planned for the third week in January, 1961.

3. The final Worship at Concordia's present location is scheduled for Sunday, September 25. Holy Communion will be celebrated at the 11:00 a.m. Service and a brief Communion Service, designed particularly for the older and handicapped members, at 4:00 p.m. Plans are being formulated to insure that all members will be provided with a suitable "remembrance" of these concluding services. Plan to be in attendance.

4. On the first Sunday in October, World Communion Sunday, the two congregations will worship together at Zion Lutheran Church at 70 Grove Street, at the corner of Stillson. Established as the

first Lutheran Church in Rochester 125 years ago, this red brick building with its high steeple has been a notable landmark of this city. Zion's service to this community will be preserved and strengthened as it joins with Concordia in "new" service for a "new day." Thanks be to our Lord for His wonderful leadership in this venture in faith—a venture which demands of each of us effort, sacrifice and devotion.

Parking, without fee, will be provided for members of Zion-Concordia every Sunday morning in the lot just beyond the one immediately in front of Zion Church. This parking lot has an entrance on Main Street, East, between the Atlantic Supply and Levis Music Store. There is also an entrance on Stillson Street. Please do not park in the lot immediately in front of Zion Church. That is reserved for members of other congregations in the vicinity. Parking provision will be made for Lenten and other special services.

Time Schedule: The Early Service—8:30 a.m., The Sunday Church School—9:30 a.m., The Service—10:45 a.m. Holy Communion will be celebrated at both services on October 2. The entire Church School will continue to worship with the congregation at The Service at 10:45 a.m.

5. The Church School will meet regularly each Sunday. Religious education will be provided for ages Nursery through Adult. Facilities for the children through the Junior Department, age 11, will be quite satisfactory at this location. Every effort will be made to provide the most satisfactory facilities possible for Intermediates, Seniors and Adults with the possibility of securing housing for these classes elsewhere in the neighborhood. All are urged to be patient, interested and forward looking in this interim period,

CONCORDIA INFORMS MEMBERS

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confident and thankful that a full program can be continued at Zion Church.

6. The Capital Funds Campaign for the consolidated congregation will swing into action on October 3, under the direction of the U. L. C. A. Lutheran Laymen's Movement for Stewardship. Some preliminary discussions indicate a good campaign which will extend into the early part of December and will demand of each member his most earnest prayers and wholehearted support. The Lutheran Laymen's Movement is deeply concerned about the program of new service to the community in which we live and will lead us in the thrilling experience of working together as a consolidated congregation. For many it will be the most exciting Christian experience of a lifetime. Give it your best!

7. The architect is at work preparing the plans and specifications for the new buildings to be erected at East Avenue and Goodman Street. It is presently planned to begin construction as early in 1961 as possible.

8. The consolidation of the regular programs of the congregations is being planned to move forward smoothly. Many of the regular activities will simply continue as they have been, but with a will to use every opportunity to arrive at complete consolidation.

The Church Schools will immediately be consolidated. The Choirs will be one. The Senior Choir will be under the direction of Mr. George Klump with Mrs. Bertha Strauch as organist. Leadership for the Youth and Junior Choirs will be determined later than at this printing.

The Youth Program will be one program every Sunday . . . Church School, Church, Youth Choir, Lunch, and Luther League meetings for Seniors (age 15-17), and Intermediates (age 12-14). The young people are expected to take full part in this total program.

The Boy Scout program will be developed as well as possible.

The Concordians and Young Adults should quickly find their counterparts at Zion. Young Adults should keep in mind that the program for single Young Adults of Rochester Lutheran Churches will continue at the Lutheran Center.

Zion has a United Lutheran Church Men's unit to which all men will be invited.

The basic women's program of the U. L. C. A. is the United Lutheran Church Women. This program will continue in the consolidated church seeking to enlist the active support of every woman in the congregation. Kindly remember that every man member of the church is automatically a member of the U. L. C. M. and every woman, a member of the U. L. C. W. The only question in both instances is: Are you an active member?

The other women's groups, such as the

Dorcas Society, will continue their regular meetings until such time as these groups prefer to become a part of the U. L. C. W. The times of these regular meetings will remain as they have been. Any necessary schedule adjustments will be announced.

The Senior Concordians will continue their regular meetings on the first Tuesday of each month and may expand their name and membership as they work together in the consolidated congregation.

The Catechetical Classes, with pupils preparing for Confirmation, will be held on Saturday mornings beginning October 1, from 9:30 to 11 o'clock. The First Year Class will register children aged 12 or in grade 7. The Second Year Class will register children aged 13 or in grade 8. Parents are urgently requested to attend the first session with their children.

9. The Church Councils will work together, with regular meetings on the first Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Basic committees will be consolidated.

Until the annual meeting in January, the consolidated congregation will operate under the consolidation agreements which are a part of the incorporation articles. The new constitution, in process of being prepared, will be presented in January for acceptance. Until then, the existing two councils will act as trustees, and a proper development of the council will be voted upon by the consolidated congregation.

Please remain alert to announcements which will appear in weekly bulletins to keep informed of special events or changes in meeting schedules.

Pastor Godfrey E. Alberti and Pastor J. Russell Fink are humbly grateful to God for the privilege of serving Concordia and Zion at this momentous time in their history. They are convinced that the Spirit of God has graciously led in this wonderful movement which will give an opportunity for fuller Christian service to all the members of these churches. Our fathers were alert to the needs of their day, and have provided us with two strong congregations. Let us catch their spirit in our day, that the generations to come will be served as well by us. God's grace be with you!

ZION-CONCORDIA FELLOWSHIP PLANNED

Parents of Concordia are invited to bring their children with them when they come to the Congregational Meeting on September 18th at 3:00 p.m. They will be cared for during the meeting and be on hand for a buffet supper with the Zion Church members who are cordially invited for 4:30 p.m. This program is being planned to help members of the two congregations to get to know one another. There will be a question and answer period, a community sing, and an

offering will be received. The event will conclude at 7:00 p.m.

The women of Concordia who are willing to make a jello salad for the supper are asked to report to Mrs. Edward Latal, Jr. at HO 7-6448. Women of Zion are invited to bring cakes and are asked to express their willingness to do so by calling Mrs. Alex Walker at HU 2-2398.

MAIN EVENTS CALENDAR

Sundays in September

9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. The Service

September

13-10:00 a.m. Rochester Conference, Reformation Church beginning with Holy Communion Service

14- 8:00 p.m. Dorcas Society

15- 7:30 p.m. U. L. C. W. Rochester Conference Education Clinic at Concordia. Topics: Let's make devotions mean something, How to prepare programs, How to develop leadership, Congregational mission festivals and study, and Membership. Also, question and answer period and refreshments.

17-10:00 a.m. U. L. C. W. Retreat at summer home of Mrs. Gordon Boncke, Call CO 6-1141 for reservations

18- 3:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting. Children will be cared for. Followed by supper with Zion Church as guests.

21- 8:00 p.m. U. L. C. W.

25-11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Final Worship at Concordia with Holy Communion

28- 6:30 p.m. Dorcas Banquet. Reserve with Mrs. Schlegel, CO 6-0499

29- 6:30 p.m. Lutheran Church Extension Society Annual Dinner, Resurrection Church. Speaker, the Rev. Donald Houser, Executive Secretary, Board of American Missions.

October

Sundays: At Zion Church

8:30 a.m. The Early Service
9:30 a.m. Church School
10:45 a.m. The Service
12:00 noon Youth Choir, Lunch, Luther League

Saturdays

9:30 a.m. Catechetical Classes

SOME FINANCIAL FACTS

1. The Building Program for St. John's Home for the Aged is progressing well. Another story has been added to the extensions so that there will be three floors for residents in both new wings. Studies are being made which will affect the occupational therapy program for the first floor, the number of apartment units, infirmary care, and the total extension of service to the aging of the congregations participating in this program.

2. Support of the Wagner College appeal is still far behind what it should be in this congregation. Wagner is one of the two Lutheran colleges supported by the Synod of New York and New England. Inadequate support of church colleges definitely weakens the church. A special contribution to Wagner—\$700 per communing member—was suggested at Concordia this year in order to complete this project by the end of 1960. Can it still be done? Wagner's immediate needs are the completion of its library and the building of a chapel. Incidentally, Zion Church has done well in this particular appeal.

3. Concordia's contribution for 1960 to the new Rochester Conference Camp on Keuka Lake is still to be made. The regular benevolence fund was designed to handle this item of \$700. Careful and regular contributions should make it possible to discharge all our responsibilities. Apportioned and local benevolence items are just about up to date.

4. Regarding local financial obligations, there are no major unpaid bills. Income has been kept above last year. God has blessed this congregation and will surely continue to strengthen it as we put our trust in Him.

PASTORAL ACTS

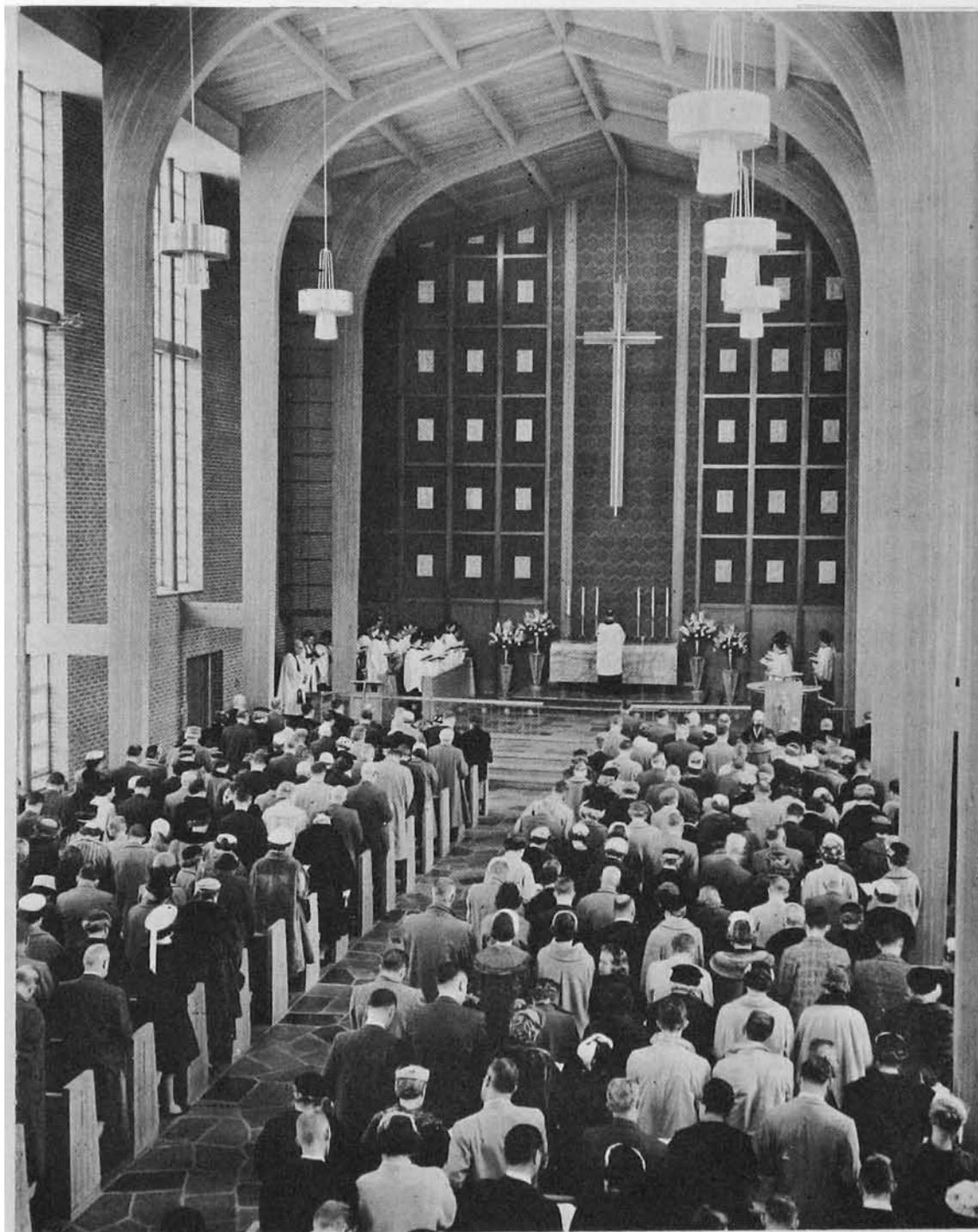
(April 14—August 28)

Baptisms: Sherri Christine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald L. Skibinski; Reid Alan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Strohmeier; Tammi Lynn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew G. Vinci; Sandra Mae, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Schenck; Pamela Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. James Bishop.

Adult Baptism: George Fred McLenthan.

Weddings: William Herbert Gleason and Susan Carol Steffer; George Fred McLenthan and Jean L. Radtke.

Funerals: Mrs. Lena Hess, Mrs. Amelia Weber, Mr. Harry B. Harrington, Miss Elsie Ziegler, Mrs. Bertha Schroeder, Mrs. Elsie L. Brown, Mr. Charles V. Seitz, Mr. Henry Yanneck, Mrs. Augusta Steffen, Mr. William Grimm, Mr. William Bringe, Stephan Riehme.



Be ready, we beseech thee, to hear
the devout prayers of thy Church.

The Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity



November 13, 1960

CONCORDIA LEAVES HELENA STREET

ZION-CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH BA 5-4903
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 Pastor: The Rev. Godfrey E. Alberti BU 8-8528
 Organist - Director: Mr. George E. Klump HA 6-2347

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 Postlude:

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ALTAR CANDLES: IN LOVING MEMORY

GRAND-DAD MR. WILLIAM MALL and MR. & MRS. JOHN MALL by
 their children, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Strauss and Wayne.

ALTAR FLOWERS: MRS. FLORENCE ABERGER by her children,
 Marian Adamski and Geraldine Bandemer.

GIFTS IN MEMORIAM: MR. JOHN D. MILLER by his wife
 Caroline and daughter Frieda Miller.

THE FAREWELL THANKSGIVING SERVICE



LUTHERAN CONCORDIA CHURCH

16 HELENA STREET

ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

GODFREY E. ALBERTI, PASTOR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1960

DEDICATED: OCTOBER 6, 1878 RE-DEDICATED: NOVEMBER 14, 1937

SOLD: NOVEMBER 1, 1960

CONCORDIA LEAVES HELENA STREET

Church History by Bruce Bonke 1964

The Thanksgiving Service

The final service having been completed, the congregation will remain standing for this Thanksgiving Service.

Psalm 122. Laetatus sum

I was glad when they said unto me:

Let us go into the house of the Lord.

Our feet shall stand within thy gates:

O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is builded:

As a city that is compact together;

Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord:

Unto the testimony of Israel, to give thanks
unto the Name of the Lord.

For there are set thrones of judgement:

The thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:

They shall prosper that love thee.

Peace be within thy walls:

And prosperity within thy palaces.

For my brethren and companions' sakes:

I will now say, Peace be within thee.

Because of the house of the Lord our God:

I will seek thy good.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

The Lord be with you

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray:

Most merciful Father, who hast revealed Thy love in Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son: Grant to all who at this altar have received Thy precious gifts, who have heard Thy Word read and preached in this place, who have here come to the saving fountain of Thy grace in Holy Baptism, and who in this House have learned the joy of life and service to Thee, the grace to walk in faith and love through-out their lives until they finally behold Thee face to face in Thine eternal kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

As this dedicated House of God has been useful to us these many years, we now commit it into the hands of others with the prayer that it may continue to be used to the glory of God and to His service in this area.

Let us pray:

Almighty and Everlasting God, whom the Heaven of heavens cannot contain, yet who art willing to have an House fashioned by man wherein Thine honor dwelleth and where men may worship Thee: Of Thy love and mercy, we beseech Thee to strengthen this Thy people now to even greater heights of devotion to Thy Will as we have been called to strengthen our bond of love and to build Thee another House in which to worship Thee; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

Hymn — "Now Thank We All Our God" No. 443

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Lutheran Concordia Church united with Zion Lutheran Church

on September 18, 1960 to form

ZION — CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH of Rochester, N.Y.

We are now called to serve our Lord with even greater effectiveness as our new congregation develops its new house of worship on East Avenue at Goodman Street.

Until then we shall worship at

70 Grove Street (at Stillson Street)

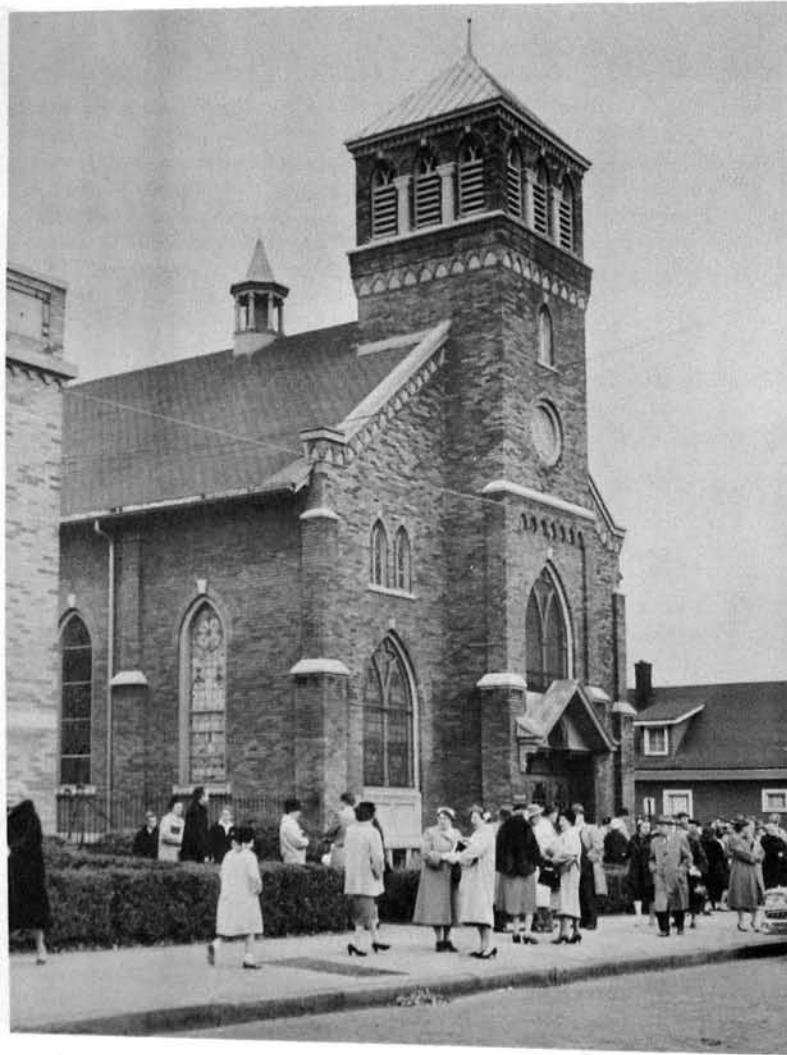
8:30 A.M. The early Service

9:30 A.M. Sunday Church School

10:45 A.M. The Service
(Nursery care provided)

12:00 Noon Youth Program

CONCORDIA LEAVES HELENA STREET



ALTAR FLOWERS: MR. JOHN D. MILLER by his son and daughter
in-law Lottie and Carl and grandchildren Charles and
Cheryl Miller.

GIFTS IN MEMORIAM: MR. JOHN D. MILLER by his daughter
and son-in-law Emma and Ray Moldenhauer.

MR. ROY PHILLIPSEN by Mr. William
Mettel, Daytona Beach, Florida.

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CALENDAR - NOVEMBER 13 -- 20

Today - 12:10 PM - Youth Choir - lunch - Luther Leagues
The Leaguers will visit a few modern church
buildings in Rochester

5:30 PM - "LIFT" at the Lutheran Center
(Please look into the Campaign folder -- "Together--We
Build For Christ" for news of meetings and
prayer requests.)

Monday - - - 7:30 PM - The Church School Staff meets at
70 Grove Street

Tuesday - - 7:00 PM - Boy Scouts

Wednesday - 7:30 PM - Senior Choir Rehearsal
8:00 PM - U.L.C.W. at 70 Grove Street

Saturday - 9:30 AM - Senior Confirmation Class
Junior Confirmation Class
Junior Choir Rehearsal

Sunday - November 20 - Last Sunday at Trinity
We begin worshipping at our property at 70 Grove
St. (corner Stillson St.)

8:30 AM - The early Service

9:30 AM - Sunday Church School

10:45 AM - THE SERVICE (nursery care provided)

12:00 Noon - Youth Choir - lunch - Luther League

(NOTE: FREE PARKING on Sunday is provided in the two lots
in front of the church. One parking area: enter by Main
St., E. between Levis Music Store & Atlantic Supply or on
Stillson St. (Stillson runs one way north between Main St.
and Grove St.) A few cars at Stillson St. side can park
in the Gibbs St. parking lot immediately in front of the
Church.

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"LIFT" is the Rochester Lutheran Young People's fellowship-
ages 18 up and single - meets every Sunday for supper and
program at The Lutheran Center at 17 Phelps Avenue.

CONCORDIA LEAVES HELENA STREET

The U.L.C.W. of Zion-Concordia will meet at 70 Grove St. on Wednesday. All women of our congregation are members and urged to attend this basic auxiliary of The Church.

Program: "These Are Serving" -- Mrs. Milford Apetz
Hostesses: Miss Mildred Schock -- Miss Bertha Pegosh --
Mrs. Edna Schlotz.

The Lutheran World Relief Clothing Drive will take place Thanksgiving week-end. We would appreciate that clothes be brought on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 27 - or right after church. They will be packed and shipped to the box car on Monday morning, Nov. 28! Please bring them in a carton.

PLEASE NOTE: This week we will be moving most of our items to our property at 70 Grove St., and store items that we need for later use. All meetings will be held at the Grove St. Property from now on. Parking facilities on Sundays are free in the lots in front of the Church. During the week you may use space available for evening meetings in the small church lot in the vicinity at the usual fees. We will attempt parking facilities for Lenten services or specials.

VISITORS: Those of you who are visiting and worshipping with us this morning, we extend you a sincere welcome and hope you will join us at 70 Grove Street. If you are at present without a "Church Home" in Rochester, we invite you to consider uniting with this congregation. It would be much appreciated if you would fill out a Pastor's Information Card and mark it "VISITOR".

Available again: The Christmas Cards provided by LIT-LIT program for scholarships to nationals. This is one way Christians can strengthen the effort to bring more education, literacy, and faith into backward countries.

Our Boy Scouts are asking the members to save papers and magazines for them - they intend to have a drive some time this winter so PLEASE - PLEASE - PLEASE help our Troop #242 - DO NOT BRING ANY PAPERS OR MAGAZINES TO THE CHURCH store them in your garage or basement or notify any of our Scouts or Leaders and they will make the necessary provisions for pick-up.

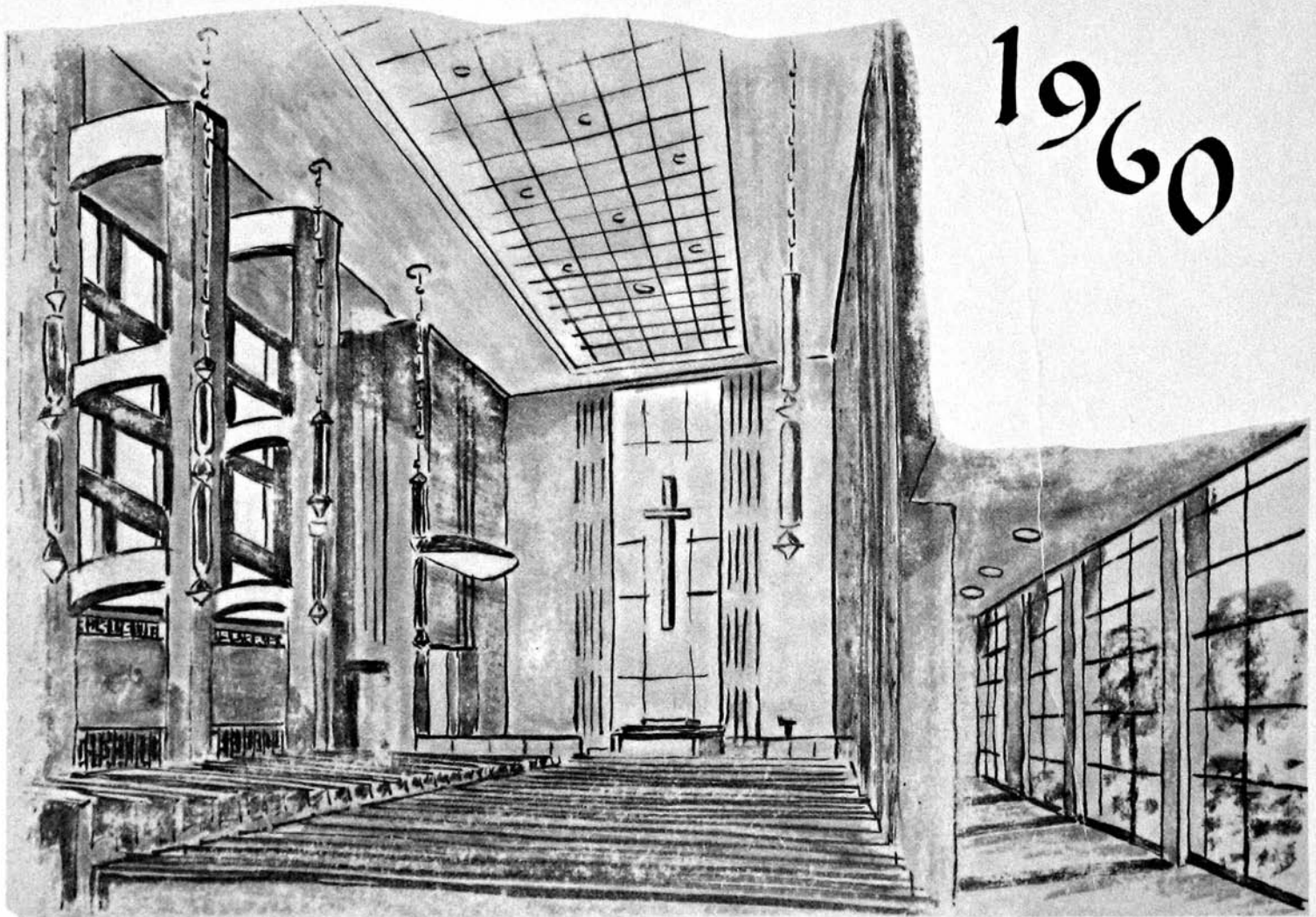
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ZION CONCORDIA

LUTHERAN CHURCH

WORSHIPING AT 70 GROVE STREET

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Zion-Concordia Lutheran Church

“Jo-gether we build for Christ”

RESOLUTION OF CONGREGATION
OF LUTHERAN CONCORDIA CHURCH

RESOLVED, that the offer of the Church of Jesus Christ for the purchase of the church property for the sum of One Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$140,000.00) be accepted.

WHEREAS, Lutheran Concordia Church is proceeding with its plan for the sale of its present church location and for relocation on its property on East Avenue and,

WHEREAS, the contract of sale is subject to certain contingencies which must be removed before relocation can be completed, and

WHEREAS, Zion Lutheran Church at a meeting of its congregation on the 27th day of March, 1960, passed the following resolutions:

"RESOLVED, that when Zion Lutheran Church has been notified by Lutheran Concordia Church that it has sold its present property and is ready to proceed to relocate on East Avenue, that it will immediately enter into an agreement to consolidate with Lutheran Concordia Church pursuant to Section 13 of the Religious Corporation law.

"IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that such consolidation shall be agreed upon and Zion Lutheran Church shall simultaneously petition the Supreme Court with Lutheran Concordia Church pursuant to Section 13 of the Religious Corporation Law and that such consolidation shall take place as soon as both corporations are assured that such relocation can be accomplished."

RESOLVED, that when Lutheran Concordia Church has sold its present church property and is ready to proceed with relocation on East Avenue, that it will immediately enter into an agreement to consolidate with Zion Lutheran Church pursuant to Section 13 of the Religious Corporation Law, and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED that such consolidation shall be agreed upon and Lutheran Concordia Church shall simultaneously petition the Supreme Court with Zion Lutheran Church pursuant to Section 13 of the Religious Corporation Law, and that such consolidation shall take place as soon as both corporations are assured that such relocation can be accomplished.

*RESOLUTION OF SALE and
CONSOLIDATION*

Concordia Lutherans Unite with Zion Church

By ROSE SOLD

The 1,247-member Concordia Lutheran Church and Zion Lutheran Church, with a membership of 493, today united to become Zion-Concordia Lutheran Church.

The merger was approved by Supreme Court Justice Daniel E. Macken. The new corporation was formed under Section 13 of the Religious Corporation Law.

The two congregations will continue to worship in their own churches for the present.

Concordia currently has its Church at Helena and Putnam streets up for sale. The church was built in 1887 and rebuilt in 1937. Upon sale of the church, the Concordia congregation will move to the Zion Church at 70 Grove St. until a proposed new church is built. Zion seats 500 persons.

The Rev. J. Russell Fink, D.D., pastor of Zion, and the Rev. Godfrey E. Alberti, Concordia's pastor, will be pastors of equal status in the new church.

A NEW CHURCH estimated to cost \$650,000, is planned by the combined congregation. It is hoped construction will be begun within a year.

Plans for a new church have been under consideration by Concordia for some time. In 1955, it purchased property on the southwest corner of East Avenue and Goodman Street South and subsequently raised \$180,000 toward erection of a building.

Arthur W. Sedler, chairman of the executive building committee of the church, said East Avenue was selected as a site because of its accessibility from all parts of the city and, by the new arterial highways, from the area.

He said the new congregation envisages itself as a "Rochester area church" serving people in various parts of the city and in the suburbs.

THE UNION of Concordia, formed in 1878, and the nearly 125-year-old Zion church developed from a study of downtown Rochester churches conducted in 1958 and 1959 by the United Lutheran Synod of New York and New England.

The study disclosed that downtown Lutheran churches might be strengthened by a merger but made no definite recommendations.

Concordia and Zion churches are within a mile of each other. Another United Lutheran Church, the Church of the Reformation, also on Grove Street, is but a few steps from Zion.

Concordia invited Zion to join with it, and, on Nov. 10, 1959, discussions began at a meeting of the two church councils.

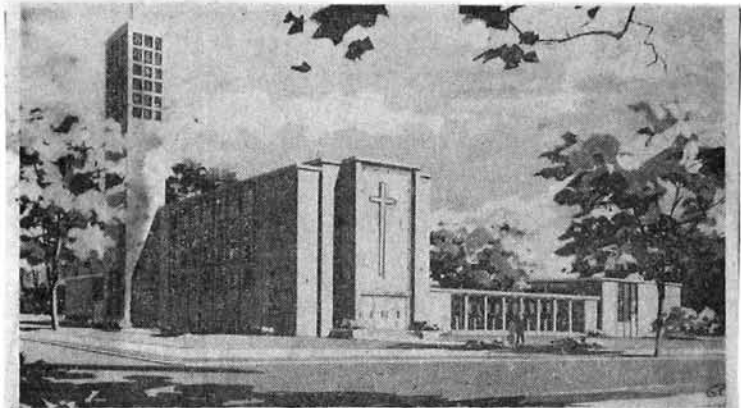
Albert H. Burger, attorney for the churches, in asking Justice Macken to

sign the order of consolidation today, said the congregations were unanimously in favor of the union.

He said the merger "complies with the provisions of the constitution of the United Lutheran Synod of New York and New England and with every phase of church

protocol." Burger is associated with the law firm of MacFarlane, Harris, Martin, Kendall and Dutcher.

The order was signed in the presence of the two pastors, Sedler, Alex Walker, president of Zion Church council, and Gordon Boneke, treasurer of Concordia Church.



PROPOSED ZION-CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH is depicted in this sketch.



CHURCHES MERGED—Legal papers uniting two Lutheran churches are examined by (from left) the Rev. J. Russell Fink, pastor of Zion Lutheran; the Rev. Godfrey E. Alberti, pastor of Concordia Lutheran, and Supreme Court Justice Daniel E. Macken.

SUPREME COURT APPROVES
CONSOLIDATION

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A G R E E M E N T

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into the day of September, 1960, by and between LUTHERAN CONCORDIA CHURCH OF ROCHESTER, N. Y., in the City of Rochester, New York, party of the first part, and ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, in the City of Rochester, New York, party of the second part, both being religious corporations organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York,

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the vicissitudes of time have brought changes in the conditions surrounding Lutheran Concordia Church of Rochester, N. Y., and Zion Lutheran Church and have made it inadvisable longer to maintain them on their present sites as separate organizations, and the many advantages to be derived from a unity of the interests of these two churches have made it seem desirable for the parties hereto to consolidate, thereby forming a church of greater power and influence in the community, and whereby the cause of religion and the Kingdom of God shall be promoted:

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto have mutually covenanted and agreed and by these presents do mutually covenant and agree to consolidate into a single corporation, pursuant to Section 13 of the Religious Corporations Law, upon the following terms and conditions:

1. The name of the proposed new corporation shall be ZION-CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH.
2. Said church to which it is to belong is in connection with the United Lutheran Synod of New York and New England, a constituent Synod of the United Lutheran Church in America.
3. The Trustees shall be elected by the members of the corporation at the Annual Corporate Meeting held on the third Monday in January of each year.
4. The number of such Trustees shall be eighteen.
5. The names of the persons to be the Trustees of the new corporation are as follows:

Rev. Godfrey E. Alberti	26 Gramercy Park Rochester 10, N. Y.
Frank Bock	129 Woodrow Avenue Rochester 9, N. Y.
Oral Graning	60 Thorncliff Drive Rochester 17, N. Y.
William Schencke	605 Ridgeway Avenue Rochester 15, N. Y.
Matthew Vinci	309 Laurelton Road Rochester 9, N. Y.

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Harvey Hopkins ✓	261 Thornton Road Rochester 17, N. Y.
Harvey Weingartner	24 Ranch Drive Rochester 22, N. Y.
Gordon Boncke	75 Placid Place Rochester 17, N. Y.
Robert White, Jr.	33 Berna Lane Rochester 11, N. Y.
Harry Burt	414 Alphonse Street Rochester 21, N. Y.
Henry Miller	1221 Norton Street Rochester 21, New York
Ralph Pritchard	154 Coolidge Road Rochester 22, N. Y.
Jay Painton	40 Zygment Street Rochester 21, N. Y.
Dr. J. Russell Fink	180 N. Goodman Street Rochester 7, N. Y.
Alex Walker	578 Hurstbourne Road Rochester 9, N. Y.
William Reno	49 Galusha Street Rochester 5, N. Y.
John Raymond	3611 Culver Road Rochester 22, N. Y.
Miss Alyce Leistmann	428 Grand Avenue Rochester 9, N. Y.
Dr. Lawrence Wright	803 East Main Street Rochester 5, N. Y.
Harold Ahrens ✓	500 Parsells Avenue Rochester 9, N. Y.
Paul DeMers	100 Gibbs Street Rochester 5, N. Y.
Paul Ludwig ✓	153 Landing Road North Rochester 10, N. Y.
Bertram Rapp	122 Ohio Street Rochester 9, N. Y.

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Walter Vicinus ✓	36 Bismark Terrace Rochester 21, N. Y.
Llewellyn Jones	111 Arvine Heights Rochester 11, N. Y.
Edward Serow	1196 East Main Street Rochester 9, N. Y.
Clarence H. Fink	125 Oneida Street Rochester 21, N. Y.
Robert Ling	1120 Greenleaf Road Rochester 12, N. Y.
Paul Wisotzke	308 Durnan Street Rochester 21, N. Y.

6. At the Annual Meeting of the corporation nine (9) of said Trustees shall retire and six (6) new Trustees shall be elected, and such procedure shall continue each year until the number of Trustees shall be reduced to eighteen (18).

7. The date of the first Annual Corporate Meeting shall be the 16th day of January, 1961.

8. All funds, and other property, contributed to or held by the parties hereto shall continue to be held, managed, and administered under the same terms and conditions as now held, managed and administered by the separate churches.

9. The Reverend Godfrey E. Alberti and the Reverend J. Russell Fink shall be continued as Pastors of the new corporation at their present salaries.

10. This agreement shall be valid when approved by the President of the United Lutheran Synod of New York and New England.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties to this agreement have caused the same to be executed by the duly authorized officers of each corporation and their respective corporate seals hereunto affixed the day and year first above written.

LUTHERAN CONCORDIA CHURCH OF ROCHESTER, N. Y.

By _____
President

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

By _____
President

CONSENT TO CONSOLIDATION

Lutheran Concordia Church of Rochester, N. Y. and Zion Lutheran Church having complied with the provisions of the constitution of the United Lutheran Synod of New York and New England, approval is hereby given to the consolidation of the said churches in accordance with the terms of their agreement of consolidation.

UNITED LUTHERAN SYNOD OF NEW YORK AND
NEW ENGLAND

By _____
President

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New Church Purchases Concordia

The Church of Jesus Christ, 94 Central Park, today purchased the former Concordia Lutheran Church, its parish hall and two houses in Helena Street for \$140,000.

Concordia Lutheran and Zion Lutheran Churches merged Sept. 20 to become Zion-Concordia Lutheran Church.

The Church of Jesus Christ plans to take over the newly acquired premises about Nov. 20. Concordia will then move to the Zion Church at 70 Grove St. Construction of a new church at the southwest corner of East Avenue and Goodman Street South is planned by the merged Lutheran churches.

BUILT IN THE 1880s and reconstructed in 1937, the Concordia church seats 650. It is at 16 Helena St. The adjoining parish hall has an auditorium seating 500, meeting rooms and bowling alleys. The houses are at 8 and 10 Helena St., and the property includes a parking lot off Hudson Avenue.

The buyer gave a \$60,000 first mortgage to Columbia Banking, Saving & Loan Assn., a \$29,654 second mortgage to the seller and paid the balance in cash. Albert H. Burger of MacFarlane, Harris, Martin, Kendall & Dutcher appeared for Concordia. William and Ely Eber represented the Church of Jesus Christ. Harry P. Rupert, realtor, and Irv Starr of the Alliance Organization negotiated the deal.

THE CHURCH of Jesus Christ, of which Bishop Gus Thomas is pastor, originated in Oakfield in 1943. The next year a group of nine members came to Rochester and established a place of worship in Hudson Avenue. Later a house and stable at 15 Rhine St. were acquired and the stable used as the church.

In 1952 rented property in Ormond Street was used for a growing congregation. Two years later the church bought the property in Central Park, a former dry goods store. Since 1958 the church has worked to raise funds needed to buy the Helena Street property.

They Mortgaged Their Homes To Help Buy a Church

The words "faith in God" and "God's inspiration" come naturally to members of the Church of Jesus Christ.

Nor are they vain mouthings.

With these words, members explain why they mortgaged their homes, took out loans or sacrificed a week's or more salary to purchase a new church.

The 163-member congregation recently moved from an overcrowded store front into the former Concordia Lutheran Church at 16 Helena St.

When the dream of owning the church came upon their consciousness, the members had about \$12,000 on hand, against the quoted price of \$140,000.

This fraction of the needed funds was buttressed, however, by faith, enthusiasm and determination.

FOR THREE MONTHS, 32 members of the group carried out a canvass of members to raise what must have seemed an exorbitant sum among a congregation whose pay averages between \$40 and \$70 a week.

Still a deficit remained. It was then that the spirit of sacrifice took hold of members of the Church of Jesus Christ.

Two persons mortgaged their property to loan \$7,000 to the church, without interest. A number pledged a week's salary; others pledged sums of from \$10 to \$25 weekly over varying periods. Still others obtained personal loans so they could meet their share of the obligations.

Members of other churches in the Pentecostal Churches of the Apostolic Faiths Inc.



BISHOP GUS THOMAS, pastor of the Church of Jesus Christ, welcomes Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt Coston and their children, Paul and Rene, to the church at 16 Helena St., which the congregation bought through considerable sacrifice.

to which the Church of Jesus Christ belongs, pitched in with gifts.

At last, in November, sufficient money was raised. Columbia Savings and Loan Association took a \$60,000 mortgage and Concordia congregation took a \$30,000 mortgage.

...

THE CONGREGATION moved from its store-front quarters to the first real sanctuary it had owned since the church was organized with four members, in 1944.

A father of five, asked why he had sacrificed for

the church, said: "The inspiration of God made me liberal in giving. I had to let some of my bills go by in order to give as I desired to the church but the Lord blessed me and I was able to catch up these bills; my wages were almost doubled."

Another giver said he saw a "need for the gospel being taught to men and women, particularly young people that were going astray. The purchase of the Helena Street property would locate us in the Baden-Ormond area where we could be of help to many . . ."

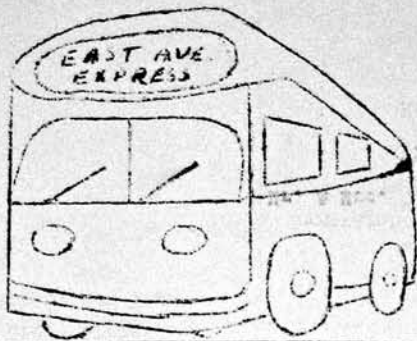
A third said fellowship in the church made him "a part of the royal family, and as a result God opened the windows of heaven and poured out his blessings."

Said another: "I have always wanted a church spacious enough to hold more than our present congregation but it was faith that enabled me to make a sacrifice. Believing that God would undertake for me and my family, I gave what I had when I could see no way to replace it. I can rejoice now because the victory has been won and all through the drive the Lord supplied my every need."

CONCORDIA PROPERTY IS SOLD

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SCHEDULE (EXACT TIME TO BE DETERMINED BY PASSENGERS)

LEAVE GROVE ST. ? ? ?
ARRIVE EAST AVE. ? ? ?

CONCORDIA PROPERTY SOLD!!

NOVEMBER 13th FINAL SERVICE

The sale of the property at 16 Helena Street was formally completed on All Saints' Day, November 1, 1960. The purchasers were the Church of Jesus Christ, 94 Central Park, Rochester, N.Y. The sale price was \$140,000 with a second mortgage being granted for the amount of \$30,000.

The recently consolidated congregation of Zion-Concordia Church will integrate its programs beginning November 20 at the Grove Street properties to assure uninterrupted church activity. The following schedule for worship has been announced:

8:30 a.m. - The Early Service.
9:30 a.m. - The Church School
10:45 a.m. - The Service
12:00 noon - Youth Choir, Lunch,
Luther League

HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated for the first time by the combined congregations on Advent Sunday, November 27.

YOUR PRAYERS REQUESTED

for the success of the Building Fund Program that it may be to the Glory of God.....

for all the workers of the Campaign Organization and their leaders as they engage in their various tasks - Mr. Arthur Sedler and Mr. Paul Ludwig, General Chairmen; Mr. Gordon Boncke and Dr. Lawrence Wright, Organization Chairmen; Mr. Harvey Weingartner and Mr. John Raymond, Proposal Chairmen; Mr. Donald DeBack and Mr. Robert White, Jr., Publicity Chairmen; and Mrs. Roger Haich and Mrs. Philip Friesser, Chief Hostesses.

for Pastor Fink and Pastor Alberti and their families, that God may continue to bless them as they minister to us.

HERE'S THE BUS!

The Lutheran Laymen's Movement for Stewardship, providing local direction by Mr. Arthur Ackerly, has our "East Avenue Express" ready for boarding. Initial home visits by Mr. Ackerly who was assisted by Mr. Kenneth Hilgaertner, LIM staff member, together with congregational surveys prayerfully reviewed have resulted in the setting of some realistic and challenging goals to head us toward our East Avenue destination.

Must Goal - \$170,000.
(Anything less, we'll miss the bus!)

Advance Goal - \$250,000.
(We'll be shifting to second)

Venture in Faith Goal - \$300,000.
(In high gear for Christ!)

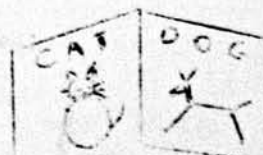
The Pledge Payment Period will begin December 11, 1960 for a 156-week period. It will be requested that pledges be stated in weekly amounts.

PICTURES REPLACE TONGUES

Visitation team Captains at their first instruction meeting on Monday evening were delighted to hear that their team members will be using a streamlined visual aids method to present the Building Fund Drive story to the families of Zion-Concordia Church. Now anyone can be a successful visitor! Incidentally, it is planned that MEN, going out two by two, will handle the entire task. (That's scripturally sound.) Now let us receive them as true Ambassadors of Christ.

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LOOK
What's coming!



This Week!

THE BUILDING FUND RALLY

Friday, November 4, at 7:30 p.m.

Zion-Concordia Church, 70 Grove St.

Movie in Color: Split-Level Family

Home-talent Skit: The Widow's Might

Also.....Refreshments

And the whole family is invited!

Save Tuesday, November 29, for a
6:30 p.m. dinner date with the
congregation at the Masonic Temple.
This is one affair you won't want
to miss!

Submit news items for this weekly
Building Fund Drive bulletin by Sunday
of each week to Mrs. Roy Fries, 715
Portland Ave., Zone 21. Phone BA 5-
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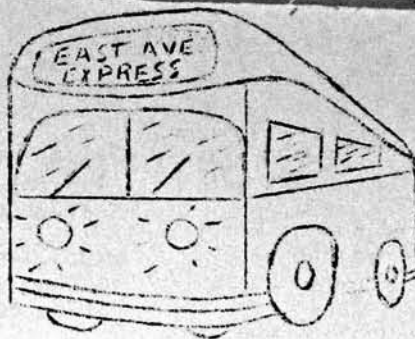
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ADVANCE VISITS BEGIN!!!

WE'RE OFF!

At press time the "East Avenue Express" was heading toward its first mile mark--the Advance Visits stage of its trip.

Not yet supplied with fuel for independent locomotion, the bus was given a big push toward its first mile mark by Organization Chairmen Gordon Bonke and Dr. Lawrence Wright who have done an admirable job of securing competent Division Leaders for Visiting Teams. These workers are now making their commitments in advance of the general home visitations.

MANY HAPPY RETURNS

A fine return of reservation cards have already been received for the Zion-Concordia Fellowship Dinner to be held at the Masonic Temple at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 29. Was yours among them?

Husbands and wives of Zion-Concordia Church members are most cordially invited to be our guests.

STAY-AT-HOMES TO BE COMMENDED

That may seem like double-talk when read in a church publication....but we're speaking of December 4th and after the morning Worship. That will be Dedication Sunday at the 10:45 a.m. Service after which the consecrated visitors will be seeing you in your home. Please plan to be a "stay-at-home" just this once and receive them gladly.

PRAYER REQUEST for our faithful secretaries who labor to keep up with the vast amount of paper work. They are Mrs. Harold Ahrens and Miss Grace Pallas and a Corps of volunteer helpers.

QUOTABLE QUOTES: "As fine a presentation of The Widow's Might as I've ever seen!" - Arthur Ackerly, after the Rally last Friday night.
.....besides that, the film was excellent, the speakers to the point, and the doughnuts and coffee dee-lish-us. Sorry if you missed it!

LAST WORSHIP SCHEDULED AT HELENA STREET PROPERTY

Sunday, November 13, at 11:00 a.m. will mark the final worship of the Concordia section of Zion-Concordia Church on Helena Street.

A congregation, deeply mindful of the Faith of its Fathers which has carried it forward to the point of stepping out with confidence into a new venture in faith, will raise its voice in thanksgiving at this time for the blessings of the past.

Those in attendance will be presented with a special printed bulletin as a memento of the final Service at this site.

THE CONGREGATION TOGETHER ON NOVEMBER 20!

Church School children will sit with their classes in the Nave during The Service at 10:45 a.m. Nursery care will also be provided during this time. Free parking for cars has been arranged.

The time schedule each Sunday:

- 8:30 a.m. - The Early Service
- 9:30 a.m. - The Church School
(Nursery through Adult)
- 10:45 a.m. - The Service
- 12:00 noon - Youth Choir, Lunch,
Luther League

FIRST "TEMPLE TALKS" HEARD

Last Sunday Mr. Donald DeBack at Zion Section and Mr. Robert White, Jr. at Concordia Section gave explanatory talks on the progress of the Publicity Committee which they head. Our congratulations to them on their splendid presentations.

Brief talks by laymen are scheduled for The Service each Sunday morning during the Building Fund Campaign.

A SPECIAL THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE for the Lutheran Churches of Downtown Rochester (Reformation, St. Luke's and Zion-Concordia) will be held at 8:00 p.m. at Zion-Concordia Church, Grove St.

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Please submit news items for this weekly Building Fund Campaign bulletin by Sunday of each week to Mrs. Roy Fries, 715 Portland Ave., Phone BA 5-5293, or to Mrs. Albert Cook, 160 Vermont St., HU 2-4689

WHERE? At the Campaign Organization Dinner
Friday, November 11, 1960 - 6:30 p.m.
Zion-Concordia Lutheran Church
70 Grove Street

WHO'S INVITED? The General Committee, Division
Leaders, Team Captains, Visitors,
Hostesses, Office Workers

AND....anyone who has not been contacted
yet and would like to join the working
forces of the Building Fund Campaign

There'll be a baked ham dinner and an inspiring
program featuring some musical selections under
the direction of Mr. Klump.

RAY DOELL TO SPEAK

Highlight of the evening will be a talk by
Mr. Ray Doell, a consecrated Lutheran layman
of Atonement Lutheran Church and a vice-presi-
dent of Gleason Works. Mr. Doell has the
distinction of having served four times as a
Synod delegate to national conventions of the
U.L.C. A. He was delegate to the U.L.C.A.
Convention at Atlantic City this year. Mr.
Doell has served as a secretary of the board
of the Lutheran Inner Mission Society and is
a member of the Board of Managers of St. John's
Home for the Aged.

A "timely" suggestion: Come right from
work. Don't miss a minute of this
well-planned evening.

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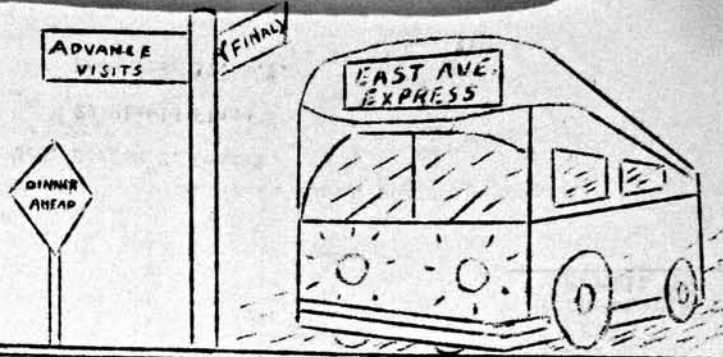
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MEMORIAL WINDOWS

Plans are being finalized to preserve the panels of Concordia's Memorial windows which bear the names of departed members until they can be appropriately used in our East Avenue sanctuary.

BROCHURE COMING

The Publicity and Proposal Committees are hard at work preparing a brochure explaining the present and future plans of Zion-Concordia Church. It will help us all to catch the vision of the great task we have undertaken for Christ in Rochester. Look for your copy about the time you turn your calendar to December.

LAYMEN HEARD

The series of "Temple Talks" was continued last Sunday with presentations on the activities of the Proposal Committee. Mr. Harvey Weingartner was heard at Concordia Section and Mr. John Raymond at Zion Section. We are grateful for the dedication of these laymen.

CHURCH SCHOOL STAFF MEETS

"We are perplexed, but not driven to despair" might well have been the thought in the minds of those faced with the tremendous job of integrating, housing, and maintaining the program of the Church School without interruption. It was evident from the smoothly run meeting of the Staff on Monday night that the metal of the leaders having been tested was found true--it rings of unanimity, dedication, and a love of the children placed in their care. Join the church school now. There are classes for all ages.

FINAL SERVICE

If attendance at Concordia's final Service last Sunday and the results of our "advance visits" are any indication of the spirit, enthusiasm, and personal interest in the venture which God has willed for Zion-Concordia, then we have already reached the top!

A CHURCH ON THE MOVE

Last Tuesday was designated "Moving Day" for Concordia Section. No little task, this! Like the stage crew which sets the scene but has none of the actor's glory, so are the many behind the scenes of our great drama who are furnishing the muscle to carry out the plan. Thank God for these who labor in love and that there is work enough for all who dare to serve.

FOOD FOR BODY AND SPIRIT

At the Campaign Organization Dinner held last Friday night, Mr. Paul Ludwig presented the scripture "As my father has sent me, even so send I you" as a possible marching order with encouragement for those who have been selected to make home visits. He pictured the home visit as an adventure to be approached with humility and confidence, for sinner--yet saint--is teamed with Jesus Christ as he serves to promote the work of the Kingdom of God.

Our thanks to Mr. Ray Doell, speaker of the evening, who engraved on our minds and hearts the T.T.G. formula for Stewardship--the giving of time, talents, and gifts to the Lord.

And thanks to the staff of women who prepared and served the most delectable ham dinner.

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WE'LL BE SEEING YOU

November 20 at Zion-Concordia Church. Early Service - 8:30, Church School - 9:30, The Service - 10:45, Youth Choir, Lunch, Luther League - 12:00
(Free parking in lots directly in front of the church between Main and Gibbs. Watch for signs.)

November 23 at Zion-Concordia Church for the Joint-Lutheran Thanksgiving Service for the Downtown Churches. That's Thanksgiving Eve at 8:00 p.m. The Rev. M. Luther Sievert will preach.

November 29 at 6:30 p.m. for the Zion-Concordia Fellowship Dinner, Masonic Temple
December 4, Dedication Sunday at the Service and later in your home.

FIRST EIGHTEEN FAMILIES PLEDGE \$15,756

"Advance Visits" are the
"speedometer" of our "
"East Avenue Express".

FIRST REPORTS indicate
that we are willing to
go the "extra mile"
(to build the tower
just a little higher).

The LAST PHASES of
the "Advance Visits"
will show us whether
Zion-Concordia is
going to.....

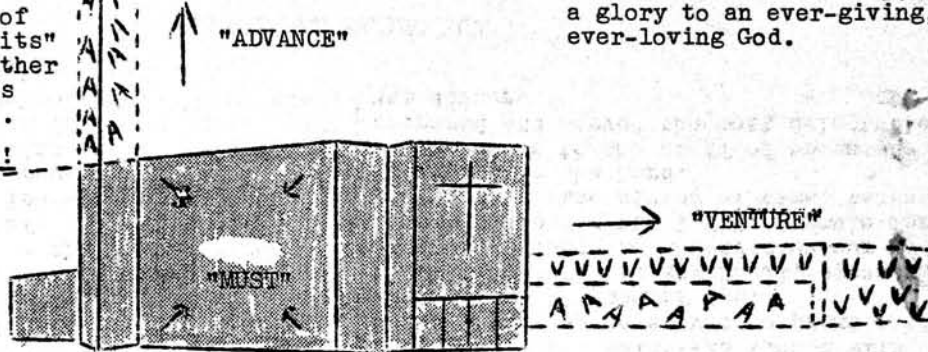
REACH THE TOP!!

Our choice of three "East Avenue Express"
stops:

"MUST" -- for us to survive (can we
afford to do less?)

"ADVANCE" -- as a witness with the
"extra mile" of faith

"VENTURE" -- sacrificial stewardship,
a glory to an ever-giving,
ever-loving God.



"Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth
in you?" -- I Cor. 3:16

(In relation to how we have constructed our Christian lives--UPWARD...to God;
OUTWARD...for others; and INWARD...for us--we will achieve our goal with
this "temple" also.

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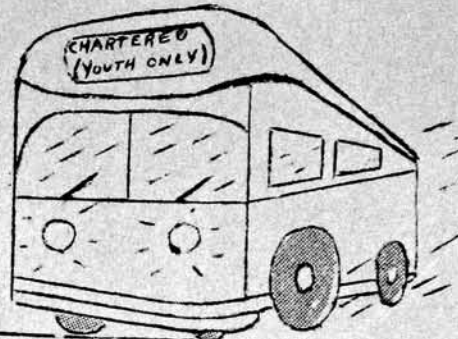
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VICTORY BLVD
1 "EXTRA MILE"

CONG. DINNER
NOV. 29

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26 EQUALS 21!!

It may not be good arithmetic, but it's a fact! THE FIRST TWENTY-SIX FAMILIES VISITED HAVE PLEDGED OVER TWENTY-ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS!!

And so....our East Avenue Express has really shifted into second gear as it advances steadily up the hill of Advance Visits.

Can we keep up the sacrificial climb? Each family visited from this point on, as it prayerfully and gratefully considers its blessings and from where they come, will help to bring the final answer. We "MUST" "ADVANCE" in this "VENTURE."

Study the Word of God in II Corinthians 9: 6-8 and then ask God to give you specific direction so that you will be prepared for your home visit.

100% - OR MINUS YOU?

It is the hope of all who have been serving prayerfully and tirelessly throughout the past months so that the Building Fund Program will be orderly and effective that all members of the congregation will plan to attend The Service at 10:45 a.m. on Dedication Sunday, December 4.

At this time the church at Zion-Concordia will dedicate itself to the successful conclusion of the good work which has already begun to raise up in this community a building for worship to the Glory of God.

Let there be "harmony of purpose" in this "house of the Lord"..... Zion-Concordia!

IT'S FOR YOUTH

10 A.M. is the hour on December 3rd when teen-age members of Zion-Concordia will meet for a period of instruction to prepare them for visits in the homes of other teen-agers in behalf of the Building Fund Program.

Roy Crane, assisted by Milton Wackerow; and Donna Raymond, assisted by Karen Stover, are now enlisting the help of a fine group of visitors.

These young people know that they will benefit most from the current venture of our church. Their marriages, the baptisms, confirmation services, marriages of their children, and other sacred events will take place in the sanctuary they are helping to build.

Our young people will be receiving the blessing of acting as disciples sent "two by two," even as the first "seventy" were sent, as they set out on the challenging task of acting as visitors to other young people of our congregation. We can be humbly proud of them as they take their stand for Christ and offer their time, talents and gifts in gratitude for the redemptive gift of God.

SERIES CONTINUED

Continuing a series of talks by laymen, Mr. Gordon Boncke and Dr. Lawrence Wright appeared before the congregation at the regular services last Sunday. They are to be commended for their explanation of the plan and progress of the Campaign Organization Committee which they head.

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NEWS"

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OUR SPEAKER---GOD'S PARTNER

Mr. Paul Folkemer, a dynamic, nationally-known speaker, father of a Sunday School Superintendent and of three Lutheran ministers will be one of the highlights of the Congregational Dinner to be held at the Masonic Temple on November 29, at 6:30 p.m. (Is your reservation in yet?)

A Christian businessman of Baltimore (Maryland Synod), Mr. Folkemer is an inspiring example of a modern-day Christian. Fearless and frank about his Christian convictions he exudes the warmth of Christian love in his labors for Christ.

"My Partnership with God", by Mr. Folkemer has inspired thousands of listeners throughout the country helping them to practice their faith in daily life. Mr. Folkemer is a past president of the Lutheran Laymen's Movement, the same organization which has been leading us with a steady hand, under the able direction of Mr. Arthur Ackerly, in our Building Fund Program.

THE HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated on the first Sunday in Advent, November 27, at the two regular services beginning at 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Nursery care is provided each Sunday during the 10:45 a.m. church hour.

JOIN THE CHURCH SCHOOL. There is a class for your age held each Sunday morning at 9:30.
Quote Note: "There are more years to learn after 24 than before."
--Pastor Alberti

A MEETING OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE AND LEADERS is scheduled for Sunday, November 27, at 7:30 p.m. for progress reports and final plans for congregational dinner.

VISITORS: READ & HEED!!!

If you are a visitor under any of the following persons, you are to meet on Monday, November 28, at 7:30 p.m. for instruction.

Division "A" - Harvey Hopkins, Leader
Captains: Ferdinand Bonke, William Adams, William Barth, Harold Smith, Elmer Sheehan.

Division "B" - Harry Burt, Leader
Captains: Ralph Pritchard, Frank Bock, Richard Strohmeier, Marvin Schroeder, John Tice.

Division "C" - Jay Painton, Leader
Captains: Raymond Wackerow, William Schencke, William Schoonover, Milford Apetz, Emil Schneider.

Division "D" - Matthew Vinci, Leader
Captains: Henry Miller, Floyd Evershed, William Wisotzke, Lester Fredericks, John Adamski.

If you are a visitor under any of the following persons, you are to meet on Wednesday, November 30, at 7:30 p.m. for instruction.

Division "E" - Arnold Schock, Leader
Captains: Roy Fries, Arthur Weingartner, John Wimmatt, Edward J. Latal, Miss Ethel Klick.

Division "F" - Leonard Karweick, Leader
Captains: Walter Ahrens, Milton Weingartner, Otto Scheik, John Donish, Raymond Habermusch.

Division "G" - Paul Wisotzke, Leader
Captains: William Reno, Philip Friesser, Harold Ahrens, Clarence Fink, Kenneth Morells.

Division "H" - Edward Serow, Leader
Captains: Albert Diedrich, Lawrence Akins, Albert Cook, Calvin Rapp, Arthur Manning.

ALL VISITORS will also meet on Friday, December 2, at 7:30 p.m. for final instruction meeting preparatory to Dedication Sunday.

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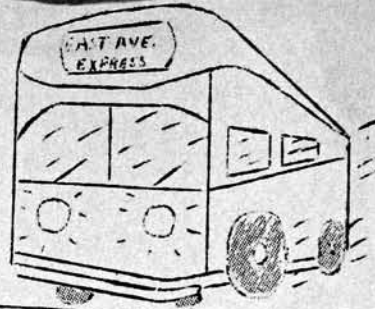
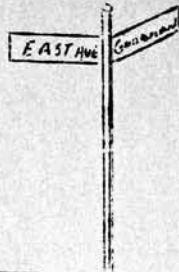
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WE HAVE ARRIVED!

Total Pledged - \$203,147.64

The "East Avenue Express" has finally reached its objective.

The "Must" goal now reached enables us to go ahead with the negotiations for bids in the happy new year of 1961 with the subsequent contracts, ground breaking and construction to follow as soon as possible.

1962 should, God willing, see us firmly entrenched in our East Avenue edifice, courageously continuing our drive for the completion of the entire plan with which God has blessed us for the furtherance of His Kingdom.

The "Must" achievement will give us the basic necessities of worship and learning facilities. As we continue to grow in grace, in spirit, and in numbers, the completion of the tower, the executive wing, and the parish building will grow into reality.

PLEDGE PAYMENT PERIOD HAS BEGUN

The 156-week pledge payment period began last Sunday, December 11.

If you do not have Building Fund Envelopes in your present envelope box, ask any usher for a special building fund envelope to carry your pledge payments for the remainder of 1960. Mark it plainly with name and amount being paid.

The boxes for 1961 will carry Building Fund envelopes with your number along with your regular church offering envelopes.

VICTORY?

"...and many that were rich cast in much.....for all they did cast in of their abundance, but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living."--Mark 12:41-42

The seemingly insignificant offering of the widow was worthy of remark and commendation by Jesus Christ who saw the heart behind the gift. Some of our visitors have testified to some of this type of giving which touched them very deeply and gave them added inspiration and strength for their task.

Equally moving was the receipt of some large pledges of money which spoke clearly of a true sense of stewardship which recognizes that "For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required." What a blessing for Zion-Concordia Church to have members so spiritually wealthy that they have gratefully pledged amounts equivalent to the cost of a new home, the biggest Cadillac, or blocks of "blue chip" stock. Money is not "the root of all evil"--just the love of money. It is made obvious by many of our larger gifts that the love of God and the building of His Kingdom are more important for some of our members than the storing up of treasure on earth.

However, we must still face the fact that our survey showed that God has given this congregation enough material blessings that our "Venture in Faith" goal of \$300,000 could have been passed on Dedication Sunday. IT'S NOT TOO LATE! If after prayerful consideration, as well as planning, you are convinced that you can and want to increase your pledge, won't you please call the church office and let them know?

DID YOU KNOW?

1. That on Dedication Sunday between the hours of 2 and 9 p.m. some 425 calls were completed--that's at the rate of almost one a minute!
2. That our potential was 755 weekly pledges.
3. That Two-Hundred and Twenty-Five cards were returned during the campaign marked "No Pledge."
4. That 32 of our young people pledged from fifty cents to one dollar per week. (Some of them have taken on part time jobs in order to make these heart-warming gifts possible.)
5. Pledges were received from a number of members--sole income Social Security.

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DIRECTOR BADE FOND FAREWELL

Before relinquishing the reins of Director for the Building Fund Drive, Mr. Arthur Ackerly reported to the Campaign Organization last Sunday evening. A thorough plan for follow-up and continuance of the great work begun in the drive was specifically outlined by Mr. Ackerly.

(LIM, please note.)

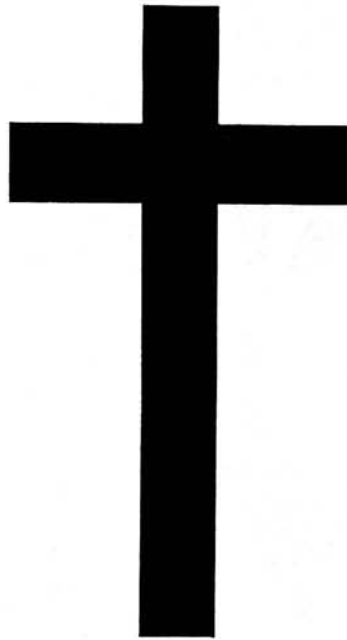
There was much expression of appreciation for the fine spirit of fellowship which was established between members of Zion-Concordia and this man who came to us from the larger church and who was able through his counsel and direction to also strengthen the fellowship among our own members.

Mr. Ackerly was presented with a souvenir of Rochester to carry with him as he works among other churches--a "modern day Paul" helping to build the Kingdom of God in this generation. Our best wishes go with him and we pray that he and his family will be blessed with a long and prosperous life as they continue to serve the Lord Jesus Christ.

It is for us, now, to uphold the work so richly begun, that the concentrated and consecrated effort of the past months may serve as a firm starting place from which we will continue on to the building of a structure in which God may be glorified and His Word may be made known to all who stand in need of the Saving Grace of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

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*ZION-CONCORDIA INFORMS MEMBERS
OF GOALS*

OUR **CHURCH**

OUR **CHALLENGE**

OUR **NEEDS**

ARE ALL

GROWING !

ZION-CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

SERVES YOU

THRU THESE PASTORAL MINISTRIES

WORSHIP SERVICES

BAPTISM

CONFIRMATION

MARRIAGE

COUNSELING

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BEREAVEMENT

THE CHURCH SERVES YOU TOO...
THROUGH

OUR CHURCH SCHOOL

WHERE

EACH SUNDAY **275** STUDENTS

AND A DEDICATED STAFF OF **50**

SEEK TO LEARN ABOUT JESUS

WE ARE OBLIGATED
TO
OUR FAMILIES
OUR FELLOW CHRISTIANS
OUR COMMUNITY

*WE MUST NOW
TRANSLATE OUR FAITH
INTO ACTION.....*

SO THAT WE WILL FULFILL

OUR

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OBLIGATIONS

A SURVEY HAS BEEN MADE
OF
OUR NEEDS

OUR LEADERSHIP

OUR FINANCIAL ABILITY



THE SURVEY SHOWED THAT

WITH FAITH

AND

A SINCERE DESIRE TO MOVE

FORWARD

OUR CONGREGATION

CAN TAKE

THIS

FORWARD

STEP!

MANY OF OUR PEOPLE
HAVE GIVEN OF THEIR TIME
AND TALENT TO THIS VENTURE...



ALL WILL BE ASKED
TO DECLARE
THEIR INTENTION
TO GIVE
OF THEIR MEANS

MAKE YOUR GIFT

IN THE SPIRIT



OF



SELF DENIAL

GIVE AND IT WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU; GOOD MEASURE, PRESSED DOWN, SHAKEN
TOGETHER, WILL BE PUT INTO YOUR LAP. FOR THE MEASURE YOU GIVE WILL
BE THE MEASURE YOU GET BACK.

ST. LUKE 6:38

THIS IS THE ACID TEST

DO YOU BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST
AS YOUR LORD AND SAVIOR?

ARE YOU TRULY GRATEFUL TO GOD
FOR ALL THE BLESSINGS
OF YOUR LIFE?

DO YOU WANT TO BRING
THE MESSAGE OF CHRIST
TO OTHERS?

THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY
TO PROVE IT
BY GIVING THE BEST OF YOUR
TIME, TALENT, AND MONEY
TO THE LORD THRU HIS CHURCH

WE SHOULD ALL CONSIDER
WHAT IS EXPECTED FROM
US
IF WE BELIEVE

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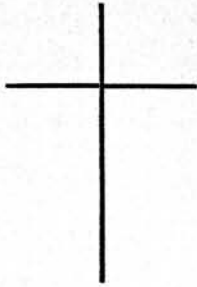
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<p><i>Together . . . We Build for Christ</i> ZION-CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH 70 Grove Street, Rochester, N. Y.</p> <p>IT IS MY DESIRE AND INTENTION</p> <p>to give \$ _____ per week for 156 weeks, beginning December 11, 1960</p>	Name _____ Card No. _____	<p>PATTERN OF HOPED-FOR WEEKLY GIVING With Gifts like these we can attain our goals. 2 Families Giving \$35,000 each 2 Families Giving \$15,000 each Appropriate Memorials are available For the above Gifts</p> <table border="0"><tr><td>1 Family</td><td>Giving \$30.00</td><td>per week</td></tr><tr><td>2 Families</td><td>Giving 20.00</td><td>per week</td></tr><tr><td>1 Family</td><td>Giving 15.00</td><td>per week</td></tr><tr><td>1 Family</td><td>Giving 12.00</td><td>per week</td></tr><tr><td>10 Families</td><td>Giving 10.00</td><td>per week</td></tr><tr><td>3 Families</td><td>Giving 8.00</td><td>per week</td></tr><tr><td>17 Families</td><td>Giving 7.00</td><td>per week</td></tr><tr><td>10 Families</td><td>Giving 6.00</td><td>per week</td></tr><tr><td>53 Families</td><td>Giving 5.00</td><td>per week</td></tr><tr><td>71 Families</td><td>Giving 4.00</td><td>per week</td></tr><tr><td>347 Families</td><td>Giving 3.00</td><td>per week</td></tr><tr><td>61 Families</td><td>Giving 2.00</td><td>per week</td></tr><tr><td colspan="3">Restricted Incomes and Students</td></tr><tr><td colspan="3">178 Families Giving \$1.00 per week</td></tr><tr><td colspan="3">Youth Group</td></tr><tr><td colspan="3">79 Gifts from \$.25 to \$1.00</td></tr></table>	1 Family	Giving \$30.00	per week	2 Families	Giving 20.00	per week	1 Family	Giving 15.00	per week	1 Family	Giving 12.00	per week	10 Families	Giving 10.00	per week	3 Families	Giving 8.00	per week	17 Families	Giving 7.00	per week	10 Families	Giving 6.00	per week	53 Families	Giving 5.00	per week	71 Families	Giving 4.00	per week	347 Families	Giving 3.00	per week	61 Families	Giving 2.00	per week	Restricted Incomes and Students			178 Families Giving \$1.00 per week			Youth Group			79 Gifts from \$.25 to \$1.00		
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Dinner Program

November 29, 1960



ZION-CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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DIVISION HOSTESSES

Mrs. Milford Apetz	Mrs. Paul Gudat
Mrs. Gordon Boncke	Mrs. Arthur Manning
Mrs. Emerson Bridgewater	Mrs. Gerald Reinhart
	Mrs. Arthur Sedler

TABLE HOSTESSES

Mrs. William Adams	Mrs. Harold Ofslager
Mrs. John Adamski	Mrs. Jay Painton
Mrs. Lawrence Akins	Miss Mildred Pioch
Mrs. William Barth	Mrs. Bertram Rapp
Miss Martha Betz	Miss Margery Rapp
Mrs. David Bills	Mrs. John Raymond
Mrs. Frank Bock	Mrs. Otto Riedel
Mrs. Bernard Boncke	Miss Carol Roeper
Mrs. Ferdinand Boncke	Mrs. Doris Roeper
Mrs. Jacob Breitenbach	Miss Florence Roggie
Mrs. Julia Brown	Mrs. Alfred Saucke
Mrs. Harrison Brule	Mrs. George Sauer
Mrs. Harold Cooper	Mrs. Otto Scheik
Mrs. William Dangler	Mrs. James Schirmer
Mrs. Donald DeBack	Miss Mildred Schock
Mrs. Margaret DeWitt	Mrs. William Schoonover
Mrs. William Dirksen	Miss Edith Schultz
Mrs. Mabel Dumrese	Mrs. Elmer Sheehan
Mrs. Donald Fuehrer	Mrs. Harold Smith
Miss Ruth Haberbusch	Miss Janet Smith
Mrs. Elsie Hayes	Mrs. Carl Stoever
Mrs. Elizabeth Heinrich	Miss Karen Stoever
Mrs. Harvey Hopkins	Miss Linda Stopani
Mrs. Florence Jansen	Mrs. Gino Strazzabosco
Mrs. Leonard Karweick	Mrs. Joseph Thomas
Mrs. John Laing	Miss Alma Tomaschke
Mrs. Edward J. Latal	Mrs. Matthew Vinci
Miss Alyce Leistmann	Mrs. Raymond Wackerow
Miss Lydia Mailander	Mrs. Claude Wallace
Mrs. Frank Manske	Mrs. Arthur Weingartner
Mrs. John Meter	Mrs. Margaret Werner
Mrs. Henry Miller	Mrs. Cora White
Mrs. Raymond	Mrs. Hattie Widman
Moldenhauer	Mrs. James Willer
Mrs. Philip Neuer	Mrs. John Wimmitt

CAMPAIGN DINNER

11/29/60

MASONIC TEMPLE
Rochester, New York

Tuesday, November 29, 1960

Invocation.....The Rev. J. Russell Fink, D.D.
Hymn—Building-Fund
Campaign Hymn....."Rise Up, O Men Of God"
Welcome.....Mr. Paul Ludwig, Master of Ceremonies

M E N U

Fruit Cocktail
Roast Beef Mashed Potatoes
String Beans Tossed Salad Relish Plate
Rolls and Butter Apple Pie and Cheese
Coffee

Dinner Arrangements Chairmen Mrs. Raymond Bandemer
Mrs. Robert Ling
Chief Hostesses.....Mrs. Philip Friesser
Mrs. Roger Haich

P R O G R A M

Our Youth Program.....Roy Crane
Donna Raymond
Together... We Build For Christ.....Mr. Arthur Sedler
Our Plan.....Mr. Harvey Weingartner
The Goals.....Mr. Clarence Fink
Our Responsibility.....Mr. Alex Walker
Our Organization.....Dr. Lawrence Wright
The Story (in Black and White).....Mr. Donald DeBack
Hymn....."Take My Life And Let It Be"
Guest Speaker.....Mr. Paul Folkemer
Lutheran Business Man, Baltimore, Md.
Past President of Lutheran Laymen's Movement
Presentation of Goals
to Congregation.....Mr. Gordon Boncke
Building-Fund Treasurer
Prayer and Benediction.....The Rev. Godfrey E. Alberti

GENERAL COMMITTEE

Pastors.....The Rev. Russell Fink, D.D.
The Rev. Godfrey E. Alberti
General Chairmen.....Mr. Arthur Sedler
Mr. Paul Ludwig
Advance Visits and
Special Gifts Chairmen....Mrs. Raymond Moldenhauer
Mr. Alex Walker
Organization Chairmen.....Dr. Lawrence Wright
Mr. Gordon Boncke
Publicity Chairmen.....Mr. Robert White, Jr.
Mr. Donald DeBack
Proposal Chairmen.....Mr. John Raymond
Mr. Harvey Weingartner
Audits Chairmen.....Mr. Oral Graning
Mr. Clarence Fink
Dinner Arrangements.....Mrs. Robert Ling
Mrs. Raymond Bandemer
Chief Hostesses.....Mrs. Roger Haich
Mrs. Philip Friesser
Youth Captains.....Donna Raymond
Roy Crane

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RISE UP, O MEN OF GOD

Rise up, O men of God!
Have done with lesser things;
Give heart and soul and mind and strength
To serve the King of Kings

Rise up, O men of God!
His kingdom tarries long;
Bring in the day of brotherhood
And end the night of wrong.

Rise up, O men of God!
The Church for you doth wait,
Her strength unequal to her task;
Rise up, and make her great.

Lift high the Cross of Christ!
Tread where His feet have trod;
As brothers of the Son of Man,
Rise up, O men of God!

TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE

Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord to Thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing
Always, only for my King;
Take my lips, and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use
Every power as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it Thine,
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure-store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.

Amen



A BEGINNING—Seated on site of what soon will be their new church, members of Zion Concordia Lutheran Church follow groundbreaking service led by their pastors, the Rev. J. Russell Fink, at far right, and the Rev. Godfrey E. Alberti. Zion, Concordia churches merged last September.

Zion-Concordia Breaks Ground For New Church

A chorus of several hundred voices proclaiming "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord all ye lands . . . For the Lord is good, his mercy is everlasting," erased the steady hum of East Avenue traffic for a few minutes yesterday afternoon.

The recitation of Psalm 100 on the grassy southwest corner of East Avenue and Goodman Street South, preceded groundbreaking ceremonies for the construction of Zion-Concordia Lutheran Church.

Congregations from Concordia Lutheran and Zion Lutheran churches, which merged last September, filled the two-acre parcel where the \$650,000 church will stand next summer.

The warm rays of a sun obscured by murky skies all day, broke through briefly as Zion-Concordia pastors, Revs. Godfrey E. Alberti and J. Russell Fink, assisted by members of the building committee and church council, turned the first spadeful of earth.

The contemporary style edifice will consist of a 500-seat sanctuary, a 300-seat auditorium and office, plus a portion of a tower in which pastors' offices will be situated.

The two congregations, totaling 1,700 members, since last November have conducted their services at 70 Grove St., present site of the Zion Lutheran Church as the Concordia Lutheran Church property at 16 Helena St., was sold to the Church of Jesus Christ.

Arthur Sedler and Paul Ludwig, co-chairmen of the building committees, said the East Avenue site was purchased because of a desire to provide greater religious facilities in the most central location possible.

GROUND
BREAKING
SERVICE

5 / 21 / 61



GLORY BE TO THE FATHER
AND TO THE SON
AND TO THE HOLY GHOST

ZION-CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

May 21, 1961 GROUND BREAKING SERVICE 4:00 P. M.

Pastors: Godfrey E. Alberti and J. Russell Fink

Hymn: "THE CHURCHES ONE FOUNDATION"

The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is his new creation By water and the word:
From heaven he came and sought her To be his holy bride,
With his own Blood he bought her, And for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy Name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, With every grace endued.

'Mid toil and tribulation, And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation Of peace for evermore;
Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly, On high may dwell with thee.
Amen

Invocation: Pastor J. Russell Fink

Versicles: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Ghost.

R/ Amen

O Lord, open Thou my lips:

R/And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

Make haste, O God, to deliver me:

R/Make haste to help me, O Lord.

Our help is in the Name of the Lord:

R/Who made heaven and earth.

Except the Lord build the house:

R/They labor in vain that build it.

Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house:

R/They will be still praising Thee.

Gloria Patri: (said)

Psalm 100: Make a joyful noise unto the Lord all ye
lands

Serve the Lord with gladness, come before
his presence with singing.

Know ye that the Lord he is God

It is he that hath made us, and not we
ourselves;

We are his people, and the sheep of his
pasture.

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving
and into his courts with praise:

Be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

For the Lord is good, his mercy is ever-
lasting

And his truth endureth to all generations.

Gloria Patri: (said)

Scripture: Exodus 3:1-6

St. Luke 6:47-49

Addresses: Pastor Godfrey E. Alberti

Mr. Arthur Sedler

Mr. Paul Ludwig

Mr. Alex Walker

Mr. Gordon Boncke

The Prayers: Pastor J. Russell Fink

The Kyrie (said)

The Lord's Prayer

Prayer by Pastor Fink

The Ground-breaking: The Pastors

Representatives of Council

Building Committee

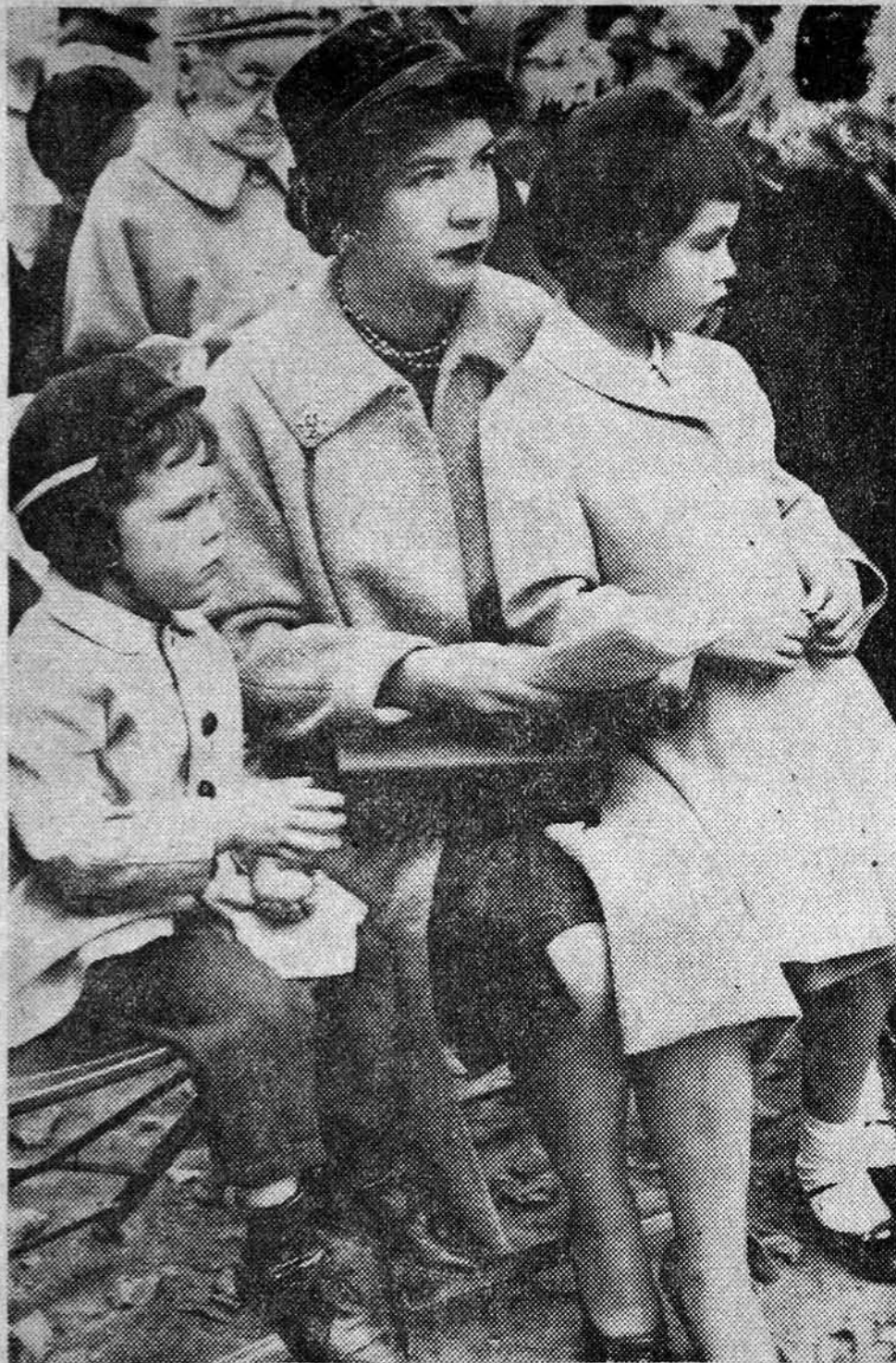
Auxiliaries

Prayer: Pastor J. Russell Fink

Benedicamus:

Benediction:

Hymn: #541 (Printed on back page of bulletin)



At Rite for Church

Listening to dedication program for the Zion-Concordia Lutheran Church on East Avenue is Mrs. Harry Burt, 414 Alphonse St., with her children, Douglas, 3, and Judy, 7. The new \$700,000 church is scheduled for completion next summer. Cornerstones also were laid yesterday for North Baptist Church, St. Paul Street and Ridge Road East, and Chili Center Baptist Church.



OCCASION	DATE	DOLLARS REC.	PERCENT
Ground Breaking	5-21-61	26,000	12%

CAPITAL FUND STAND at GROUND BREAKING

Zion Votes New Church

Members of the congregation of Zion Concordia Lutheran Church, 70 Grove St., last night approved a \$662,000 contract for construction of a new church.

Groundbreaking ceremonies will be held at the new site Sunday at 4 p.m. The new edifice will be built on a two-acre parcel at East Avenue and Goodman Street. The church will be completed by summer of 1962. Plans call for erection of a 500-seat sanctuary, 300-seat auditorium and offices, plus a portion of a tower in which pastors' offices will be located. Until completion the congregation will worship in the Grove Street edifice.

\$662,000 Voted for Church

The congregation of Zion-Concordia Lutheran Church, 70 Grove St., last night voted approval of a \$662,000 contract to A. W. Hopeman & Sons Co. for construction of a new church at the southwest corner of Goodman Street South and East Avenue.

Ground will be broken Sunday at 4 p.m. The church will be built on a 2-acre plot and will be completed by the summer of 1962. It will include a 500-seat sanctuary, 300-seat auditorium, nine classrooms and offices.

A 110-foot tower is part of the architectural plan. But the church's pastors, the Rev. Godfrey E. Alberti and the Rev. J. Russell Fink, said today only part of the tower will be constructed at first. Additional funds will be needed for its completion at a later date.

CONGREGATION APPROVES BUILDING CONTRACT

5/19/61

Merged Churches Celebrate Today

A double anniversary celebration of the two churches which merged to form Zion-Concordia Lutheran Church will be held at 4 p.m. today at the church, 70 Grove St.

Zion Church's 125th anniversary and Concordia's 84th will be observed. Rev. Ralph W. Loew, D.D., pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Buffalo, will be guest preacher.

Rev. Alfred L. L. Beck, D.D., president of the United Lutheran Synod of New York and New England, also will participate in the service.

A reception will be held at 5:30 p.m. in the Lutheran Church of the Reformation, 33 Grove St.

Zion Church was the first Lutheran congregation in the city. After meeting for three years, a group of Lutherans and Reformed worshippers formally organized their con-

gregation in 1836 at Grove and Stillson streets.

During their combined lifetimes of 209 years, the congregations established 12 mission congregations and assisted 15 men in preparation for the ministry. One of the ministry students became Dr. Jacob Steinhauser, president of the New York Ministerium (forerunner of the United Lutheran Church) and principal of Wagner Lutheran College when it was in Oregon Street here.

The two congregations merged Sept. 18, 1960. Concordia Church was at Helena and Putnam streets and the congregation joined with Zion Church in the Grove Street sanctuary.

A new church is now under construction at East Avenue and Goodman Street South and is expected to be completed by next summer. Rev.

Godfrey E. Alberti and Rev. J. Russell Fink D.D. are co-pastors.

Others who will participate in tomorrow's ceremony are Rev. Frederic J. Teichmann, pastor of Messiah Lutheran Church and president of the Rochester Lutheran Conference, and Rev. Allan R. Gibson, pastor of the Lutheran Church of the Reformation.

Two Merged Churches Enter 210th Year

Zion-Concordia Lutheran Church members "paused and took a breath" yesterday in a sanctuary glowing with afternoon sunshine, before entering the 210th year of their united churches' history.

The late afternoon service celebrated the 125th anniversary of the founding of Zion Church, mother of Lutheranism in Rochester, and the 84th anniversary of Concordia Church. The two merged in 1960.

Rev. Ralph W. Loew, D.D., pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Buffalo, advised the approximately 200 persons present to "pause... and consider that which is ahead."

New Church Planned

Important things lie ahead for Zion-Concordia Church. Ground has been broken for a new church of contemporary design in East Avenue at Goodman Street South.

The cornerstone is to be laid this fall, according to Rev. Godfrey E. Alberti, co-pastor, and the church is expected to be ready for use by next summer.

Dr. Loew, who was the guest preacher for yesterday's service, reminded the congregation that the church to be built must be more than a building—it must be a place to ponder the presence of God, not simply to reflect

Greetings Extended

Rev. Frederic J. Teichmann, pastor of the 3½-year-old Messiah Lutheran Church who is president of the Rochester Conference of Lutheran churches, brought the greetings of other churches of the conference.

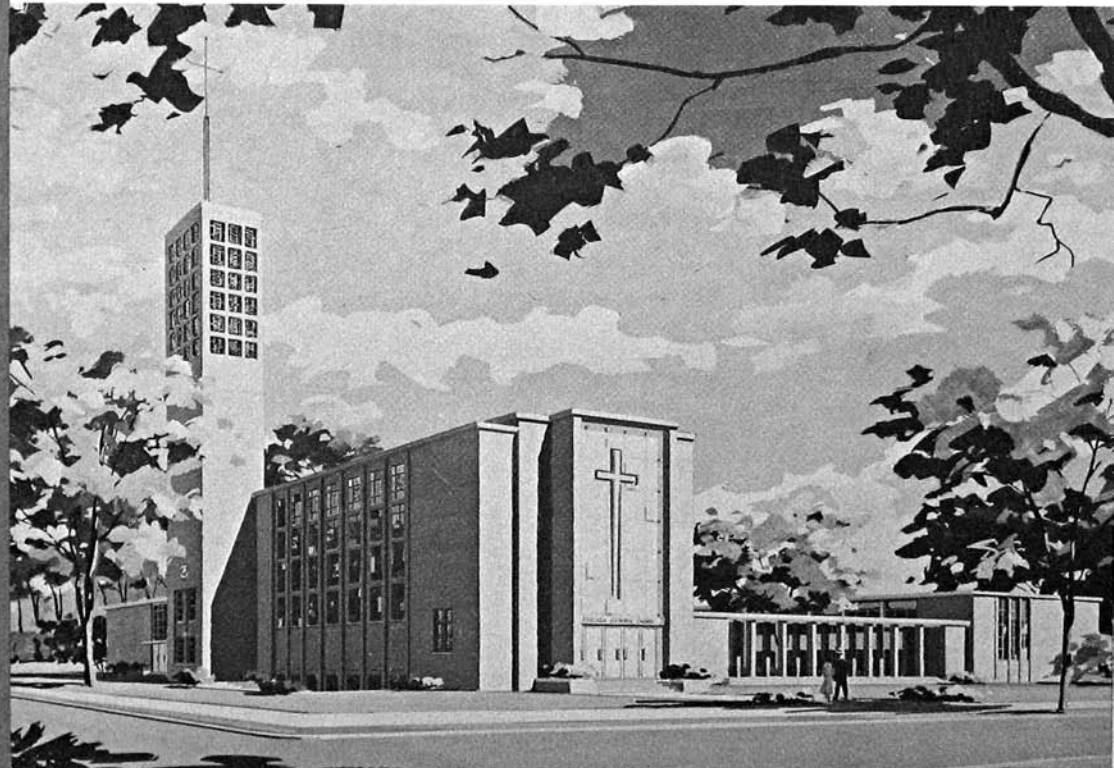
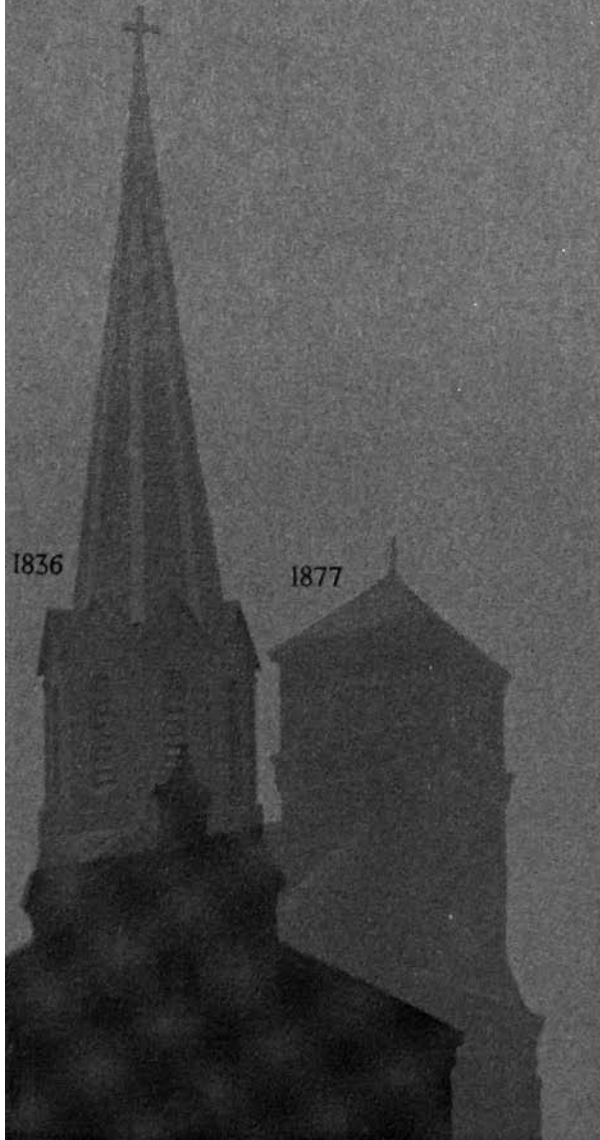
Others who took part in the service included Rev. J. Russell Fink, D.D., the other co-pastor, and Rev. Allan R. Gibson, pastor of the neighboring Lutheran Church of the Redeemer.

After the service the congregation trooped down Grove Street to Redeemer Church for a tea and fellowship hour.

NEWSPAPER COVERAGE OF ANNIVERSARY

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209 years of christian service



ZION-CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

JUNE 18, 1961

70 GROVE STREET . . . ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

MERGED CHURCHES CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY

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prelude on "CHARTERHOUSE" Sowerby
PROCESSIONAL hymn "O WORSHIP THE KING"

O worship the King, all glorious above,
A gratefully sing his wonderful love;
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
His chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form.
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old;
Hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

O measureless Might, ineffable Love,
While angels delight to hymn thee above,
The humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
With true adoration shall sing to thy praise.

vespers *The Rev. Godfrey E. Alberti*

O Lord, open Thou my lips:
R/And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.
Make haste, O God, to deliver me:
R/Make haste to help me, O Lord.
Our help is in the Name of the Lord:
R/Who made heaven and earth.
Except the Lord build the house:
R/They labor in vain that build it.
Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house:
R/They will be still praising Thee.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost:
*R/As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end.*

AMEN

psalm 122 I was glad when they said unto me:
R/Let us go into the house of the Lord.
Our feet shall stand within thy gates:
R/O Jerusalem.
Jerusalem is builded as a city:
R/that is compact together;
Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord:
*R/unto the testimony of Israel, to give thanks
unto the name of the Lord.*
For there are set thrones of judgment:
R/the thrones of the house of David.
Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
R/they shall prosper that love thee.
Peace be within thy walls;
R/and prosperity within thy palaces.
For my brethren and companions' sakes:
R/I will now say, Peace be within thee.
Because of the house of the Lord our God:
R/I will seek thy good.

the lessons OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 17:1-9

The Rev. Carl Betz

solo PSALM 121: "I WILL LIFT UP MINE EYES" Sowerby
Catherine Betts, *contralto*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSONS: Acts 4:1-12, Matthew 5:1-12

The Rev. Allan Gibson

hymn "NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD"

Now thank we all our God
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom his world rejoices;
Who, from our mother's arms,
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in his grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.

Church History by Bruce Bonke 1964

All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns
With them in highest heaven;
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now
And shall be evermore.

AMEN

the sermon *The Rev. Ralph W. Loew*
Pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Buffalo, New York
the offering
the anthem PSALM 100: "JUBILATE DEO" Sowerby

hymn "I LOVE THY KINGDOM, LORD"

I love thy kingdom, Lord,
The house of thine abode,
The Church our blest Redeemer saved
With his own precious Blood.

I love thy Church, O God;
Her walls before thee stand,
Dear as the apple of thine eye,
And graven on thy hand.

For her my tears shall fall,
For her my prayers ascend;
To her my cares and toils be given,
Till toils and cares shall end.

Beyond my highest joy
I prize her heavenly ways,
Her sweet communion, solemn vows,
Her hymns of love and praise.

Jesus, thou Friend divine,
Our Saviour and our King,
Thy hand from every snare and foe
Shall great deliverance bring.

Sure as thy truth shall last,
To Sion shall be given
The brightest glories earth can yield,
And brighter bliss of heaven.

AMEN

nunc dimittis Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace:
According to thy word;
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation:
Which thou has prepared before the face of all people;
A light to lighten the Gentiles:
And the glory of thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father,
And to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning,
Is now, and ever shall be, world without end. AMEN

the prayer Lord, have mercy upon us.
R/Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us,
Lord, have mercy upon us.

the
lord's prayer

the collect *The Rev. J. Russell Fink*
collect for peace *The Rev. J. Russell Fink*
greetings *The Rev. Alfred L. L. Beck*
President of the United Lutheran Synod of New York and New England.

The Rev. Frederic J. Teichmann,
President of the Rochester Conference.

the benedicamus Bless we the Lord
R/Thanks be to God.

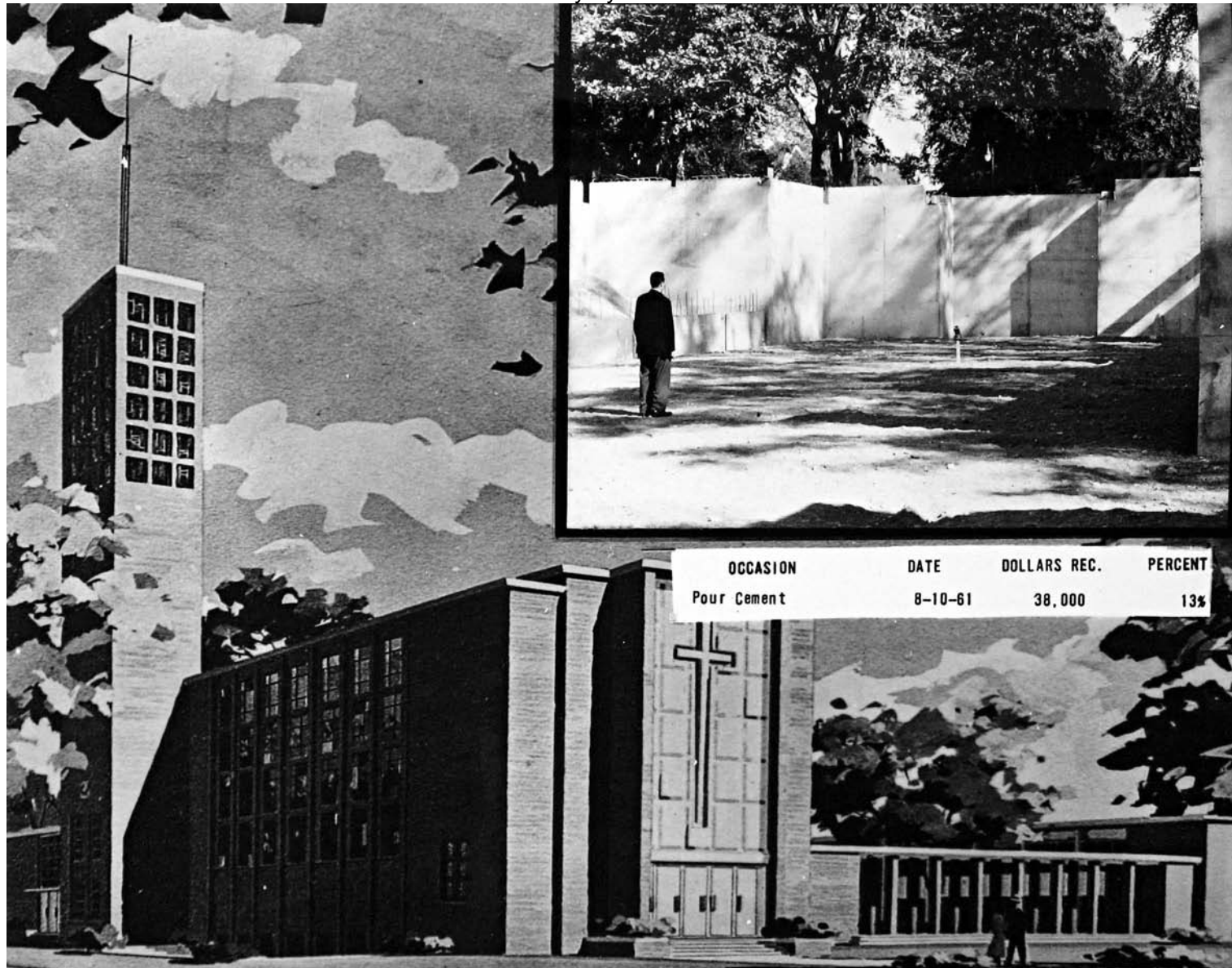
the benediction *The Rev. J. Russell Fink*

recessional hymn "A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD"

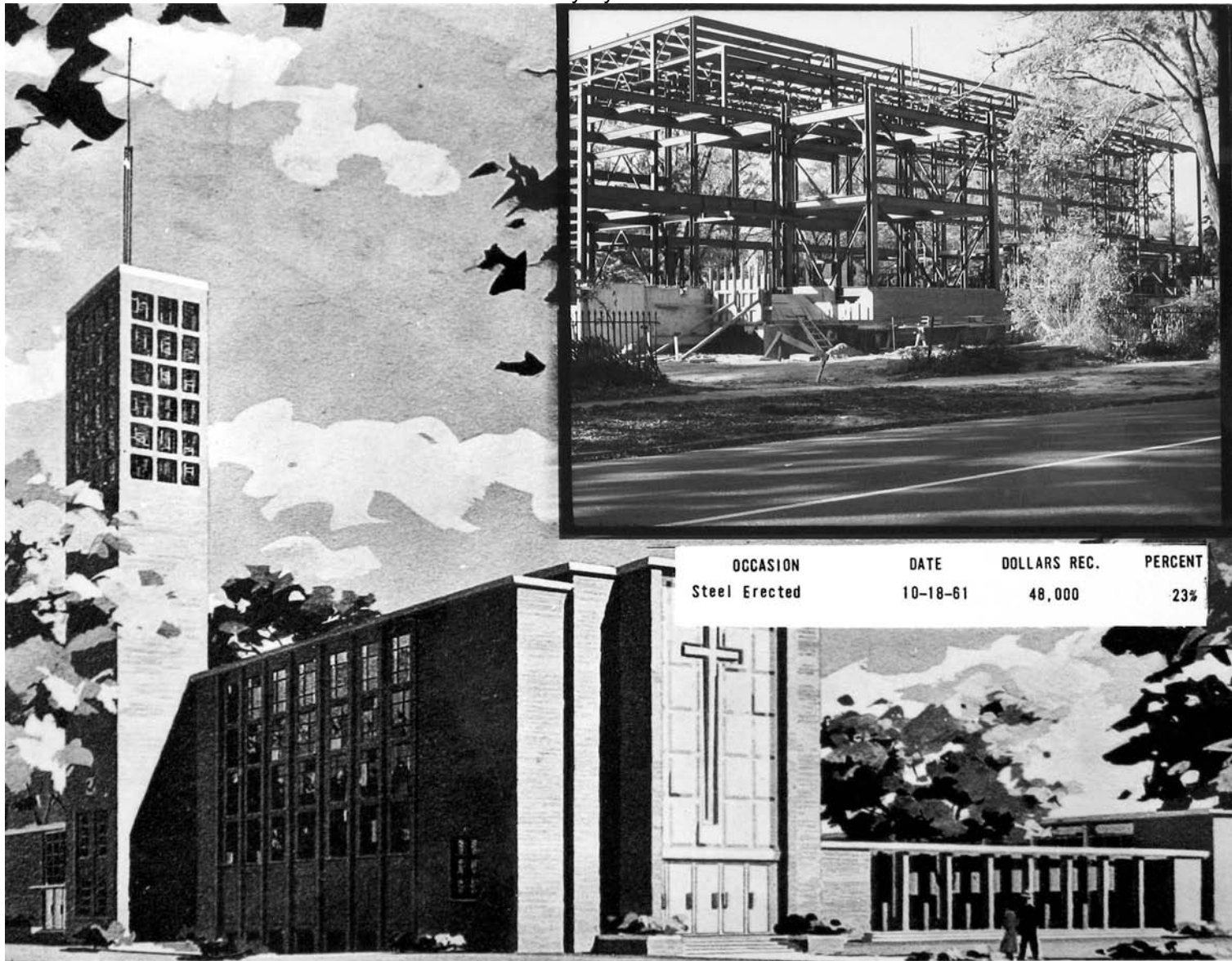
A mighty fortress is our God,
A bulwark never failing;
Our helper he amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing:
For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great,
And, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

MERGED CHURCHES CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY

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CAPITAL FUND STAND at CEMENT POURING



CAPITAL FUND STAND at STEEL ERECTION

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NEW YORK
Cornerstone Laid for New
Zion-Concordia Sanctuary

By HERBERT A. BOSCH

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—The cornerstone for the consolidated Zion-Concordia Church was laid with civic and religious dignitaries in attendance. Co-Pastors Godfrey E. Alberti and J. Russell Fink were assisted by the Rev. Frederic J. Teichmann, president of the Rochester Conference.

The new church, built at a cost of almost \$700,000, will be ready for use in June.

St. John's Church, Ridge Road, the Rev. George F. Haag, pastor, is in the midst of a project, "Witnessing in Daily Life" under the leadership of the Rev. Michael McDaniel, field director of evangelism of the Board of Social Missions of the United Lutheran Church.

Groups of eight to twelve persons meet for prayers, study and discussion. The program at St. John's Church is a pilot project of the ULCA Department of Evangelism.



Pastors Alberti, Teichmann and Fink shown in cornerstone ceremony at Zion-Concordia

Ceremony Set
Tomorrow at
Church Site

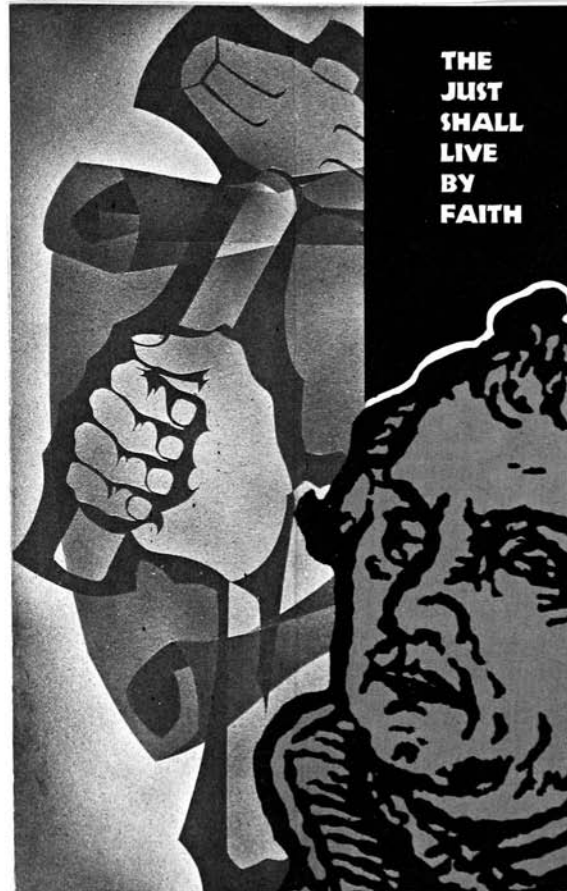
Reformation Sunday will be highlighted for members of Zion-Concordia Lutheran Church with the laying of the cornerstone of the new building at 3:30 p.m. tomorrow at the site at East Avenue and Goodman Street South.

Conducting the service will be the ministers of the church, Rev. Godfrey E. Alberti and Rev. J. Russell Fink. A meditation will be given by Rev. Frederic J. Teichmann, representative of the Rochester Conference of the United Lutheran Synod of New York and New England and pastor of Messiah Lutheran Church in Greece.

Others speaking will be Mayor Peter Barry; Norman N. Selke, chairman of the board of supervisors; Rev. Arthur Cowdry, vice president of the Rochester Area Council of Churches, Inc., and rector of St. Thomas Episcopal Church; Rev. Richard Hughes, executive secretary of the Rochester Area Council of Churches, Inc.; Maurice Salo, architect of Salo & Thorsland of New York City; Charles Urlaub of Hopeman Construction Co. and Paul Ludwig, chairman of the executive building committee of the church.

Among the articles to be placed within the cornerstone are histories of the two churches which merged to form Zion-Concordia Lutheran Church on Sept. 18, 1960. Alex Walker, Harvey Hopkins and Gordon Bonke will announce the articles.

The brick structure, to be completed next summer, will house the sanctuary, an executive wing containing offices and nine classrooms, and a large auditorium, featuring fractured art glass windows, a series of art mosaics and a large marble reredos and altar. Future plans are for a chapel and educational wing.



CORNER STONE LAYING SERVICE

10/29/61

"REFORMATION SUNDAY"

ZION - CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

Rochester, New York

Oct. 29, 1961 - LAYING THE CORNERSTONE - 3:30 P.M.

Pastors: Godfrey E. Alberti and J. Russell Fink

HYMN - "I LOVE THY KINGDOM, LORD" (see separate page)

INVOCATION - In the Name of the Father, and of the
Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

PSALM 127

Except the Lord build the house;
They labor in vain that build it:
Except the Lord keep the city:
The watchman waketh but in vain.
It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up
late, to eat the bread of sorrows:
For so he giveth his beloved sleep.
Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord:
And the fruit of the womb is his reward.
As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man:
So are children of the youth.
Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them:
They shall not be ashamed, but they shall
speak with the enemies in the gate.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the
Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever
shall be world without end. Amen.

THE LESSONS - I Chronicles 29: 10--18
Ephesians 2: 19--22

THE APOSTLES' CREED

MEDITATION - The Rev. Frederick J. Teichmann,
President of the Rochester Conference
Pastor of Messiah Lutheran Church

HYMN "I LOVE THY KINGDOM, LORD"

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The house of thine abode,
The Church our blest Redeemer saved
With his own precious Blood.

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Her walls before thee stand,
Dear as the apple of thine eye,
And graven on thy hand.

Beyond my highest joy
I prize her heavenly ways,
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Jesus, thou Friend divine,
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Thy hand from every snare and foe
Shall great deliverance bring.

Sure as thy truth shall last,
To Sion shall be given
The brightest glories earth can yield,
And brighter bliss of heaven. Amen.

Placed Into The Cornerstone of

ZION - CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH
East Avenue at Goodman Street
Rochester, New York

October 29, 1961

Bible - Revised Standard Version
Service Book and Hymnal - first edition, 1958
The United Lutheran Church in America Year Book-1961
The Minutes of the United Lutheran Synod of New
York and New England - 1960

Pictures: Lutheran Concordia Church at 16 Helena
Zion Lutheran Church at 70 Grove
Slides of the Groundbreaking at East
Avenue and Goodman Street

Histories and Anniversary Books of:

Lutheran Concordia Church
Zion Lutheran Church
Zion-Concordia Lutheran Church from
September 18, 1960--

Newspaper clippings of Consolidation and
Groundbreaking

Official Documents:

Constitutions of Zion and Concordia
Consolidation Agreements with Names of
Councilmen
Resolutions for Consolidation and Sale of
Concordia
Pictures of Consolidation - Pastors and
Judge Daniel E. Macken
Congregational Report, Zion-Concordia - 1960
Councilmen and Committees, 1961-1962

Lists: Names and Addresses - Membership of
Zion-Concordia
Child Members of Zion-Concordia
Cradle Roll - 1961

In Memoriam Cards - Zion-Concordia

Special Brochures:

Concordia Campaign - 1955
Zion-Concordia Campaign - 1960
Final Service - Concordia - November 13, 1960
209 Years of Service - Zion-Concordia -
June 18, 1961
Groundbreaking and Picture, East Avenue,
Pentecost, May 21, 1961

From Church School

1 set of current Church School Curriculum
Names of Church School Staff - 1961-1962
1 copy "Resourse" - Parish Education Magazine
October 1961

From Auxiliaries:

1 copy "Time Out" - Luther League Magazine -
October 1961
1 copy "Constitution" - U.L.C.W. Zion-Concordia
1 copy "Digest" - U.L.C.W. - United Lutheran
Synod of N.Y. & N.E. - February & August '61
1 copy "Handbook" - U.L.C.W. - 1961--1962
1 copy "Lutheran Women" - U.L.C.W.
1 copy "Greater Rochester Commerce" Vol. 48,
No. 9 - October 1961
1 copy "The Lutheran" - U.L.C.A. Magazine Vol. 44,
No. 1 - October 4, 1961
1 copy "Light for Today" - for family devotions
October, November, December 1961
Contents from Cornerstone of Lutheran Concordia
Church on Helena Street - dated 1917
Includes: 1. Kirchen-Ordnung
2. Newspapers
Rochester Herald - Oct. 15, 1917
Democrat Chronicle - Oct. 15, 1917
3. Der Hausfreund - Sept. 1917
4. 40th Anniversary Program
5. Historical booklet - largely
destroyed - by F. A. Boncke -
with information about Concordia

HYMN "RISE UP, O MEN OF GOD"

Rise up, O men of God!
Have done with lesser things;
Give heart and soul and mind and strength
To serve the King of kings.

Rise up, O men of God!
His kingdom tarries long;
Bring in the day of brotherhood,
And end the night of wrong.

Rise up, O men of God!
The Church for you doth wait,
Her strength unequal to her task;
Rise up and make her great!

Lift high the Cross of Christ!
Tread where his feet have trod;
As brothers of the Son of Man,
Rise up, O men of God!

THE OFFERING

THE ANTHEM

ARTICLES IN THE CORNERSTONE - Mr. Alex Walker
Mr. Harvey Hopkins

Pastor: The Lord be with you
V. And with thy spirit.
Let us Pray - Prayer by Pastor

VERSICLES

Pastor: Our Help is in the Name of the Lord;
V. Who made heaven and earth.
Blessed be the Name of the Lord;
V. From this time forth, and for evermore.
The stone, which the builders refused;
V. Is become the Head-stone of the corner.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost:
V. As it was in the beginning, is now, and
ever shall be, world without end.

PASTOR: O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living
God, Who art the one Foundation, and the Chief
Cornerstone of the Holy Church: Bless what we
do now in laying this stone in Thy Name, and be
Thou, we beseech Thee, the beginning, the inc-
rease, and the consummation of this our work,
which is undertaken to Thy glory: Who with the
Father and the Holy Ghost livest and reignest,
One God, world without end. Amen.

(THE CORNERSTONE having been placed, the Minister
shall strike it with a trowel at the mention of
each Name in the Holy Trinity, saying:

"In the faith of Jesus Christ I do now lay this
Cornerstone: In the Name of the Father, and of the
Son, and of the Holy Ghost. V. AMEN.
"Here may true faith, and the fear of God, and
brotherly love ever abide; and let this place be



CAPITAL FUND STAND at CORNER STONE LAYING

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*** FROM THE CONGREGATION MEETING ***

1. Many interesting reports were received. Some copies of the ANNUAL REPORT are still available in the office for those families who did not receive one.

2. Since this will be the last year of the U.L.C.A., the statistical reports for Synod had to be reworked on a different basis than reported in our annual report. We can now give you these corrected figures:

Baptized Membership	-- 1,368
Confirmed Membership	-- 1,125
Confirmed Members in Good Standing	-- 913
(These are those who communed and/or made a contribution of record)	
Communing Membership	-- 769

This will be our report when the new merged church--THE LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA--comes into being in June 1962. Apportioned Benevolences will then be based upon our CONFIRMED MEMBERSHIP IN GOOD STANDING.

3. NEW MEMBERS elected to the CHURCH COUNCIL:

Jay Painton, Alex Walker, Harvey

Weingartner--re-elected to a 2nd term;

Les Fredericks, Ray Moldenhauer, Walter

Vicinus--elected to 1st term;

Ralph Pritchard to fill an unexpired term.

RETIRED from the COUNCIL after giving faithful service for some years were:

Gordon Boncke, Clarence Pink, Llewellyn

Jones, Robert White, Jr. & Paul Wisotzke

RESIGNED--Wm. Reno to attend Waterloo College and Ed Serow because of working hours.

4. The congregation approved a motion delegating the COUNCIL to investigate the possibility of CHANGING the NAME of our CONGREGATION and to report its findings to the Congregation at a special meeting.

To this end, the COUNCIL is in process of making a thorough study. A SPECIAL MEETING of the CONGREGATION will be called for Sunday, March 4 at 3:30 p.m. for the purpose of considering whatever recommendation the Council may make relative to the changing of our NAME.

5. A BUDGET, as follows, was accepted for 1962.

Current local expenses	\$ 50,109.50
Benevolences	22,982.00
	<u>\$ 73,091.50</u>

This is a large budget! Yet it is the minimum of what we must do this year.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

(MOTION APPROVED TO
CHANGE NAME)

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THE FAREWELL THANKSGIVING SERVICE



ZION CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

70 GROVE STREET

ROCHESTER 5, NEW YORK

THE REV. GODFREY E. ALBERTI

THE REV. J. RUSSELL FINK, D.D.

CO-PASTORS

JUNE 3, 1962

DEDICATED: DECEMBER 14, 1838

RE-DEDICATED: JANUARY 29, 1852 – MAY 12, 1912

FAREWELL SERVICE - ZION CONCORDIA

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Let us pray:

The Ministers and Congregation shall say the Lord's Prayer.

Then shall the Minister pray:

O Lord God, who in thy great goodness didst accept this house as a dwelling—place for thine honor; Receive, we beseech thee, our praise and thanksgiving for the blessing, help, and comfort which thou hast bestowed upon thy people through the ministrations done in this place, and grant that they may never pass from the hearts and lives of those who have received them. Continue, we pray thee, thy manifold mercies to thy Church, that we may ever be partakers of thy unchanging love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

O God, from whom every good thing taketh its beginning and through whom it gathereth rich growth, always advancing to better things: Grant to us thy family, grace that this which we do in thy Name may be done faithfully to the advancement of thy Kingdom; through Jesus Christ thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen

The Benediction.

Hymn — "Now Thank We All Our God" No. 443

Zion Lutheran Church and Lutheran Concordia Church were legally consolidated on September 18, 1960. They united as one congregation in all activities and worship services as of November 20th, 1960. The incorporated name of the congregation was ZION-CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH.

We now enter into a new era and into the service of our Lord in a new church building on East Avenue at Goodman Street South. The name of the new Church is: "The Lutheran Church of The Incarnate Word".

Services on the Day of Dedication will be, as:

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. The Service of Dedication.

Preacher: Dr. Franklin Clark Fry,

President, United Lutheran Church in America

4:00 P.M. The Vesper Service.

Preacher: Dr. Paul C. White,

Secretary, The United Lutheran Synod of New York.

THE CONCLUDING SERVICE

The final service having been completed, the congregation will remain standing for this service. (The Order for Taking Leave of a Church Building, may be used by the congregation as the last service in a church building prior to the entry into a new building. This Order will follow the Prayer of the Church.)

The time has come for this Congregation of Christ's holy Church under God's leadership, to take leave of this building which for 124 years has served faithfully as the House of God. In joy and in sorrow, in times of prosperity and in time of trouble, it has provided refuge and comfort for God's people. It is fitting, therefore, that we should take leave of this dedicated House thankfully and devotedly. We are mindful of the tender associations which our fathers and we have had in this hallowed place. It has served well our holy religion. In this moment we lift up our hearts in thanksgiving for this common store of memory.

At the same time, knowing that God is present wherever two or three are gathered in his Name, we are assured that he will provide a new place in which his Church may worship and serve. With this assurance we move now in love and devotion to a new House of God where his Word shall be preached and his Sacraments shall be administered.

The Lord be with you

✠ And with thy spirit.

*THE LUTHERAN CHURCH of the
INCARNATE WORD*

EAST AVE. at GOODMAN STREET

1962 -

Lutheran Church Sets Dedication Tomorrow

The newly named Lutheran Church of the Incarnate Word will dedicate its new house of worship at East Avenue and Goodman Street South tomorrow.

Events marking the occasion for the former Zion-Concordia congregation will be held through the week.

Rev. Dr. Franklin Clary Fry, president of the United Lutheran Church in America and a chairman of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches, will give the dedication sermon.



Dr. Fry

Rev. Godfrey E. Alberti and Rev. J. Russell Fink, pastors, will conduct the dedication rite at 10:45 a.m.

A procession of the pastors and the church council, including those who served at the time of the consolidation of Zion and Concordia churches in 1960, will precede the ceremony.

Rev. Dr. Paul C. White, director of parish education and secretary of the United Lutheran Synod of New York and New England, will address a vesper service at 4 p.m. A reception in the social hall will follow.

From Monday to Friday guided tours will be conducted from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. each day.

On Wednesday, at 6:30 p.m., a dedication banquet will be held with Ray Doell, Rochester Lutheran lay leader as speaker.

The new \$700,000 sanctuary seats about 500 persons. Eventually it is expected to add an education wing chapel and a court with cloistered walk.

Lutheran Church

By MARY MC KEE

Democrat and Chronicle
Religion Editor

The Lutheran Church of the Incarnate Word will become a reality at a dedication service scheduled for Sunday, June 10.

Situated at Goodman Street South and East Avenue, the new edifice will house the congregation of Zion-Concordia Lutheran Church presently worshipping at 70 Grove St.

Announcement of the new name of the congregation was made by the co-pastors, Rev. J. Russell Fink and Rev. Godfrey E. Alberti. The name evolves around the symbolism noted in the faceted glass windows, Italian mosaics and other interior and exterior decor. Approval of the name was given by the congregation in February.

The dedication program will be highlighted by two services on Sunday, June 10, and a dinner on Wednesday, June 13. Tours of the \$700,000 church will be conducted from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday, June 11-15.

Dr. Fry to Speak

Rev. Dr. Franklin Clark Fry of New York City will preach at the dedication service at 10:45 a.m. Sunday, June 10. President of the United Lutheran Church in America, Dr. Fry is president of the Lutheran World Federation and chairman of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches. His sermon will be broadcast that day over radio station WHEC at 11:30 a.m.

During the opening service a processional will be composed of present councilmen as well as those who served when the congregations of Zion and Concordia Churches united Sept. 20, 1962, representatives of the contractor and architect and the building committees.

Keys to the church will be presented to the pastors by Charles Urlaub, president of A. W. Hopeman & Sons Co., contractor, and by Maurice Salo of Salo & Thorsland of New York City, architect.

Arthur Sedler and Paul

Dedication Set



Rev. FRANKLIN CLARK FRY

Ludwig, co-chairmen of the executive building committee, will lead the processional of the council. Members of the council will carry Bibles for the pulpit and lectern, sacramental vessels and a missal. Others in the procession will be Gordon Boncke, chairman of the building committee, and Alex Walker, vice president of the council.

Special Music Planned

Special music will be furnished by the Junior Choir under the direction of Mrs. Catherine Betts and the Senior Choir directed by George Klump. Organist will be Mrs. Klump.

Christian education will be emphasized at the 4 p.m. vesper service to be held that day when Rev. Dr. Paul C. White of New York City will speak. Dr. White is the director of parish education of the United Lutheran Synod of New York and New England and secretary of the synod. He also directs a leadership education camp for the synod each summer at Silver Bay.

Others participating in the vespers service will be Rev. Frederic J. Teichmann pastor of Messiah Lutheran Church and president of the Rochester Conference of the United Lutheran Church in America. Pastor Fink and Pastor Alberti. Music will be furnished by the Youth Choir under the direction of Miss Betts. Greetings will be extended by civic and com-

munity leaders following the vespers.

Dedication Dinner

Ray Doell, executive of Gleason Works and an active member of the Lutheran Church of the Atonement, will speak at the dedication dinner to be held at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 13. At that time tribute will be paid to those who have been members of the congregation for 20 years or more.

Red brick predominates the interior and exterior of the church. The seating capacity of the nave, which has an acoustically-treated fabric ceiling, is 500. Italian mosaics have been used on the baptistry wall and in the narthex as well as on the outside. Other interior features include a marble altar and reredos and faceted glass windows made by the Willet Stained Glass Studios of Philadelphia.

Class rooms and a large hall are completed as well as the church and pastors' offices and a kitchen. A pipe organ has been ordered and will be completed in about a year and a half.

Future plans call for completion of a tower on the Goodman Street South side of the church and a parish education wing containing a chapel to be constructed toward Arnold Park and East Avenue.

Study by Synod

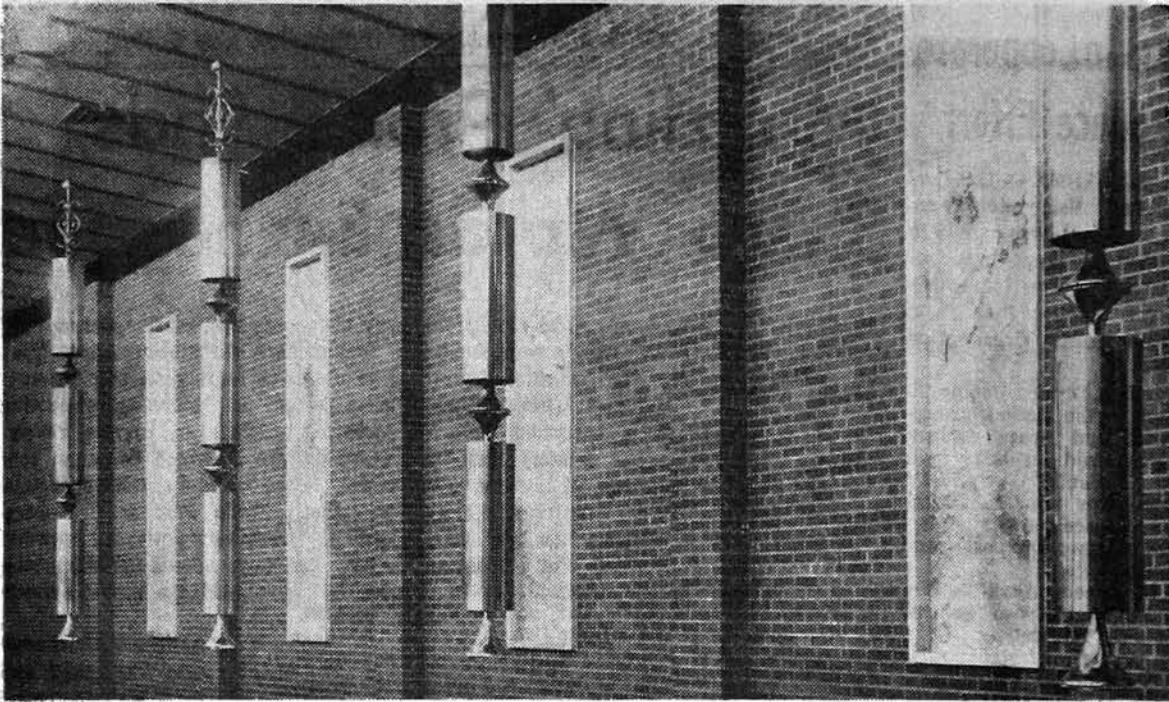
The merger of Zion and Concordia congregations was the result of a study of downtown churches made by the United Lutheran Synod of New York and New England in 1958-59.

Concordia Church, formerly at Helena and Putnam streets, was founded in 1878. Zion, sometimes called "The Mother Church of Lutheranism in the City," was formed in 1836, and is known for its assistance to founding new congregations, the home of many pastors, and the founder of the denomination's Wagner College, formerly in Oregon Street, now on Staten Island.

Confirmed membership of the merged congregations is 950.

DR. FRY TO SPEAK AT DEDICATION

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WORD OF GOD—Symbolism throughout the Lutheran Church of the Incarnate Word reflects name of the church. Shown above are the Italian mosaics set in west wall. Included are a pelican symbolizing the atonement; a two edged sword to show word of God

to reveal to man what is in His heart; the anchor and fish, hope in Christ; wheat and grapes, the sacrament of the altar, and the peacock, resurrection and immortality. Below is shown a panel of the stained glass windows lining the east wall using the same theme.



New Lutheran Church

Dedication Service Set

The Lutheran Church of the Incarnate Word, new home of the congregation of Zion - Concordia Lutheran Church, will be dedicated at 10:45 a.m. tomorrow.

Pastors of the \$700,000 church at East Avenue and Goodman Street South are Rev. J. Russell Fink and Rev. Godfrey E. Alberti.

Rev. Dr. Franklin Clark Fry of New York City, president of the United Lutheran Church in America, president of the Lutheran World Federation and chairman of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches, will preach the dedication sermon. At 4 p.m. tomorrow Rev. Dr. Paul C. White of New York City, director of parish education of the United Lutheran Synod of New York and New England, will speak at a vespers service.

Following the afternoon service, greetings will be extended by local clergymen, community and civic leaders, building contractors and laymen active in the building program. Among those expected are Supreme Court Justice Daniel E. Macken, Mayor Henry E. Gillette; Norman Selke, chairman of

the Monroe County Board of Supervisors; Rev. Richard N. Hughes, executive secretary of the Rochester Area Council of Churches, Inc.; Rev. Arthur R. Cowdery, rector of St. Thomas Episcopal Church and president of the Rochester Area Council of Churches, Inc., and Rev. Frederic W. Teichmann, pastor of the Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church and president of the Rochester Conference of the United Lutheran Synod of New York and New England.

Others participating at that time will be the architect, Maurice Salo of Salo & Thorsland of New York City; Henry Lee Willet of Willet

Stained Glass Studios, Philadelphia; Charles Urlaub, president of A. W. Hopeman & Sons Co., contractor; Arthur Sedler and Paul Ludwig, co-chairmen of the church's executive building committee, and Arthur Ack-erly, director of the capital funds drive of the church in 1960.

Ray Doell, executive of Gleason Works, will speak at a dedication dinner to be held at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

The congregation, formed from a merger of the congregations of Zion and Concordia churches Sept. 20, 1960, has been worshipping at 70 Grove St.

DEDICATION OF NEW CHURCH

SET FOR 6/10/62

*The Lutheran Church of The Incarnate Word
East Avenue at Goodman Street South
Rochester, New York*

*extends a cordial invitation to you
to attend the Service of Dedication of the
New House of Worship*

*Sunday, June 10, 1962
ten forty-five o'clock in the morning*

*Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Franklin C. Fry
and to the Vesper Service
four o'clock in the afternoon*

Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Paul C. White

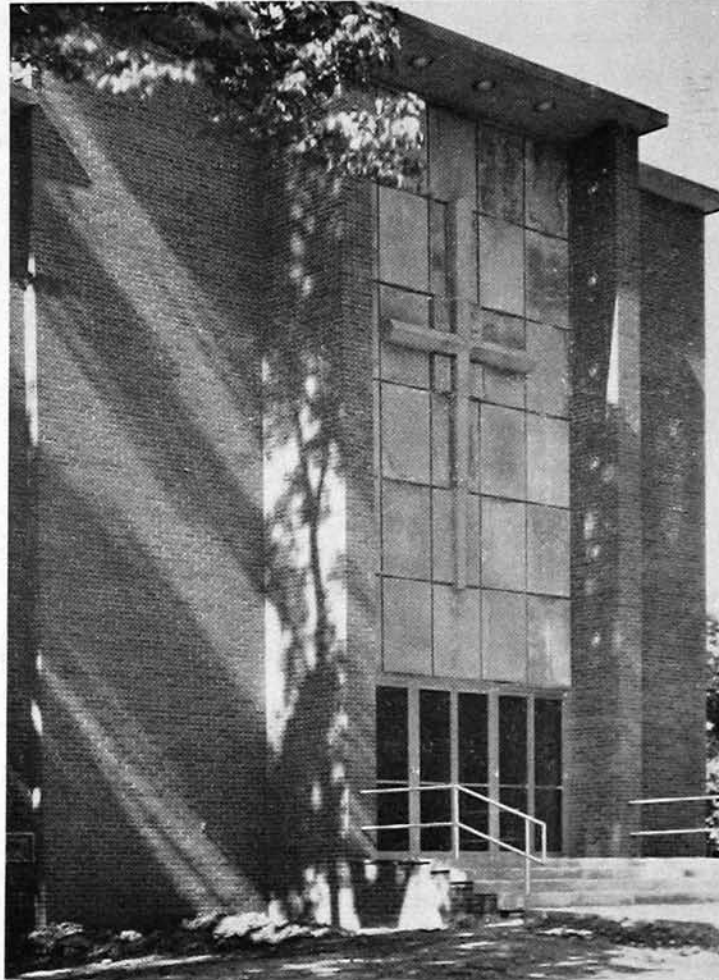
Reception after Vespers

**INVITATION TO
DEDICATION SERVICE**

**EXPLANATION OF CHURCH
SYMBOLISM**

Church History by Bruce Bonke 1964

DEDICATION OF
The Lutheran Church of the Incarnate Word
ROCHESTER, N.Y.



Pentecost Sunday, June 10, 1962

Pastors

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THE ORDER FOR THE DEDICATION OF A CHURCH

10:45 a.m.

A Silent Prayer

Choral Prelude on "Ein' feste Burg ist unser Gott"Pachelbel
-Barbara J. Klump, Organist

Hymn—"Open now thy gates of beauty" No. 187

Invocation—In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Pastor: Our help is in the Name of the Lord:

R. Who made heaven and earth.

Let us pray

"Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings, with Thy most gracious favor, and further us with Thy continual help; that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF THE KEYS

Mr. Maurice Salo of Salo and Thorsland, architects
Mr. Charles Urlaub of A. W. Hopeman & Sons, Co., contractor
Mr. Gordon Boncke, chairman of Building Committee
The Pastors

Pastor: Peace be to this House:

R. And to all that enter therein.

Psalms 122 — Laetatus sum (in unison)

I was glad when they said unto me: Let us go into the house of the Lord.
Our feet shall stand within thy gates: O Jerusalem.
Jerusalem is builded: as a city that is compact together;
Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord: unto the testimony of Israel, to give
thanks unto the Name of the Lord.
For there are set thrones of judgment: the thrones of the house of David.
Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.
Peace be within thy walls: and prosperity within thy palaces.
For my brethren and companions' sakes: I will now say, Peace be within thee.
Because of the house of the Lord our God: I will seek thy good.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

(Entering the Chancel, the Pastors shall receive the Holy Bible, the Service Book,
and the Sacramental Vessels and shall set them in their proper places.)

The officiating Minister, proceeding to the Altar, shall say:

I will go unto the altar of God, unto God my exceeding joy. O send out Thy Light and Thy truth, let them lead me: let them bring me unto Thy holy hill, and to Thy tabernacles,
that I may go unto the altar of God, unto God my exceeding joy, and praise Thee, O God,
my God.

(Congregation will be seated)

Hymn—"Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire" No. 117 (Tune No. 415)

The Lesson—Ephesians 2: 13-22

(The Congregation shall rise)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O God, Who dost continually nourish Thy Church with the heavenly Bread in Christ Jesus:
Grant unto all, who at this Altar receive Thy precious gifts, the grace to walk in faith and
love throughout their lives, until they finally behold Thee face to face in Thine eternal
kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Amen.

Blest and dedicate be this Altar to the honor and glory of God: In the Name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

(Then shall the Minister proceed to the Pulpit)

Let us pray.

Most Merciful Father, who hast revealed Thy love in Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, and through
Thy Holy Word dost announce the precious message of salvation in Him: Vouchsafe Thy
love to all who hear Thy Word read and preached in this place, that, called to Thy service,
they may hold fast the Truth, and faithfully bear unto the end the yoke of Jesus Christ,
our Lord. Amen.

Blest and dedicate be this Pulpit to the glory of Almighty God, and to the preaching of His
Holy Word: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

(Standing at the Baptistry)

Let us pray.

Almighty God, Who through the washing of regeneration hast ordained a sacramental means
of entrance into Thy kingdom: Grant to all who come to this saving fountain the grace to
remain true to the blessed covenant of their Baptism, and finally to receive everlasting life;
Through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

Blest and dedicate be this Baptistry to the glory of God: In the Name of the Father, and of
the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

(Minister shall return to the Altar)

Let us pray.

Almighty and Everlasting God, Whom the Heaven of heavens cannot contain, yet Who art
willing to have an House fashioned by man, wherein Thine honor dwelleth and where men
may worship Thee: Of Thy love and mercy, we beseech Thee, vouchsafe Thy presence
here that this Church which we have reared to the glory of Thy Name, and do now wholly
devote and dedicate to Thee, may by Thee be accepted and hallowed, to the end that souls
may here be gathered, nourished in Thy love, and made fruitful in Thy service; through
Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

Blest and dedicate be this The Lutheran Church of the Incarnate Word to the glory and
honor of Almighty God, and to the service of His Holy Church: In the Name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

(Congregation shall say)

AMEN. AMEN. AMEN.

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The SermonThe Rev. Dr. Franklin Clark Fry,
S.T.D., D.D., L.L.D., Litt.D., L.H.D., S.J.D., D.C.L.

President of the United Lutheran Church in America and the Lutheran World Federation,
Chairman of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches

The Offering

Anthem—"Urbs beata — Blessed city, heavenly Salem"Gerald Kemner, May 1962
Senior Choir — George E. Klump, Director
(Text and melody found in Hymn No. 245, 2nd tune.)

Composed especially for the Dedication of The Lutheran Church of The Incarnate Word.

The Offertory

The Prayer of the Church and Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

The Amen

Recessional Hymn—"Rise Up, O men of God!"No. 541

A Silent Prayer

Postlude

(Members and guests are cordially invited to sign the
Guest Register in the Narthex.)

THE SERVICE OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

The Vesper Service — 4:00 p.m.

A Silent Prayer

Choral Prelude on "Komm Heiliger Geist, Herr Gott" Bach
Barbara J. Klump, Organist

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Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised:
In the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness.

Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion:
On the sides of the north, the city of the great King.

God is known in her palaces:
For a refuge.

For lo, the kings were assembled:
They passed by together.

They saw it, and so they marvelled:
They were troubled, and hasted away.

Fear took hold upon them there, and pain:
As of a woman in travail.

Thou breakest the ships of Tarshish:
With an east wind.

As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God:
God will establish it for ever.

We have thought of thy loving kindness, O God:
In the midst of thy temple.

According to thy Name, O God, so is Thy praise unto the ends of the earth:
Thy right hand is full of righteousness.

Let mount Zion rejoice, let the daughters of Judah be glad:
Because of thy judgments.

Walk about Zion, and go around about her:
Tell the towers thereof.

Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces:
That ye may tell it to the generation following.

For this God is our God for ever and ever:
He will be our guide even unto death.

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The Sermon The Rev. Paul C. White, Ph.D., D.D., Ed.D.

Secretary of Christian Education and Youth Work and Secretary of the
United Lutheran Synod of New York and New England

The Offering

Anthems: 1. "A Canticle of Peace" Clokey
Youth Choir

2. "Psalm 100 — Jubilate Deo" Sowerby
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The Benediction

A Silent Prayer

Postlude

GREETINGS (Congregation seated)

The Hon. Judge Daniel Macken

The Hon. Henry E. Gillette, Mayor of Rochester

Mr. Norman Selke, Board of Supervisors

The Rev. Richard N. Hughes, Executive Director, Council of Churches

The Rev. Arthur R. Cowdery, President, Council of Churches

The Rev. Frederic J. Teichmann, President, Rochester Conference, United Lutheran Synod
of New York and New England

Mr. Maurice Salo

Mr. Henry Lee Willet

Mr. Charles Urlaub

Mr. Arthur Ackerly

Mr. Arthur Sedler

Mr. Paul Ludwig

Mr. Gordon Boncke

RECEPTION in the Parish Hall

(Members and guests are cordially invited to sign the
Guest Register in the Narthex.)

IN LOVING MEMORY

SERVICE BOOKS:

Elroy W. Albrecht by his mother and dad—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Albrecht
Wesley Brueckner by his brother, William and Janet Smith
Mr. Ray Dumrese by his wife, Mabel and daughter, Kathy
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Knitter by their children, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Albrecht A
Mr. William J. Mall by his granddaughters, Lorraine and Janet Nyenhuis
Mr. August Phillips by his daughter, Marion P. Griffith
Mrs. Anna Keller Phillips by her daughter, Marion P. Griffith

ALTAR CANDLES:

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Hopkins by their granddaughter, Carol
Mr. and Mrs. Emil Javet by their children
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Langschwager by their daughter, Ethel Boncke and son, Carlton
Mr. and Mrs. William Pallas by their children
Billy R. Patzer by his mother, dad and brother, Robert
Mr. and Mrs. Konrad Schlicker by their children

ALTAR FLOWERS:

Mr. Charles V. Bundschuh by his wife, Amelia
Mr. and Mrs. John H. Hopkins by their children, Harvey and Bernice Hopkins
Mr. and Mrs. Emil Javet by their children
Mrs. Margaret Richer by their daughter and son-in-law, Loretta and Gerald Reinhart and
granddaughter, Margaret
Mrs. Bertha Roessel on her birthday by her son, Milton and family
Mr. and Mrs. William Tessnow by their children, Albert and Esther Tessnow.

GIFTS IN MEMORIAM:

The Rev. Carl F. W. Betz by Mr. and Mrs. Paul W. Ludwig
Mrs. Florence Abberger by her grandchildren
Mr. Louis F. Dahlheim by his wife Amelia, daughter and son-in-law, Ruth and Charles
Lindsey
Mr. and Mrs. Herman Gawer by their children
Mrs. John Guldenschuh by her daughter, Mrs. Lucille Davis
Mr. and Mrs. Julius Hahnke by their granddaughter, Ruth Habersbusch
Mr. Otto Hahnke by his daughter, Mrs. Gerald Streb
Mr. Harvey Kleiner by his wife, Edna and children, Jane and Walter Lysy and grandson,
Dennis
Departed Loved Ones of the Carl Klick Family
Mrs. Matilda Manzek and Family by Florence and Elsa Manzek
Mr. John D. Miller by his daughter, Frieda Miller
Mr. John D. Miller by his daughter and son-in-law, Emma and Ray Moldenhauer
Departed Loved Ones of the Moldenhauer Family by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Moldenhauer
and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Moldenhauer
Mr. and Mrs. John Pembroke by their children.
Mr. Roy Phillippsen, dear friend of Ray and Emma Moldenhauer
Mr. and Mrs. William Treckel by their children, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Treckel and
Mr. and Mrs. Claude Wallace
Departed Loved Ones of the Urlaub Family
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Vragel by their daughter, Alice Vragel
Mr. Edward Vragel by his sister, Alice Vragel
Miss Bertha C. Gaedt by sisters, Caroline Gaedt and Elsie Willer

IN HONOR

ALTAR CANDLES:

David Lee Wackerow, on his 10th birthday, by his family
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geiger on their 54th Wedding Anniversary

The LUTHERAN CHURCH of the INCARNATE WORD
Rochester, New York

Dedication Sermon of The Lutheran Church of The Incarnate Word
Pentecost Sunday, June 10, 1962

Dr. Franklin Clark Fry

..... and in the night the thunder's panicked breath, have come to know what is earth's mightiest voice - Silence. The desert's voice that speaks of God. When we erect the walls about us it is not to deny that God is everywhere, it is to enable us ourselves to find Him somewhere. It's entirely possible to do as men flippantly claim - to worship God on the high road or on the golf link, but worship demands concentration. And a man would quickly be in an accident on the high road if he were to divulge the passionate intensity of his soul to concentrating on God, and he would quickly lose the zest of the game if he saw before him every moment, not victory, not the next stroke to take, but the awesomeness and the majesty of The Most High. Now make no mistake, when we shut out the outside world, which is the purpose of our churches, that we may deepen our concentration on God, it is not the same thing as trying to shut out reality.

So many people make a confusion between the two. They somehow imagine that reality consists of things, not of Him. If only they can touch, and feel and grasp and handle that many more things, they are somehow in touch with the substance, with the actuality of this world. We come here not to desert reality, but to discover it. What we see outside the church is an empty facade--the beauty and the grandeur of the world that the Lord has made, but how seldom we see past the facade to the depth of His presence. Years ago my father preached a sermon in this city which impressed itself upon me as a growing lad so deeply that the impress of it is still on my heart. His text was "When I awake; When I Awake I Am Still With THEE." It is not necessary for a man to close his eyes, as if he's closing his eyes also to what is real, in order to worship God. When his eyes open again in the morning, in the daylight of new scientific knowledge surrounded by all the light that is to be found in this world, he is still, indeed he is more fully than ever, with God. For these reasons I say I thank Him -- that He has given us these walls.

I bless Him also for the beauty of this place, the distinguished clean lines of it, the many touches of artistry. For every one of them is symbolic of the nature of God and of His true worship. Thank goodness we are recovering the instinct for loveliness in our churches. There was a time in the United States among a certain kind of Protestant, at least, and indeed it was true for all of us, when there was a kind of cult of ugliness. Because the church from which our ancestor's departed long ago at one time had cultivated beauty, we thought we would be better sons of the reformation if we could worship in places which were certainly far from beautiful. But now we recognize that instinct in the very worship of God itself is the touch of art, the nobility of music, the glory of beauty. It must be so when we are dealing with Him. Think of the reckless lavishness of color with which He adorned this world. There is no utilitarian reason why it couldn't have all been a dull gray, but He, even where the eye of man will never penetrate, scatters with a prodigal hand splashes of brilliance all over the earth. Think of the microscopic perfection of the snowflake, thousands of configurations, each in perfect symmetrical whole. Think of the variety of the flowers and the trees as a man passes from one part of this globe to another there is a constant shifting. When He created, why did He do so with such prodigal generosity if not because He is a god of beauty? Solomon detected that in the old days. That's why he constructed his temple of cedar - aromatic cedar beams with pillars of brass, and an altar and candlesticks of pure gold -- because somehow the highest treasures of this world are most fitting in adoration of a glorious God.

I cherish this accent on beauty because it has in it a deep spiritual truth which is this--that there are many ways to recognize God. Many ways to wisdom--only one of which is through the mind. A man can also find God through his senses, through the uplift of his spirit, in the silence of his soul. In fact most of the knowledge that I possess in this world I gained in precisely that way rather than through logical processes alone. There is nothing on earth of which I am surer than the love of my family, yet if each one of them were to be given a blackboard and a crayon in his hand, and asked to demonstrate with mathematical symbols the truth of his affection for me, it would be a ridiculous thing, and everyone would laugh at once because it obviously cannot be done. Yet this I know. It's not only because each one of them professes from time to time the love that he feels: that's poor proof. The Lord Himself said "There'll be people saying 'Lord, Lord' who didn't really follow Him." But I know because of the call of the deep in their hearts to the deep in my own. Thus so the beauty of the sanctuary is a welcome symbol for me of a God that not only surrounds me, but permeates me -- who knows me so intimately that no man needs to tell him what is in me, who knows my down-sitting and my uprising, who has read my thoughts afar off, whose I am and whom I serve.

DEDICATION
SERMON
MANUSCRIPT

I thank God for the baptistry. That is the place of faith; the place where God adopted me as His child many years ago. Don't let anyone of you ever waiver when someone scoffs and says that all a person has to go on in relation to God is his faith. The interesting thing is that's the only basis for life of any kind. The only difference among men is not if they have faith - for all men do - but in what they believe.

The entire life of commerce in a city like this or in a nation like our own depends on what? Why, on the naive faith that people have - they call it credit - that not everybody will want his cash at the same moment. And so the cash can be lent out time and time again - sometimes twenty times over, sometimes thirty times over, when everyone knows all along that if everyone should demand his payment on the same day in the same bank the whole fabric of economic society would collapse. This is faith - a very gullible and almost stupid kind of faith, but the faith which we consider adequate for our everyday affairs.

Or by what does the researcher live in his laboratory except by faith. Very often he professes no faith in God, but somehow, somewhere, with no rational basis, he has come to the conviction that whatever he will discover will be for the good of mankind. If he thought what he was about to stumble on would be the ultimate disaster of the human race he would be palsied and would not be able to proceed. But believing for no discoverable or verifiable reason, believing that it will be beneficial he works on. His faith may not be in God, but it must then be in a god-shaped blank in which he pins his trust.

Or how about the man of medicine who is forever restlessly hopefully seeking for cures for still additional diseases. Is there any proof that such cures exist? None at all, but he has, as the article of faith which impells him in all his work, a belief that somehow, somewhere, there is someone who can find the remedy for every human ill. That is faith - blind faith, but faith by which a man can live.

A few years ago Dr. Einstein died, and I suppose no one has to be his defender to intelligence, wrote in a letter which was addressed to a great many of us, this sentence, which I copied down because I could scarcely believe my eyes. Wrote him: "Sustained by our faith (he was writing for a group of scientists) - sustained by our faith in man's ability to control his destiny, to control his destiny through the exercise of reason, we pledge our strength and our knowledge to this work." Of all preposterous things, if there is anything that has been disproved ten thousand times through the whole dreary history of the human race, it is man's ability to control his destiny with the exercise of his reason. If this shred of faith was adequate to be the motive for one of the greatest minds of our times, I say when you stand at the baptistry, do not be ashamed of faith because everyone lives by it.

The difference is in whom or in what we believe. I know in whom I have believe, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which has been committed unto him against that day. And my faith is sustained by the triumphant biographies of my friends who having kept the faith have entered into the promises with serenity in their soul and victory at the end.

I thank God for the pulpit. Blest and dedicated be this pulpit. The pulpit, and the lectern with it, is the place of the Word which has become the name of this congregation. Have you reflected yet on what a mysterious thing speech is. This business of communication - in many ways it is as distinctive of a man as his very soul. Can you imagine a man without speech or ability to communicate with another. At most he's only a partial man. This is what elevates us above the dumb creation. This is what makes us the Sons of God. Yes, Sons of God, because it would be utterly preposterous to think of God then not be able to communicate, to be less than the men he has created. Can you imagine such a thing as a deaf, mute God. The great man of English letters, Middleton Murray, allowed his fancy to go in that direction. He pictured God as standing behind a curtain at the end of a long hallway, listening to the steps of prophets and priests as they came closer searching for God. But although some came so close that he could have reached out and touched them, He could not or He did not speak. Religion for Middleton Murray, as for millions of others is a matter of search; that is false witness of God. Religion is a matter of revelation - of God speaking, of God communicating His will and His grace. That's the reason for the terrible threat in the Second Commandment which tells us that we shall not abuse the name of God. Sometimes you must have thought that God was unduly severe when He spoke against cursing and swearing. The reason is simply this: that God gave us our speech, that we should use it to praise Him and to tell our friends about Him, and when someone takes the precious endowment of speech and befools it, makes it a thing of offence or of ugliness and dirtiness, it's as if he takes his birthright and throws it in the face of God. Indeed the Bible tells us that everyone of us is going to have to account for even every idle word that is spoken in this world. Because this gift of speech is so precious that it is not supposed to be wasted, it is the very symbol of God himself. So that the Son of God was known as the Incarnate Word, the word become flesh. God's speech heard from the time of creation, living in a man.

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Dedication Sermon by The Rev. Dr. Franklin Clark Fry

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I thank God for the altar. Blest and dedicate be this altar. What does that mean to you? It is the place of forgiveness. Given and shed for you and for many for the remittance of your sins. That altar is the sight of the Holy Communion, the symbol of the pardon of God. The one who was perhaps the closest friend in all my life over a period of years was assailed some time ago by an unbeliever - a scoffer - who said, "Explain your Christianity to me in ten words." One of the favorite superstitions in the United States is that every important thing is simple. Whereas the exact opposite is the case, every important thing is terribly complex. And anyone who over-simplifies is usually only half-deceiving. If you don't believe in complexity - just look at the blackboard of mathematical symbols required to express the processes of creation in this world. Well, my friend smiled and said, "I'm afraid I can't comply with your demand. No, no....I can't compress Christianity into ten words, but I can into one." Now that one was not the name of Jesus, as you might think, because being a proper name it would have been entirely meaningless to the man who was defying my friend. So my friend said instead, "Speaking humanly - the one word which incorporates Christianity is 'forgiveness'. And looking at it from the standpoint of God the word is 'grace'." I remember my dear friend Bishop Bergraf a few years ago telling of an incident that occurred in the North of Norway when he was a Bishop up there in the Arctic fjords, coming one evening into a cottage where an old lady lived, one of the faithful members of the church, only to find her worried and melancholy. She wished to speak to the Bishop, and told him that she felt as she grew older as if all her past life was fetters to bind her down, an accumulation of little sins of the spirit and the dispositions, until at last she was lamed by them, and not able to escape. He said, "Have you never heard of forgiveness, you who have been a Christian all your days, and have you any idea what forgiveness is? Once a man is forgiven by the grace of God, he has a new cleanness much deeper and brighter than the one he had before. Not the cleanness of washed linen, not the cleanness of a child's innocence, which is very much like an unused platter, but when God forgives His new whiteness comes into the very fabric of the man's soul, so that from then on it shines. So that from then on when God looks on him he sees in him Christ - the forgiver, and not the sins."

Said the old lady, "This is unbelievable." Said Bishop Bergraf, "Unbelievable, but it is true." This is the place where the great promises of God to His people are taken and fastened on you. "So God loved the world" becomes here "so God loved you." And here the voice sounds, "Son take up your bed and walk. And Take up your bed and act as a healed soul."

And lastly I thank God for the pew. Blest and dedicate be these pews because they are in the first place a testimony. Let me warn you, you've done an extremely bold thing to build this church: you made it larger than the average attendance on an ordinary Sunday that the congregation has been accustomed to...because there's nothing in the world so eloquent to God as an empty pew. The worst thing a man can do - (oh probably that's over-spoken, but you'll pardon it) - the worst thing a man can do is to erect a pew in the church where he is to be for the worship of God and then walk away from it. Better he had never built it at all. I've often said that if I ever become president of the United States (and the likelihood of that seems to be decreasing in recent years) the very first thing I would do would be to abolish Thanksgiving Day - and I mean that grimly. It's horrible enough for a country as blessed as this not to thank God, but it's insulting for it to appoint a special day for Thanksgiving and then not to thank Him. That merely draws the attention of God to the slap on His face.

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**DEDICATION
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Noted Lutheran Pastor Speaks at Dedication

Distractions of the 20th Century prevent man from being aware of God but a church building helps him find Him, Dr. Franklin Clark Fry of New York City said here yesterday.

Speaking at the morning dedication service of the Church of the Incarnate Word, Dr. Fry, who is president of the United Lutheran Church in America, president of the Lutheran World Federation and chairman of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches, said, "we come here not to desert reality, but to find it. What we see outside is an empty facade."

Expressing gratitude for the revival in the "feeling of loveliness in churches," he described the sanctuary as "a symbol of a God who not only surrounds me, but permeates me."

Keys to the church were presented to the pastors, Rev. J. Russell Fink and Rev. Godfrey E. Alberti by Maurice Salo of Salo & Thorsland of New York City, architect, and Charles Urlaub of A.W. Hopeman & Sons Co., contractor.

Bibles, sacramental vessels and a missal were carried to the altar by present church councilmen as well as those who served when the congregations of Zion and Concor-

dia Lutheran churches united Sept. 20, 1960. Leading the processional were Gordon Boncke, chairman of the building committee, and Arthur Sedler and Paul Ludwig, co-chairmen of the executive building committee.

Christian education was emphasized at the vespers service at the new church at 4 p.m. yesterday when Dr. Paul C. White, of New York City, secretary of Christian education and youth work and secretary of the United Lutheran Synod of New York and New England, was the speaker.

Following the service greetings were extended by Supreme Court Justice Daniel E. Macken; Mayor Henry E. Gillette; Norman Selke, chairman of the Monroe County Board of Supervisors; Rev. Richard N. Hughes, executive director of the Rochester Area Council of Churches, Inc.; Rev. Arthur R. Cowdery, rector of St. Thomas Episcopal Church and president of the Rochester Area Council of Churches, Inc.; Rev. Frederic J. Teichmann, pastor of Messiah Lutheran Church and president of the Rochester Conference of the United Lutheran Synod of New York and New England, and the architect, contractor and laymen active in the building program.

Ecumenic Move On, 'Modern Luther' Says

By MARY MCKEE

Democrat and Chronicle Religion Editor

Lutheran participation in the ecumenical movement has begun with the gathering together of its own people, Rev. Dr. Franklin Clark Fry of New York City indicated here last evening.

A clergyman instrumental in initiating the talks between the four Lutheran groups which will form a new denomination at a convention Tuesday, June 26, in Detroit, Dr. Fry is in Rochester to preach at the dedication service of the Church of the Incarnate Word at 10:45 a.m. today.

To be known as the Lutheran Church in America, the new body will be born of the merger of the Augustana Synod, the American Evangelical Lutheran Church, the United Lutheran Church in America and the Suomi or Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Church.

is expected at this summer's meeting in Paris. Although Lutheran churches in Europe have lacked the unity problems faced by Lutherans in this country, Dr. Fry commented that barriers to Lutheran unity here have not been theological but mainly sociological barriers. Immigrants faced the language problems of different countries as well as differences of persons coming from the same countries at different periods. As a result they banded together in their own groups and began to idealize what they had left behind.

3 Major Groups

After the formation of the Lutheran Church in America, more than 90 per cent of the Lutherans of this country will be affiliated with three major Lutheran groups, the Synodical Conference or Missouri Synod, American Lutheran Church and the new church.

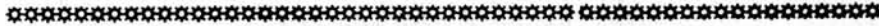
Asked about the possibility of "conversations" with the other groups, Dr. Fry noted that such a possibility could exist because a new Lutheran association of the groups will be formed in the fall. He could not, however, see any talks in the near future with the Wisconsin Synod.

When asked about the Lutheran position in the current ecumenical movement, Dr. Fry said the Lutherans are active in the World Council of Churches where many theological discussions are conducted, but have no plans at present for unity with the denominations of the Blake-Pike proposal (Methodist, Presbyterian, Episcopal and United Church of Christ). He said Lutheranism believes in fostering ecumenical activities, and that its first contribution is its own unity.

Dr. Fry, who is considered a likely candidate for the presidency of the new church, indicated that Rochester is one of three places being considered as a meeting place for the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches in August, 1963. A decision

NEWSPAPER COVERAGE OF
DR. FRY'S DEDICATION
MESSAGE

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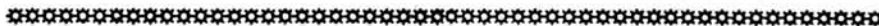
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Now Thank We All Our God

Now thank we all our God
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom his world rejoices;
Who, from our mother's arms,
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in his grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns
With them in highest heaven;
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore. Amen.

Rise up, O Men of God

Rise up, O men of God!
Have done with lesser things;
Give heart and soul and mind and strength
To serve the King of kings.

Rise up, O men of God!
His kingdom tarries long;
Bring in the day of brotherhood,
And end the night of wrong.

Rise up, O men of God!
The Church for you doth wait,
Her strength unequal to her task;
Rise up and make her great!

Lift high the Cross of Christ!
Tread where his feet have trod;
As brothers of the Son of Man,
Rise up, O men of God!

THE PROGRAM

Invocation and Greetings REV. J. RUSSELL FINK, D.D.

Hymn: Now Thank We All Our God

Dinner:

Bouquet Time: HARVEY WEINGARTNER, *Toastmaster*

Remarks: JUDGE DANIEL E. MACKEN

Remarks: REV. GODFREY E. ALBERTI

HONORING OF OUR 50 YEAR MEMBERS

Speaker: RAY DOELL

Hymn: RISE UP O MEN OF GOD

Prayer: REV. GODFREY E. ALBERTI

Music: GEORGE AND BARBARA KLUMP

Banquet Chairmen: RAY MOLDENHAUER AND
HARVEY HOPKINS

HONORARY GUESTS

MR. ARTHUR ACKERLY
MR. AND MRS. ALBERT BURGER
MR. AND MRS. RAY DOELL
JUDGE AND MRS. DANIEL MACKEN
MR. MAURICE SALO
MRS. HELEN TREADWELL
MR. AND MRS. ANDREW TUFANO
MR. AND MRS. CHARLES URLAUB
MR. AND MRS. WARREN URLAUB
MR. HENRY WILLET

Veterans Group Buys Old Church

By PETER B. TAUB

The oldest Lutheran church in the city has been sold to a Jewish War Veterans group.

Title to Zion-Concordia Lutheran Church at Grove and Stillson Streets passed yesterday to the Jewish War Veterans Memorial Home of Rochester, Inc. The purchase price was \$50,000.

About two hours after the closing, workmen started dismantling the steeple of the "mother church" of the Lutheran denomination here. The church was built in 1840, two years after the congregation was founded.

The building will become a home for David J. Kauffman Post 41, Jewish War Veterans, which plans to spend more than \$20,000 on remodeling. The 457-member post, headed by Morton Hollander, sold its former home on Goodman Street South in 1961. The new quarters will be dedicated about Sept. 15.

THE VETERANS will turn over to the Lutheran Church of the Incarnate Word the "Jenny Lind bell," which will be removed tomorrow or Friday from the steeple of Zion-Concordia Church. The Swedish singer contributed funds to buy the bell in 1851, when she gave two concerts in Rochester.

The chimes, which have summoned worshipers to services for more than a century, were last sounded July 4.

The church, formerly Zion Lutheran Church, became Zion-Concordia in 1960 when Concordia Lutheran Church, 16 Helena St., was sold to the Church of Jesus. Both Lutheran congregations vacated the Grove Street church last year when the Church of the Incarnate Word, 597 East Ave., was dedicated.

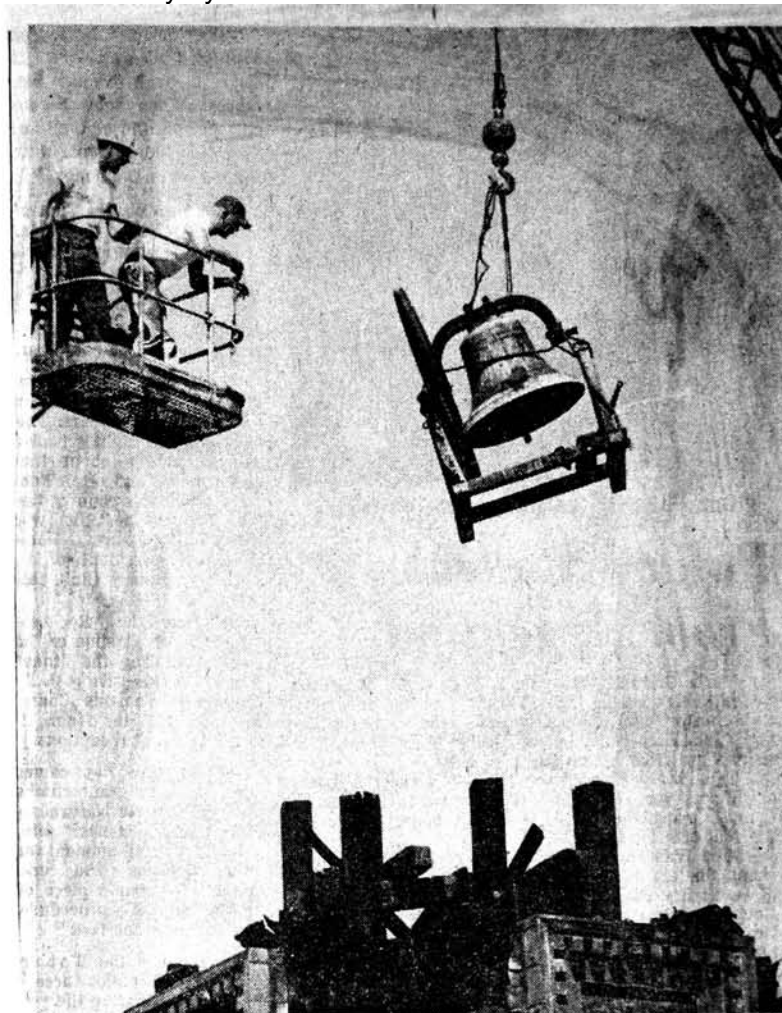
Maurice Brodsky, a national executive committeeman of the JWV, heads the corporation that bought the church.



CREWS START dismantling steeple of city's oldest Lutheran Church—Zion-Concordia—which is to become Jewish War Veterans Memorial Home.

ZION PROPERTY IS SOLD

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Moving Day for Bell

After more than a century in the steeple, the "Jenny Lind bell" was removed from its mounting today (above).

The bell was taken from the steeple of the Zion-Concordia Lutheran Church (at right), at Grove and Stillson Streets, the oldest Lutheran church in the city, which is being converted to a home for David J. Kauffman Post 41, Jewish War Veterans.

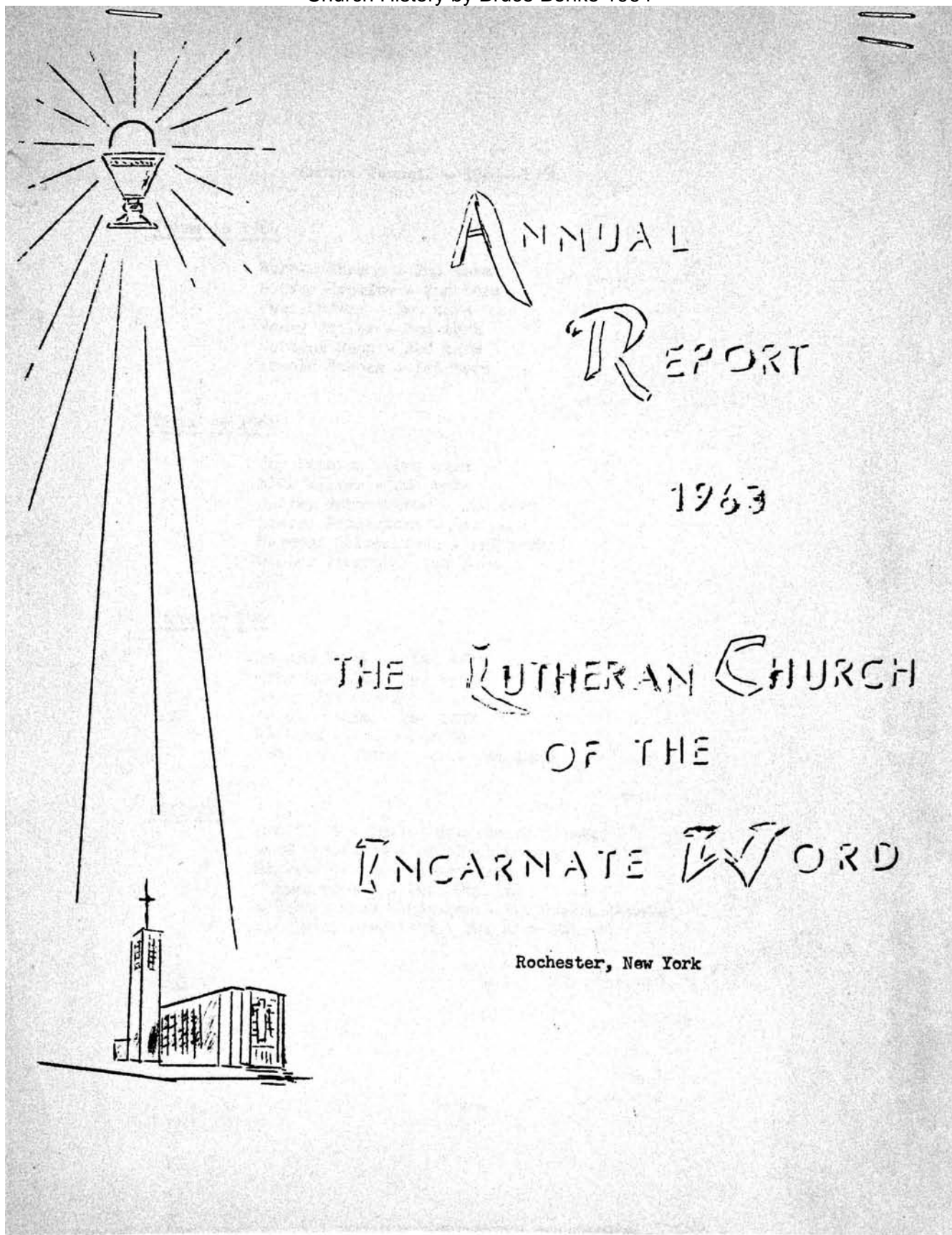
The Swedish singer, Jenny Lind, contributed funds to buy the bell in 1851, when she gave two concerts in Rochester. It had summoned worshippers until it last sounded on July 4.

The veterans group is giving the bell to the Lutheran Church of the Incarnate Word at 597 East Ave.



*HISTORICAL BELL IS MOVED
TO NEW CHURCH*

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FIRST YEAR ANNUAL REPORT - 1963

Church Council - 1963--1964

Terms to 1964

Harold Ahrens - 2nd term
Harvey Hopkins - 2nd term
Paul Ludwig - 2nd term
Henry Miller - 2nd term
Bertram Rapp - 2nd term
Arnold Schock - 1st term

✓ - Schock
✓ - Barth
✓ - Bruckner Jr.
✓ - Schenke
✓ - Latal
✓ - De Beck

Terms to 1965

Jay Painton - 2nd term
Alex Walker - 2nd term
Harvey Weingartner - 2nd term
Lester Fredericks - 1st term
Raymond Moldenhauer - 1st term
Walter Vicinus - 1st term

Terms to 1966

Gordon Boncke - 1st term
Oral Graning - 2nd term
Ralph Pritchard - 1st term
Harold Smith - 1st term
Matthew Vinci - 2nd term
Robert E. White, Jr. - 1st term

Officers

President - Pastor Godfrey E. Alberti
Vice President - Mr. Paul Ludwig
Secretary - Mr. Harvey Weingartner
Treasurer - Mr. Oral Graning
Building Fund Treasurer - Mr. Gordon Boncke
Financial Secretary - Mr. Alex Walker

The REPORT of PASTOR ALBERTI for 1963

"Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen."

The Lutheran Church of the Incarnate Word has now had its first full year in this House of our Lord and at this location on East Avenue. To assess what we have been doing in the year 1963 and to give direction to our life and mission in 1964 and on is not an easy task.

The fact is that our Christian fellowship is quite imperfect, and that the doing of what is our mission as a Christian congregation can easily be characterized as "imperfectly done." But then, that may well be inevitable for any Christian congregation. When we remember who this is into whose hands our Lord has entrusted His Church on earth, what else can happen but "trial and error" on the pathway of loving obedience and duty? Then, too, one of our news analysts, Emmet John Hughes, put his finger on a truth that fits the Church on earth as much as our nation. Wrote he: "Let us accept the truth that, in the whole disorderly arena of world affairs, a thing worth doing at all is worth doing imperfectly."

At all events, as we face our future as a congregation with a mission, I sincerely recommend to build on what we are and have become by the mercy of our Saviour. And this can be illustrated for us in two distinct ways:

1. Since a congregation is always first the visible evidence of "God's family" on earth, then we need to live as a family. And always, the strengthening food of God's Grace in Christ comes by way of the intimacy of family life, especially at the table. This can only mean that the family must have hours together to be fed by His Word, in Word and Sacrament. What is known as the "liturgical movement" in our day has this as its compulsive center, and is moving through the entire and divided Christian Church of our day. Worship and the Sacraments are the very heart of the Church's life. There can be no Christian life, Christian ethics and morality, a Christian approach to the complexities of our day, without worship and the sacraments.

Obviously, Christian education too belongs. Not simply to learn right from wrong. Our task is to be open to God's Word in the Bible and as He has spoken His Love and Will down through the centuries, in order that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom, our minds to the real tasks of life, and our hands to intelligent service. And this requires an educational program that involves the entire congregation, from the cradle to the grave.

2. Then, too, the congregation is always made up of people who by creation have both feet in the world. This is where we live every day. And here, moral issues and the demands for action are not usually clear cut, not usually a simple "black and white" affair. It takes much conscious effort, the will to carry many a cross, in order to be a Christian in this world and a Christ to our neighbor. But this is our responsibility. We must keep both feet in this world, like Jesus did before us. And for strength and direction, we do well to learn about our dependance upon the intimacy of family life. The big social issues of our generation remain our responsibility especially as Christians who have been baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ and called to be stewards and ministers of The Gospel.

In the following summary of pastoral activities I ask you to remember that it represents many hours of work and prayer, much recognition of my many inadequacies,

and the sincere hope that the love of our Saviour was present in every life that I have been privileged to touch.

I. Pastoral Ministry

A. Pastoral Visitation

Member calls completed	...	352
Hospital, Institutions & Shut-ins	...	749
Private Communion	...	129
Prospect and Non-Members	...	111
Office & Study Consultations	...	266

Total ... 1,607

Incompleted calls ... 47

B. Pastoral Responsibilities

Sermons Preached	-	59
Service Assists	-	52
Talks	-	25
Classes Taught	-	59
Meetings attended - Incarnate Word	-	178
Outside	-	184
Board of Education - Synod	-	3 days
Synod Convention	-	4 days
Pastor's Institute at Wagner	-	9 days

C. Pastoral Acts

<u>Funerals</u> - members	- 17
- non-members	- 11
assisted at funerals	- 2
Weddings	- 3

II. Service to the Synod

As a member of the Committee on College and University Work, which has as its concerns our two Colleges on the territory of our Synod - Hartwick at Oneonta, and Wagner on Staten Island, and our work with Lutheran Students on the campus of many institutions in New York State.

III. Service to the Community

Every pastor owes some time and energy in service to the community in which he lives. This includes service to the Christian community in its cooperative efforts to give witness to our Lord, as well as to the total life of the community to which he can add his concerns and strengths. In this area, I have served in the following ways:

As a member of the Board of Directors of St. John's Home for the Aging, and several committees. This is an agency of many of our L.C.A. and A.L.C. congregations and the United Churches of Christ and one Baptist congregation in Monroe Co. Many of our own people have been served and are being served well here.

As a Department Head and a Board Member of the Rochester Area Council of Churches, as well as a member of various committees.

As President of the Board of the Rochester Child Guidance Clinic.

As a member of the Mental Health Council of Rochester.

I attended several sessions of the World Council of Churches meetings in Rochester in August.

Reception at Incarnate Word for World Council Delegates and Rochester Lutherans

Luncheon at Incarnate Word for World Council Delegates and Rochester Lutherans

May I add this word of appreciation for the opportunity to serve the Lord of The Church in this area of His Kingdom on earth with the assurance that it has been our deepest purpose to give of ourselves to the mission of this congregation.

Faithfully yours,

Godfrey E. Alberti,
Pastor.

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Jesus said: "We must work the works of him who sent me, while it is day; night comes, when no man can work." Saint Paul said: "I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus--only let us hold true to what we have attained."

During the past year, three great bodies of Christians met in the interests of the World Ecumenical movement...The Lutheran World Federation at Helsinki, the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches at Rochester, and the Vatican Council consisting of Catholic Cardinals and Bishops in Rome. In the arena of national affairs, one of the greatest tragedies of mankind occurred in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. He was succeeded by Vice President, Lyndon B. Johnson. In the local area, we were faced with a very serious plane accident early in July on a run-way of the Monroe County Airport, causing loss of life and injuries to many passengers. In the local area of churches, Pastors and congregations have been faced with problems brought about by race difficulties, moves towards freedom including the Freedom March on Washington and the shortage of Pastors in congregations, where transfers to other churches have occurred.

Therefore, as one of the Pastors of this congregation, in deep humility and with an endowment of the sense of a holy calling, I offer a few exhortations as contained in the Scripture references above:

1. We must never cease to work--the night comes too soon.
2. We must not lose sight of the prize for it is so easy to lose our grip on what we have received. Temptations, sin, and weak endeavors have stood in the way of our steady growth.

The Year 1963--Pastoral Ministry is indicated, as:

A. Pastoral Visitation

Member calls completed	...	281	
Hospital, Institutions & Shut-ins	...	379	
Private Communion	...	149	
Prospect and Non-members	...	82	
Office and Study Consultations	...	61	
Conference with Pastor Alberti	...	33	
		<u>Total</u>	...
Incompleted calls	...	37	985

B. Pastoral Responsibilities

Sermons Preached--Regular	...	49
Funerals	...	30
Lenten	...	6
In other Churches	...	7
Assisted in Worship Services	... 53	
Classes taught--Adults	... 29	
Confirmation Classes	...	31
Meetings attended - Incarnate Word	...	98
- Outside	...	120
Assisted in other churches at Services..		2
Synod Stewardship meetings	...	2 days

B. Pastoral Responsibilities (continued)

Synod Convention	...	4 days
Synod Executive Board	...	3 days
Rochester District - Cabinet meeting	...	1
- Stewardship Meetings	...	3
World Council of Churches	...	2 days
Convocation at Colgate-Rochester	...	3 days
Gettysburg Seminary Week	...	3 days
Teacher and Counsellor at Lutheran Camp	...	6 days
Preached at two special services:		

Zion Lutheran Church, York, Pa., May 5

200th Anniversary of Quickel's Lutheran Church, Oct. 15.

(Here I was baptized, confirmed and married by Dr. Adam Stumpf.)

Spent 8 days on sick leave--Nov. 9 to Nov. 18

C. Pastoral Acts

Funerals - members	...	18
non-members	...	12
Weddings	...	10

These facts as listed under pastoral visitation and responsibilities do not reveal the whole story. Constantly a pastoral admonition strikes home, "So much to do, but so little done." It has been a real joy however to labor in your midst as Shepherd of the sheep and as a pastor of souls. During the past year:

I have served on the Executive Board of Synod

I am a member of the Board of Rochester Camping Association

I am a member of the Rochester District Cabinet

I am the clerical representative on the Stewardship Committee of the Rochester District

I am a member of the Stewardship Committee of Synod.

This account would not be complete unless I indicate to each reader of this report, something of the concern we have for the members of the congregation, especially in the fields of work for which we are responsible to the Congregation and to the Church Council.

It is my chief concern to familiarize each one, concerning Evangelism, Boy Scouts and Camping.

1. Evangelism: In review several things must be said:

- a. We have had a very successful year. The system of taking a regular Sunday attendance is producing results. We are now assured that the actual presence of a member at a Service agrees with the card report. There is no room for guess work. We believe that you have supported this program. The cards show us who is present each Sunday, and the absence of cards will tell us that there are sick people or for some other reason were not present. For all these needs, pastoral care is necessary. The Committee on Evangelism has become much concerned about the constant stream of absentee members--about 31% of the total Confirmed Membership will attend a Sunday Service. Therefore, the Committee has worked very earnestly this past year to activate members, first by holding retreats. To help us in this matter, panels of Visitors are being set up, to call upon inactive members within the city zones where the Visitors live.

- b. Not only is this Committee concerned about the unfaithful but it is deeply concerned in getting the names of prospective members. In a few more weeks, visitors will be functioning and will assist the pastors in promoting a truly living Church. A social reception was held during the year, and a forthcoming social reception will be held on Feb. 9 at 7 p.m.
2. Boy Scouts: The Troop has grown in numbers. There are 20 members in the troop and a few applications are being processed now for admission. Their area of concern has been visiting shut-ins in the congregation at Christmas time each year, and a summer camping program. A night of awards with a supper meeting will be held here on Feb. 11 at 6:30 p.m.
3. Camping: In the eight weeks of camping at the Lutheran Camp at Penn Yan, there was an evidence of boys and girls from the Incarnate Word. This is truly a real encouragement to the pastors and the Church School. The spirit of the camp is growing, each year there should be an increased number of our congregation seeking to enroll. As I observed them in study, play, games, dramatics and water sports, I was encouraged--for here are the future leaders of the Church.
4. From a recent medical check-up, Dr. Norman Elson gives me a clean sheet, and urges me to do a normal day's work.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Attend all Church Services faithfully. Enlist in some activity of the Church, such as Adult Bible Class, Lutheran Church Women, Choirs, Evangelism Visitation, Luther League or Young People's Work. Be sure to mark an attendance card each Sunday and indicate when communing, at, "I shall receive communion today."
2. Inform your Pastors about the sick. Give the name of the hospital and room where member is a patient.
3. Help us to locate new members and invite friends to our Services. Tell us about them.

Faithfully yours,

J. Russell Fink,
Pastor

A PAROCHIAL REPORTCHURCH WORSHIP SERVICE ATTENDANCES and AVERAGES

1. Sunday Attendance Averages	<u>8:30</u>	<u>10:45</u>	<u>Total</u>
52 Services - average	<u>112</u>	<u>312</u>	<u>424</u>
2. Lenten Services - 7 Lenten Vespers - average	150		
3. Special Services	<u>Attendance</u>		
Holy Thursday	276		
Good Friday - morning	132		
- evening	145		
Ascension Day	131		
Thanksgiving	125		
Christmas Eve	410		
Christmas Day	65		

PASTORAL ACTS:

Baptisms - Children	... 20		
Adult	... 2	Total ...	22
Confirmations - Class	... 9		
Adults	... 7	Total ...	16
Weddings	... 13		
Funerals - members	... 35		
non-members	... 23	Total ...	58

TRANSFER of MEMBERS

From Incarnate Word	... 26		
To Incarnate Word	... by Transfer	... 34	
	... by Re-affirmation of Faith	... 9	

<u>Total</u>	<u>MEMBERSHIP</u>	<u>Jan. 1, 1963</u>	<u>Jan. 1, 1964</u>
A.	Baptized	1,281	1,224
B.	Confirmed	1,032	958
C.	Communing	796	760
D.	Contributing	913	830
			Inactive 72

GENERAL FUND 1963

	RECEIPTS *	DISBURSEMENTS*
Jan.	5,061.03	6,928.67
Feb.	3,567.54	4,274.57
Mar.	3,473.93	5,545.30
Apr.	8,109.41	7,232.20
May	3,302.28	5,684.21
June	4,139.67	5,626.74
July	3,555.30	5,580.02
Aug.	3,007.40	3,723.55
Sept.	3,930.98	5,493.89
Oct.	3,433.57	5,453.52
Nov.	4,805.40	6,591.21
Dec.	6,051.41	6,173.33
	52,437.92*	68,307.21*

Disbursements
Less. Receipts
Overdrawn Acct.

68,307.21
52,437.92 -
15,869.29 *

BENEVOLENT FUND 1963

	RECEIPTS *	DISBURSEMENTS *
Jan.	1,334.52	142.90
Feb.	1,212.55	
Mar.	1,330.01	
Apr.	1,849.47	100.00
May	1,319.62	
June	1,607.21	
July	1,102.10	
Aug.	1,308.56	56.00
Sept.	1,646.13	153.83
Oct.	1,299.07	
Nov.	1,334.02	76.28
Dec.	1,936.05	1,116.10
	17,279.31 *	1,645.11 *

Receipts
Disbursements

17,279.31
1,645.11 -
15,634.20 S
883.45
16,517.65 *

Balance Benevolent Fund
Less O.D. General Fund
Balance
Plus Altar Fund
Balance in Bank 12/31/63
Lincoln Rochester Trust Co.

Respectfully Submitted
O.C. Graning, Treasurer

.00*
16,517.65
15,869.29-
648.36
322.04

970.40 *

Church History by Bruce Bonke 1964
THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE INCARNATE WORD

PROPOSED 1964 BUDGET

WITH COMPARISONS

	1963 BUDGET	1963 ACTUAL	1964 PROPOSED
I For Our Current Programs			
<u>Pastoral Ministry</u>	18,128.50	17,880.13	17,803.50
Worship, Education, Music	5,180.00	4,423.43	4,550.00
Administration	12,350.00	10,810.59	11,550.00
Maintenance	11,550.00	14,372.53	12,685.00
Miscellaneous	<u>-0-</u>	<u>600.53</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Total	47,208.50	48,087.21	46,588.50
II Benevolence Program			
<u>Apportioned Benevolence</u>	16,473.00	1,620.11	19,398.00
Local Benevolence	<u>3,250.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>	<u>3,250.00</u>
Total	19,723.00	1,645.11	22,648.00
III Debt Retirement Program			
<u>Interest</u>	5,413.00	Bldg. Fund	Bldg. Fund
Mortgage	<u>24,264.00</u>	<u>20,220.00</u>	<u>Bldg. Fund</u>
	29,677.00	20,220.00	-0-
Grand Totals	<u>96,608.50</u>	<u>69,952.32</u>	<u>69,236.50</u>

Anticipated Receipts
Based on Pledges, Etc.
for 1964

1. General Fund	50,375.00
2. Benevolent Fund	19,515.00
	<u>69,890.00</u>
3. Building Fund New 3 yr. Pledges will Sustain Mtg. & Loan Commitments	93 000.00

Respectfully submitted by the
Church Council
As Recommended By The Budget
Study Of The Finance Committee
Kenneth W. Geiwitz, Chairman

KWG:jea

Sunday Church School Report for 1963

Departmental reports are as follows:

CRADLE ROLL DEPARTMENT - Mrs. William Barth, supervisor

An increase of 8 children brings the cradle roll to 61 enrolled children.

NURSERY DEPARTMENT - Mrs. Harvey Hopkins, supervisor
Mrs. Ralph Pritchard

A total of 14 children enrolled are taught songs and prayers, and to simple handwork.

CHURCH HOUR NURSERY - Mrs. Robert Ling, supervisor

We are very grateful to all volunteer Mothers and also to the Luther League girls who give of their time to care for the many children during church services.

KINDERGARTEN DEPARTMENT - Mrs. Edward Latal, Supervisor
Mrs. Beatrice Domm

Miss Gladys Rosseutscher

Associate - Mrs. Mabel Dumrese

The children that are enrolled in this department have a simple worship service and are taught the Lord's Prayer, and Bible stories.

CHURCH HOUR KINDERGARTEN - Miss Patricia Bock, supervisor

Again we are grateful for all the volunteer Mothers who donate their time willingly to bring the children into part of the Church Service and then returning to their classroom for stories and projects.

GRADES 1 to 6 - Mrs. Harvey Weingartner, supervisor

Grade 1 - Miss Gail Miller

Grade 2 - Mrs. Raymond Moldenhauer

Grade 3 - Mrs. Judy Jones

Grade 4 - Miss Eileen Schneiter

Grade 5 - Mrs. Gordon Boncke

Grade 6 - Mrs. Godfrey Alberti

Secretary - Mrs. Frank Bock

Associates - Mrs. Fred Favinger, Mrs. Oral Graning, Mrs. Henry Miller

The total enrollment of this Department is 65 children. Here they start to use the Bible, are taught the Ten Commandments, learn about the life of Jesus and the meaning of Baptism and Confirmation. They have their own departmental worship service and express themselves in their handiwork, which they had on display at the Christmas Season. The theme of their display was "Christmas in Other Countries." Many thanks to all the children and teachers who made these inspiring displays that were enjoyed by many.

The children in grades 4 to 6 also sing in the Junior Choir under the direction of Mrs. Catherine Betts and Choir Mother Mrs. Oral Graning.

GRADES 7 to 12 - Mr. Lester Fredericks, supervisor

Grade 7 - Mr. Paul Wisotzke

Grade 8 - Mrs. Roy Fries

Grade 9 - Miss Marilyn Sheehan

Grade 10-11-12 - Mr. Harvey Weingarnter

Teacher Training - Miss Jane Wolfe

Young People - Mr. Clarence Gehris

Secretary - Mrs. Lester Fredericks

Associates - Mrs. Herbert Krauss, Mrs. James Willer, Mr. Milford Apetz

The total enrollment in the department is 63. These pupils hold their devotional service in the parish hall and study the Bible and are taught to apply the message to their daily lives. The pupils in the grades 7 to 12 compose the Youth Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Clarence Gehris and Choir Mothers, Mrs. Harold Smith and Mrs. Gerald Reinhart.

ADULT DEPARTMENT - Mrs. J. Russell Fink, supervisor

Mr. Raymond Wackerow, associate

There are 41 adults enrolled in this department and they study the Bible and learn what is expected of them as true Christians.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICE STAFF - Secretary, Mrs. William Schoonover

Recording Secretary, Miss Beverly Brown

Treasurer, Mr. Frank Bock

Assistant Treasurer, Mr. William Schoonover

Hostess, Mrs. Harold Ofslager

Librarian, Mr. Otto Scheik

Youth Advisors - Mr. & Mrs. William Brueckner

Mr. Clarence Gehris

Mr. Glenn Miller

We have continued our partial support of Mr. & Mrs. Steven Kolumban, missionaries to India at the Vellore Christian Medical College. Their field of teaching is Medical technology.

Our Church School is grateful to the Drama Circle and the L.C.W. for the contribution of their talents and gifts to make many Young People enjoy camping experience at Keuka Camp last summer. Those who won Scholarships from the Church School to go to camp were as follows: John Laing, Diane Fries, Marilyn Kalwas, Tarry Bandemer, Patty Rapp, Ralph Ludolph and Linda Bock

Our thanks go to the Drama Circle who presented a Christmas pageant, directed by Mrs. James Willer, and written by one of the members of the Sunday School teaching staff, Mrs. J. Russell Fink.

Our total enrollment is as follows:

158 children and youth

41 adults

Plus teachers, associates, and officers

I, as Superintendent of the Church School, wish to thank all for their most generous cooperation throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Strohmeier, Sup't,
Church School,
Lutheran Church of the
Incarnate Word

Financial Report December 31, 1963

The Lutheran Church of The Incarnate Word Church School

Balance Brought Forward	\$ 68.27
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Receipts January 1 to December 31

Church Banks	5.08	
*Miscellaneous	345.01	
**Scholarship Fund	80.00	
Church School Offerings	1,591.19	
***Transfers	100.00	
Total	2,121.28	\$ <u>2,121.28</u>
		2,189.55

Expenditures January 1 to December 31

(A) Benevolence	300.00	
Choirs	0	
Church Hour Nursery	0	
Equipment	0	
Fees	360.00	
Gifts	0	
Lesson Material	440.07	
Miscellaneous	93.60	
Postage & Supplies	22.25	
Scholarships	185.00	
Supplies	127.32	
(B) Transfers	469.79	
Total	1,998.03	\$ <u>1,998.03</u>
	Balance	\$ 191.52

Bank accounts in the Name of Lutheran Church of The Incarnate Word

Church School:	Checking Acc't. Lincoln Roch. Trust Co.	191.52
	Interest Acc't. # 25953 at Community S.B.	42.91

Total Funds on Hand, as of December 31, 1963	\$ 234.43
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Respectfully submitted,

Frank H. Bock,
Treasurer

* Includes 22.96 Initial Envelope Offerings
 65.50 Lenten Self Denial Boxes
 75.00 from Drama Circle for Missionary Support
 49.15 Offering Church School Christmas Program
 ** --- 60.00 from the L.C.W.
 20.00 from Drama Circle
 *** Transferred from Community Savings Bank to our Checking Account at
 Lincoln Rochester Trust Co.

(A) For Support of our Missionary
 (B) For Benevolence Work of our Church

LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN - L.C.W.

Annual Report 1963

In November 1963 the Lutheran Church Women of the Lutheran Church of the Incarnate Word became a charter member in the new Lutheran Church Women of the Lutheran Church in America.

We have over 90 active members attending two circles.

The Dorcas Circle meets at 10:30 a.m. the 3rd Tuesday of the month to share in sewing on cancer pads, lunch and a prepared program. In 1963 the Dorcas Circle completed 103 dozen cancer pads.

The Evening Circle meets at 8:00 p.m. the 3rd Tuesday of the month, to work on a project, participate in a planned program and a dessert hour.

Serving on the Executive Committee were:

President - Mrs. Gordon Boncke
Vice-President - Mrs. Gerald Reinhart
Secretary - Mrs. Harvey Hopkins
Treasurer - Miss Beverly Brown
Education Chairman - Mrs. Robert White, Jr.
Membership Chairman - Miss Mildred Pioch
Christian Service - Mrs. Millie Newborn
Mrs. Gordon Boncke
Offerings Chairman - Mrs. Beatrice Domm

Dorcas Circle

Circle Leader - Miss Lydia Mailander
Secretary - Mrs. Harold Ahrens
Offerings - Mrs. Elwood King
Education - Mrs. J. Russell Fink
Membership - Mrs. Alberti Cook
Christian Service - Mrs. Gerald Reinhart
Hospitality - Mrs. Paul Gudat

Evening Circle

Circle Leader - Mrs. Mabel Dumrese
Secretary - Mrs. William Barth
Offerings - Mrs. Harry Burt
Education - Mrs. Godfrey Alberti
Membership - Mrs. William Dangler
Christian Service - Mrs. Robert Ling
Hospitality - Mrs. Harold Cooper

The Senior Servants of the Lutheran Church of the Incarnate Word meet the 1st Tuesday of the month for a work project, lunch and program. This group has contributed much in the life of our church and spent many hours of work on "shut-in" projects. The educational programs follow the calendar of causes of the L.C.A. Chairman of the group is Mrs. Otto Scheik, Secretary-Treasurer is Miss Hermine Tomaschke.

Four times a year the circles meet together. At this time there is an inspirational program presented by the women or a speaker. One half of the offering received at this time is contributed to the building fund of the church.

This year's activities included:

Care of the Altar appointments and communions and distribution of the flowers
 Visits to the sick and shut-ins of our church
 Gifts to the sick and shut-ins at Easter and Christmas
 Sponsorship of the Mt. Airy Choir
 The Inner Mission Dinner
 Fastnacht Festival
 Meeting of the organizing of the Rochester District L.C.W.
 Stewardship dinner

The women also put in many hours working for the World Council of Churches meeting here in Rochester. At our church we served one supper, one lunch and a coffee hour for the delegates.

Some of our members serve in other agencies in the Rochester area: Mrs. Philip Friesser on the Lutheran Inner Mission, Mrs. Gordon Boncke in the Mt. Airy Auxiliary and Rochester District L.C.W., Mrs. J. R. Fink to the Rochester Area United Church Women, Mrs. George Whitlock is the Rochester District Lutheran representative to the United Church Women, Mrs. Roy Fries is on the Monroe Migrant Committee.

1963 has been a rewarding year for the women of L.C.W. We pray that our work shall continue to even greater heights for our own congregation and that of the greater church. The Lord has blessed us all and inspires each of us to continue in this fellowship of women committed to prayer, study, service and offerings.

Respectfully submitted,

Harriet Boncke, President
 (Mrs. Gordon Boncke)

STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and DISBURSEMENTS
 January 1, 1963 to December 31, 1963

Cash on hand, January 1, 1963 \$ 63.16

Receipts:	Monthly Offering	541.34	
	Quarterly Offering	232.84	
	Miscellaneous	184.38	
	Total Receipts		958.56
			\$ 1,021.72

Disbursements:	Monthly Offering	305.72	
	Quarterly Offering	233.25	
	Life Memberships	50.00	
	Special Contributions	48.80	
	Films, Books, Program)		
	Material & Speakers)	62.89	
	Miscellaneous	265.53	
	Total Disbursements		966.19

Cash on hand, December 31, 1963 \$ 55.53
 Contingency Fund \$ 135.51

Respectfully submitted,
 Beverly Brown, Treasurer

The MUSIC PROGRAM

"And they sang praises with gladness, and they bowed down and worshipped."
II Chronicles 29:30

You have again been blessed through this past year with faithful choirs who meet each week to rehearse for the worship services.

The Senior Choir sang Cantata 140, "Sleepers Wake", as their special Advent music in the morning service on December 15. They were capably assisted by soloists Cassandra Havens, Catherine Betts, George Nemeth, and Robert Bailey. On Christmas Eve they sang the "Sacred Concert" by pre-Bach composer Hermann Schein, also the fantasy on old Christmas carols by Gustav Holst, a well-known English composer, who died recently.

The Junior Choir is continuing their fine service work. They sing in the service once a month under the able direction of Catherine Betts. They were a very important part of our Christmas Sunday School program this year.

The Youth Choir also continues their faithfulness to our services and this fall has sung several Introits and Graduals antiphonally with the Senior Choir. They combined their voices with the Senior Choir in three anthems during the Advent and Christmas season.

We wish to acknowledge the services of our choir mothers: Mrs. Granning, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Reinhart.

SOLI DEO GLORIA!

Mrs. Clarence Gehris
Organist-Choir Director

LUTHER LEAGUE REPORT

September 1963 - January 1964

The Luther League is part of the total youth program including Sunday Church School, Church, Youth Choir, and League. We meet every Sunday after church for choir, and on the second and fourth Sunday of each month we have lunch and a program.

The current officers are as follows:

Carol Hopkins, President
Elaine Smith, Vice President
Diane Fries, Secretary
Marilyn Kalwas, Treasurer
Bruce Boncke, Recreation Secretary
Ronald Paradies, Recreation Secretary
Tarry Bandemer, Missionary Secretary
Alan Latal, Social Action Secretary
Nancy Domm, Evangelism Secretary
Linda Bock, Christian Vocation Secretary

Our advisors are Pastor Alberti, Mr. & Mrs. William Brueckner, and Mr. Clarence Gehris. Mrs. Clarence Gehris is our choir director.

Some of the activities in which our Luther League engaged were:

a picnic in September
a hayride in October
a "hootenanny" in November
the Unity Day District Meeting in November
the ninth annual Christmas dance in December
another "hootenanny" in January
a musical program at St. John's Home for the Aging in
January

The executive committee and advisors would like to see all members of Incarnate Word, ages 12 through 18, join us at Luther League.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Hopkins,
President.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

Report of The Committee on Visitation for the year 1963

During the year your committee made two hundred thirty seven ((237)) calls on the sick and shut-ins.

The committee also gave some help to the Altar Care Committee of L.C.W. in the delivery of flowers to our sick and shut-in members.

The committee believes that the calls they have made on the shut-ins have helped them, in keeping them in contact with their church.

During the year members of this committee have heard many words of appreciation from our Pastors in their faithfulness in calling on the sick.

1963 has been a busy and rewarding year for our committee. We hope that in the year ahead we shall continue to be of service to our church.

At this time I would like to thank the following members of the committee for their fine co-operation throughout the year. Only by their fine work was it possible to visit so many of our sick and shut-ins.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ahrens
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ahrens
Mrs. J. Ray Binder
Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Boncke
Mrs. Llewellyn Jones
Mrs. Arthur Manning
Mrs. Emanuel Morells
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Weingartner
Dr. Lawrence Wright

We would appreciate it very much if any member knowing of anyone who is ill, would contact Pastor Alberti, or Pastor Fink, the Church office or the chairman of this committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Llewellyn Jones,
Chairman

THE DRAMA CIRCLE

The Drama Circle was organized in June of 1962 and consists of members of all ages who are interested in all aspects of the theatrical arts.

Our officers, serving until June of 1964, are

Mrs. Pauline Willer, President
Mrs. June Latal, Vice President
Mr. Dennis Lysy, Treasurer
Miss Tarry Bandemer, Secretary
Mr. Lester Fredericks, Director and Advisor

During this, our second year, we produced a three-act play entitled, "The Doctor Has A Daughter", this play was presented on the evenings of Friday and Saturday, June 7 and 8. We were happy to present a good share of our proceeds, \$100.00, to Keuka Lutheran Camp. In November of last year we produced three one-act plays. We presented our Sunday Church School with a check for \$75.00 to be used to help support a missionary in India. Our group also through the year directed the Easter and Christmas programs and helped on the Fastnacht entertainment.

At the present time we are working on a three-act play which will be produced in June of this year.

Our total income for the year 1963 was \$602.61;
disbursements, \$441.98; and
balance on hand as of 12/31/1963 of \$160.63.

Our current active members number 33.

Respectfully submitted,

Pauline Willer,
President
(Mrs. James Willer)

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE INCARNATE WORD

BUILDING FUND

RECORD OF RECEIPTS-DISBURSEMENTS-TRANSFERS

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1963

	<u>Balance Fwd</u> <u>12/31/62</u>	<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>LESS DISBURSEMENTS</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
Org. Acct. H.R.	374.22	52,781.20	52,892.47	262.95
Int. Acct. Comm.S.	2,487.99	8,519.68		11,223.96
Int.		216.26	-0-	-0-
Totals	<u>2,862.21</u>	<u>61,300.88</u>	<u>52,892.47</u>	<u>11,486.91</u>

OBLIGATIONS: 1. Mortgage-Community Savings Bank. \$. 300,000.00. As of August 7, 1962 - ~~5 1/4~~ R/B \$2,022.00 Mo. for 20 years..Balance 12/31/63...\$287,515.06

2. Loan....Lincoln Rochester Trust Co. \$36,450.00 secured by outstanding pledges 1960 campaign of approximately \$50,000.00.

3. Loan....Lincoln Rochester Trust Co..\$28,000.00 balance of debt formerly secured by Mortgage on Zion Concordia Building on Grove St. will be paid in Spring of 1964 from estate funds due; along with proceeds of above int. acct.

Sources of Funds For Repayment

A. New 3 year pledges - Partially Reported.....\$23,000.00

B. 2nd Mtge - Helena Street Properties 12/31/63. . . 25,083.38

Reducing \$2,856.84 a year

C. Gifts given to the church from

estate planning of members and friends

Various amounts from \$500.00 to \$15,000.

Respectfully submitted

Gordon C. Boncke, Treasurer

GCB:jea

RELIGION in action

10/29/68



PRAISE TO THE LORD—The choir of the Lutheran Church of the Incarnate Word

D&C Photo by Gordon Massecar
sang beneath pipes of the organ at its dedication rite yesterday.

Incarnate Word Church Dedicates New Organ

By MARY McKEE

Democrat and Chronicle Religion Editor

Sonorous tones of a modern "king of instruments" reverberated yesterday for the first time at the Lutheran Church of the Incarnate Word.

A three-manual pipe organ was dedicated during the morning worship service at the youngest East Avenue church.

From the dedication of the \$700,000 edifice in June 1962 until yesterday the congregation heard only the bleating sounds of a miniature electronic organ, lost in the cathedral-like structure. That instrument was moved last week to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Pittsford, where a new pipe organ will be installed in about five months.

Preceding the worship, the organist, Mrs. Clarence Gehris, presented a brief recital revealing the versatility of the instrument and her skill as an artist. Among the selections were the magnificent "Toccata and Fugue in D Minor" by Johann Sebastian Bach; "Benedictus" by the "modern Brahms," Max Reger, and "Litanies" by Jehan Alain.

During the service Mrs. Gehris directed the choir while accompanying at the organ in the chorale prelude, "O God, Thou Faithful God" by Flor Peeters and "From the End of the Earth" by Alan Hovhaness. For a postlude she performed "Preludes and Trumpetings" by Myron Roberts.

The blessing and dedication of the instrument was placed within the context of the Lutheran liturgy for Septuagesima Sunday.

Following the invocation and confession, Rev. Godfrey E. Alberti, co-pastor, led a responsive litany and prayer:

"O Lord our God, who by thy servant David didst appoint for the Levites instruments of music by the Word to praise Thee . . . receive at our hands this organ which we dedicate to Thy service. Grant unto Thy people that they may sing their songs unto Thee all the days of their lives in the house of the Lord. . . ."

In the sermon, Rev. J. Russell Fink, D.D., co-pastor, hailed the modern organ as a "marvel of craftsmanship and artistry" and the "king of instruments."

Noting the organ's emotional appeal covers the entire gamut of feelings he said the organ finds its most appropriate place in the church.

"It enriches us, speaks to us, helps us speak."

The 44-rank instrument was designed and built by Holtkamp Organ Co. of Cleveland, Ohio, at a cost of \$52,000. Installation began the last week in December.

The organ represents the second phase in the congregation's building program. Projected plans call for construction of a tower and an education wing.

Before moving to the East Avenue site, the congregation, then called Zion-Concordia, worshipped at the former Zion Lutheran Church, 70 Grove St. That congregation was formed by the merger of Concordia Lutheran, formerly at Helena and Putnam streets, and Zion Lutheran in 1960.

The Lutheran Church of the Incarnate Word

**EAST AVENUE, AT GOODMAN STREET SOUTH
ROCHESTER, NEW YORK**



DEDICATED JUNE 10, 1962

Architect: Mr. Maurice Salo of Salo and Thorsland, New York City

Contractor: A. W. Hopeman and Sons, Co.

Pastors: Godfrey E. Alberti and J. Russell Fink, D.D.

ON THE SYMBOLISM

The symbolism of this church revolves around the theme: "The Word of God communicated." For this reason, the name of the congregation was changed to The Incarnate Word — formerly known as Zion-Concordia.

The symbolism is effected especially in the windows on the east wall and the mosaics on the west wall.

THE MOSAICS

Designed by Miss Helen Treadwell of New York City

A common symbol in each of these is the Hand of God reaching down from Heaven and connected with the flow of the sky, the mountains, and the water. Then, reading from the gallery to the chancel, the following symbols appear:

1. **THE PELICAN** shown plucking open her breast and feeding her young with her own blood. This is a striking symbol, and widely used, of our Lord's Atonement effected for us by our Lord's Sacrifice on the Cross.
2. **THE SWORD** to signify the power of the WORD—from Hebrews 4:12—"For the WORD of GOD is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword . . ." With the sword is shown the ilex, or holly oak, regarded as a symbol of Christ's crown of thorns.
3. **THE ANCHOR** represents our Christian Hope, which hope is in Christ our Lord, symbolized by the fish.
4. **THE WHEAT AND THE GRAPES** is a symbol of the Lord's Supper by which the benefits of our Lord's Atoning death are communicated to us in the Sacrament of the Altar. Also, shown here are the tares, symbolic of sinners. When shown with the wheat, it becomes a representation of the Church on earth.

5. THE PEACOCK which is a very ancient Christian symbol of the RESURRECTION of our LORD; also eternal life and Immortality through Jesus Christ. "The peacock is said to shed his brilliant feathers annually, after which he has new feathers, finer and more brilliant than before. Likewise there is an old legend which states that the peacock's flesh is incorruptible. In like manner our Lord's body did not see corruption, but was raised up glorified on the third day. So also does He raise up all true believers to a more glorious existence" (from "Church Symbolism" by F. R. Webber). In the feathers are also represented the hundred eyes of the church, reminding us of the "all-seeing" church.

THE WINDOWS

Designed and executed by the Willet Stained Glass Studios of Philadelphia, Pa.

After preliminary research and experimentation, the Willet Studios established, in 1954, a separate shop for the handcrafting of faceted glass windows.

Brilliantly colored glass, usually an inch in thickness, but up to two or more inches for special effects, is cut to the desired size. The inner surface of certain pieces is then chipped or faceted conchoidally to enhance the design and add a jewel-like quality. The matrix, of either concrete or epoxy, is poured around the carefully arranged pieces of glass, and holds them in place to form a structural unit of great strength. A matrix of epoxy resin has the added advantage of being water repellent.

The thickness of the glass, which makes it unnecessary to control the light by the use of texture painting, assures the breathtaking radiance and complete purity of color which are the outstanding characteristics of the medium.

Reading from the chancel to the gallery, the following symbols appear:

Window 1 — THE WORD OF GOD

The overall theme is the Open Bible which bears the initials V.D.M.A. (Verbum Dei Manet in Aeternum—The Word of God Endureth Forever). The inspiration for the Scriptures is symbolized by the Creator's Star (top left) with the Hebrew letters for Yahweh (Jehovah). This star sheds light on the Book—The Word proclaimed—thus casting its light out to the world.

On the lower right are the Two Tables of The Law. On lower left are symbols of Prophecy: Amos symbolized by the staff; Isaiah by the saw (the instrument of his reputed martyrdom) and the pincers with coal of fire (Isaiah 6: 6-7). The two basic themes of the Old Testament are Law and Prophecy.

The giant candle is also a symbol of The Word—the Light of the World.

Window 2 — THE WORD INCARNATE

The unifying symbol is the five-pointed star of Jacob which represents the promise of God that a "star" shall rise out of Jacob. Also, it is the Epiphany Star, followed by the Wise Men to Bethlehem to see the Christ Child.

Bottom left is the Manger with the Chi-Ro for Christ XP above it.

Above it—Baptism into Christ (shell and fish) with gift of the Spirit (dove).

To the right—Communion—cup and wafers

Top four are symbols of the Passion

Cross with IHC (First three letters in Greek for "Jesus")

Ladder—for removal of His body from the cross

Nails with crown of thorns

The cock crows—from Peter's denial

Window 3 — THE WORD PROCLAIMED

The great symbol of Christ's living Church is the ship, supported by the fish (its foundation being Christ). The bells are ringing, the trumpets sounding, the WORD being broadcast. The symbols of the rocket and the atom indicate all things work for good where the foundation is on Christ. In the prow of the ship is a symbol of the Four Evangelists who wrote the four records of the Gospel—where the Christ is proclaimed.

The fish is one of the most ancient symbols for Jesus Christ. The Greek word for fish is I X T H U S. By taking each of these letters to form the first letter of a word, we have: "Jesus Christ, Son of God."

Window 4 — THE WORD IN ACTION

All who have faith and look to Christ as Saviour shall live, as did the children of Israel in the wilderness when they looked to the Uplifted Cross on which was the Brass Serpent of Healing—the unifying symbol here.

This life on earth must be founded on the example of Christ—done in humility—shown by the washing of the feet from St. John 13.

Also, this life must be lived with the knowledge of our brotherhood as shown by the Lord's hand reaching out to help those who come with outstretched hands to Him. This, also, reminds us that by our faith and life in Christ we are truly a brotherhood.

This life is reached by prayer—(the censer with the smoke). The Holy Spirit pours out upon us the seven-fold gifts of grace (Pentecost and Confirmation)—These are either: (1) Blessing, glory, wisdom, thanksgiving, honor, power and might—(from Rev. 5:12) or: (2) Wisdom, understanding, counsel, might, knowledge, true godliness, and fear of the Lord (Prayer for Confirmation and Is. 11:1-3).

Top left is symbol of marriage—two rings with flames and the cross from which flows the water of life. The Christian home is a vital expression of God's Word in action in our life, and so, also, is the Word communicated to the World.

Window 5 — THE FRUIT OF THE WORD

The unifying symbol is the Banner of Victory—the eternal Victory that is ours in the Risen and Living Christ. Lower right is the Cross with NIKA (The Victor) from which flow the waters of life. Over the Cross is the Crown of Life.

Lower left—is Cross over the Orb, the world; reminding us that Christ is the Victor over the world.

Second from top, left, is the Anchor of Hope along with the Chi-Ro to represent our hope in Christ.

The Fruit of the Word includes the Blessings of the Victorious Life, here and for all eternity.

OTHER SYMBOLS

On the **PULPIT** — The **FLEUR-DE-LIS** — saying to us that here the Love of the Almighty Triune God is the **WORD** that is **SPOKEN**.

It is literally "The flower of the field" — **LILY**.

It is a symbol of the Holy Trinity.

ON the LECTERN

1. **ALPHA** and **OMEGA** — These are the first and last letters of the Greek Alphabet, saying that God is the **BEGINNING** and the **END** — He is **ALL** in **ALL**.
2. **THE PHOENIX** — most widely used symbol of our Lord's Resurrection. The legend: after a life of 4-500 years it is consumed by fire—out of the ashes it rises again, recreated and young. There is no such bird.
3. The **ML** — a symbol of **MARTIN LUTHER** who returned to the Church the power of the **PROCLAMATION** of the **WORD**.

THE EXTERIOR CROSS — with the four panels, including:

THE FLEUR-DE-LIS — **THE HOLY TRINITY**

THE SCROLL — **THE WORD OF GOD**

THE DOVE — **THE SPIRIT OF GOD DESCENDING**

THE CUP AND WAFER — **THE SACRAMENT** — **THE INCARNATE WORD**