

Salem Evangelical Church

Rochester, N.Y



A Brief History

1873 - 1933

Foreword

A VOLUME many times the size of this little booklet could easily have been written concerning the history of the Salem Evangelical Church from the earliest beginnings, in 1873, to the day when the sixtieth anniversary is being observed. For varied and obvious reasons the committee has thought it wise to condense the wealth of available material into the brief form in which it is herewith offered.

Through the sixty years of history Salem Church records the ministry of only three pastorates. This rather unique fact naturally divides the life of the church into three distinct periods. Accordingly, this booklet presents the story of Salem Church in three chapters, each of which deals with the ministry of one of the three pastorates.

In presenting this souvenir booklet to the members and the friends of Salem Church, the committee expresses the sincere desire that it may be accepted as a tribute of abiding love for the men and the women who by their services and by their sacrifices and by their prayers laid a firm foundation sixty years ago; that it may be received as an expression of deepest gratitude to those who through all the years have cheerfully built on this foundation; that it may be used as a challenge to us in the present day that we remain loyal to the church which our fathers built, and that we strive, by united and continued effort, to lead her into richer experiences in the Christian life and into greater achievements in the kingdom enterprise.

We would express our deepest gratitude to the special committee whose members searched diligently all available records and consulted carefully every known source of information for items of general interest and permanent value to be included in this brief historical sketch of Salem Evangelical Church.

The Sixtieth Anniversary Committee

A BRIEF HISTORY

of

THE SALEM EVANGELICAL CHURCH

ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

The Earliest Beginnings

In the year 1832, two years before Rochester was incorporated as a city, the first church service for the German families residing in this community was held under the leadership of Pastor Mueller in the Brick Presbyterian Church. In the following year Pastor Welden, an itinerant missionary of the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of New York State, organized a congregation which was named "The United Evangelical Church." Although the total number of German residents in Rochester at this time was only three hundred, the register of this first German Protestant Church contained the names of forty-three heads of families.

The Zion Lutheran Church

Pastor Welden was succeeded by the Reverend W. A. Fetter, who had previously served a small congregation in the village of Rush, New York. He was elected as permanent pastor in 1836. In the same year the corner-stone of the first German Protestant House of Worship in Rochester was laid at the corner of Grove and Stillson Streets. Owing to a controversy between the Lutheran and the Evangelical elements in the newly organized congregation, the building operations were retarded for several months. With the coming of the Reverend John Muelhaeuser, harmony was restored, and soon thereafter the young congregation was privileged to worship in its own sanctuary, the Zion Lutheran Church.

The Trinity Evangelical Church

Objection to certain elements in the Lutheran form of doctrine led a group of members to withdraw from the Zion Church in 1842. The outgrowth of this secession was the formation of the Trinity Evangelical Church, the mother church of Salem. A paragraph in the constitution of this congregation indicates that the founders of Trinity desired not to be known as "Lutheran," or as "Reformed," but wanted to build a United Evangelical Protestant Church. The spirit which motivated them is expressed in the official seal of the year 1849, which carries in the center as a motto, the words Ephesians 4:5, "One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism," emphasizing the unity of the Christian church. This passage was later adopted as the motto of the Evangelical Synod of North America.

After worshipping for five years in rented buildings, first in Ford Street near West Avenue and later in Allen Street near State Street, the members of Trinity congregation laid the corner-stone of their own church building on the north side of Allen Street near Fitzhugh Street. Here a brick building, forty by seventy feet in size, was erected which served the people of Trinity as their sanctuary through fifty-eight years. The names of six pastors are mentioned in the early history of Trinity, prior to the year 1861. Of these the

Reverend C. Haass, 1849-1852, and the Reverend C. G. Clausen, 1852-1861, experienced most fruitful ministries. Under the leadership of the former a parochial school was established which existed through many years. During both of these pastorates the congregation enjoyed a steady and healthy growth.

With the arrival of the Reverend Philip Conradi, in 1861, began an era of unrest and discord which culminated in the resignation of the pastor and in the withdrawal of many of his staunch supporters from membership in Trinity Church. Together they organized St. Paul Evangelical Church and erected a new building in Fitzhugh Street, only a short distance away from the mother church.

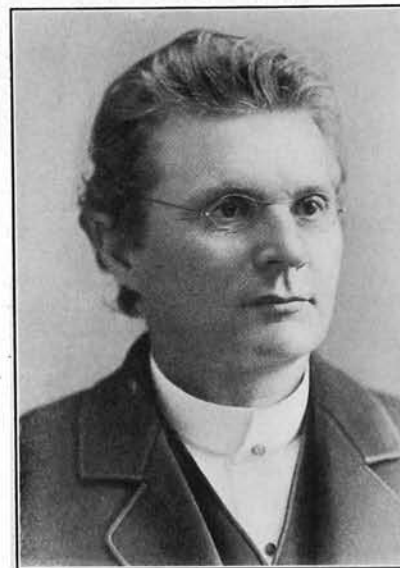
Into the midst of a badly disrupted congregation and a most discouraging situation came the man who was called of God to lead Trinity to the very heights of Christian service and into a commanding position of influence in the community life. This man was the Reverend Carl Siebenpfeiffer who assumed the pastorate in Trinity on February 25, 1862, and who became, twelve years later, the founder and the first pastor of the Salem Evangelical Church.



The first church building in which Evangelical people in Rochester worshipped. It was located in Allen Street and served Trinity congregation as their sanctuary through fifty-eight years.

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The Ministry of the Reverend Carl Siebenpfeiffer 1862 - 1894



REV. CARL SIEBENPFEIFFER
1832-1894

The Reverend Carl Siebenpfeiffer was born on May 17, 1832, at Wachenheim in the Palatinate in Germany. This was the period of various revolutions throughout Europe. In those days in the Palatinate and the Rhine Valley there was rather intense feeling both for and against revolution. It is narrated that someone fastened an emblem of the revolutionary colors to the baby's clothing. At any rate, recently in the spring of 1932 in certain Centennial celebrations in Germany, especially that held at Hambach, the orators referred also to one "Siebenpfeiffer", and as the name is rare he may have belonged to this family. However, when the more violent revolutions occurred in 1848, the youth of 16 years was quietly attending the Latin school and 'gymnasium' in Speyer, an historic town further up the Rhine valley, in a region in which the agitation ran high. After four years we find him

at Erlangen attending the theological courses at the university. He was so fortunate as to win a scholarship in theology, and this required that he must attend the university at Utrecht, Holland. Finally he completed his education, so far as formal schooling is concerned, at Heidelberg, in the year 1856, at the age of twenty-four.

Almost immediately he came to America, having been in communication with two noted German clergymen, the Reverend J. Hartmann and the Reverend F. Vogt. He was assigned to serve a group of small congregations in the western part of New York State, at Bennington, Sheldon and Orangeville, all being near Attica and therefore some fifty miles from Buffalo, N.Y. In 1859 he accepted a call to come to Black Rock, usually called North Buffalo, but today a part of that city. In 1862 he came to Rochester, N. Y., where he remained the rest of his life, some thirty-two years. At first he served Trinity Church which soon grew so large in its membership that the number of listeners could no longer be accommodated.

The outcome was that a new congregation was founded on the east side of the river, where in the years 1873 and 1874 Pastor Siebenpfeiffer's followers built the Salem Church and called him as their minister. He served this church nearly twenty years until ill health caused his retirement and shortly afterward his death on August 19, 1894. His devotion to Salem Church was most active and intense. The words "Salem" and "Siebenpfeiffer" became

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synonymous. The touching regard in which the people of Salem held him was exemplified in many ways, perhaps most notably in the fact that even today, nearly forty years after his death, a certain society of the church still places flowers upon his grave upon each anniversary of his birth.

His interest in the Synod at large was manifested in that group which at the time of his early residence in America was known as "The United Evangelical Synod of the East," which organization he served as vice-president. His founding and editing of the monthly paper of this Synod called "Die Union," in 1859, is proof of his aspiration to unite the various small groups of churches in a strong and effective body. This was a gradual process requiring many years of persistent and patient effort. He resigned as editor of this paper in 1863, having served five years, but a few years later he again edited the paper and continued to do so until about 1871 or 1872, when "Die Union" was discontinued to make way for the larger and older monthly called "Der Friedensbote," which had been the organ of the larger western Synod with which a union had been effected. From 1875-1877 he held the office of District President and in 1877 he was chosen to be the Chairman of the "Synodical Board of Educational Institutions." Later, from 1880-1882, he served the Evangelical Synod as General President, and from 1885-1887 as Vice-President. Already at that time ill health began to make itself evident, so that he was compelled to restrict his labors to his own Salem Church in Rochester. It became necessary to rely more and more on assistant ministers, until at last he had to resign altogether. This retirement was followed very shortly by his death in 1894.

A description of the character of the Reverend Carl Siebenpfeiffer is gleaned from the printed accounts given at the time of his death by his intimate associates, Pastors Schild, Henckell and Helmkamp. He was a man of stately bearing and a facial expression of intelligence, kindness and friendliness. He was an able preacher of great spiritual power, a ready extemporaneous speaker and a forceful leader of debate at the district and general conferences. In his pastoral work he was untiring, enthusiastic and devoted. His noble, lovable character won the confidence and the esteem of his ministerial associates throughout the Synod. His home life was beautiful. He married early, and his wife proved a true helpmate, first in that group of scattered country congregations, then in the short period of his ministry in North Buffalo, and especially during the thirty-two years in Rochester. She survived him less than two years. There were a number of children of which three, a son and two daughters, grew into manhood and womanhood. There was much hospitality in that small house surrounded by fruit trees and vines near the falls of the Genesee. He grafted successfully various kinds of fruit on these trees and the grape vines were carefully pruned. The garden and the bees were a source of great pleasure to him.

His library consisted largely of German books. Besides those in theology, there were the great poets, Schiller, Goethe and others, histories of the world, and books on plant and animal life. He loved to quote proverbs and lines of poetry, and with great facility and dignity he recited the choicest Scriptural passages.

The social and economic questions of the day interested him greatly. The marvels of scientific discoveries stirred his admiration. The training of youth in accomplishment and cultural refinement had a place near his heart. But foremost and pervading all his efforts was his love for the church of God.

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In Trinity, 1862 - 1874

The Golden Age

The pastorate of the Reverend Carl Siebenpfeiffer is known as the "golden age" in Trinity. He was an eloquent preacher, and soon every seat in the auditorium was filled at divine worship. Many people waited for months to rent a sitting. A gallery was built which was also filled to capacity in a very short time, and still the cry for more room was heard. The average yearly number of baptisms reached two hundred, of confirmands eighty, of weddings sixty-five, of funerals sixty, and of communicants nearly one thousand. The parochial school, which was held in the basement of the church building, flourished in unprecedented manner. Among the teachers who assisted Pastor Siebenpfeiffer in this ministry of education in the old Allen Street school were the following: L. Hoffman, L. Braun, W. Kornhaeuser, J. Glick, J. W. Bober, A. Oberlaender, L. Ritz, H. Miller, J. C. Gauger and C. Schoepper.

A Compelling Need

As early as 1867 it became apparent that additional room for worship, for educational purposes and for the various activities in the congregational life must be provided. Many of the members recognized the urgent need of larger and better facilities. Most of them were agreed that the location at Allen and Fitzhugh Streets was very unfavorable and that a relocation was greatly desired. But whenever the matter of choosing a new location was presented for consideration, no agreement could be reached. As time went on, the question became disturbing and caused considerable unrest and anxiety.

By 1873 the problem had become acute and demanded immediate action. On the thirtieth day of January a group of members who lived on the east side of the Genesee River and who were led by Mr. Conrad W. Zimmer effected a temporary organization and purchased from Shadrach Parson, for the sum of \$7,500.00, lot No. 70 in Franklin Street, to be used as the building site in the relocation of Trinity Church. The size of this lot was sixty-six by one hundred and sixty-nine feet. (Later, in June of the same year, the adjoining lot No. 69, thirty-three by one hundred and sixty-nine feet, was purchased from E. James McMahon for the sum of \$7,700.) However, when the proposal to relocate in Franklin Street was made and submitted for action to the congregation, a majority of the members voted NOT to move to the east side of the Genesee River.

The Beginning of Salem Church

Following this action, the members on the east side decided to organize a new congregation under the name "The German United Evangelical Salem Church of Rochester, New York." Incorporation was effected on April 15, 1873, with Mr. Conrad W. Zimmer and Mr. George Herzberger as incorporators. At a meeting held in the home of the Marburger family measures were taken to proceed energetically and enthusiastically with the new organization. It was voted to purchase the building site in Franklin Street which Mr. Conrad W. Zimmer had secured solely on his own responsibility, and thus a place was found where the new spiritual home could be established.

On Pentecost Sunday, 1873, a call to become the first pastor of the newly organized church was extended to the Reverend Carl Siebenpfeiffer. After

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due and careful deliberation he accepted and promised to begin his pastorate in Salem Church on April 1, 1874. The announcement of his acceptance on the Sunday following Pentecost contains this statement: "For many years I, too, have entertained the thought of establishing in some more suitable locality a new and larger spiritual home, and since we, as a church, have grown stronger I have sought, at various times, to awaken your interest in the matter. In this I was prompted not by vain glory, but purely by the desire to secure for my congregation such a place in the community as it well deserves. Because of your unwillingness to agree upon the selection of a more favorable location, either on the east or on the west side of the river, my hopes and aspirations have not been realized. Too long we have presented to the world a state of indecision and controversy. On both sides mistakes have been made, but upon me the whole matter has rested as a disgrace. I became convinced that we should never attain our goal unless some other way could be found. Then it happened that a member of our church, without my will, purchased a lot in Franklin Street, and that several others joined with him to offer it to you as a building site for a new church. By so doing they placed themselves in a position where they were compelled to go forward, even if you should decide not to accept their offer." These words show clearly the far reaching significance of those first steps which Mr. Zimmer and his associates had taken. Surely, these men were the instruments in God's hand, and due credit for their share in the beginning of Salem Church must ever be given them.

The Building Project

On May 27, 1873, the congregation adopted a constitution. In the same month an architect, Mr. Charles Coats, was engaged to prepare plans for a church and school building, the cost of which was not to exceed the sum of fifty thousand dollars. Only meager records concerning this first building project are available, but according to the reports of the first treasurer, the following persons loaned sums of money ranging from two hundred to twelve thousand dollars to finance the building operations: Frederick Deininger, Samuel Dubelbeiss, John Jenny, Jacob Marburger, Frederick Morhardt, John Neun, Carl Rau, Frederick Roth, Adam Schake, Catharine Schmidt, Peter Schneider, Elizabeth Simrock, John Weis, Rudolph Weis, Conrad W. Zimmer, George Zimmer, Mrs. W. C. Zimmer.

Later a mortgage for ten thousand dollars was obtained from the Rochester Savings Bank. The total amount of these loans approximated the sum of sixty thousand dollars. Until the year 1880 interest was paid at the rate of 7%; after this year it was reduced to 6%. By 1882 the congregation had paid, in interest, the sum of \$43,000, and by 1889 the interest on the Rochester Savings Bank mortgage amounted to \$8,450. In the light of these facts and figures we can appreciate the indomitable courage and the unswerving loyalty of our forefathers who founded Salem Church. By the end of June, 1873, contracts had been let to Rauber & Vicinus for the cellar excavation, to John Strauchen for the building of the cellar wall and to Stadel & Husmann for the carpenter work.

The Laying of the Corner-stone

The work on the new building progressed so satisfactorily that the corner-stone was laid on Sunday afternoon, July 27, 1873, with appropriate ceremonies. On the next day the following account of the joyful event appeared in the "Democrat and Chronicle":

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"The corner-stone of the United Evangelical Salem Church was laid yesterday afternoon with appropriate exercises. A temporary floor had been laid over the foundation walls, but this did not accommodate more than a fraction of the immense assemblage drawn together by the occasion. Nearly all the German Protestant congregations of the city were represented in large numbers. The Salem Society was organized in April as a branch of the Allen Street Church, and about that edifice a procession was formed consisting of the 'Zion Society of St. Paul's Church,' the 'Zion Association of the Grove Street Lutheran Church' and the 'Benevolent Society of Allen Street Church.' Captain Heinrich's Military Band was in the van of the procession. At the new church a covered platform had been arranged for the speakers, and the stand was further protected from the sun by flags. The exercises opened with singing by the Rochester Swiss Society. Then followed a psalm and the singing of Luther's hymn, 'Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott,' by the whole gathering accompanied by the band. An address was delivered by Pastor Grotrian of St. Paul's Church. After singing by the 'Liedertafel', the corner-stone was laid by Pastor Siebenpfeiffer according to the ritual of the Evangelical Synod. In the corner-stone were placed copies of the Bible, the Catechism of the United Church, the Constitution and the history of the church, the names of all the contributors toward the building fund, the German newspaper of July 26, which announced the laying of the corner-stone and the program for the occasion, and a package containing German and American coins given by Messrs. Fichtner and Rohr. The choir of the Trinity Church sang, and then the Reverend Oskar Kraft of Newark, New Jersey, gave an address for which he had chosen the text Acts 20:32. A song by the 'Maennerchor' followed, after which Pastor Siebenpfeiffer made brief concluding remarks. Finally the gathering joined in singing 'Nun danket alle Gott.' The exercises throughout were of a highly interesting character, the addresses being impressive and peculiarly appropriate, while the singing was inspiring."

Additional Contracts

In addition to the contracts which had been let in June others were given to the following firms and individuals:

Masonry—John Mauder,
Stone—Halloway and Marnington, M. H. Fitz Simons,
Lumber—Crouch and Craig,
Heating—Gommenginger Allen Company,
Steeple—Dave Whalen,
Art Glass Windows—Bohn Riester Company,
Gas Installation—Herman Mutschler,
School Furniture—Jacob Suter.

The total contracts together with the cost of the building site amounted to \$61,836. To this amount must be added various other expenditures, including the organ, which brought the entire cost of the building enterprise to approximately \$65,000.

When we consider the value of the dollar in those days, these figures represent a large investment. They bear witness to the love of the founders for their church and to their willingness to make sacrifices in material things for the satisfaction of their spiritual needs.

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In Salem, 1874-1894

Leaving the Mother Church

The Reverend Carl Siebenpfeiffer and the members of the new congregation severed their connection with Trinity Church on April 1, 1874. Until the new sanctuary was completed, church services were held in the Sunday school building which was dedicated on Easter Sunday, 1874. The first entry in the official records of the new church was made on April 3, 1874. During 1873 and the early months of 1874, Pastor Siebenpfeiffer held the singular position of being the minister of two congregations who worshipped together in the same building, Trinity Church. All the clerical functions such as christenings, weddings, funerals, et cetera, were recorded in the books of the mother church, until the time when the new congregation actually occupied its own building.

The Dedication

The new church was dedicated on May 3, 1874. The day was beautifully clear and comfortably warm, so that a throng of fifteen hundred people gathered early in the morning. At ten o'clock the procession which formed in the school house, in the rear of the church, proceeded toward the front entrance. It was led by the following clergymen:

The Reverend Carl Siebenpfeiffer,
The Reverend Philip Grotrian, St. Paul, Rochester,
The Reverend Carl Schild, St. Paul, Buffalo,
The Reverend C. F. Soldan, Friedens, Syracuse,
The Reverend C. G. Claudius, West Turin, New York.

The church council was represented in the procession by three members, Messrs. William Wolff, Conrad W. Zimmer and John Schaeffer. Mr. Wolff carried the silver communion service, and each of the other two carried a Bible, one for the altar and the other for the pulpit. Then followed the school children, the members of the congregation and the many guests in order. The service was begun at the main entrance by Pastor Siebenpfeiffer with a three-fold knocking on the door in the name of the Holy Trinity, after which he spoke the words of Scripture: "Open wide ye gates that the King of Glory may come in." Then the procession entered the building which was fully completed. Not merely on the altar and the pulpit, but also throughout the entire auditorium there was an abundance of fragrant flowers. At ten-twenty-five o'clock a mixed chorus, led by the organist, Mr. Dettmar Poppen, opened the festive program with an inspiring anthem. Following the invocation Pastor Claudius read the 84th psalm. The prayer of dedication was offered with much feeling by Pastor Siebenpfeiffer and found a most grateful response in the hearts of the people. The Reverend Carl Schild of Buffalo delivered the principal address on the text Psalm 118:19, "Open to me the gates of righteousness, I will go into them and I will praise the Lord." He said in part: "This psalm expresses our deepest feelings upon this joyous occasion. We now have a new temple. Our earnest hopes have been fulfilled. This beautiful House of God is a memorial to Evangelical enthusiasm and sacrifice. Approach the future in harmony and with love for one another, and God will not withhold His blessings." Then followed the installation of Pastor Siebenpfeiffer as minister of the new church by the Reverend Philip Grotrian, assisted by the Reverend C. F. Soldan and Reverend C. G. Clausen. Thereupon the pastor conducted the

installation of the newly elected church council which consisted of twelve members.

The other speakers in the dedicatory service were the Reverend Mr. Claudius who was formerly a minister of the local Reformed Church, and the Reverend J. B. Shaw, D.D., of the Brick Presbyterian Church, Rochester, who spoke in the English language. He encouraged the congregation not to be distressed by its heavy financial burdens, but to work together in the spirit of love and unity toward a glorious goal. The Reverend C. F. Soldan made the closing address. Some thirty-three years before the founding of Salem, at a time when there were but few German people in Rochester, this elderly man was a preacher here.

Special Gifts

On the day of dedication the new congregation received as special gifts three large Bibles from Mrs. C. Rau, Mrs. S. Loescher and Mrs. C. Scholl respectively; a communion service and a carpet from the women of the church; two altar chairs from Frederick Roth; the altar and the black altar cloth from the Siebenpfeiffer family; and the white altar cloth from Mrs. J. Weis and Mrs. C. Meitzler. The baptismal font of Italian marble was made by Henry S. Hebard. It was to cost \$100, but Mr. Hebard contributed \$50 toward it, and the Young Ladies' Society paid the balance. The beautifully upholstered chair on the pulpit was made by Messrs. Fitzenberger and Einsfeld, who presented it to the church as their contribution. Mrs. A. Gruber had written a poem dedicated to the congregation which was read at the close of the service.

In the evening another service was held in which three other ministers, Pastors Berner, Feld and Zimmer who had arrived in the afternoon, took part. The Reverend H. Zimmer, a son of the council member, George Zimmer, gave the principal address.

The Charter Members

The list of the charter members, as it appears in the early records of the church, contains the following seventy-nine names which represent the heads of families.

Christ Aebersold
Christ Balke, Sr.
Christ Balke, Jr.
Henry Bender
Frederick Deininger
Christ Dirn
Philip Dettmann
Matthew Dubelbeiss
Samuel Dubelbeiss
George Einsfeld
John Einsfeld
Henry Eipp
Nicolas Endres
John Faerber
Carl Fanner
Frank Fritzsche
Valentine Fuchs
Christ Gieselbach
Henry Grab
George Heidrich
Carl Hempel
Christ Hempel
John Herdt
George Herzberger
Henry Hoffman
Henry Husmann

Frederick Imhof
John Jenny
Ernest T. Kettwig
Benjamin Kiefer
John Kiefhaber
John Kohler
Jacob Laufer
Henry Lauterbach
John Leffler
Benedict Lehman
Samuel Loescher
Jacob Marburger
Henry Mausnest
Henry Mohrhardt
William Miller
Frederick Nelson
John Neun
John Popp
Dettmar Poppen
Christ Rapp
Alfred Raeppl
Carl Rau
Rudolph Rehbach
Caspar Rehberger
Christ Riess
William Ritter
Frederick Roth

Frederick Ruckdeschel
Conrad Senn
Carl Seitz
Jacob Suter
Philip Schaad
John Schaeffer
Adam Schake
Christ Schminke
Peter Schneider
Christ Schoenthaler
Basil Schorer
Adam Stauch
William Steul
John Strauchen
John R. Strauchen
Otto Thenn
August Ude
Jacob Weible
John Weis
Rudolph Weis
Henry Weitzel
William Wolff
Jacob Zieres
Conrad W. Zimmer
George Zimmer
William Zimmer, Jr.

The First Church Council

The following men constituted the first church council of the new congregation:

John Schaeffer, Samuel Dubelbeiss, William Wolff—Elders,
Conrad W. Zimmer, John Weis, John Kiefhaber—Trustees,

John Neun, Frederick Ruckdeschel, William Steul, Frederick Nelson,
Henry Hoffman, George Zimmer—Deacons.

On May 7, 1874, this council held its first official meeting in which permanent organization with the election of the following officers was effected:

The Reverend Carl Siebenpfeiffer, president
Mr. John Neun, secretary
Mr. Conrad W. Zimmer, treasurer
Mr. John Kiefhaber, treasurer of benevolences
Mr. William Steul, treasurer of offerings.

The deed of the church property was transferred to the trustees on June 14, 1874.

Signs of Progress

The organ, a fine and adequate instrument, which served the congregation through many years, was dedicated on July 15, 1874.

On March 25, 1875, Salem Church became a member of the Evangelical Synod of North America.

During the year 1875 five hundred and eighty-eight of the available 1,018 sittings were rented.

A house to house canvass which was authorized by a special congregational meeting early in 1878 resulted in the collection of \$8,825. By the end of that year the indebtedness of the church had been reduced to \$37,500. At the close of Pastor Siebenpfeiffer's ministry the total debt was only \$8,000.

The New York District Conference met in Salem Church in June, 1878, and again in 1891.

A Memorial

There was no bell in the tower of the church at the time of the dedication, and the absence of it was noted with deep regret by many. However, within one year a voice from the belfry summoned the people to worship on Sunday mornings. And it came about in this manner: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Priem, who were among the most loyal supporters of the new church, suffered the loss, by death, of their son, John, a boy of only thirteen years of age, in 1874. As a memorial for their beloved child, the bereaved parents placed a large bell in the tower of their church. It is of exceptionally fine tonal quality, weighs 2,500 pounds and cost a thousand dollars. Since 1875 this bell has sent forth its appealing message into the community and it still serves the purpose to which it was dedicated nearly sixty years ago.

An Anniversary

In 1887 Trinity, St. Paul and Salem united in celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of Pastor Siebenpfeiffer's ministry in Rochester. More than two thousand persons participated in the impressive ceremonies. The decorations of the sanctuary under the direction of the Ladies' Society were most artistic and elaborate. A large portrait of the pastor framed in roses and forget-me-nots, a shield of ground moss and "everlasting" flowers, bearing the inscription "God with Us," a banner inscribed "To the Honor of our Faithful Pas-

tor," and the motto "One Flock and One Shepherd" with the numerals 1862-1887, were suspended over the altar. The Pastors E. Jung, E. J. Henckell, P. Zeller, G. Kammerer and F. Schroeck escorted the beloved leader from his residence to the church. The Reverend Mr. Jung of Buffalo preached the anniversary sermon and the Reverend Mr. Henckell of Trinity Church made the presentation of a silver tea set on behalf of the congregation. At three o'clock in the afternoon a special Sunday school service was conducted in the church auditorium by the Reverend F. Schroeck of East Eden, N. Y. This service was missionary in character, and an attendance of 620 members was recorded. At the evening service addresses were made by Pastors G. Kammerer, F. Schroeck and P. Zeller. On the following Friday evening, the church officers and the choir members called at the pastor's home and presented him with \$250.00 in gold and with handsomely framed portraits of the church officers.

Assistant Pastors

As early as 1888 the decline in Pastor Siebenpfeiffer's health necessitated the co-operation of assistant pastors. In this position the following ministers rendered acceptable service:

The Reverend George Kern, September, 1888—May, 1889.

The Reverend William Baur, June, 1889—March, 1892.

The Reverend Carl Loos, November, 1892—November, 1893.

The Final Summons

Year by year the condition of Pastor Siebenpfeiffer's health became more alarming. To his deepest regret and to the unspeakable sorrow of his beloved people he was compelled to tender his resignation on September 14, 1893. Through twenty significant years he had proved himself a faithful servant of the Lord Jesus Christ and a devoted minister to his fellowmen. In these twenty years he officiated at 3,608 baptisms, 1,341 weddings, 1,673 burials and received 1,603 young people into the fellowship of the Christian church through the solemn rite of confirmation.

The final summons into the higher life came on Sunday, August 19, 1894. On the following Wednesday morning, August 22, at nine o'clock, brief services of comfort were conducted at the family home, after which the body was taken to the church and placed in front of the altar. There it lay in state until the time of the funeral services at two-thirty o'clock in the afternoon. The members of the church council acted as guard of honor. Literally speaking, thousands of men and women in varied stations and walks of life came to cast a last look of love upon the face of their esteemed leader and friend. Long before the time set for the services to begin, the church was filled to the doors and hundreds who were unable to gain admittance stood outside on the steps and in the street. Expressions of tender affection and sincere appreciation came from the hearts and the lips of young and old, as they were conscious of the painful loss which they had sustained.

The services opened with a prayer by the Reverend J. F. W. Helmkamp who had become the successor to Pastor Siebenpfeiffer. The choir of the church honored their shepherd in the singing of several of his favorite hymns. In his funeral sermon on the text 2 Samuel 3:38, Reverend Mr. Helmkamp paid a very touching and most eloquent tribute to the blessed life and the glorious ministry of his departed predecessor. He challenged the people of Salem at all times to remain faithful to the cause of Christ in order that they might meet their beloved pastor again, in the life which is eternal. He was

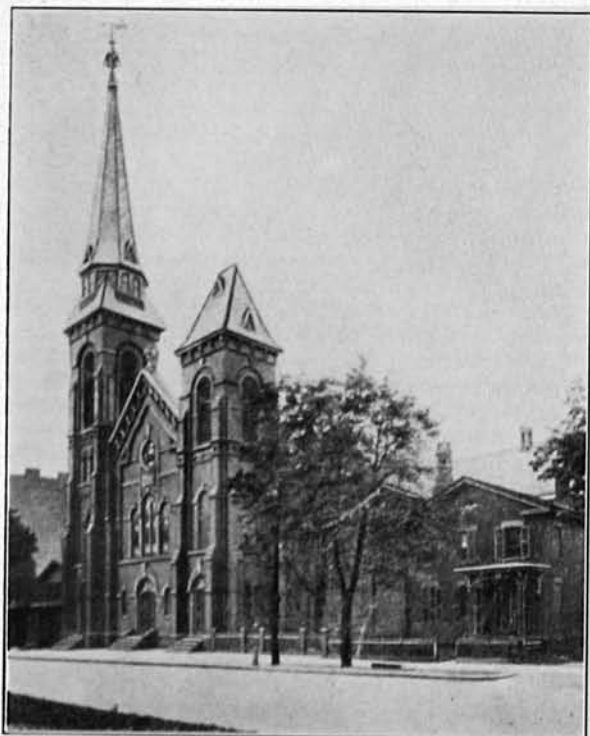
followed by the Reverend Emil Henckell, who chose for his text 1 Peter 1:24-25. The Reverend A. Berner of Buffalo and the Reverend P. Zeller of Rochester also participated in the services.

A vast throng of people accompanied the remains to the beautiful Mt. Hope Cemetery, where the body of Pastor Siebenpfeiffer found a quiet place of rest.

The men who served as bearers were Messrs. E. B. Beck, Charles Weis, Henry Husmann, John Schmidt, George Becker and Charles Hempel.

The nearest surviving relatives were his devoted wife, Marie Hillenbrand Siebenpfeiffer; one son, William Siebenpfeiffer; two daughters, Mrs. Charles P. Henn and Mrs. J. George Kaelber; one sister, Mrs. Jacobine Lausterer; and four grandchildren.

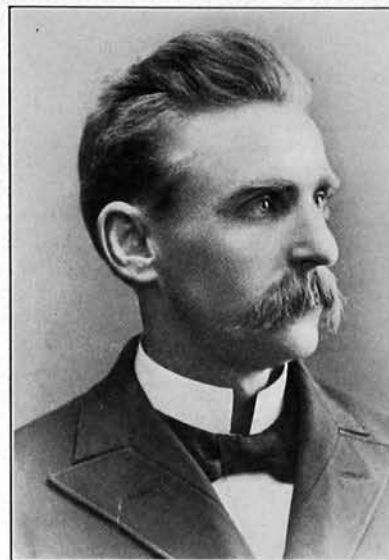
And thus the first chapter in the history of the Salem Evangelical Church was written. A glorious chapter it is, and the man who wrote it has gone to his reward. But Pastor Siebenpfeiffer is not dead. He lives—in thousands of hearts and homes he lives. The streams of blessing which by word and deed he sent out into the world are flowing on and on, from generation to generation. We, who live in the present day, are inspired and challenged by the ministry of love which he rendered so faithfully unto the very end.



THE CHURCH AS ERECTED IN 1874

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The Ministry of the Reverend J. F. W. Helmkamp 1894 - 1910



REV. J. F. W. HELMKAMP
1857-1930

John Frederick William Helmkamp was born in St. Louis, Missouri, on November 7, 1857, the third son of John F. Helmkamp and Frederika, nee Penningroth. His mother died when he was but two years old, and he was reared by his godly stepmother, whose influence gave direction to his later life. When he was seven years of age, his parents moved to Moro, Illinois, where he attended the country school a few months each year to obtain a primitive elementary education. He was confirmed at the Evangelical Church near Moro. Until he was twenty-one years old he worked on his father's farm.

He then entered Elmhurst College to prepare himself for parochial school teaching but was encouraged to turn to the ministry instead. Upon completion of his course here in 1882, he entered Eden Seminary to obtain his theological training, and was graduated in 1885. His first

pastorates were at West Waco, and Neu Braunfels, Texas. In 1887 he was married to Miss Emma A. M. Bohle of St. Louis, Missouri.

From 1889-94 he served as the first pastor of St. John's Church in Sharpsburg, Pennsylvania, and during this time the church and the parsonage were built. In 1894 he was called as the successor of Pastor Siebenpfeiffer to Salem Church in Rochester, New York, where he served until 1910. While under the heavy burden of this charge his health failed and he was obliged to give up this work. Thereupon he was able to serve, for short periods, Evangelical churches in Batavia, Westchester, and Lockport, New York. In 1913 he and his family moved to Kansas, where he served the congregations of Trinity at Highland, Immanuel at Newton, and Salem at Wichita. For a period he served these three churches at the same time. During 1918-20 he had charge of Immanuel Church in Sedalia, Missouri.

In 1921, at the request of the Central Board of Home Missions he went to California to organize an English Evangelical church in Los Angeles. He founded St. John's Church in that city and served it until his retirement in 1923. Even then his ministerial activity did not cease. For brief periods he was called upon to serve St. Matthew's Church at San Rafael and St. John's Church at Pomona, California.

He died at eleven o'clock Sunday morning, December 28, 1930, at the age of seventy-three years. His faithful wife followed him on June 29 of the

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present year (1933). Their union was blessed with six sons: Albert of New York City; Ralph of Rochester, New York; William of Los Angeles, California; Herbert of Denver, Colorado; Elmer of the U. S. S. Texas; George of Los Angeles, California.

Pastor Helmkamp was an active, aggressive spirit of more than average ability, which manifested itself in and outside his pulpit. His ability as an organizer and administrator found recognition outside the parishes he was privileged to serve. For several terms he acted as president of the New York District and for many years he was a member of the synodical Board of Foreign Missions. He will be remembered as the founder of St. John's Home for the Aged in Rochester, New York. His ordination text, St. John 7:38 ("He that believeth on me, as the Scripture hath said, out of his body shall flow rivers of living water"), found real significance in his life. It appears to be more than a mere coincidence that the two churches which he founded in Sharpsburg and Los Angeles, the one at the beginning and the other at the close of his active ministry, and also the Home for the Aged, founded during his long pastorate in Rochester, all bear the name of the disciple in whose gospel these words are found.



The interior of Salem Church at the time when Pastor Helmkamp assumed the pastorate in 1894.

The Second Pastorate

Following Pastor Siebenpfeiffer's resignation on September 14, 1893, a successor to his pastorate was sought and found in the Reverend J. F. W. Helmkamp, who preached his first sermon in Salem Church on November 5, 1893. At this time he was completing his fifth year as pastor of St. John's Church, Sharpsburg, Pa., where he had served with signal success. Upon acceptance of the call tendered to him by Salem Church, he was installed as the second pastor on January 4, 1894. On the occasion of his tenth anniversary Pastor Helmkamp, telling of his first experiences in Rochester, wrote as follows: "How strange everyone and everything seemed to us; but we had great confidence that we would find people good and true. We were not mistaken. Pastor Siebenpfeiffer was then still alive. He extended to us many kindnesses. Pastor Carl Loos was assistant at the church and gave us much valuable information. It was a difficult period for me, but the difficulties have passed. Ten years have gone by." Pastor Helmkamp devoted himself whole-heartedly to the many duties which faced him in his new charge. He gave much attention to the various flourishing organizations in the church which had been established during the previous twenty years; namely, the Ladies' Society, the Sister Society, the Young Ladies' Society, the Men's Benevolent Society, the Young Men's Society and the Christian Endeavor Society. The Christian Endeavor Society had been organized less than a year before the new pastor's arrival, and it made fine progress under his leadership. He was unremitting in his zeal to contact the hundreds of families in his widely scattered parish and devoted many hours each week to house visitations. On March 15, 1894 appeared the first edition of the monthly church paper known as the "Salem's Bote," under which name it continued to be published until January, 1923, when the name was changed to "Salem Outlook." Pastor Helmkamp edited the paper, and Henry Albrecht served as business manager. The Young Men's Society sponsored its publication, and free distribution was made at the church door on the Sunday nearest the fifteenth of each month. Through the medium of the "Bote" Pastor Helmkamp was enabled to bring matters of vital importance concerning Salem into the homes of his parishioners.

Enlargement

As early as June, 1894, the need for enlarged quarters for the Sunday school was recognized and discussed at a special congregational meeting. On the last Sunday in March, 1895, the annual congregational meeting considered the enlargement of the Sunday school rooms. After a lengthy debate the matter was referred to a committee which was authorized to devise a plan and estimate the approximate cost, at a special meeting to be called later. This meeting was held on May 12, when it was decided to proceed with the work of enlarging the Sunday school, and to effect some changes in the church auditorium, principally the removal of the organ from the rear to the front of the church and the addition thereby of seventy-four seats in the former choir loft. The following were appointed to the building committee: Frank Fritzsche, Rudolph Weis, George F. Roth, Carl Priem, George Zimmer and the Trustees, Carl Hempel, Charles Weis and Henry Husmann. The building operations progressed nicely during the summer months, and by September 23rd, the Sunday school rooms were ready for the opening of a fair which was

conducted from September 23 to 28. This fair, under the general chairmanship of Charles Suss, was a huge success, netting a profit of \$5,802.76, which sum was used toward defraying part of the total expense of \$13,722.55 incurred in the work now nearing completion. The date of the dedication was set for October 20, 1895. Clear skies greeted the hundreds who streamed from all parts of Rochester to attend the dedicatory services. The Sunday school met at nine o'clock with 840 present. A fine program was presented in the main Sunday school room with greetings by the superintendent, Henry Albrecht, and addresses by Pastor Helmkamp and Thomas Dransfield, the first superintendent of Salem Sunday School. The church service at ten-thirty o'clock was of a festive character and was very well attended. In the afternoon a memorial service was held at the grave of the lately departed Pastor Siebenpfeiffer. Despite the fact that a raw cold wind had arisen, a large multitude attended. A monument in the form of a twelve foot cross was unveiled with Pastors Henckell and Baur from Trinity and St. Paul's Churches, respectively, assisting Pastor Helmkamp in the service. The same evening another well attended service was held in the church auditorium in which Pastors Gundlach, Loos, Henckell, and Baur participated.

Debt Reduction

The work just completed increased the indebtedness of the church to \$18,000, and Pastor Helmkamp strove diligently to reduce it. The first Easter offering was solicited in 1896, and yielded the sum of \$987.18. During that year \$4,000 was paid on the indebtedness. Steadily and persistently further payments were made until in May, 1904, the total amount owed on the church property was reported to be \$2,500. Beginning with October, 1904, and continuing through the early months of 1905, a house to house collection by Pastor Helmkamp, with the assistance of the Vicar, Reverend Emil Jaeger, netted the splendid sum of \$2,500. During 1904 the church was renovated at a cost of \$4,000, increasing the indebtedness. However, in May, 1906, this amount had been paid, and the total debt of the church was again only \$2,500. In the spring of the same year a plot of ground adjoining the church on the north side was purchased for \$3,000, to provide against encroachment on the light and the air of the church building. This purchase and several necessary improvements which were made in the church and Sunday school building during the next three years, at an approximate cost of \$3,000, raised the total indebtedness to \$8,500. In October, 1907, an envelope system with a yearly pledge to supplement the revenue from the pew rents was introduced among the young people. It did much to encourage financial support from them.

A Problem

Two years after the beginning of Pastor Helmkamp's ministry in Salem an average attendance of 800 to 1,000 at the Sunday morning church services was reported, with a new high record of 2,110 communion guests for the year. During Holy Week and on Easter Sunday in 1904 a total of 1,726 partook of Holy Communion. Despite these seemingly encouraging records of attendance it had been obvious for many years that the German language was creating a serious problem, causing many to seek other church homes, or to attend less frequently at Salem than they formerly did. With the decline of the parochial school, the language question had already become evident in Pastor Siebenpfeiffer's ministry. For nineteen years, until 1893, this school

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had as its leader, Dettmar S. Poppen, and during the last few months of its existence it was served by Professor Meyer. As a marked decline in the attendance became apparent, serious efforts were made to revive it. Tuition payments were abolished, and much money was spent by the congregation out of the church treasury to maintain the school, without producing the desired results. When Pastor Helmkamp became the minister of Salem the school existed in name only. It still had a teacher, but there were not sufficient pupils (five to seven in number) to justify its continuance. In April, 1894, it was announced definitely that the parochial school was closed, but that other ways would be found to teach German to the children of the church. An evening school, meeting on Tuesday, for children over eleven years of age, was started in the autumn of 1894, with one hundred pupils in attendance. Pastor Helmkamp, George Becker and Charles Kaelber were the teachers. German classes also met on Saturday morning before the confirmation class sessions, and for a number of years a daily vacation church school was conducted during the summer season. To encourage attendance at divine worship and to stimulate interest in the German sermons, Pastor Helmkamp announced on the first Sunday of January, 1902, that a "beautiful present" would be given to the boy or girl who would write the best extract of any sermon preached within the month. However, the young people were insistent upon a more general use of the English language in the Sunday school and the church services. In the year 1907 a Bible class conducted in the English language was started. In the "Salem's Bote" of May, 1908, this noteworthy and history-making statement from the pen of Pastor Helmkamp appeared.

English Services

"Within the last fifteen years the question of conducting services in the English language has been agitated in Salem Church. Before receiving and accepting the call to its pastorate the pastor was informed by his predecessor, Reverend Carl Siebenpfeiffer, that English services would be required and that additional work would be involved. There is no doubt that even at such remote a time there was a strong sentiment within the church favoring the introduction of the English language into our services. On the other hand there was even a stronger sentiment which was strictly, and out of principle, opposed to it. Both were right and both parties had a right to be heard. The advocates of the English movement had in their favor the actual conditions and the obvious necessity of giving, especially to our young people, a public worship in a language which they could understand, while the other side stood firm on constitutional grounds and pointed out to these would-be reformers the time honored traditions of the church and the precious heritage of the German language sacred to the heart of every child of German parentage.

"So the years have passed by, and in the course of natural events the development of this language question has taken its natural course also. The agitation in favor of it has never been carried on with any determination. Nothing has been done hastily. While other German churches have for years past, opened their doors to the English-speaking public and have unreluctantly given way to the pressure brought to bear upon them, Salem Church has held back. Some have thought the pastor rather slow along this line. Others have blamed certain members in the church council that things English did not move on as rapidly as could be. But, looking back today, I do not think we

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have anything to be sorry for. True, we have lost some of our young people to English churches, but we have a larger church today than we ever had. And most of those who have gone from us, have probably gone for some other reason than the difficulty to understand the German sermon. This much, however, must be said to the credit of many of our young people, that they love their mother church and that they have clung to it, even though they found great difficulty at times to fully appreciate a sermon preached in German. And from what I have heard, they have lived in the hope that sooner or later things would come their way and the opposition would finally concede to them the privilege of introducing the English services. At the last annual meeting this concession was made. A resolution, giving the pastor the privilege to arrange for an English service at such times as would seem best to him, was almost unanimously adopted. It is hard to tell what has brought about such a radical change in the sentiment of our people. But the occasion which precipitated this event in the history of Salem Church may be recorded here for reference in later years. Several weeks before Easter the question arose in the meeting of the church council, whether our church might not extend to the Masonic Order of Monroe Commandery an invitation to attend our Easter service on the evening of Easter Sunday. A motion to that effect was made and unanimously adopted. Of course, in consideration of the honored guests, these services were to be conducted in English. At the annual meeting of the congregation, the pastor thought it best to lay the matter before that body, inasmuch as he was bound by the constitution to use the German language only in our public services. There was not one in the whole meeting who objected to this departure from our custom. It was at this juncture that the pastor, in behalf of those in our church who have been wishing and hoping for an opportunity to introduce the English, made an earnest appeal to the meeting and, as stated before, the request was almost unanimously granted. This is the situation today. I am not prepared to say just what will be done in the future. I feel that the congregation, by passing that resolution, has placed upon me the whole responsibility. Heretofore there was some comfort in the consciousness that, if nothing was done, I could not be blamed. But now the church may look to me to settle this question, and settle it wisely and to the best interest of all. How shall I do it? I have as yet not found sufficient time to think the matter over carefully. The next 'Bote', I hope, will bring something more definite. In the meantime I would kindly ask all who are interested to express their opinion to me in writing. I shall be thankful to every one who may show his interest in the church work by writing me a letter and giving me all the good advice he can offer. A general reply to these expressions will be made in the next issue of the 'Bote.'

From the foregoing we learn that the first complete service in the English language was conducted on Easter Sunday evening, April 19, 1908. Regular Sunday evening English services were instituted on the first Sunday evening in October, 1908.

After Twenty-five Years

At a congregational meeting held on April 4, 1898, the date, June 19, was chosen for the twenty-fifth anniversary celebration of the corner-stone laying of our church. The June number of the "Salem's Bote," which was dedicated to this anniversary, contained a short history of the church, the names of all pew holders, and complete histories of all organizations with pictures of the

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officers. The weather on the day of rejoicing, June 19, was as beautiful as the joyousness of the occasion. After the mighty church bell had pealed forth its call to worship, more than fifty charter members, led by Pastor Helmkamp, proceeded into the church auditorium to be seated in places of honor. The service was most inspiring with festival music by the choir, and a sermon by the pastor. In the afternoon of the same day the church was filled with young people who had gathered for their service of rejoicing and praise, with Pastors Bobolin and Baltzer as speakers. At a union service in the evening, to which members of several other German churches were invited, Pastor Schaefer of Syracuse and Pastor Baur from St. Paul's Church, Rochester, were the speakers. A social gathering was held on the following Monday afternoon and evening in the Sunday school rooms, to which all confirmed members were invited. On May 14, 1899, the twenty-fifth anniversary of the dedication of our church was observed with three similar services, and a social gathering on the following afternoon and evening.

An Innovation

The installation of electric lighting of the church auditorium was first suggested at the congregational meeting on April 4, 1898, and again urged upon the church council in the yearly meeting of April 3, 1899. After many delays and some misunderstandings and differences of opinion, the announcement was made in October of that year that the contract for the electric installation had been let to "Loeffler and Sykes" at a cost of \$800.00, with "Higgins" and Almstead" providing the fixtures. On Saturday, November 18, 1899, at nine o'clock in the evening, 250 brilliant electric lights were turned on for the first time. On the following Sunday evening a large congregation availed themselves of the opportunity to admire the grandeur and splendor of this "new-fangled" and "radical" system of church illumination. However, not until August, 1903, was an electric motor installed for pumping the organ. The faithful "hand-pumper" was more to be trusted in those pioneer days of electrical development.

St. John's Home for the Aged

As long as the "Altenheim," or "The St. John's Home for the Aged," as it is now called, exists, Pastor Helmkamp will be recalled as the one man who envisioned such an institution in Rochester. Some time after coming to Salem, he made the following statement at a meeting of the Christian Endeavor Society: "We as a church should take care of our own sick, aged and orphans. This conviction grows on me as I visit the people of my own church." In November, 1897, a Sunday school union was organized at Salem Church with Pastor Helmkamp as the moving spirit. The union was composed of ten schools from five denominations among the German churches in Rochester. Pastor Helmkamp was its first president. There the seed was sown for unanimity of action. There the first attempt was made to consider matters pertinent to the interests of all Protestant, German speaking, congregations in Rochester. When the time was propitious for launching this greater project of establishing a "Home for the Aged," it was possible to obtain the necessary co-operation of the churches which were invited to share in this important undertaking. The first meeting took place on December 18, 1898. Subsequent to this meeting Pastor Helmkamp interviewed several prominent Rochesterians, among them George Ellwanger, co-founder of the Ellwanger and Barry

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Nurseries, and the Honorable Frederick Cook, former Secretary of State of New York State. From these gentlemen, who later made substantial contributions to the Home, much encouragement was received.

In May, 1899, in a preliminary gathering of the clergy and representatives of the laity, at the Y. M. C. A. hall, the decision was reached to further the establishment of a "Home for the Aged" by inviting the members of all the German Protestant Churches in Rochester to a meeting on July 3, 1899, and by drafting a constitution to be considered at that time. The meeting was held in the large Sunday school room of Salem Church. Here it was decided to call into being a "Home for the Aged." The constitution, having been carefully considered at this meeting, was presented for adoption on the eventful evening of August 14, 1899, when the permanent organization was effected with the election of twenty-four members to the Board of Directors. Pastor Helmkamp was chosen as the first president and served ably in this capacity for eleven years. The first Home, located at the corner of Lake Avenue and Flower City Park, was opened November 1, 1899, with Mr. and Mrs. George Bernhardt in charge. On December 1 the first inmate was admitted, and by the end of that year the family had grown to ten in number. On December 28, 1899, the "German Home for the Aged" was incorporated, pursuant to the laws of the State of New York, under the name "The German Evangelical St. John's Charitable Association." At the annual meeting held October 31, 1918, the name of the association was changed to "The Protestant St. John's Charitable Association." August 11, 1900, will long be remembered in the history of the Home. On that day George Ellwanger presented to the organization a house and a large acreage of land at the corner of South and Highland Avenues, extending to Highland Park. The house was first occupied on April 9, 1901, and the rich soil of the garden was prepared for the first crop of vegetables and fruits. The need for more room was soon apparent. An addition for which the sum of \$11,000 was expended, was dedicated on November 13, 1901. The first issue of "Gruss aus dem Altenheim," a quarterly devoted to the interests of the Home, made its appearance on March 15, 1902. During the year 1905 the Honorable Frederick Cook left a bequest of \$25,000 to the Home, and another addition to the building, known as "The Cook Memorial," and costing \$37,000 was erected. The laying of the corner-stone of this memorial took place in June, 1906, and the dedication on April 25, 1907. The crowded condition of the Home and the long list of applicants awaiting admission made additional room necessary. On January 11, 1931, it was possible to dedicate the new "Deininger Wing." This addition, costing \$55,000, is the munificent gift of Mr. and Mrs. William Deininger, who thereby expressed their interest in the aged and dependent fellow-pilgrims. Sixteen rooms and several spacious sun porches were thus added, and the capacity of the Home was increased to seventy-five persons. All the rooms in the new wing were completely furnished through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. William Bausch. Mrs. Frank Ritter furnished the apartment for Sister Christine Schwartz, who has been in charge since 1903, and has rendered most unselfish and faithful service through the thirty years of her notable ministry. Since the establishment of this haven of rest and comfort for the aged, 387 people have been admitted, and at the present time the family numbers seventy-four. With total assets of \$450,000, including an endowment fund of \$225,000, "St. John's Home for the Aged" should be able to carry out the vision of Pastor Helmkamp and his early associates for many decades to come.

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The Interest in Missions

For many years Pastor Helmkamp served on the Foreign Mission Board of the Evangelical Synod. Through stereopticon lectures and addresses he did much to awaken and encourage the interest of his parishioners in this noble cause. As early as 1897 the first orphan child in far away India was adopted by the Sister Society. The name of this child was Salome. In 1899 we find that both the Sister Society and the Sunday school had adopted Indian orphan children. Elizabeth, one of the children in whom much interest was taken, died in March, 1902. Early in the year 1906 the Synodical Board of Foreign Missions suggested that our Sunday school undertake the full support of a missionary in India. This suggestion met with immediate response. Later the school decided to enlist the support of the entire church, and in the congregational meeting of that year approval was given to the enterprise. On Sunday morning, December 16, 1906, in the presence of a capacity congregation, Miss Adele Wobus was ordained as Salem's first missionary in the foreign field. How splendidly she has continued in this work to the present day will be revealed in a later chapter of this history.

The Printed Program

In July, 1904, the Young People's Society, which had been organized in 1902, undertook to provide regularly a printed program for the church services. Sacrificially and faithfully this organization labored for nearly two years to finance the project. On December 15, 1905, an organization known as the "Willing Workers" was formed and at its first meeting the statement was made "that its present object is to find ways and means for the continuation of our Sunday programs." An entertainment to raise funds for that purpose was held on February 23 of the following year. Various organizations were solicited by the "Willing Workers" for support, and guarantees of one or two months of financial aid were obtained. Thus the first systematic regular distribution of our present day church program was established and financed.

Memorial Windows

At the congregational meeting held in April, 1906, Pastor Helmkamp urged that consideration be given to the placing of memorial windows in our church. The first of these appeared in the vestibule of the church in the summer of 1908 and was given by the confirmation class of that year. Soon thereafter the second vestibule window was donated by the Young Ladies' Society. The fourteen large side windows in the church auditorium were given by the following donors in memory of loved ones:

These memorial windows are placed in two sections; the lower section in the main auditorium, and the upper section in the gallery. We list here the Bible scenes which they depict and the inscriptions which they bear.

"Easter Morning" "The Risen Christ"
"Given by the Frauenverein, 1909"

"Christ Blessing the Children" "The Good Samaritan"
"In loving memory of Gertrude, wife of John Weis"

"Christ in Gethsemane" "Christ with the Crown of Thorns"
"In loving memory of Elizabeth, wife of Charles Rau"

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"The Baptism of Jesus" "Come unto Me"
"In loving memory of Mother, Julia Roth Baetzel"

"Christ Rescuing Peter" "The Sower"
"In loving memory of our Parents, John F. and Rosina Kaelber"

"The Wise Men from the East" "The Angel Announcing the Birth of Christ"
"In loving memory of Angelica Mannes, by her sister, Maria Buck"

"Jesus in Bethany" "Jesus and the Samaritan Woman"
"Given by the Schwesterverein, 1909"

"The Building of the Temple" "Joseph's Dream"
"In loving memory of their Father, Conrad W. Zimmer"

"Jesus among the Doctors" "Jesus and His Mother"
"In memory of Frederick Deininger, from his sons"

"The Feeding of the Multitudes" "The Bread of Life"
"In loving memory of Mother, Catherine E. Zimmer"

"The Sermon on the Mount" "The Transfiguration"
"In loving memory of Charles Priem, and his wife, Martha Zimmer Priem,
by the Family"

"The Flight to Egypt" "Christ Knocking at the Door"
"Presented by Julia, daughter of Conrad W. and Catherine Zimmer"

"David Playing the Harp" "Paul in Athens"
"In loving memory of Peter Paul"

The triple art window in the front wall of the church was presented by the children of the Reverend Carl Siebenpfeiffer and was dedicated to his memory on December 22, 1912. This window represents the Good Shepherd leading homeward his flock in the light of the setting sun. In 1922 the idea was suggested to Mr. J. George Kaelber, the son-in-law of the deceased Pastor Siebenpfeiffer, that this window be illuminated so that it might send out its message during the night to those who passed by. Mr. Kaelber gladly arranged for the installation of the necessary lights which are controlled by means of a clock, so that they are automatically turned on and off at certain hours of the night. Thus the window sends out its silent but eloquent appeal to join the flock of the Good Shepherd and to follow Him home.

The General Conference

The first General Conference of the Evangelical Synod of North America held in our church met in September, 1905, when the Reverend J. Pister was President General. The sessions and the services were well attended, and the precious memory of those eventful days still lingers in the minds of many of our people. District Conferences were entertained in June, 1891, and again in June, 1899.

The Resignation

Increasing decline in health made it impossible for Pastor Helmkamp to continue as minister of Salem, and on January 17, 1910, his resignation, which

had been written on January 6, was read at a special congregational meeting. The resignation follows.

"After a service of sixteen years in this congregation I feel compelled to submit my resignation. The reasons which move me to take this step lie in the consciousness that I lack the necessary strength and health to continue this great work in a satisfactory manner. This feeling prevents happiness in the laborious efforts, which are constantly required. For the church, too, a change will prove beneficial, as general experience teaches. In the sincere wish that the congregation will accept my resignation and with gratitude for all the kindnesses shown me in the past, I am, respectfully

J. F. W. Helmkamp."

With deep regret the resignation was accepted. The Reverend J. F. Klick of St. Louis, Missouri, was secured as supply preacher until a successor could be found. Thus ended a long and fruitful ministry of sixteen years. During this time Pastor Helmkamp officiated at 2,045 christenings, 1,052 weddings, 1,426 burials and confirmed 1,496 young people—a total of 6,019 official acts were performed. At various times in his pastorate he was assisted by the following associate pastors:

Reverend Alex Siegenthaler	June, 1902—Oct., 1902.
Reverend Emil Jaeger	July, 1903—May, 1905.
Reverend Theodore R. Schmale	July, 1906—May, 1908.

The following persons served as teachers in either the former day school or in the summer schools conducted during Pastor Helmkamp's ministry: Mr. Dettmar Poppen, Mr. Rehbach, Miss Carrie Burke, Professor Meyer, Miss M. Betz, Miss Linke, Miss Dora Hussmann, Mr. Kramer, Mrs. Marie Krause (from June 1, 1896 to May 7, 1910), Mr. Albert Helmkamp, Reverend O. Wittlinger, Reverend P. Sandreczky, and Reverend E. Jaeger.



The interior of the church as it appeared at the close of Pastor Helmkamp's ministry.

The Ministry of the Rev. J. Frederick Frankenfeld

The Reverend J. Frederick Frankenfeld was born at Concordia, Missouri, on the first day of January, 1878, as the third son of the Reverend Frederick G. Frankenfeld and Louise Stoenner Frankenfeld. His father was a native of Germany, but he had come to this country when only a boy eight years of age. The mother was born in America. The present pastor of Salem spent his boyhood days at Augusta, Missouri, where the father served two rural churches for a period of eighteen years. After graduation from the local schools, he entered Elmhurst College, near Chicago, Illinois, where he began to prepare himself for the Christian ministry. In the fall of 1897 he went to St. Louis, Missouri, where he attended Eden Theological Seminary, from which he was graduated in 1900. On the 22nd of July, in the same year, he was ordained to the Christian ministry, at Augusta, Missouri. His first work was assigned to him by the Home Mission Board of the Evangelical Synod, at Springfield, Illinois, where he labored for eighteen months.



REV. J. FREDERICK FRANKENFELD
Since 1910

In April, 1902, Pastor Frankenfeld accepted a call to become the minister of the Salem Evangelical Church in New Orleans, Louisiana. In September of this year he was united in marriage with Miss Louise Kramer of Quincy, Illinois, whose father had been the pastor of Salem Church, New Orleans, from 1875-1883. Together they ministered in the Southland until 1910. In these happy years Pastor Frankenfeld devoted a considerable portion of his time to the Interdenominational Sunday School Association, which organization he served for nearly eight years as its state secretary.

Since his coming to Rochester, Pastor Frankenfeld has not limited his activities to Salem Church. He has served the Ministerial Union as its president; for two consecutive terms he was the president of the Federation of Churches of Rochester and Monroe County; for a number of years he was the chairman of the committee of religious education and, later, of the committee of evangelism. The Rochester School of Religious Education grew out of a training class for church school workers which Pastor Frankenfeld conducted in the years 1912 and 1913. He has assisted in establishing training schools for church school workers in six different cities. For twenty-one years he has been the president of the Board of Directors of the "St. John's Home for the Aged." Until 1930 he was a member of the Board of Directors

of the "People's Rescue Mission," having been elected as the successor to Professor Joseph Gilmore.

As time would permit, Pastor Frankenfeld has also given his services freely to the larger work of our denomination. For a number of years he was a member of the Board of Foreign Missions; later he was elected as the chairman of the Seminary Board, and during his term of office the new buildings of Eden Theological Seminary were erected at Webster Groves, Missouri. In 1919 he was chosen as one of two members of a special committee which was instructed to make a missionary investigation tour through Honduras, for the purpose of ascertaining the possibility of opening a new mission field in that Central American Republic. The report of this committee was a favorable one, and the survey resulted in the flourishing missionary work which is being done in Honduras today. After the Lenten season in 1920, Pastor Frankenfeld was released by Salem Church for a period of six months to assume the leadership of the "Evangelical Forward Movement." At the present time he is a member of the Board of Directors of Elmhurst College and of the commission which formulated the "Plan of Union" for the merger of the Evangelical Synod of North America with the Reformed Church in the United States of America. In 1927 Elmhurst College awarded Pastor Frankenfeld the honorary degree LL.D. (Doctor of Laws).

Mrs. Frankenfeld has also been active through the years in various departments of the church-life and in the larger kingdom enterprise. She has served the Salem Missionary Society as its president; the Sister Society, as first vice-president and as the chairman of the committee on missions; the church school as teacher of a young ladies' class and as the superintendent of the Junior department; the community as a member of numerous committees, notably the committee on missions of the Federation of Churches; and the denomination as a member of the Executive Committee of the Women's Union of New York State.

The family of Pastor and Mrs. Frankenfeld consists of four children: three daughters, who were born in New Orleans, Louisiana, and one son, who was born in Rochester, New York. Helen Louise is the wife of Professor John C. Slater, the head of the department of physics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a lecturer at Harvard University, and resides at Cambridge, Massachusetts; Alma Hildegard is married to Mr. Clarke W. O'Brien of the brokerage firm of "Gleichauf and O'Brien," and lives in Brighton, New York; Lydia Lenore is the wife of the Reverend G. Merrill Lenox, pastor of the Judson Memorial Baptist Church of Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Hubert Frederick is a student at the Wharton School of Finance and Commerce, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. All the daughters are graduates of the University of Rochester.

During the twenty-three years of his ministry in Salem Church, Pastor Frankenfeld has officiated at 2,142 baptisms, 1,409 weddings, 1,974 funerals, and has received 1,596 young people into the fellowship of the church through the rite of confirmation. In addition, 650 persons have been admitted into the membership of Salem Church by letters of transfer and on confession of faith. For the work of the denomination and for various other benevolent purposes the sum of \$264,226.77 has been given. These figures do not include the large amounts, running into many thousands of dollars, which have been contributed by the organizations within the church for numerous charitable institutions and missionary enterprises.

The Third Pastorate

At a special congregational meeting held on February 25, 1910, a call was extended to the Reverend Frederick Frankenfeld, of New Orleans, to become the third pastor of Salem. Mr. George F. Roth and Mr. Charles Suss, members of the church council, were elected as a committee to wait upon Pastor Frankenfeld and to inform him of the action which the church had taken. On May 4 the Salem congregation of New Orleans accepted Pastor Frankenfeld's resignation and left him free to come to Rochester. A letter, dated July 5, advised the congregation that he would be in Rochester on the first Sunday in August, the seventh, to begin his pastorate. Immediately, a committee consisting of J. George Kaelber, Charles Suss and Benjamin Haag, with power to choose additional members from each church organization, was appointed by the church council, to arrange for the installation and reception of the new pastor. The installation took place on Sunday, August 7, in the presence of a throng which filled the church auditorium. The Reverend Adolf C. G. Baltzer of Trinity Church, Rochester, preached the sermon and conducted the rite of installation. The reception for Pastor Frankenfeld and his family, which followed on Wednesday evening, September 7, was a happy occasion for all who participated.

The Rally

Immediately upon his arrival, the new pastor engaged in the multitudinous tasks which confronted him. The re-organization of the Sunday school received his early attention. A goal of 1,000 in attendance was sought on Rally Day, September 18, and despite the fact that the weather was most unfavorable, 1,000, the largest attendance in our school's history up to that time, were present. On this occasion Pastor Frankenfeld stressed the thought that the secret of success in church and church school work lies in two things: "Plan your work and work your plan." In the following year, on the second Rally Day, September 11, 1911, 1,470 persons were in attendance. Out of an enrollment of 1,150, no less than 1,064 were present, with thirty-eight classes reported perfect in attendance. The greatest rally, both in attendance and interest, was held on October 4, 1914, at Convention Hall with more than 3,000 persons present, and fifty-three classes reporting a perfect attendance. The reason for holding this rally in Convention Hall was stated as follows in the "Bote":

"In view of the fact that during the entire summer our church was always filled at the English service, we realized long ago that a special effort to hold a great rally was useless for the simple reason that the people who desired to come on that day could not be accommodated."

A Notable Convention

The Convention of the Young People's Societies of the New York District, with the Reverend P. C. Bommer of Buffalo as president, was entertained in our church, August 3 to 6, 1911. The principal theme of the convention was the foreign mission enterprise. Three missionaries, Miss Martha Graebe, who after seven years of strenuous labor was at home on her furlough, Mrs. Enslin Sueger, and Miss Katherine Brueckner, who were ready to sail to India before the close of the year, were the special guests of the convention. It was indeed a time of blessed fellowship and spiritual uplift. The memory of the farewell service on Sunday evening, with its inspiring singing, its heart to

heart addresses, its mighty spirit of devotion and consecration, will linger through a life time. Perhaps the most impressive moment came when, for the last time, the convention hymn, "The Way of the Cross Leads Home," was sung. At the close of the first stanza, all the lights were suddenly turned out; for a moment the church was in darkness while the singing went on; then, in an instant, there flashed forth from above the altar a huge cross and the crown which follows it.

The Advisory Board

On September 19, 1911, an associate, or advisory, board consisting of twenty members, among them representatives of every organization in our church, was called into existence. For many years this board functioned and rendered a helpful service in the study of existing problems in our church, and in the suggestion of ways in which they could be solved.

Training for Service

A training class, called "Training for Service," and using Herbert Moninger's text book, was organized October 6, 1911, with an enrollment of ninety-five students. The great interest manifested in the class is revealed in the average attendance of eighty-five. Fifty-two members of the class took the first written examination and fifty-two succeeded in getting the required grade. On April 13, 1913, thirty-nine members of this class received a diploma, awarded by the New York State Bible School Association, in recognition of the completion of the first standard course in teacher training. Dr. Joseph Clark, known in the Sunday school world as "Timothy Standby," then superintendent of Sunday schools in our Empire State, was the speaker.

The Great Reunion

On the evening of Pentecost Sunday, May 26, 1912, a reunion service of all who had been confirmed in Salem Church since its organization was held at Convention Hall. Thirty-eight classes, totaling 3,335 members, were invited to participate. Over 3,000 people filled Convention Hall in a service never to be forgotten. In the auditorium, classes were grouped in thirty-eight sections under banners denoting the year in which they were confirmed. The large galleries were filled with hundreds of relatives and friends, and on the platform a chorus of 150 members of Salem, directed by Professor Ludwig Schenck, led in the singing. Pastor Frankenfeld preached the sermon, which was published, upon numerous requests, in the June issue of the "Bote". The service was followed by a reception on Wednesday evening, May 29, in the same hall. Again a similar throng attended, and the reception proved to be a most enjoyable affair. Through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. William Bausch, a handsome souvenir badge, bearing miniature pictures of the three pastors who have served Salem Church, were distributed to the guests as they entered the hall.

Cancellation of Indebtedness

When Pastor Frankenfeld became minister of Salem Church, the indebtedness was \$8,500, with an annual budget of less than \$10,000. In July, 1912, the church council voted to retain the pew-rental system, but also to initiate the use of the weekly envelope system, as a supplementary source of revenue. Progress in this direction was slow at first, but the new method of giving steadily grew in favor. In March, 1915, 418 persons were using the Duplex

envelopes, and 803 names were found on the list of pew holders. During all these years, Christmas and Easter offerings were generously contributed by our people. The Easter offering in 1913 totaled \$1,355.00, and in 1917 the amount thus realized was \$1,684.00. At the beginning of the year 1913, the indebtedness of the church had been reduced from \$8,500.00 to \$3,000.00. On the afternoon and early evening of August 25, 1913, in six hours time, a house to house collection, conducted by 150 canvassers, netted the splendid sum of \$7,512.14. This was sufficient to pay the entire indebtedness and also the expenses incident to the renovation, then in progress, of the interior of our church. At last the congregation was entirely free from debt.

The Every Member Canvass

The first Every Member canvass for the purpose of enlisting, if possible, all the communicants in the financial support of our church was planned for the early part of March, 1917, but, owing to unfavorable economic conditions, the original plan was changed, and from the list of non-contributing communicants the names of five hundred persons were selected for special solicitation. On the afternoon of March 18, seventy-two men, with William H. Brown as chairman, made the canvass with the gratifying result of 195 pledges for a total of \$910.00.

On the afternoon of Sunday, March 2, 1919, all communicant members of the church were invited to one of the most momentous gatherings in our history. It was stated that the purpose of the meeting would be to consider the question—"What Share Will Salem have in the Reconstruction Program of the Christian Church?" Among the topics listed for discussion were the early erection of a new church school building, and the adoption of an adequate financial policy (which included the general use of the Duplex envelope system). To all who were present at this meeting the opportunity to assume their share of the budget for the year 1919 was given. Those who did not pledge on that day were visited during the following week in their homes by 250 men chosen for the task. The canvass was a complete success with the budget fully subscribed. At the mass meeting on Sunday afternoon, March 2, 354 pledges were received for a total of \$148.32 each week. The total number of pledges reported one week later was 2,290, yielding \$494.41 per week. Later, over one hundred additional pledges were received, increasing the amount per week to \$520.00. When the canvass was completed, it was found that only five per cent of the 725 pew holders had insisted upon retaining their pews, a truly remarkable achievement, when it is considered that at the beginning of the year less than one-half of our total membership of 3,200 adherents were contributing to the church treasury in a regular and systematic manner. As a result of the success of this canvass, it was announced that the usual Easter and Christmas offerings would be discontinued in the future, and that the "Salem's Bote" would be mailed free to every contributing member. Year by year the amount contributed through the medium of the Duplex envelopes increased, until in 1926 pledges totaling \$54,608.00 were received from 2,963 contributors.

The Ministry of Flowers

The beautiful custom of placing flowers on the altar every Sunday began November 26, 1911. The first flowers were given by Mrs. Minnie Nelson Gerhard, Miss Amelia Kall, and Miss Lena Kettwig. Immediately thereafter Mrs. J. George Kaelber spoke to Miss Kettwig and suggested that flowers be

placed on the altar every Sunday. Mrs. Kaelber offered them for the following Sunday, and the donors on the remaining Sundays of the month were: Mrs. Julius C. Hoffman, Mrs. Katharine Loeffler, Miss Emma Hess, and Mrs. Mary Milow. Since that time there has not been a Sunday without flowers on the altar. After accomplishing their purpose in church on Sunday, these flowers have been sent with messages of comfort and cheer to many hundreds of sick, shut-ins and afflicted in homes and hospitals.

Since the first observance of Mothers' Day in our church on May 10, 1914, there has been an outpouring of flowers in memory of the dearly beloved, departed mothers. As many as 113 mothers have been remembered on a single occasion. A few years later, when Fathers' Day was first observed, nearly seventy-five tributes to fathers who had been called home were placed on the altar. How was all this made possible? It has taken thought, time and loving interest on the part of someone to bring this about. The person primarily responsible for this splendid service is Miss Lena Kettwig. She it is who started this noble ministry, gladly assumed the responsibility to continue it, and has never failed us through twenty-two long years. She it is who continues to acknowledge the donations with a card of thanks and sends on the fragrant messengers to those who need comfort and encouragement. A noble work, faithfully done!

The Fortieth Anniversary

Sunday, September 7, 1913, was chosen as the day for the celebration of the fortieth anniversary. At nine-thirty o'clock all departments of the Bible school met in the church, where an interesting service in the English language was held. Mr. Thomas Dransfield, the first superintendent of our school, delivered the address. The Reverend J. Pister, D.D., preached the German sermon, and at the English evening service we had the pleasure of hearing the Reverend H. A. Kraemer of Buffalo. The attendance was good at all services. The work of renovating the interior of the church was sufficiently advanced to permit us to worship in our newly decorated sanctuary. The organ had been rebuilt and enlarged, and a new lighting system had been installed, which filled the auditorium with a soft mellow light and proved highly satisfactory. On the following Tuesday a social gathering was held at Convention Hall which was filled to capacity.

Home Church Sunday

November 30, 1913, will long be remembered by the Protestant churches of our city as one of their "red letter" days. It was "Home Church Sunday." The various denominations had banded themselves together in an united effort to bring every church member, every church supporter, and every church sympathizer to the church of his own choice on that day. Every Protestant church in our city was filled. Many churches were crowded to the doors. Some could not accommodate the people who gathered to show their interest. By actual count the services at our own church, including the Bible school sessions, were attended by 3,116 persons. This was the best record made by a Protestant church in Rochester on "Home Church Sunday." The patients in the numerous hospitals and the inmates of the charitable institutions were not forgotten. To each was given a white carnation accompanied by a greeting card. Twenty-five of our young people visited the Almshouse in the afternoon and there rendered this beautiful service.

The Parsonage

In May, 1914, the former residence of Mr. Henry Bausch, corner St. Paul Street and Huntington Park, was purchased for the sum of \$12,500, to be used as a parsonage by the pastor and his family. They occupied it until May, 1927, when it was sold for \$20,000. In September of the same year Pastor Frankenfeld purchased his own home at 175 Highland Parkway, where he continues to reside.

Motion Pictures and the Radio

Believing in the great educational and inspirational value of pictures, Salem decided to purchase, as early as June, 1917, a motion picture machine. The machine was known as the Pathoscope and cost \$200.00. Upon the completion of our new parish house, in 1923, the finest projector then obtainable, a Simplex, was purchased and placed in a fire-proof booth in the balcony of the new auditorium. It has proved to be a most helpful and valuable adjunct in the work of our institution.

At a Sunday school workers' social on April 19, 1922, an attempt to bring a radio concert over the ether waves to the assembled guests proved unsuccessful. It had been arranged to have Mr. Carl Paul, pianist, Mrs. Florence Crosby Cooke, vocalist, and Mr. Arthur Brill, violinist, render several selections from the broadcasting station of the Times-Union newspaper office on Exchange Street. The time for the performance came, and we waited in silent awe to hear Mrs. Cooke's familiar voice sing to us through space, but all that could be heard was a loud buzzing noise, intermingled now and then with a strain of music. The radio operator explained that a storm was brewing which prevented good reception, and several hours later his prognostication proved to be true. Strange to relate, a letter was received a week later from one of our Salem boys, stating that the latter had heard the broadcast of our artists on board a battleship south of New Orleans. Radio broadcasting was in its infancy then, but by February 3, 1926, it was so much improved that we were privileged to send over the air, through Station WHEC, the first mid-week Lenten service ever broadcast in Rochester. The remaining mid-week services were also sent out and, judging from the numerous telephone calls and letters received, proved a great blessing to many who tuned in on the program.

A Gift

Worshippers at our Christmas morning service in 1918 were treated to a great surprise, when without any previous announcement a set of organ chimes pealed forth the beautiful Christmas melodies. The chimes were given by Miss Emma Hempel in memory of her dear grandmother, Mrs. Christiana Vetter, who in days gone by was one of the staunch and loyal members of Salem Church. When the new organ with its own twenty chimes was installed, the chimes given by Miss Hempel were mounted and placed upon our auditorium stage to continue their ministry of music.

An Important Annual Meeting

At the forty-sixth annual meeting of the voting members of our church, held Monday evening, April 7, 1919, several important matters were decided upon. First, that the corporate name of the church be changed from "German United Evangelical Salem Church" to "Salem Evangelical Church"; second,

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that the financial year of our church begin January 1 instead of April 1, as heretofore; third, that all meetings of the congregation and the church council be transacted and recorded in the English language. An unusual feature of the meeting was the admission of twenty-three women into full voting membership. This action marked a new epoch in our history, since thereafter both men and women shared equally in the conduct of Salem Church affairs.

Significant Events

Numerous "Father and Son," "Mother and Daughter" services and banquets have been held in our church during the past fifteen years. The "Mother and Daughter" service on Sunday evening, February 22, 1920, with 540 mothers and daughters present, was outstanding. On the following Thursday evening, February 26, a "Mother and Daughter" banquet took place in the new spacious dining hall of the Bausch and Lomb factory. Originally, plans had been made for 300, but the demand for tickets continued until it was necessary to lay covers for 1,044. Sixty-six men from the Bible class served as waiters. An interesting program was provided with Mrs. Arthur E. Sutherland as the principal speaker.

At the close of the Lenten season, 1920, Pastor Frankenfeld was released for six months from his duties as minister of our church to assume the leadership of an "Evangelical Forward Movement," which was inspired, to a great extent, by the "Inter-Church World Movement" which had for its purpose the development of a plan whereby the Protestant Churches of North America might co-operate more fully in carrying out their educational, missionary and benevolent programs at home and abroad.

Upon the completion of this work, Pastor Frankenfeld was joyously welcomed on the first Sunday in October at a special "Welcome Home" service arranged in his honor.

German Immigration

In the years following the World War a large number of Germans came from the Fatherland to make their homes in Rochester. Their arrival offered an opportunity and an unmistakable challenge to our church. A special committee was appointed to aid these people in finding a church-home. Social gatherings were held for this group on the last Sunday evening of each month, and on Easter Sunday, 1924, forty-eight were received into the fellowship of our church. Twenty-four of their number met regularly for some time, in a German Singing Society under the efficient leadership of Professor H. Bachman. Subsequently, more rigid immigration laws restricted the number of immigrants, so that at the present time very few Germans are coming to the shores of America and finding their way to Salem Church. However, many who joined at the time of this unusual influx continue as regular attendants at our Sunday morning German worship.

Sunrise Easter Services

The first Sunrise Service with Holy Communion was held on Easter Sunday, 1924. The response by our people surprised the most optimistic expectations. Nearly 1,000 persons attended this first service, and 733 participated in the celebration of the Lord's Supper. At the Sunrise Easter Service in 1925, the plan of serving the elements in the pew was tried out with the members of the church council participating in the ministry as assistants to the pastor.

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This innovation proved very successful and met with such favor that the council voted to have at least four such communion services during the year. In 1925 the number of communicants reached the total of 2,891 which exceeded by 200 the largest figure ever before recorded in the history of our church.

A Memorable Occasion

Sunday, August 2, 1925, will ever stand out as one of the truly memorable days in the history of Salem Church. It was Pastor Frankenfeld's anniversary of twenty-five years in the ministry of Christ, of which fifteen had been spent at Salem. As the pastor was on his vacation during July, preparations for the event could be made without his knowledge. A happy throng attended the session of the church school and then taxed the seating capacity of our spacious auditorium for the ten o'clock worship. An unusually large attendance also marked the later German service. With radiant faces, in joyous song by congregation, choir and soloists, in responsive Scripture reading and fervent prayer, a grateful people gave expression to the affection which they felt for their pastor and for his good wife, who has given herself so faithfully at all times to the ministry in the church. The Reverend Theophil F. Bode, pastor of St. Peter's Evangelical Church, Buffalo, was the preacher at both services, and his very appropriate and eloquent message did full justice to the occasion. The presence of the venerable parents of the pastor was felt by all as a special benediction. After the sermon Mr. William H. Brown, as chairman of the committee in charge, voiced the congratulations of the congregation and presented to Pastor Frankenfeld a bank book showing a deposit of \$2,200 which sum, given as voluntary offerings, represented the tangible expression of the love and gratitude of our people. Mr. Charles Suss, president of the church, presented the pastor with a highly artistic testimonial. A fitting climax to this most extraordinary occasion was the delightful afternoon spent by the Frankenfeld family with the members of the church council, and their wives, at the Conesus Lake summer home of Mr. and Mrs. George J. Hafner.

Faithful Servants

For a period of twenty-eight years, Mr. Kilian Schaeffer has served most devotedly and acceptably as church secretary—from 1905 to 1912 on part time, and since April, 1912 on a full time basis. The congregation gave special recognition to his faithful ministry at the time of his twenty-fifth anniversary. In July, 1917, Miss Mary Emich was engaged as church clerk, and still continues in that capacity with a record of sixteen years of loyal and efficient service. She also assists the pastor in many of his routine duties.

Renovation

During the winter of 1928 to 1929 the renovation of the exterior of the church was accomplished at an expense of \$47,674.08. The steeple was taken down, because orders to this effect had been received from the Department of Public Safety. Both towers were rebuilt in part to conform to the architecture of the entire church plant. A new slate roof was placed on the building, and the entire exterior was given brick veneer to make it harmonize with the new church school building.

English Morning Services

At the annual meeting in 1913, a committee was appointed to consider the reasons for the noticeable decrease in attendance on the part of our young

people at the morning worship, which was then conducted in the German language at ten-thirty o'clock. On April 20, 1914, a report submitted by this committee attributed the decline to the young people's inability to understand the German language. A resolution favoring the inauguration of a morning English service from ten-fifteen o'clock to eleven o'clock, with the German service following immediately thereafter, was recommended and adopted. Accordingly, English morning services were inaugurated on the second Sunday in May, 1914, as an experiment, and in September it was reported that for the first eighteen services an average attendance of 1,050 each Sunday had been recorded. It was realized that forty minutes was hardly sufficient for a full service, but since it was primarily a children's service, satisfaction was felt over what had been accomplished, and it was decided to continue the experiment during the following winter months. Nearly a year after the inauguration of these services it was found that they had not detracted from the interest and the attendance at the English evening services, which were maintaining an average of almost five hundred worshippers. At the annual meeting of the congregation in April, 1918, the church council was authorized to appoint a committee of five members for the purpose of considering the advisability of changing the main service on Sunday morning from German to English. The church council was given full power to act in the best interests of the congregation when this report would be received from the committee. The report, submitted in October, 1918, recommended the lengthening of the English service by fifteen minutes, with a sermon suitable for adults; a German worship at eleven o'clock, and a children's service in the large Sunday school room from ten to eleven o'clock, simultaneously with the English church service. This program continued until 1931, when it was decided to begin the German service at nine o'clock.

Organists and Choir Directors

During the sixty years of her existence, Salem has been most fortunate in the caliber of the men who have served as organists and choir directors. The following have held these positions:

Dettmar D. Poppen, organist and choir director, 1874-1893
 Professor Meyer, organist and director, 1893-1894
 Henry Greiner, organist and director, 1894-1901
 Charles E. VanLaer, organist and director, 1901-1903
 Carl Paul, organist, 1903-1926
 Professor Ludwig Schenck, director, 1904-1922
 Frank Showers, director, 1922-1926
 A. Irvine McHose, organist, 1926-1932
 Herman H. Genhart, director, 1926—to the present time
 H. Wellington Stewart, organist, 1932—to the present time.

All of these men have made notable contributions to the department of music in our church. Carl Paul's ministry as organist covered a period of twenty-three years. In 1926 constantly increasing demands upon his time in looking after his business interests, compelled his resignation, and on August 26 a grateful congregation paid a very cordial tribute to his long and efficient service. At the English church service on Sunday morning, November 7, a token of sincere appreciation was presented to Mr. Paul on behalf of the congregation, and in the tribute which the pastor paid on that day to the blessed ministry of our esteemed friend, he emphasized the exceptional faithfulness,

the unchanging cheerfulness and the commendable unselfishness which characterized the many services which Mr. Paul had rendered to Salem through twenty-three long years.

For nearly nineteen years Professor Ludwig Schenck served as director of music. In the summer of 1922 he accepted a position with the recently completed "Eastman School of Music" which required all of his time and strength and made it necessary for him to resign the position which he had filled so long and acceptably in our midst. The regard in which Professor Schenck was held by our people still manifests itself year after year on the last Sunday in July, when a special memorial service of song in his honor is rendered by the choir. His death occurred on April 8, 1929, and the first of these memorial services was held on the last Sunday of the following July. Probably the most pretentious effort made by Salem Church choir during his ministry was the presentation of "Queen Esther" at the Lyceum Theater, on April 19, 1917. On the following morning the Democrat and Chronicle carried this account which speaks for itself:

"The production of the sacred cantata 'Queen Esther,' at the Lyceum last evening, by the Salem Church Choir, brought out an audience that filled the theater from orchestra rail to topmost gallery seat.

"Long a favorite with church, choir and choral societies, the cantata is filled with solos and choruses that are often heard in church services, many of them being written in adoration and praise.

"The Lyceum orchestra was augmented for the occasion and played under the direction of Ludwig Schenck. Mrs. John L. Messmer sang the role of Esther in a most pleasing manner. Her voice is a sweet soprano with an appealing quality in it that fitted her particularly well for the music of her role. Henry Schlegel's fine bass was heard in the songs of Ahasuerus, the king; Fred A. Mueller, baritone, did well in the character and music assigned to the role of the despised counselor, Haman, and W. Stanley Hawkins sang the tenor numbers of Mordecai in excellent voice and with considerable dramatic expression. There were also several singers from the choir who revealed voices of decided sweetness and cultivation, notably, Miss Mamie Zeiner, Miss Alma Geiger and Miss Nora Schindler.

"The chorus of 125 voices showed excellent training and several of the concerted numbers were most impressive. There was a display of elaborate costuming which added much to the realism of the production and the scenery, if not always an exact reproduction of the rooms of the king's palace, was not without features which contributed much to the color and brightness of the acts."

Contributions toward Missions

The interest of our church in missions has continued to grow during the present pastorate. For many years the pastor served on the Foreign Mission Board of the Synod. Mr. Henry Albrecht has also given many years of devoted service on this same board. At the present time Mr. William H. Brown is a member of the Home Mission Board. The following are some of the special contributions which Salem has made to the missionary enterprise during the past twenty-one years:

1912—A new school costing \$500 was provided for Miss Wobus in India,

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for which the funds were raised through the sale of 5,000 bricks, in lots of ten each at ten cents a piece.

1919—In April the Foreign Mission Board decided to investigate the possibility of opening another mission field in Honduras. Our pastor and the Reverend Paul Menzel of Washington, D. C., were selected to make the preliminary survey in May, 1919. After a month's journey through Honduras, this committee reported favorably, and the Board decided to launch the project.

1924—Our church council voted that the support of a missionary in Honduras by Salem should be a permanent undertaking. The offerings received at the Wednesday evening Lenten services in 1924 and in the many years since that time were sufficiently generous to provide the salary for our new worker, Miss Anna Bechtold.

1924—The church council decided to make a pledge of \$10,000, to be paid in three yearly installments from the benevolences, toward the new Eden Seminary at Webster Groves, Missouri.

1925—A special gift of \$500.00 by the late Mrs. Rudolph Weis made possible the enlargement of the church for lepers in India.

1927—More than \$700.00 was contributed to build a girls' school at Baloda Bazaar, in India, where our missionary, Miss Adele Wobus, was stationed.

1928—Through the generosity of Mr. J. George Kaelber, the construction of a girls' school, known as the "Matilda Kaelber Memorial," was made possible at Bismampur, India. The new school, costing several thousand dollars, is dedicated to the memory of one who in her life-time sent many noble gifts to India and who always manifested a keen interest in the work that is being done there.

1928—\$1,200 annually was voted to assist in the support of a mission church, St. John's Evangelical, in Los Angeles, California, of which the Reverend H. R. Gebhardt is the pastor. This support in part, still continues.

1928—In the fall of the year 192 members of the church gave the sum of \$5,137 for the Ministerial Pension Fund of the Synod.

1930—Toward the building of a Protestant chapel at Sonyea, the Craig Colony for Epileptics, the church gave the sum of \$725.63.

1931—\$1,000 was contributed for the erection of a community house in the Ozarks, at Shannondale, Missouri.

1932—Toward the Elmhurst-Eden Advance, members of the church subscribed the sum of \$13,290.

A Wise Investment

In a special meeting of the congregation held on April 24, 1924, the members present voted unanimously to purchase a large tract of land in the rear of the church known as the Kuichling property, for the sum of \$62,500. The purchase was made to assure protection to our church against encroachment on the part of undesirable neighbors and the possibility of deprivation of light and air from our church school building. It was also to provide room for future expansion and much desired parking space for automobiles. The transaction was consummated in the following manner. When the various rumors that the Kuichling property was about to change hands were heard, the pastor

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brought the matter to the attention of the church council and recommended the purchase. Mr. William H. Brown and Mr. Fred M. Dubelbeiss volunteered to buy the property and to hold it until the congregation could take action. Aided by Mother Katharine Dubelbeiss, they purchased the property for \$62,500 cash and held it until the congregation voted to buy it from them at the identical price for which they had purchased it. Without question this proved to be one of the most profitable investments Salem ever made, for in the spring of 1930 a portion of this property was sold to the city for the sum of \$101,500. The church retained a triangular parcel of land directly in the rear of the church school building which provides the protection against light and air encroachment originally sought. This space is sufficiently large to park about twenty-five automobiles. The church also retained the entire North Clinton Avenue frontage of 134 feet running 250 feet deep to a point in the rear. This plot of ground is being leased as a gasoline and parking station with an income sufficient to pay the carrying charges; it also provides parking space for a large number of automobiles on Sunday morning.

Salem in the World War

When the United States entered the World War in 1917, Salem prepared to do its part. Many of our boys were already in the service, and others volunteered quickly, so that almost immediately a committee was appointed to keep in touch with all the men by forwarding to them reading matter and weekly accounts concerning the activities in their church. In early June the Salem Auxiliary of the American Red Cross was organized, with Mrs. Emil F. Vetter as president. Under her leadership this band of noble women rendered valuable service in the interest of our boys. On Sunday morning, June 24, 1,600 people gathered in Franklin Street and in the church yard to witness the flag raising ceremony in connection with the dedication of the new sixty-six foot steel flag pole, which had been erected on the lawn to the south of the church. While the selective machinery was being set up which subsequently drew into the army and the navy scores of our young men, many additional Salemites enlisted voluntarily in various branches of the service. On Sunday evening, December 16, 1917, the large service flag bearing fifty-nine stars (a star for each Salem man in the service) was presented to our church and church school by the Salem Red Cross Auxiliary. Toward the various loans our people subscribed liberally. In June, 1918, Mr. William H. Brown and the pastor served as Y. M. C. A. workers at Camp Dix, in the state of New Jersey. Armistice Day found 190 Salem men in the service, and eight names on the honor roll of those who made the supreme sacrifice. The Salem bell was among the first to ring out the glad tidings of peace on the morning of the Armistice, November 11, 1918. Soon after four o'clock in the morning our two pastors, Pastor Frankenfeld and his assistant, the Reverend Otto Mayer, ascended the stairs to ring out the long awaited message. Others joined them later, and for two hours the church bell continued to peal forth the joyous news. Before noon, large posters which announced a peace service at Salem that evening had been distributed in many sections of the city. This service was well attended. The pastor pleaded for a peace which would restore goodwill among the nations of the world. By the end of December some of our boys had returned home, and at the Christmas evening service an electric sign flashed forth the words, "Welcome Home." It was so placed that it could be seen from any seat in the auditorium, and it remained in place until the last of our boys had returned. Several "Welcome Home" services, in which our

boys stood at the altar to re-dedicate their lives to the service of Christ and His church, were held on Sunday evenings, the last on November 2, 1919, when the service flag, which during the dark and trying days of the war and the demobilization, had been a constant reminder of the 198 Salem men, was removed. The big "Welcome Home" banquet came on the following Thursday. Upon roll call and citation every returned man received a beautiful certificate expressing the appreciation of the church for the service rendered. Memorial Sunday, June 2, 1929, witnessed the unveiling of a bronze memorial tablet, which was placed on the east wall of the church and which bears the following inscription:

"This tablet is dedicated to Salem's Loyal Sons who
gave their lives in the service of their country.



Jacob Arnold
John Bardon
Carl L. Furstenberg
Raymond Hammond
Norman Mengel
Albert L. Mueller
George Reichel
William Schlenker

World War, 1917-1918



'Shall they have died in vain?'"

Members of the Church Council

From the time of the organization of the first church council in 1874, the members of this body remained twelve in number until, on May 25, 1915, a special congregational meeting voted to increase the membership to eighteen. At the annual congregational meeting held January 8, 1923, the church council was empowered to enlarge its membership to twenty-seven, until such time when the congregation could legally vote upon the amendment providing for the increased number. This amendment was adopted at the annual meeting, January 16, 1924. Again, in 1930, the council was increased; this time to its present number of thirty-six members. It now consists of six elders, nine trustees, and twenty-one deacons. The names of all the men who have served on the council during the past sixty years, with the year of their election or appointment, are here listed:

1874 John J. Schaeffer	1893 Henry Husmann	Frank C. Titus
Samuel Dubelbeiss	John F. Zabel	George C. Wickman
William Wolf	Charles W. Weis	William J. Zabel
Wm. Conrad Zimmer	1894 Louis H. Miller	1924 John F. Zimmer
John Weis	Charles Suss	Fred Baetzel
John Kiefhaber	1895 John C. Nusbickel	Robert F. Kaucher
John Neun	1896 Eduard Deusing	1925 Gustav Schaub
Frederick Ruckdeschel	1897 George Einstfeld	1926 G. Wallace Neth
William Steul	George F. Roth	George Schaubman
Frederick Nelson	1898 Henry G. Lauterbach	1927 Julius C. Hoffman
Henry Hoffman	1901 Kilian Schaeffer	1928 Jacob H. Vogel
George Zimmer	1902 Henry F. Albrecht	William H. Zimmer
1875 Adam Schake	Bernhard Stauch	1929 Frank H. Walch
George Herzberger	1903 William Deininger	1930 Samuel Allen,
Carl Priem	1904 J. George Kaelber	Arthur Blank
1876 Frederick Deininger	1905 George F. Nelson	John H. Cooper
Samuel Loescher	Christ. Leschhorn	Carl L. Drexler
1877 Frederick Roth	1906 George Gernand	Henry Vogel
Henry Lester	1907 Benjamin Haag	Henry B. Weber
1878 George Zimmer	Charles T. Rau	John Zonneville
Anton Finzer	1908 Julius J. Andersen	Lester Feldt
Christian Widmer	1910 George J. Hafner	William H. Lauterbach
1879 Frank Fritzsche	1912 Christian Baetzel	1931 Carl Fischer
George Fleischhauer	1913 George Bareis	Wm. Lauterbach, Sr.
Gottlieb Herman	1914 Charles G. Gerhard	G. William Miller
Henry Flake	Otto G. Schlegel	William T. Nowack
John Oetzel	Louis C. Deininger	Elmer Orbaker
Henry Mutschler	Fred. J. Schminke	Lee Feldt
John Neth	William H. Brown	1932 Gustav Nowack
1882 John Kaelber	J. F. Kleiner	Charles A. Stark
George Becker	George P. Steul	Elmer Schropp
Rudolph Axt	Fred. C. Stehler	Elmer Geer
1883 Edwin Beck	1915 Edwin C. Kaelber	Orlo J. Weeks
Henry Trebert	1916 Louis C. Schaubman	Louis H. Ehrmann
1884 George Maurer	1918 Emil Ludekens	Charles Bareis
Charles W. Dubelbeiss	1920 J. George Kaelber	Ernst A. Kurkowski
1885 Carl E. Hempel	Chas. W. Weis	Karl Miller
1887 August Amish	Alfred F. Scheible	August G. Reinhardt
1888 Valentin Fuchs	1921 Harry J. Herbst	Henry J. Schwab
1889 John Schwab	1923 Fred. M. Dubelbeiss	Herbert Tucker
Carl Kaelber	Walter W. Graeper	Honorary Members
1891 Chris Merlau	Jacob Schlenker	1920 Charles W. Weis
Arthur Schwab	Charles F. Spies	J. George Kaelber
1892 John Schmidt	George P. Steul	1925 August Amish
William Dueppuis	Charles F. Then	1930 Charles Suss

The following have served as Presidents:

1874-1893 Rev. Carl Siebenpfeiffer	1894-1905 Rev. J. F. W. Helmkamp
1906-1907 Charles Suss	1908-1910 George F. Roth
1911-1925 Charles Suss	
1926-1930 Henry F. Albrecht	1931- William H. Brown

The Story of the Church School Building and Parish House

The Urgent Need

As early as 1911 it became apparent to those who were actively engaged in the important work of our Bible school that something must soon be done whereby larger accommodations and more suitable equipment could be provided to meet the needs of this growing department in our church life. The Sunday school building, which was being used at that time, was erected to house 650 persons. In 1910 the average attendance of the school was 679. From year to year this number increased, until in 1917 the average attendance reached a figure beyond 1,000, or nearly twice the number which could be properly taken care of under existing conditions. To provide temporary relief, the church auditorium was used for Sunday school purposes, an arrangement which, for many reasons, was very unsatisfactory.

The First Step

Naturally, the members of the Sunday school, recognizing this urgent need, were first in launching the movement which brought within reach the desired goal. On Easter Sunday, 1911, the pastor presented to the school a large wooden "nest-egg" bearing the inscription: "\$50,000 for a New Modern Sunday School Building." At that time most of us merely smiled at the project, and many considered it a wild dream which could never be realized. But the members of the school began to save their pennies and nickels, and within a short time the small beginning grew into a sum of several thousand dollars. Encouraged by the success of this nest-egg, the workers of the school appointed a committee to present the urgent need to the official Board of the church and to secure their hearty co-operation. This was promised and thus the movement was launched.

Official Recognition

But not until the time of the annual meeting of the congregation, held April 3, 1916, was the matter given very serious consideration. It was then that the pastor in his annual report to the church presented to the members a five-year program of expansion, which program embodied no less than ten definite recommendations for the various activities of our church. Of these recommendations, the tenth called for suitable accommodations and equipment to make possible the prosecution of the suggested program. This report was most favorably received, and by a unanimous vote of the congregation the entire matter was entrusted to the official Board with the instruction to make preliminary preparations for the accomplishment of the big task.

A Memorable Meeting

On June 8, 1916, a special meeting of the church council thoroughly considered the five-year program. The members were unanimous in their opinion that immediate steps should be taken to provide the required building, and without exception they pledged to the undertaking their hearty support. A committee, consisting of Messrs. Geo. F. Roth, Chas. W. Weis, Chas. G. Gerhard, Geo. J. Hafner, J. George Kaelber, Charles Suss and the pastor, ex-officio, was appointed to consider ways and means and to report back to the official Board at the earliest convenient time.

Sunday School Represented

Inasmuch as the proposed new building was intended to meet, in the first place, the needs of the Sunday school, the special committee requested the appointment of representatives from the school who were thoroughly familiar with the nature and the requirements of this work. The request was cheerfully met and the following representatives were chosen by the workers: Chas. T. Rau, J. J. Andersen, Fred J. Schminke, Wm. H. Brown and Henry Albrecht. The following advisory members were added to the committee: Mrs. Katherine Tischer, Mrs. Rudolph Weis, Mrs. Elizabeth Norden, Mrs. Julius C. Hoffman, Miss Emma C. Hempel, Oscar E. Zabel and Fred M. Dubelbeiss. In all, this committee held 125 meetings of which 109 were regular and sixteen special. In addition to these meetings it was necessary to have innumerable conferences with the architects and the various contractors. The committee was organized as follows: George J. Hafner, chairman; J. George Kaelber, vice-chairman; Chas. G. Gerhard, secretary; Charles W. Weis, treasurer; Charles T. Rau, assistant treasurer. Kilian Schaeffer was engaged to serve as clerk, and Emil Ludekens as legal advisor.

Real Estate Purchased

Recognizing the fact that more ground had to be bought before a suitable building could be erected, the members of the Sunday school created and organized the "Salem Sunday School Real Estate Company" and voted to use the funds of the nest-egg for the purchase of additional ground. The special committee also gave much thought and study to this most important matter, and after careful consideration recommended to the annual meeting of the congregation, held on April 16, 1917, the purchase of the two lots on the south side of the present church building, for the sum of \$25,500. By a unanimous vote the meeting adopted the recommendation of the committee, and authorized the trustees to buy the property. Thereupon the "Salem Sunday School Real Estate Company," simply as a means of protection for the future and in order to assure sufficient light and ventilation for the new building, voted to purchase the third lot for the sum of \$6,000. In this manner the church came into possession of additional ground with a frontage of 133 ft. in Franklin Street, by a depth of 164 ft. toward Clinton Avenue North.

The Funds Secured

From the very beginning, it was the opinion of those interested in this movement, that Salem should not build with borrowed money, but that an earnest effort should be made to secure in advance, if possible, the needed funds. Accordingly, the official Board, upon recommendations of the special committee, entered into negotiations with Mr. H. H. Patterson, of Cleveland, Ohio, whose ability as money-raiser for churches and Sunday schools had been tested, with great success and satisfaction, by other congregations in our city. Upon invitation, Mr. Patterson appeared before the official Board at a meeting held on April 12, 1917, and outlined his methods for a financial campaign. The proposition, as presented by Mr. Patterson, appealed very strongly to the members. After a month's consideration, at the following regular meeting of the Board, held May 3, 1917, a resolution was introduced and adopted, that we enter into a contract with Mr. Patterson, whereby he should lead us in a financial campaign to secure the needed funds for our new building. The month of November, 1917, was chosen for the great venture, provided conditions then would be favorable.

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A Special Meeting

A special meeting of the entire congregation was called on September 24, 1917, to consider the advisability of conducting the campaign under the then-existing conditions. Only 170 members attended this important meeting, and, although the vote taken was almost unanimously in favor of the campaign, it was not deemed wise to go ahead. After correspondence with Mr. Patterson, the campaign leader, a second vote was called for at all the services on Sunday, October 7, 1917. The result, expressed by a rising vote, was overwhelmingly in favor of the campaign, more than 1,600 persons voting affirmatively.

The Campaign

The campaign was conducted from November 19 to 26, 1917. Mr. George F. Roth served as general chairman and Mr. J. George Kaelber as associate chairman. The men's division, consisting of forty-eight teams with 300 workers, and the ladies' division of twenty-seven teams with 100 workers, under the efficient leadership of Mr. Patterson, secured 2,285 pledges in the six days of the campaign. The pledges amounted to \$154,101 (including the "Little Red House"). The individual contributions ranged from seventy-five cents to five thousand dollars. The entire expense of this great effort, including the commissary department, was \$3,129.77. The greatest significance of the financial campaign of 1917 lay in the fact that it was successful at a time when our country was involved in the horrible world conflict which was then raging across the sea. On the evening of November 26, the closing day of our campaign, the honorable Mayor of our fair city, Hiram Edgerton, expressed to the workers his great satisfaction "that the church in these days of stress would dare to undertake and to do successfully such a big thing."

Postponement

The war forced upon us the unwelcome postponement of our cherished plan for a new building. By order of the Government all building operations which were not an absolute necessity had to be abandoned for the time being. The payment of pledges was delayed. Our people needed their money to meet the high cost of living, and they were urged to invest any surplus in government bonds. We were compelled to wait a little while longer. For a time it seemed as if the vision would be dimmed, and faith would falter, and the enthusiasm must wane. But this was only for a time. We learned "to labor and to wait."

Nearing the Goal

Through nearly five long years the building committee continued its work until, at a special meeting of the congregation held on Monday, June 12, 1922, bids for the new building were submitted and opened. The total bids, exclusive of all unavoidable extras and necessary equipment, amounted to nearly \$165,000. The committee was urged to award the contracts to the lowest responsible bidders without delay, and to begin work immediately. Seven days later on Monday morning, June 19, at 8:30 o'clock, members of the building committee and of the church council assembled to break ground for the new structure.

Once begun, the work progressed with greater speed than we had anticipated. Three months after the breaking of the ground we were privileged to celebrate the laying of the corner-stone, on Sunday, September 17, 1922. More than 1,000 members and friends of our church assembled at 3 o'clock in the

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afternoon to witness the great event. Our heavenly Father blessed the occasion with glorious sunshine. The Reverend Richard Stave, Ph.D., of St. Paul's Church delivered a splendid address. Professor Ludwig Schenck led the singing and the joyous strains were accompanied by Mr. Carl Paul on the organ and by several bass instruments. The corner-stone was laid by Pastor Frank- enfeld. In the center of it was placed a copper receptacle containing the following documents: The Bible, The Elmhurst Hymnal, The Evangelical Cate- chism, "Our Evangelical Church," a copy of the constitution; the picture and the story of the nest-egg; copies of the "Salem's Bote," giving information about the financial campaign of 1917, the list of contributors, our larger pro- gram, annual reports of 1921; a list giving the names of the officers and the members of all organizations, the church council, the building committee, the architects and contractors; copies of "Der Friedensbote," "The Evangelical Herald," "The Evangelical Leader," "The Year Book," 1922; copies of the "Democrat and Chronicle," the "Rochester Herald," the "Post Express," the "Times-Union," the "Rochester American," "Die Abendpost"; the Christian flag and the American flag.

The Dedication

Dedicatory services for the new church school and parish house were held on the tenth day of June, 1923. All the work was not completed; indeed many details were still in an unfinished state, but the building had progressed so far that we could occupy the various rooms for Bible school purposes. In less than a year from the day on which ground was broken, we were privileged to enter the new building. No unwelcome delay of any nature had occurred; no serious accident marred the progress of the work. The spirit of co-operation and harmony prevailed throughout, and God led us to build at the most advantageous time. If the various contracts had been awarded a few months later the cost of erecting our new building would have been increased by at least \$45,000.

We began the day with a dedicatory service in the church auditorium at nine o'clock, the members of the elementary division meeting in their ac- customed places. The Reverend Reinhold Niebuhr of Detroit delivered the ser- mon in which primary stress was laid upon the most important task of relig- ious education. After the service, the departments of our Bible school formed in line and marched, with the members of the cradle roll in the lead, to the front of the new building. Nearly 2,000 persons participated in this great pro- cession of which a film was made for future enjoyment and for the benefit of those who will come after us. At the entrance of the new building the architect handed the key to the chairman of the building committee, Mr. George J. Hafner, who received it with appropriate words and passed it on to the presi- dent of the church, Mr. Charles Suss. With the words: "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy name give glory," the president accepted the key and opened the door leading into the spacious vestibule. Then followed the dedicatory prayer spoken by the pastor through a megaphone, whereupon the audience sang the last stanza of "Onward, Christian Soldiers" as the depart- ments entered the building and occupied the rooms which had been previously assigned to them. Here addresses were given by Miss Hulda Niebuhr of Boston, who spoke to the elementary division, and by Messrs. Wm. J. Mac- Farlane, Wm. H. Stackel and the Reverend John S. Wolff, who addressed the senior, the young people's and the adult departments respectively. The eve-

ning witnessed a rally of the young people who listened to the inspiring mes- sages given by Miss Hulda Niebuhr and the Reverend Reinhold Niebuhr. And thus ended the great day, June the tenth.

A whole week of special events had been arranged by the committee and all of these were carried out as scheduled with not a single disappointment. The program, which was very exceptional in character, follows.

Monday—Men's Night—Speaker: The Reverend Theo. Bode, Buffalo.

Tuesday—Young People's Night—Speaker: The Reverend Orlo J. Price, D.D., Secretary of the Federation of Churches of Rochester and Monroe County.

Wednesday—Bible School Workers' Night—Speaker: Dr. Herbert S. Weet, Superintendent of Public Schools.

Thursday—Three o'clock, "Frauenverein"—Speaker: Professor Wm. Baur, D.D., St. Louis, Mo. Eight o'clock, Women's Night—Speakers: Mrs. Geo. Hafner, Professor Wm. Baur, D.D., St. Louis, Mo.; Reverend Paul Frankenfeld, Buffalo; the Hon. Mayor VanZandt, Rochester.

Friday—Evangelical Night—Speakers: Reverend Adolf Baltzer, Mr. John Bernhard (for Reverend Otto Reller), Reverend Herman E. Koenig, Rev- erend Bernard J. Tepas.

Opportunity was given each night to see the entire building. Well-in- formed guides conducted the several groups, and the good women of Salem served refreshments gratis to all who came. Each night of dedication week was a spiritual, an intellectual and a social feast.



Salem Evangelical Church (1874) and Parish House (1923) in the anniversary year (1933).

Opening Day

Sunday, June 17, was opening day, the various departments of our Bible school meeting for the first time, in regular session, in their new quarters. Only those who were present know what this statement means, and how the members felt about it. At the English service on this day it was our great pleasure to hear the venerable Mr. Thomas Dransfield, of the Central Presbyterian Church, who had organized Salem Sunday school fifty years ago and who had been an exemplary leader of Salem's youth for five years. About twenty-five men and women who were boys and girls when Mr. Dransfield assisted the Reverend Carl Siebenpfeiffer from 1873-1878, were present on June 17. Notwithstanding his eighty-eight years, Mr. Dransfield gave a thirty-minute address in which he offered his sincerest felicitations and brought us many reminiscences of days gone by. He still found great joy in the fact that the Lord had privileged him to have a share in the development of Salem Church.

The members of the dedicatory committee were fifty-seven in number, with William H. Brown, chairman; Henry F. Albrecht, vice-chairman; Miss Mary Emich, secretary; and Mrs. George J. Hafner, treasurer.

The Golden Jubilee

Soon after the dedication of the church school building and parish house, from December 2 to 9, Salem observed its fiftieth anniversary. The service on Sunday morning, Dec. 2, was conducted in the German language, with nearly 800 persons present. The Reverend John Baltzer, D.D., the honorable President General of the Evangelical Synod, brought the message. The organist and the choir put forth their best efforts in a program of music and song that was soul-stirring.



The interior of the sanctuary in the anniversary year, 1933.

The Golden Jubilee Organ

The main feature of the evening service on Dec. 2 was the dedication of the new anniversary organ. This fine instrument, one of the best in the city, and the largest personal gift Salem has ever received, is the gift of two of our most beloved and esteemed members, Mr. and Mrs. J. George Kaelber, who made this wonderful contribution to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of their church and to express their sincere appreciation of the many blessings which they received through the ministry of Salem in fifty long years. The organ was built by the Austin Organ Company. It has fifty-five speaking stops and eighty-six additional combination pistons, pedals and reversibles. There are in it 2,606 speaking pipes, with an additional sixty-one on the harp, and twenty chimes. Mr. Harold Gleason of the Eastman School of Music played the dedicatory recital which was attended by 1,675 persons.

The following Wednesday evening, December 5, was observed as "Golden Jubilee Church School Night." A large and appreciative company of Salem folk gathered in the church school auditorium for this occasion. The Reverend H. H. Lohans presided, and many reminiscences of by-gone days were told in an interesting fashion by several speakers, including two former superintendents of our church school, Henry F. Albrecht and Albert B. Helm-kamp.

December 9 was the second Jubilee Sunday with only one service in the morning. This service was conducted in the English language. The Reverend Samuel D. Press, D.D., President of Eden Theological Seminary, gave a very inspiring and helpful message.

The evening service on this day, when all the sister congregations worshipped with us, marked a real climax in the Jubilee festivities. Dr. Press and the Reverend Otto Haass were the speakers.

The Golden Jubilee Chimes and Other Special Gifts

At this service a set of excellent tower chimes, sixteen in number, was dedicated. These chimes were generously donated by Mr. and Mrs. William Deininger, and were installed by the Deagan Chimes Company of Chicago.

Another valuable and beautiful gift received by Salem at the time of her Golden Jubilee, was the new pulpit and communion table, a memorial gift by Mrs. John Nusbickel and her daughter, Miss Edith Nusbickel, in loving memory of the dear husband and father, Mr. John C. Nusbickel, who served our church as a member of the official Board from 1895-1904. The pulpit and communion table of walnut, beautifully carved and artistically decorated, was designed to harmonize with the interior decoration of the church.

Among the other special gifts received at the time of the dedication of the new building were kitchen equipment and parlor furnishings donated by the Sister Society; the "Frauenverein" paid for the fine grand piano in the church parlor; a beautiful Westminster Chime-clock for the parlor was given by Miss Hattie Hess in memory of her dear sister, Miss Emma Hess; Salem Dramatic Club presented the curtain for the stage in the new auditorium; the Men's Bible Class made itself responsible for the platform furnishings in the auditorium. The Ladies' Bible Class and various departments of our Bible school equipped their own rooms at considerable expense. Mrs. F. J. Dubelbeiss donated one gross each of silver knives and forks for the new kitchen.

On Easter Sunday, 1928, we were privileged to dedicate unto the service

of the Lord a beautiful baptismal font, the gracious gift of Mrs. Eduard Deusing and her daughters in memory of the beloved husband and father who was called to his reward in 1923. Mr. Eduard Deusing was a charter member of our church and also served in former years on the church council.

Alteration and Renovation

In order to provide the required room for the anniversary organ and in preparation for the Golden Jubilee celebration, extensive and expensive alterations in the church auditorium were made during the summer months of 1923, and the interior of the sanctuary was re-decorated. It was indeed a joyous day when we were privileged to re-enter our beautiful church on November 11. What a transformation had taken place. The new decorations were beautiful. Where the old organ pipes used to be, there appeared one of the most artistic designs of church architecture in the city. The choir platform had been lowered and much enlarged, and stairways were built leading from the choir into the main auditorium. The organ console was no longer conspicuous, but was hidden from view in a place all its own. All the aisles, corridors and platforms were covered with beautiful carpets, and underneath the pews "battleship" linoleum was placed. The lighting had been greatly improved and the fixtures were embellished with harmonious ornamentation.

The Golden Jubilee Offering

At an important special meeting of our congregation, held on Sept. 17, 1923, it was decided to precede the Golden Jubilee celebration with a financial campaign to wipe out the entire indebtedness of \$130,000. Accordingly, the days November 19 to 29 were chosen for this effort. The Salem Jubilee Offering was solicited by 250 men and women directed by an executive committee consisting of: J. Geo. Kaelber, general chairman; Geo. F. Roth, first vice-chairman; Geo. Hafner, second vice-chairman; Mrs. J. C. Hoffman, third vice-chairman; Fred Baetzel, secretary; Carl T. Rau, treasurer; Wm. H. Brown, general manager; the Reverend Frederick Frankenfeld, adviser; Julius Andersen, Chris. Merlau and Jacob Schlenker, and the following ex-officio members, Charles Suss, president of the church; and the Reverend H. H. Lohans, Minister of Religious Education. The total amount received in our Golden Jubilee offering was \$153,944.

The Cost

The final report of the building committees was submitted on May 1, 1924. The following statement shows the cost of constructing and equipping the new building, of the alteration and the additional equipment for the old building and of the acquirement of new musical instruments.

Structure		Miscellaneous	
New Building	\$167,648.56	New Building	\$ 7,781.95
Old Building	43,743.05	Old Building	9.83
	<u>\$211,391.61</u>		<u>\$ 7,791.78</u>
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment		Total Cost	
New Building	\$ 11,376.20	New Building	\$186,806.71
Old Building	7,285.60	Old Building	51,038.48
Organ, Chimes, Pianos	40,786.95	Organ, Chimes, Pianos	40,786.95
Total	<u>\$ 59,448.75</u>		<u>\$278,632.14</u>

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The Church School

It is very regrettable that the early records of the church school are lost. At the time of the twenty-fifth anniversary, in 1898, Pastor Helmkamp deeply deplored this fact and undertook the task of writing a history of the school. The facts which he was able to gather concerning the first ten years are based entirely upon verbal information. This history was written, as were all other records of that period, in the German language. The salient material has been translated and incorporated in this historical review.

The Salem Sunday school was organized before the church began to function. Strange to say, originally it was not a German school within the congregation, but an English institution, more or less independent of the church. Mr. Thomas Dransfield, a staunch friend of Pastor Siebenpfeiffer, was its first superintendent. Under their combined leadership the school made remarkable progress, and at the end of the tenth year it had an average attendance per Sunday of more than four hundred.

The reasons why a German church, in its very beginning, sponsored an English Sunday school, are not quite clear. Perhaps it was due to the fact that Salem, at that time, maintained a flourishing parochial school in which religion was taught daily, in the mother tongue, to the children of the church. When Mr. Dransfield resigned, because of many other duties which made it impossible for him to continue as superintendent, Pastor Siebenpfeiffer immediately organized a German Sunday school. This procedure, also, was a strange one, for many churches in the denomination were already then substituting the English language for the German, in the teaching of their youth. The school was known as "Sonntag-Schul-Verein" which name continued in use until about 1905. Through many years all the sessions were conducted in the German language; the last German class was disbanded in October, 1917. Year by year the school continued to grow until the average attendance reached 581 in the last year of Pastor Siebenpfeiffer's ministry.

The story of the further development of the school is related in the chapter which deals with the second pastorate. Under the efficient leadership and through the persistent efforts of Pastor Helmkamp, Salem Sunday school was known as one of the best equipped schools in that day. Visitors from far and near regarded it as a model school. Pastor Helmkamp, however, was not satisfied with mere equipment. He endeavored in every way to raise the standard of the work and to seek a solution of the many problems which confronted him and his loyal co-workers. We read of his great concern for the boys and the girls in the teen-age; of teachers who stayed away on Sunday without making provision for substitutes and who failed to keep in touch with absent pupils; of officers who were persistently late, and of pupils in the intermediate department who could not be persuaded to join the older groups—problems which, by the way, are still with us in the present day.

In July, 1907, the organization of an English Bible class was considered, but no definite results of the attempt are reported. In November of the same year Pastor Helmkamp began to keep a personal record of the attendance as reported weekly by the teachers in the various departments. From time to time the pastor and his assistant visited the irregular members, and the result of this effort was soon noticeable throughout the entire school. The recogni-

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tion of banner classes was first instituted in February, 1908. All the classes which had a perfect attendance were awarded banners which they were permitted to keep on display until others succeeded in winning them. In the same year the first teachers' training class was launched. This class had an enrollment of thirty-five and was taught by the pastor. A cradle roll department was organized in April, 1909, with Mrs. Marie Krause as the superintendent. Weekly workers' meetings for the officers and the teachers were inaugurated in 1910. The first Sunday school cabinet was formed in 1911. It consisted of all the general officers and of one member from each department in the school. Meetings were held on the first Tuesday of each month.

Mention must here be made of the annual picnic which invariably was held at Sea Breeze. In former years as many as four thousand people attended this annual gathering. At nine o'clock in the morning the Sunday school members gathered at the church. Led by a brass band they marched in orderly procession to the chartered cars of which, on many occasions, no less than eight were required to convey the first contingent to the lake-side park. With the advent of the automobile, the crowds gradually dwindled, and in recent years only one chartered car has been necessary for this purpose.

In 1911, a class for young men between the ages of sixteen and eighteen years was organized. This class was known as the "Andrews Class." and Mr. William H. Brown was secured as the teacher. Under his able leadership it developed into a fine and strong group. When Mr. Brown was chosen as teacher of the Ladies' Bible Class, Mr. Edwin Kaelber was selected as his successor. The class continued until 1923, when it disbanded.

Awards for regular attendance were offered through many years. Bibles were given to all the members who were present every Sunday in the year; to those who attended on forty-eight or more Sundays a suitable book was presented. In 1914, 137 pupils had a perfect attendance record, and 225 were present on forty-eight or more Sundays.

A most unusual achievement was written into the history of the school by Philip Lattinville's class of boys in the years 1914, 1915, 1916. This class consisted of nine members, thirteen and fourteen years of age. For three years and seven months these boys were present every Sunday without a single break. Their loyalty is so noteworthy that we gladly publish their names:

Arthur Kraftschick,	Max Nather,	Marshall Seaman,
Edward Kubica,	Ralph Schauman,	Harry Kohn,
Carl Mengel,	Carl Schauman,	Lambert Haug,

Philip Lattinville, teacher.

In the spring of 1916, the members of the church school decided to have an attendance campaign on the seven Sundays in the Lenten season. The goal set was "10,000 present during Lent." No such figure had ever been approached and it seemed impossible of attainment. However, on Easter Sunday Salem was over the top with a grand total of 10,963. In the second similar effort, in 1917, the goal was raised to 11,000 and when the final report was made, it was found that 11,260 members had been present on the seven Sundays in the Lenten season. These special campaigns continued with varying results until 1925, as is shown in the following tabulation:

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Year	Name	Goal	Attendance
1919	Victory Campaign	11,500	11,531
1920	No name	11,500	10,056
1921	Record-breaking Campaign	11,500	11,423
1922	Co-operative Campaign	11,600	12,657
1923	Jubilee Campaign	12,000	11,623
1924	New Era Campaign	12,000	13,130
1925	Five Per Cent Increase Campaign	13,783	13,693

From 1926 to 1929 three competitive campaigns were conducted, each of which ended in a victory for Salem. The first of these was conducted in competition with six schools in Buffalo, the second in conjunction with three other Rochester schools against eight Buffalo schools, and the third against four schools in St. Louis, Missouri. The highest total attendance reached by Salem in these competitive campaigns was 15,951 in 1929.

Beginning Sunday, January 21, 1917, and continuing for four weeks, an "on time" campaign was conducted. Of the total average attendance of 1,296, the average number present on time each Sunday was 828. On the last of these Sundays, 878 of 1,280 reported at nine o'clock, with the temperature at four below zero.

For many years, a Christmas celebration was held on the evening of Christmas Day. All the pupils would assemble in their class rooms and then proceed, in a body, into the church. Before the church was wired for electricity, the large Christmas tree, forty feet and more in height, was lit up with candles. Many anxious nights were spent by those who bore the responsibility for the safety of the children. Fortunately no accidents ever marred these celebrations. Invariably a box of candy was given to every one who attended, and the church was usually crowded to the doors. In recent years a "giving Christmas" has been observed, and many thousands of dollars have thus been contributed for numerous benevolent purposes in the homeland, and abroad. In the prosperous years, the total of the "giving Christmas" amounted to more than \$3,000 each year.

A Bible class for men was organized in January, 1919, but there was no room available at the church where the class could hold its sessions on Sunday morning. To overcome this difficulty, the auditorium of the Y. W. C. A. was rented for several years until the new church school building could be erected. The pastor was chosen as the teacher of this class, and Mr. William Brown became the teacher of the Ladies' Bible class. Both classes grew in a most remarkable manner. On March 17, 1929, the records show an attendance of 873 men and 724 women, a total of 1,597. This record has never been surpassed.

On November 1, 1917, a Board of Religious Education was formed and the Reverend Otto Mayer was elected as the first minister of religious education. He held this position for one year, after which he accepted a similar position in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The names of his successors in this office appear elsewhere in this booklet. The story of the new church school building and parish house, and other matters of importance in connection with the history of the school, are also included in previous chapters.

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During the influenza epidemic in 1918, the church school was closed from October 10 to the second Sunday in November. In the same year the weekly workers' conference was held on Friday instead of Wednesday evening, to save fuel.

At the present time the enrollment of the school is 2,353, which number includes 217 members of the cradle roll. There are 201 officers and teachers, and eighty classes which constitute the following departments:

Nursery,	Senior,	Teachers' Training Class,
Kindergarten,	Young People,	Ladies' Bible Class,
Primary,	(a younger and an older group)	Men's Bible Class,
Junior,	Ruth Bible Class,	General Officers.
Junior High,	Kaelber Class,	

The highest attendance on any Sunday in the past sixty years was 2,636, on March 17, 1929; the highest average attendance in any year is recorded as 1,416, in 1929; the total number attending in fifty-one years is 2,336,204. Since 1916 all attendance records are being compiled by department secretaries. Prior to that year the records were obtained by the general attendance secretary. Through twenty-five years George F. Graf faithfully filled this important office. Many among us still remember him as he went from one department to another, with pad and pencil, to record the members present each Sunday in the year.

The history of Salem Sunday school through the sixty years reveals the names of many men and women who have been untiring in their efforts and who have given unstintingly of their time and their talent to the teaching ministry of the church. Not a few among them have been sacrificial in a degree which is worthy of the highest commendation. Lest we be found guilty of the omission of someone who is entitled to special mention, we refrain from publishing any names. Their memory is held sacred by many who still labour in our midst, and the blessings which they sent into the lives of others will continue through generations to come. However, we do wish to record here the names of all the workers who have served faithfully for twenty-five, or more, years, and who are active in the school at the present time.

Name	Years of Service	Name	Years of Service
Henry F. Albrecht	51	Mrs. Julius Andersen	31
Miss Julia Sauer	41	Fred M. Dubelbeiss	30
Mrs. Amelia Miller	39	Miss F. Louise Amish	29
Charles Suss	39	Miss Mary Emich	27
Miss Julia Young	38	Miss Anna Luscher	27
Miss Elizabeth Stauch	37	Mrs. Herbert Zimmer	26
Julius J. Andersen	34	William Hormuth	26
Miss Louise Sauer	32	Miss Anna Linsin	25

"Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee
the crown of life." Revelation 2:10.

The Men's Benevolent Society

The Men's Benevolent Society is the oldest of the many organizations in Salem Church. It began its history sixty years ago, on January 1, 1874, when twenty young men banded themselves together in the spirit of Christian fellowship and mutual helpfulness to organize the "Young Men's Society of Salem Church." The list of charter members presents the following names:

John C. Zellweger, Jr.,	Henry Herzberger,
Henry Hoffman,	Conrad W. Zimmer,
Henry Forschler,	Fred Ruckdeschel,
Charles Suss,	Charles Weis,
George Schelter,	John Zellweger,
Charles Diem,	John Ruckdeschel,
Louis Herzberger,	Conrad Mausnest,
Fred Forschler,	David Fichtner,
Charles Flake,	Charles Zimmer,
Alfred Raepfel,	August Bachman.

The following were elected as the first officers:

John C. Zellweger, Jr.,	president;
George Schelter,	vice-president;
Henry Hoffman,	treasurer;
Charles Suss,	recording secretary;
Henry Forschler,	financial secretary;
Frederick Ruckdeschel,	trustee;
John Ruckdeschel,	trustee;
Charles W. Weis,	trustee.

From the very beginning this organization met with much success, and year by year it continued to grow.

On Reformation Day in 1874, another group of men, thirty-four in number, organized the "Salem Unterstuetzungs-Verein." The early records contain the following names as charter members:

Frederick Imhof,	George Zimmer,
Henry Lauterbach,	Frederick Ruckdeschel,
George Fleischauer,	John Popp,
Philip Frank,	Louis Mock,
Rudolph Axt,	Samuel Dubelbeiss,
Ernst Redel,	John Schroeder,
Adolph Luscher,	Christoph Diem,
Christian Stein,	William Steul,
Carl Puffpaff,	John Meyer,
August Schuknecht,	Dettmar Poppen,
John Schroth,	Henry Grab,
Frederick Nelson,	Adam F. Gahl,
Michael Carle,	John Neun,
Reverend Carl Siebenpfeiffer,	John Viehmann,
John Fertig,	John Haefner,
Henry Trebert,	Christoph Riemann,
John Oetzel,	August H. Meyer.

The following men were elected as the first officers:

Reverend Carl Siebenpfeiffer,	president;
George Zimmer,	vice-president;
William Steul,	treasurer;
Frederick Imhof,	recording secretary;
John Fertig,	financial secretary;
John Neun,	trustee;
John Oetzel,	trustee;
Christoph Diem,	trustee.

This organization also met with immediate success, and the membership continued to increase as the years went by.

The "Young Men's Society" and the "Maenner Unterstuetzungs-Verein" existed as separate organizations through forty-one years. On July 6, 1915, they united to form the "Salem Brotherhood" which name was changed to "Salem Men's Benevolent Society" in 1918. At the time when the merger was effected the following men held office in the "Young Men's Society":

Frederick Baetzel,
August Hitzke,
Charles G. Gerhard,
August Stark,
Jacob Vogel,
August Amish,
Frank Knope,
Eduard Deusing,

president;
vice-president;
treasurer;
recording secretary;
financial secretary;
trustee;
trustee;
trustee.

These men continued as the first officers of the new organization.

Beginning with 1915, all meetings were conducted in the English language, a change which induced many of the younger men in the church to make application for membership. The opportunity for fellowship and the many social features which were introduced, proved an attraction to them. The benevolent ministry, paying sick and death benefits, was continued. In the sixty years of its existence, the Men's Benevolent Society has never failed to meet any of its financial obligations. During the last six years the financial status of the society has advanced steadily, and at the end of the present year the books of the organization will show a balance of more than ten thousand dollars. At the time of the consolidation of the two societies the combined assets were \$4,983.77.

Prior to the World War, the society reached the high mark of 335 members. When the boys came back, many found other interests, and the membership began to decline until it reached the low mark of 200 in the year 1927. The meetings became uninteresting and were held merely to pay the monthly dues and to collect the benefits when these were levied. The question arose: "Shall we disband or go on?" Not many appeared sufficiently interested to determine which way things should go. At the annual election held in December, 1928, a new policy was outlined and presented as a program for the coming year. Shorter business sessions and longer periods of fellowship and social events were recommended. The members approved the suggestions which were made, and promised their loyal and whole-hearted support; co-operation was forthcoming; numerous applications were received and initiations were possible at every meeting; the attendance soon doubled, and the society again became an attraction for the men of Salem. Field days were inaugurated for all the men of the church, and later also for the boys, and other outdoor social events and sports were sponsored. In 1932 the society had a membership of 337, and plans are now under way to make possible a considerable increase, despite the many difficulties which are presented by conditions existing at the present time.

The following members are now holding office:

Carl L. Drexler,
Milton Huff,
G. Wallace Neth,
Raymond A. Selke,
Lee Feldt,
Philip Lattinville,
Henry Weber,
Henry Gerhard,

president (since 1928);
vice-president (since 1931);
treasurer (since 1925);
financial secretary (since 1925);
recording secretary (since 1928);
trustee;
trustee;
trustee.

"Der Frauenverein"

The first organization for women in Salem Church was the "Frauenverein." In fact it came, as a society, with all of its officers and also with the treasury, from old Trinity into the new church home, in 1874. It appears that the good mothers who remained in Trinity gave the funds which were then in the treasury, as a dowry, to their daughters who were leaving home to establish themselves in another place.

At the time when the society was transplanted, the officers were the following:

Mrs. Gertrude Weis, president,
Mrs. Elizabeth Rau, vice-president,
Mrs. Friederice Roth, secretary,
Mrs. Catherine Schmidt, treasurer.

The list of charter members contains the names of twenty-four women who came with their pastor from Allen Street, and of forty-five who united with the society immediately after it had moved across the river. When the church observed the twenty-fifth anniversary, in 1898, Pastor Helmkamp wrote a brief history of the "Frauenverein". In it he made mention of the fact that the society then had a membership of 210, and that only twenty of the first members were among the living at that time. But the first president, Mrs. Gertrude Weis, still continued in office.

From its beginning, the organization maintained a death-benefit fund from which the sum of \$1,355.75 was expended in the first twenty-five years. Within that period the members gave to the church and to various kingdom enterprises \$3,888.07.

Since the beginning of the present pastorate, the "Frauenverein" showed a gradual and natural decline in membership. Year by year more of the devout mothers were called to their reward, and there was no material available to fill the vacant places. Many of the members who had been very active in former days could no longer attend the meetings, because of physical disability. The younger women in the church preferred to unite with the Sister Society; here the meetings were conducted in the English language, whereas the "Frauenverein" always employed the German. Thus it happened that, in 1931, only fifty members of the "Frauenverein" remained. These voted to disband and to unite with the Sister Society, which merger was effected on January 15, 1931. Today thirty-three of their number are still affiliated with the latter organization.

At the time when the "Frauenverein" was discontinued, the following members held office:

Mrs. Caroline Weis, president,
Mrs. Philippina Leppla, secretary,
Mrs. Caroline Hoeltzer, treasurer,
Mrs. George Hafner, treasurer of the benefit fund.

For a period of twenty-two years, in its later history, Mrs. Katherine Tischer served the society as president, and Mrs. Philippina Leppla filled the office of secretary through seventeen years.

The Sister Society

Upon the invitation of the pastor, Pastor Siebenpfeiffer, eleven women met at the church on Thursday, January 19, 1888, to consider the advisability of organizing a new society for the younger married women in Salem. The fact that it was a cold and stormy day may account for the small attendance. The minutes of that meeting record the following names:

Louise Yaky, Marie Weidemiller, Catherine Helberg, Marie Helberg, Friederike Grauntman, Julie Kogler, Marie Kiefer, Emilie Hoffman, Emilie Mensing, Sophie Hoffman, Lena Morris.

After due consideration and considerable discussion, these eleven women agreed to proceed with the organization of a new society, but to postpone the election of officers until the following Thursday. On January 26, they met again. In the meantime others had become interested. The report, as contained in the anniversary issue of the parish paper, in 1898, lists the following additional names:

Mrs. August Reinhardt, Mrs. Andrew Hartel, Mrs. Emma Engelhardt, Mrs. Conrad Eckhardt, Mrs. George Neth, Mrs. John Zellweger, Mrs. Christ Drexler, Mrs. Libbie Sloan, Mrs. John Geiger, Mrs. Carl Gutzmer, Mrs. John Kujat, Mrs. Carl Suss, Mrs. Edward Stahlbrodt, Mrs. David Grauwiller, Mrs. Daniel Stroh, Mrs. August Amish, Mrs. Fred Wehnert, Mrs. John Stolz, Mrs. Marie Stehler, Mrs. John U. Schroth, Mrs. F. W. Zimmer, Mrs. Henry Muellendorff, Mrs. Henry Kobbe, Mrs. Carl Kaelber, Mrs. Margaret Ursprung, Mrs. Richard Zoberbier, Mrs. Carl Priem, Mrs. Emil Medrow, Mrs. Ferdinand Schaefer, Mrs. C. Pfeil, Mrs. M. Meerdink.

The new organization adopted the name "Sister Society" and accepted, by a unanimous vote, the constitution which had been prepared by the pastor. The members then proceeded to elect the first officers, with the following result:

Mrs. Julius Hoffman, president, Mrs. William Morris, secretary.
Mrs. Henry Kobbe, vice-president, Mrs. Andrew Hartel, treasurer.

At the close of the first decade in the history of the Sister Society, the membership had increased to 175. Unfortunately, the records covering the years 1888-1904 are lost, and it is, therefore, impossible to give detailed information concerning the early activities of the society. However, it is a well known fact, that through all the years of its existence the Sister Society has rendered invaluable services to the church, and that at all times, the members have manifested great interest in missions and in other phases of the larger kingdom enterprise.

Since 1904, the following presidents have held office:

Mrs. Emma Helmkamp, Mrs. Fred Wehnert,
Mrs. Eva Drexler, Mrs. George Hafner,
Mrs. Louise Baetzel, Mrs. Charles Gerhard,
Mrs. Henry Husmann, Mrs. Otto Schlegel,
Mrs. Emma Engelhardt,

Long and noteworthy periods of service have been rendered by the following officers: Mrs. George Hafner has served twenty years as president or vice-president; Mrs. Katharine Dubelbeiss has filled the office of treasurer in most efficient manner, for a like number of years; through seventeen years, Mrs. Robert Kaucher was financial secretary; Mrs. William Wolfspurger was recording secretary and vice-president for eighteen years; and Mrs. Charles Gerhard has served four years as president, and approximately ten years as vice-president. After forty-five years, the first president, Mrs. Julius

Hoffman, is still very active in the society; for the past twenty-one years she has been the secretary and treasurer of the birthday fund which office she holds at the present time. For a considerable number of years the society maintained a "Two-cents-a-week" building fund which contributed much toward the success of the Golden Jubilee Offering. Mrs. John F. Zimmer was treasurer of this fund.

Since Mrs. Katharine Dubelbeiss, the present custodian of the society's treasury, has been in office, the following figures are recorded in the various funds. It will be noted that they cover only the last twenty years.

General Fund		Death Benefit Fund	
Receipts	\$11,375.47	Receipts	\$18,046.21
Disbursements	10,255.93	Disbursements	12,461.18
Balance	\$ 1,119.54	Balance	\$ 5,585.03

Of this balance in the Death Benefit Fund, the sum of three thousand dollars has been loaned to the church.

Building Fund (seventeen years)		Birthday Fund (Mrs. Julius C. Hoffman, treasurer)	
Receipts	\$24,908.29	Receipts	\$3,222.15
Disbursements	23,459.02	Disbursements	2,398.86
Balance	\$ 1,449.27	Balance	\$ 823.29

From the Birthday Fund the church parlor was furnished originally, and the cost of all subsequent repairs and replacements was met.

Grand Total (Twenty years)	
Receipts	\$54,329.97
Disbursements	46,176.13
Balance	\$ 8,153.84

At the present time the Sister Society has a membership of 368. The following officers and chairmen are directing the varied activities:

Mrs. George Hafner, president,
Mrs. F. Frankenfeld, 1st vice-president; chairman, missions committee,
Mrs. Otto Ritter, 2nd vice-president; chairman, devotional program,
Mrs. William Brown, 3rd vice-president, chairman, membership and district work,
Mrs. A. Ross, 4th vice-president; ministry of flowers,
Mrs. Carl L. Drexler, recording secretary,
Mrs. Elmer Orbaker, financial secretary,
Mrs. Katharine Dubelbeiss, treasurer,
Mrs. Julius C. Hoffman, treasurer of the birthday fund,
Mrs. F. Schultz, librarian,
Mrs. L. Bailey, pianist,
Mrs. J. Andersen, mission fund,
Mrs. P. Lattinville, council of church women,
Mrs. J. Cooper, chairman, social welfare committee.

The following committee chairmen represent the Sister Society in the work of the Evangelical Women's Union of the New York District:

Mrs. Otto Ritter, general chairman, Mrs. Wm. Zimmer, stewardship,
Mrs. Fred Bohm, religious work, Mrs. J. Cooper, citizenship,
Mrs. F. Frankenfeld, missions, Mrs. J. Schlenker, social welfare.

Reception committee: Mrs. F. Mayer, Mrs. Frank Gabbey.
Visiting committee: Mrs. S. Allen, Mrs. H. Schwab, Mrs. C. Holzwarth, Mrs. Chas. Spies.
Resolutions committee: Mrs. Charles Then, Mrs. Elmer Orbaker, Mrs. Carl L. Drexler.

Salem Missionary Society

If the story of the Salem Missionary Society could be told in a few brief paragraphs, this chapter would undoubtedly be one of the most interesting in this little booklet. It began thirteen years ago, when a good mother in Salem had a vision of what women can do for the advancement of Christ's kingdom on earth. Mrs. A. J. Hartel, whose memory will be cherished by us through many years to come, was the prime mover in its organization and by her winning way, her courageous persistence and her enduring patience brought it about that on November 10, 1920, fourteen women banded themselves together for the purpose of promoting the cause of Jesus Christ in the homeland and in foreign countries. It was self evident that she be elected the first president of the new society. Associated with her as the first officers were:

Mrs. H. Murenberg, vice-president;
Miss Mary Emich, secretary;
Mrs. C. E. Booth, treasurer.

After only six years of faithful and successful service, the beloved first president of the organization was called to her reward on December 14, 1926. Mrs. F. Frankenfeld was chosen as her successor and filled the position until 1928, when other duties in the church made it impossible for her to continue. She was followed in office by Mrs. H. Stoick who held the position for five years. Since the spring of this year, Mrs. A. Schieble is the president.

From its very beginning, the society has kept in close and constant contact with our missionaries and their needs in India and in Honduras. In every way the members have sought to support the work which our denomination is doing in these foreign countries. Numerous and varied missionary projects and enterprises have challenged their co-operation. Among these are the following:

Elmhurst College,	Dunkirk Training School,
The Emmaus Home,	The Joy Car for under-privileged children.
Oakwood,	The Public Health Association,
The Ozarks,	The Toy Depot,
Caney Creek Center,	The Association for the Blind.
Biloxi,	

Each year, large cases with valuable contents have gone forth to some of these institutions. Through the winter months, the members meet on Wednesdays to make, or alter, garments for those who are in need of them. On many days five sewing machines are kept going all the day long. When a special need in the community arises, the Salem Missionary Society is one of the very first organizations to which the appeal for immediate help is made. And it is never made in vain. Prompt and careful attention is given at all times to the cause of social welfare in our city. Visits are made regularly to the sick and the shut-ins, and also to the County Home and Hospital.

At the end of the first decade, the membership had grown to 189; today there are 239. Monthly meetings are held on the second Thursday. The attendance has always been far above the average, and the program which is offered at every meeting is full of interest and challenge.

The present officers are the following:

President, Mrs. A. Scheible;	Treasurer, Mrs. William Brown;
Vice-president, Mrs. Leo Lagler;	Chairman of Hostesses, Mrs. J. Hoffman;
Vice-president, Mrs. G. Lehrer;	Representative in Council of Church
Recording secretary, Mrs. H. Herbst;	Women, Mrs. H. Stoick;
Corresponding secretary, Miss Mary Emich;	Pianists, Mrs. W. Graeper, Mrs. L. Bailey.
Financial secretary, Mrs. F. Bohm;	

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In addition to the executive committee, nine other committees are responsible for promoting the various interests of the society; these are:

Social Service, Community Welfare, Stewardship, Special Gifts, Library, Visitation, Reception, Publicity and Sewing.

The Salem Welfare League

When the depression came on, Salem was among the first churches in the community to organize a welfare league. Through its wise and continued efforts the numerous appeals for help have been answered, and the relief work has been regulated and systematized. For a time, various organizations within the church carried on this necessary ministry independently, but it was soon found that the situation, which grew more serious from month to month, demanded unification and control. On December 17, 1930, the Salem Welfare League was formed. It consists of twenty-three workers who represent every organization in the church. Each worker is held responsible for a definite number of cases. In the meetings of the League names are never mentioned, but each case is referred to by a given number. Investigations are made in friendly spirit and reports are made in tactful manner. In truly remarkable fashion the people of Salem have supported the League in its ministry of helpfulness. From the very beginning, co-operation with the City Welfare League has been sought and maintained; over-lapping and duplication has thus been avoided. Repeatedly welfare workers of the city have publicly stated that Salem is doing one of the finest pieces of relief work in the entire community. At the time of this writing, the sum of \$3,147.51 has been expended and 110 families have been given assistance.

The Kingdom Mission Circle

The Kingdom Mission Circle was organized on March 17, 1924, with seventeen members. Its first officers were:

Miss Flora Wolfspurger, president;	Miss Anna Young, secretary;
Miss Amelia Kall, vice-president;	Miss Hilda Tanck, treasurer.

The monthly meetings are being held in the evening in order that those who can not attend meetings in the afternoon may have the opportunity to share in the work. At the present time the society has fifty-eight members. From its beginning, the organization has carried on personal correspondence with our missionaries in India and Honduras, and has sought in various ways to support the work of our denomination in these distant fields. Emmaus at St. Charles, Missouri, Biloxi in Mississippi, the Schaeffer Training School at Cleveland, the children at Iola Sanatorium, have been given special attention through the years. Whenever necessary, the members lend a hand in sewing for the Children's Service Bureau. Since 1926, the society has sent \$60.00 each year toward the support of a promising school child in Honduras. However, its primary interests in recent years have been centered in the Ozarks. The raising of one thousand dollars for the Community House at Shannondale was sponsored by this organization, and boxes of books, pictures, and other useful articles are being sent regularly each year to this neglected area. The study of mission books and lectures on varied missionary enterprises form part of the program at the regular monthly meetings. The present officers are the following:

Mrs. Gertrude Ritter, president;	Miss Anna Young, secretary;
Mrs. R. Heiligenman, 1st vice-president;	Miss Flora Wolfspurger, treasurer;
Mrs. W. Zimmer, 2nd vice-president;	Mrs. Carrie Frey, pianist.

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Scouting at Salem

Salem today is fortunate in having, as a part of its official family of organizations, two of the most active scout troops in Western New York. Their high standing in the Scout world can be attributed to several reasons. First, in having in Messrs. Fred Raetz and William J. Cox highly efficient scoutmasters, who are giving a liberal share of their time as leaders of their respective troops; second, in having the whole-hearted backing of live and working troop committees who function in co-operation with the Boys' Work Committee, which has as its chairman Mr. George C. Wickman.

According to the records, Troop 11 was the first to be organized at a meeting held September 20, 1914. The following were its first officers: Scoutmaster, Pastor Frederick Frankenfeld; Assistant S. M., J. H. Vogel; Senior Patrol Leader, F. Alton Frasch. The National Scout Headquarters granted the troop its first charter in February, 1915. A few of the main events in the first year were:

Participating in the Memorial Day parade, in May,

Assisting in the annual picnic, Ontario Beach Park, in July,

Camping trip at Canandaigua Lake, in July,

Receiving American flag from Peissner Post G. A. R., on August 27, 1915, Commander J. J. Augustin presenting the flag to the Troop Standard Bearer, Fred Heckler.

In January, 1916, the troop gave a demonstration of scout activities at the St. John's Home for the Aged; in July of the same year the troop, as a unit, had its first real camp at Pebble Beach, Conesus Lake; under the direction of George Geer, a fife, drum and bugle corps took part in the Preparedness Day parade of 1916; again, on October 5, 1916, the troop participated when the National Guard returned from the Mexican border.

The troop's first banquet was held on October 6, 1916, with the following speakers: Col. S. P. Moulthrop, Mr. Henry D. Shedd, Scout Commissioner, and the Reverend Frederick Frankenfeld. At this time Mr. J. H. Vogel became scoutmaster and Mr. F. Alton Frasch, assistant. The fourth anniversary was celebrated with games and a campfire on October 4, 1918, in a vacant lot near the city line on Clifford Avenue, adjoining the home of Scout E. Oeschger.

William J. Cox became the first Eagle scout of Troop Eleven in September, 1919, with twenty-six merit badges; other Eagles in this troop are J. H. Vogel, Tom Cox, William Ross and Donald Ross. Clarence Meyer, Fred Hamner and Henry Scheve were identified as leaders with Troop Eleven.

Upon the invitation of Mr. J. H. Vogel, and because of the overcrowded condition of Troop 11, Mr. Fred Raetz organized Troop 60 in February, 1920. Mr. Raetz has a record of almost fourteen years as scoutmaster of this troop. The quarters of both troops are located in the basement of the church and are considered model rooms by many who have visited them.

In 1921, Mr. George C. Wickman became the chairman of the newly organized Boys' Work Committee, which office he has held without interruption to the present day.

In 1922, both troops camped at Bushnells Basin on the property of Mr. Fred Baetzel.

A weekly news bulletin was issued in 1924, with Scout Carlton Stark as the editor. In the same year Scout Bill Cox, then at Mercersburg Academy, broke the mile record at that institution; later, he became a member of the team which represented the United States at the Olympic games held in Paris, in 1924.

Mr. Vogel resigned as scoutmaster in 1927; he was succeeded by Mr. Henry Scheve; Messrs. Willard Lauterbach and Charles Heard were acting scoutmasters in 1928.

After graduating from Pennsylvania State College, Mr. William J. Cox was elected scoutmaster of Troop 11. During the summer months he is in charge of the Durand-Eastman Park bathing beach as life guard; for several years he has been an instructor at the Edison Technical High School.

Mr. Fred Raetz gained his first experience in scouting as scoutmaster of a troop in the eastern section of the city. He likes nothing better than to take a group of scouts and their leaders on a hike, or a camping trip, to some remote spot in the backwoods country. Often his services are in demand as a teacher of scout training classes.

Others who are assisting in Troop 60 are Messrs. Fred Mayer, Frank Meding, Frank Stoll (whose movies are a feature of Troop 60), and assistant scoutmaster Elmer Neuscheler. Recent Eagle scouts are Robert Bareis and Robert S. Vogel.

Committee men of Troop 11 who are actively engaged in scouting are Messrs. Thomas Delehanty, John H. Cooper, Edward Zuhlke, August Leppla and Fred Katerle.

Many former members of both troops are now engaged as leaders in various church organizations, in industry, and in the teaching profession, et cetera. Some continue their interest in scouting in other troops.

Girl Scouts

Salem Church also maintains an organization of girl scouts, which was organized on March 20, 1925, twenty-one girls being present at the meeting. Miss Minnie Beesch was the first leader. Troop 48 has a membership of twenty-five registered scouts of whom three, Elizabeth Eggiman, Jean Edgumbe and Marie Dubelbeiss, have earned the "Golden Eaglet". Miss Edith Nusbickel is the efficient leader of this troop. Through her faithful ministry she has achieved many fine results in the training of these girls. Miss Josephine Raeppl, as lieutenant, is her able and loyal assistant. The members of Troop 48 made the sixty standards which were used by the confirmation classes in connection with the anniversary services and the fellowship evenings.

Youth Organizations

In addition to scouting, three distinct organizations offer to the youth of Salem the opportunity for self-development and self-expression.

The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor meets on Sunday evening for a devotional and fellowship program which includes addresses and discussions of the many varied problems youth must face in the present day. With the assistance of Mr. Max Burke, a student at the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, the members plan the year's program and conduct the meetings in their own way. The present officers are the following:

Walter Hitzke, president,
Lois Heining, first vice-president,
Esther Kurkowski, second vice-president,
Ruth Selke, secretary,
Herbert Zimmer, Jr., treasurer.

A similar group is known as the Young People's League. It consists of three confirmation classes in consecutive years, and includes the ages fourteen to sixteen years. This group also meets on Sunday evening and is being sponsored, at the present time, by the pastor. Its officers are the following:

Paul Cooper, president,
Arlene Ernst, vice-president,
Robert Vogel, secretary,
Frank Swansfeger, treasurer.

In recent years, the Salem Dramatic Club has presented various interesting plays and has made noteworthy contributions to the program of the church. On three different evenings in the anniversary month the members offered a one-act comedy which delighted young and old. The present officers are the following:

Raymond Lahmer, president,
Grace Heiligman, vice-president,
Vera Walters, secretary,
Walter Hitzke, treasurer.

Assistant Pastors

At various times during the third pastorate, the church found it necessary to secure the services of assistant pastors, several of whom were called primarily as ministers of religious education and workers with the young people of Salem. The following have rendered valuable assistance in this capacity:

The Reverend Paul G. Frankenfeld,	July, 1912—November, 1913, December, 1919—May, 1922,
The Reverend Julius C. Kramer,	October, 1914—January, 1916,
The Reverend Otto Mayer,	September, 1918—September, 1919,
The Reverend Herman H. Lohans,	September, 1922—April, 1928,
The Reverend Charles J. Keppel,	September, 1929—September, 1930,
Mr. Theodor Stoerker,	October, 1931—October, 1932,
Sister Frieda Muenstermann (Deaconess),	April, 1928—May, 1929.

Because of existing conditions, the church has no assistant pastor at the present time. Upon numerous occasions, the Reverend Adolf C. G. Baltzer has cheerfully relieved the pastor of pressing duties, and many others stand ready to give their help in any emergency.

THE SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY

November, 1933

The story of the sixtieth anniversary is being added to the foregoing brief history of Salem Church upon the request of the committee which was given the responsibility for the publication of this souvenir booklet. The addition, we believe, will be cherished through the years as a constant reminder of the many unusual festivities, by all who were privileged to participate in the happy and blessed experiences. Others, who did not share with us in the celebration, may find in the following pages a welcome source of interesting information concerning one of the most significant events which has been recorded in the life of Salem Church.

From the day on which the first tentative plans for the occasion were formulated, the members of the general committee determined that the observance of the sixtieth anniversary must be more than merely an ordinary celebration. They were agreed that the primary emphasis must be spiritual, and that all other features must be considered secondary in importance. Accordingly, they concentrated their efforts upon making the four Sundays in November mountain-top experiences in worship and in spiritual enrichment. Thousands of men and women will testify cheerfully to the fact that the results of the united efforts far surpassed the highest expectations.

In honor of the three pastors who have served the church in the sixty years of her history, the committee named the first three Sundays in the anniversary month "Siebenpfeiffer Sunday," "Helmkamp Sunday," and "Frankenfeld Sunday," respectively. The fourth Sunday in the month was designated "Consecration and Holy Communion Sunday," and was intended to be the culmination of all festive days and a fitting climax of the entire anniversary program.

Naturally, the committee also made provision for the social life of our people. In a series of informal fellowship evenings which followed the Sundays on which the respective groups had their special services, ample opportunity was given for friendly intercourse with former classmates and associates. The wide-spread interest which was aroused by these gatherings is evident in numerous requests that similar reunions be held in the fall of each year.

The preparations for the observance of the sixtieth anniversary were begun early in the spring of the present year. The church council authorized the appointment of a general committee, which was given full power to make all the necessary arrangements for the coming event and to appoint such subcommittee as might be required in the development of the plans. This general committee consisted of twenty-nine persons and included in its membership the president, or leader, of every organization within the church. It was constituted as follows:

William H. Brown, Church Council,
Henry F. Albrecht, Board of Elders,
Julius J. Andersen, Board of Trustees,
Elmer Geer, Board of Deacons,
Carl Drexler, Men's Benevolent Society,
Mrs. George J. Hafner, Sister Society,
Mrs. Alfred Scheible, Missionary Society,

Mrs. Lawrence Ritter, Kingdom Circle,
 John Zonneville, Men's Bible Class,
 Mrs. Fred Nowack, Ladies' Bible Class,
 Fred M. Dubelbeiss, Church School,
 Cecil M. Ehrhart, Kaelber Klass,
 Miss Mildred Griep, Ruth Bible Class,
 Alvin Arnold, Young People's Department,
 Walter Hitzke, Christian Endeavor Society,
 Paul Cooper, Young People's League,
 Mrs. John W. Dettman, Church Choir,
 George Wickman, Boys' Work Committee,
 Fred Raetz, Troop 60, Boy Scouts,
 William Cox, Troop 11, Boy Scouts,
 Miss Edith Nusbickel, Troop 48, Girl Scouts,
 Ray Lahmer, Dramatic Club,
 Charles Suss, "Pioneer Group,"
 Mr. and Mrs. George J. Hafner, "Siebenpfeiffer Group,"
 Harry Herbst, "Helmkamp Group,"
 Lester Feldt, "Frankenfeld Group,"
 William Zimmer, Decoration Committee,
 Charles Then, Hospitality Committee,
 Miss Mary Emich, Church Staff.

The general committee held its first meeting on March 23, 1933, and organized by electing the following officers:

William H. Brown, chairman,
 Henry F. Albrecht, vice-chairman,
 Miss Mary Emich, secretary,
 Fred M. Dubelbeiss, treasurer.

The following sub-committees were appointed:

Program—Henry F. Albrecht, William H. Brown, Chris Merlau, George J. Hafner, Charles Then, G. Wallace Neth, Charles Suss, William Zabel, the Reverend A. C. G. Baltzer, the Reverend Fred H. Willkens, the Reverend Theodore L. Trost.

Music—Harry Herbst, Herman Genhart, H. Wellington Stewart, Gustave Nowack, Max Burke, Elmer Neuscheler, Walter Hitzke; the Mesdms. John Dettman, Wilbur Seidel, John Pfeiffer, Anna Youngs, Thelma Schauman; the Misses Edna Schropp, Matilda Wittenberg, Mildred Seeman, Mildred Kleifgen, Evelyn Zabel.

History, Records and Souvenir Booklet—Fred M. Dubelbeiss, Oscar Zabel, Kilian Schaeffer, Norman Ackroyd; the Misses Anna Young, Mary Emich, Ethel Mountain.

Renovation of the Church Plant—Julius J. Andersen, Carl T. Rau, Harry Herbst, William Zimmer, George Schauman, Fred Baetz, John H. Cooper, Fred M. Dubelbeiss, Charles Spies.

Decorations—William H. Zimmer, Lawrence E. Ritter, Herbert Zimmer, Herbert Voss; the Misses Lena Kettwig, Amelia Kall, Gertrude Bachofer.

Hospitality—Charles Then; the members of the church council and their wives; the chairmen of the confirmation class committees.

Publicity—Miss Gertrude Kalmbach, William H. Brown, and Pastor Frankenfeld.

Confirmation Class Committees

From each of the sixty confirmation classes in the history of the church, a special committee was selected to visit all the class members now residing in Rochester and in the vicinity, so far as these could be located, to acquaint them with the plans of the approaching anniversary, and to extend a personal invitation to the Sunday services and the fellowship evenings. These committees consisted of from one to fourteen members, the number depending upon

the size of the classes and upon the available material from which the selection could be made. Lists of the sixty classes were prepared and distributed among the members of the various committees. The huge task of visitation was undertaken with unprecedented enthusiasm, and long before the summer vacation was at hand, several committees reported that the work was done. True, not every committee succeeded in visiting every class member, but an earnest effort to do so was made, in some instances with remarkable results. No accurate report as to the number of calls made can be given; however, a conservative estimate would place it at more than six thousand. To the members living in other cities and countries, letters of invitation were written, and greetings from them, to be read at the various social gatherings, were solicited.

We deeply regret that we can not publish the names of all who served on the confirmation class committees. Some, who were originally selected for the task, found it impossible to participate, and others, who volunteered later to fill the vacancies, did not have their names recorded. To all who rendered valuable assistance in this capacity we would express our sincerest appreciation. The following persons were chosen as committee chairmen:

1875—Mrs. Adeline Gartz	1906—Mrs. Karl Miller
1876—Mrs. Julius C. Hoffman	1907—Mr. Oscar Zabel
1878—Miss Lillie M. Viehmann	1908—Mrs. Henry Voss
1879—Mrs. Charles Steger	1909—Mr. Lawrence E. Ritter
1880—Miss Louise Kettwig	1910—Mrs. Joseph Dean
1881—Mr. and Mrs. George Steul	1911—Mr. William B. Keller
1882—Mrs. Louise Frank	1912—Mrs. Lewis Randall
1883—Mrs. Henry F. Albrecht	1913—Mrs. Fred Nowack
1884—Mrs. August Baumer	1914—Mrs. Harry Swanson
1886—Mrs. Amelia Miller	1915—Mr. George Strutz
1887—Miss Anna Young	1916—Mr. G. William Miller
1888—Mrs. Louis Ruckdeschel	1917—Miss Catherine Seeley
1889—Mrs. Otto A. Griep	1918—Mr. Earl Hieb
1890—Mr. Charles Spies	1919—Mr. Arthur Brodbeck
1891—Miss Julia Sauer	1920—Mrs. Lester Feldt
1892—Mr. Fred Bettin	1921—Mr. Ray Lahmer
1893—Mrs. Lydia Bechtold	1922—Mrs. Erna Taylor
1894—Mr. Emiel Kujawski	1923—Mr. Elmer Neuscheler
1895—Miss Sophie Schreck	1924—Mr. Alvin Arnold
1896—Mrs. Fred Bohm	1925—Mr. Norman Ackroyd
1897—Mrs. William H. Brown	1926—Miss Hilda Neuscheler
1898—Miss Matha Kujawski	1927—Mr. Julius Ackroyd
1899—Mrs. Henry Schwab	1928—Miss Alma Schwarz
1900—Miss Lena Fischer	1929—Miss Ivy Baxter
1901—Mr. Robert Kaucher	1930—Miss Ruth Furstenberg
1902—Miss Mary Kleiner	1931—Mr. Robert Vogel
1903—Mr. Herbert Zimmer, Sr.	1932—Mr. Carl Neuscheler
1904—Mrs. John H. Cooper	1933—Miss Ruth Andersen
1905—Miss Ada M. Glasser	

These chairmen assumed full responsibility for the work of their respective committees. They directed the visitation, reported to the church office the changed addresses of classmates as their committees found them, wrote many letters to their former associates in other cities, supervised the sale of tickets for the fellowship banquets, served on the hospitality committee at the Sunday services and the social gatherings, and helped in many other ways to complete the numerous details for the celebration of the anniversary.

The Opening Event

On the first day of November, the series of festivities began with a banquet for the church school workers. The general committee felt that this organization, which has rendered such faithful and notable service in the teaching ministry of the church through all the years of her history, should be given the honor to open the anniversary month with a celebration all its own. A complimentary banquet was prepared by Mrs. Otto Schlegel and served by her efficient helpers in true Salem style, at six-thirty o'clock. The menu for this occasion will indicate the type of meal which was offered by the good women of our church in connection with the various fellowship evenings.

TOMATO COCKTAIL	CHICKEN ON BISCUIT	
JUNE PEAS	MASHED POTATOES	GIBLET GRAVY
JELLY	RADISHES	CELERY
IRIS SALAD	FRENCH DRESSING	ROLLS
ICE CREAM	CAKE	COFFEE
		CANDY

Mr. Fred M. Dubelbeiss, superintendent of the church school, presided as toastmaster, and Mr. H. Wellington Stewart, church organist, was the pianist for the evening. The invocation was offered by the Reverend F. H. Willkens. A most enjoyable feature of the program was the singing of old-time hymns, some of which were sung in the German language. The writer was agreeably surprised to hear how well the older workers remember the songs of long ago. In appreciation of fifty-one consecutive years of faithful ministry in the church school, Mr. Henry F. Albrecht was presented with a copy of Moffatt's translation of the Holy Scriptures. The pastor paid a sincere tribute to all the workers who have given extended years of service. Of these, sixteen, whose names appear in the chapter on the church school, are active in the work at the present time; eleven have found it necessary to discontinue their ministry; and seven, so far as we are now able to ascertain, have been called to their eternal reward. For the sake of a permanent record we publish here the names of the two last groups:

Miss Amalie Kreuser	Sister Christine Schwarz	Miss Lena Stetzenmeyer
Miss Amelia Kall	Miss Louise Leible	Miss Rose Miller
Miss Emma Hempel	Mrs. Eva Drexler	Mr. Bernhard Stauch
Miss Ada Glasser	Mr. G. Fred Graf	Mr. Bernhard Becker
Mrs. Philip Lattinville	Mr. Louis Schneider	Mr. J. George Kaelber
Mrs. Elizabeth Raab	Miss Sophie Stetzenmeyer	Mr. Charles G. Gerhard

In a period of prolonged silence, while Herbert Zimmer, Jr., played softly on his violin "Shall We Gather at the River," the workers offered a loving tribute to those who have entered the better life.

Mr. Oscar Zabel, the secretary of the school, then read a brief and very interesting history covering the most important events in the sixty years that have gone by. Much of the material which he has gathered with great care is included in the chapter on the church school. Reminiscences concerning former days and experiences were given by Mr. Henry F. Albrecht for the "Siebenpfeiffer" period, Mr. Fred M. Dubelbeiss for the "Helmkamp" period, and Mr. William H. Brown for the "Frankenfeld" period. The Reverend Theodore Louis Trost rendered a bass solo, accompanied by Miss Ruth Zimmer. The pastor, taking for his theme "Then and Now," closed the evening's program with a brief message in which he compared the task in the present day to that which the workers in the past were asked to perform.

The 225 men and women who participated in this opening event are agreed that the sixtieth anniversary banquet was the most delightful and successful affair of its kind in the entire history of the school.

The First Sunday, November Fifth "Siebenpfeiffer" Day

A dark and dreary morning greeted the people of Salem on the first Sunday in the anniversary month. Let it here be noted that there was not a bright Sunday in November, a fact which could not dampen the enthusiasm of the various groups which came to rejoice with us. The first Sunday was named "Pioneer", or "Siebenpfeiffer", day, and was planned to be a reunion of the pioneers who came with their leader, in 1874, from the mother church in Allen Street to establish a new church home in Franklin Street, of the confirmation classes which were instructed and received into the membership of the church by Pastor Siebenpfeiffer, and of all others who united with the church during his pastorate of twenty years.

The program for the day began with a brief session of the church school at 8:45 o'clock. After the usual routine matters were disposed of, the various departments entered the sanctuary and occupied the places which had been reserved for them. Promptly at the scheduled time, 9:15 o'clock, the congregation, which filled the church to capacity, sang the opening hymn, "Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart," after which Mr. Henry F. Albrecht read Psalm 100. The anniversary prayer was offered by Mr. William H. Brown. Mr. Fred M. Dubelbeiss then addressed the vast audience with appropriate words of welcome to which he added his deep appreciation of the loyalty manifested by his co-workers and by the members of the school. A beautiful altar cross, the anniversary gift of the Ruth Bible Class, and two candle sticks, given in memory of Mr. Otto Griep, by his children Mildred and Edward Griep, were presented by the Reverend Theodore L. Trost, teacher of the Ruth Class, and accepted on behalf of the church by the president of the church. The pastor delivered the address, taking for his theme, "The Significance of the Church School in the Development of Salem Church." The singing of the hymn "Striving Onward," followed by the Lord's Prayer in unison and the benediction, concluded this inspiring service.

In recognition of Pastor Siebenpfeiffer's ministry, the morning worship was conducted entirely in the German language. A great surprise awaited us as we entered the sanctuary. The most optimistic among us had expected an audience of about 500 people, but when the actual count was taken, it was found that 754 persons were present. This figure represents the largest attendance at a German service in Salem Church since the day when we celebrated the fiftieth anniversary. The classes were seated in groups according to the years in which they were confirmed, the standards bearing the numerals being removed before the service began. All the members who were eighty years of age and older, had been invited as special guests of honor and were seated at the very front nearest the altar. Of these there were thirty-four. The oldest member present on "Pioneer" Sunday was Mr. William Salzwedel who is ninety-four years of age; then came, as the second oldest, Mr. Carl Ross, ninety-one years, and in the third place, Mrs. Margaret Ursprung who was confirmed in the year 1866. A large picture of Pastor Siebenpfeiffer was placed at the right of the altar, and below it hung a memorial wreath. The beautiful decorations consisting of palms and flowers were donated by the firm "J. B. Keller and Sons." The entire service was arranged to correspond

as nearly as possible to the order which was observed in the days of the first pastor of the church. The Reverend A. C. G. Baltzer read the psalm which was read on the day when Salem Church was dedicated, sixty years ago. The augmented church choir, under the direction of Mr. Herman H. Genhart, rendered several of the anthems which were sung at that time. The Reverend C. W. Locher, D.D., president of the Evangelical Synod of North America, who knew Pastor Siebenpfeiffer personally in the long ago, preached the anniversary sermon, taking for his theme: "Erinnerungen und Hoffnungen." For the sake of future reference we take the liberty to print the order of worship in its entirety.

DAS FEST PROGRAMM

Das Praeludium —a. "Sonata 1"	Mendelssohn
b. Choral "Vater Unser"	Bach
Chorlied	"Das ist der Tag des Herrn" Kreutzer
Die Eröffnung	
Wechsellesen	
Gesang der Gemeinde	"Grosser Gott wir loben dich"
Die Schriftlektion	Psalm 84 Pastor Baltzer
Das Glaubensbekenntnis	(gemeinsam gesprochen)
Das Gebet	(Responsorium vom Chor)
Chorgesang	"Die Ehre Gottes in der Natur" Beethoven
Begrüßungsworte	Carl Suss
Auszug aus der Geschichte der Gemeinde	
Die Erhebung des Festopfers	
Das Offertorium —a. Orgel: "Von Gott will ich nicht lassen"	Buxtehude
b. Chorlieder: "Da zu dir der Heiland kam"	Wagner
"Nun danket alle Gott"	Bach
Der Festchoral	"Ich lobe dich mein Auge schauet"
Die Festpredigt	"Erinnerungen und Hoffnungen" Pastor C. W. Locher, D.D.
Chorgesang	"Siehe der Hueter Israels" Mendelssohn
Das Schlussgebet mit Vater Unser	
Die Erteilung des Segens	
Das Postludium	"Fuge in G minor" Bach

It was a source of real satisfaction to the pastor and the members of the church that the following relatives of Pastor Siebenpfeiffer had accepted the invitation of the committee to be present at the "Pioneer" service:

Mrs. Charles P. Henn, daughter; Mrs. Fred M. Dubelbeiss, Dr. Charles W. Hennington and Mr. Carl F. W. Kaelber, grandchildren; Marie K. Dubelbeiss, Katherine Kaelber and Carl Kaelber, great-grandchildren.

At three o'clock in the afternoon a brief memorial service was held at the grave of Pastor Siebenpfeiffer in Mt. Hope Cemetery. Despite the cold and disagreeable day, and notwithstanding the fact that only one announcement of the service had been made, nearly one hundred loyal friends of the first beloved shepherd were in attendance. After the gathering had sung the hymn "Wo findet die Seele die Heimat die Ruh," Pastor Frankenfeld gave an appropriate address. The president of the church, Mr. William H. Brown, placed

the wreath upon the grave, Doctor C. W. Locher led in prayer, and the singing of the hymn "So nimm denn meine Haende," concluded the impressive service.

For the evening on "Pioneer" Sunday the Evangelical, the United Lutheran and the Reformed churches of the city were invited. The program for this union anniversary service follows:

ORGAN RECITAL Seven-fifteen o'clock

Selections —a. "Toccata in F"	Widor
b. "Vater Unser im Himmelreich"	Mendelssohn
"Sonata VI"	

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP Seven-thirty o'clock

The Processional Hymn	"O God Our Help in Ages Past"	
The Call to Worship		The Reverend Elmer H. Hoefer
The Invocation	(Followed with the Lord's Prayer in unison)	
Song by the Congregation	"Praise Thou the Lord"	
An Anthem	"Luther's Battle-hymn"	Traditional
The Reading from the Scriptures	Psalm 84	The Reverend F. H. Willkens
The Apostles' Creed	(The congregation uniting)	The Reverend C. G. Haass
The Evening Prayer	Prayer hymn on the organ	A choral response
A Group of Anthems —a. "Welcome Dear Redeemer"		Franck
b. "Hearts Feel that Love Thee"		Mendelssohn
c. "Now Thank We All Our God"		Bach
Greetings		
From the Visiting Churches		The Reverend Bernard C. Tepas
From the Federation of Churches		The Reverend Wilbour Saunders
A Violin Solo	"Adagio"	Bach
	Millard Taylor	
Worship in Giving		
The Offertory —a. Organ "In Thee Is Joy"		Bach
b. Ladies' Trio "Psalm XIII"		Brahms
	Lucille D. Brightman, Dorothy Pfeffer, Thelma Schauman	
A Hymn	"The Church's One Foundation"	
The Sermon	"The Unity of the Spirit in Terms of United Action"	
	The Reverend C. W. Locher, D.D.	
An Anthem	"The 150th Psalm"	Franck
The Benediction		The Reverend Braynard E. Kurkowski
The Sevenfold Amen		
The Postlude	"Festival Prelude 'Ein Feste Burg'"	Faulkes

And thus ended the first Sunday in the anniversary program.

The First Fellowship Evening Old Timers' Banquet—"Siebenpfeiffer" Group Wednesday, November Eighth

When the general committee first considered a fellowship evening for the pioneers and old timers, the question arose as to whether or not these would venture out in the evening, in numbers sufficiently large to make an occasion of this sort worth the while. However, all fears and doubts were dispelled as soon as the banquet tickets were offered for sale. The first report revealed that at least 200 would attend. This number rose quickly to 300, and then to 400, and when the evening of November 8 had come, and all the guests were seated at the tables, the actual count showed that 480 pioneers were present. From every section of the city and the county they came, notwithstanding the fact that weather conditions were very unfavorable and driving was hazardous. Many guests had neglected to make advance reservations and, for a time, the unexpected number created a situation which presented a real problem to the good women in the kitchen and the dining room. But once again, as upon numerous previous occasions, our faithful workers proved themselves equal to the task; all the guests were seated and served in orderly fashion, and the food supply was not exhausted.

Mrs. William H. Brown was the chairman of the committee which planned, prepared and served the fellowship meal. All the members of this committee were confirmed by Pastor Helmkamp, and in many instances they were the daughters of the mothers who were seated at the banquet tables. The decorations in the auditorium of the parish house presented a most harmonious color scheme, and on the speakers' table stood a large birthday cake with sixty lighted candles.

The program for the evening was very informal. As soon as the guests entered the hall, they gathered in groups to greet their former classmates and to exchange reminiscences of the days gone by. Many had not seen each other in fifty years, and repeated introductions were necessary. What surprises and exclamations! Some had brought with them photographs of various groups in the long ago which called forth numerous comments and elicited interesting comparisons.

Mrs. George Hafner was toastmaster and filled this position in a most acceptable manner. In well chosen words and with tender feeling she recalled some of the early experiences in the life of the church and summoned her associates to renew their loyalty to Salem. Likewise did Mr. Henry F. Albrecht, who gave his message in the German language. Mrs. Florence Crosby Cooke sang several songs in German, and the following great-grandchildren of founders of the church delighted the gathering with special offerings:

Adele Hafner, selections on the accordion,
Jackie Zonneville, vocal numbers,
Herbert Zimmer, Jr., violin solo.

The singing of German folk-songs by the entire group was a most enjoyable feature. Seldom have we heard "Ich weiss nicht, was soll es bedeuten," "Lang, lang ists her," "Du, du liegst mir im Herzen," "Ach, wie ists moeglich dann," sung more lustily than they were sung on the fellowship evening of the "Siebenpfeiffer" group.

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The roll call by classes revealed the most remarkable fact that not a year in Pastor Siebenpfeiffer's ministry was without representation. The readers may be interested to know how many from each class were present. So far as we were able to ascertain the numbers, the record is as follows:

1874—5	1878—17	1882—11	1886—18	1890—14
1875—10	1879—14	1883—14	1887—16	1891—16
1876—9	1880—12	1884—14	1888—18	1892—17
1877—4	1881—13	1885—4	1889—15	1893—13

Fifty-eight persons were there who had come with their beloved leader from old Trinity in 1874, and when the pastor asked those to stand who were more than eighty years of age, eleven persons stood up, the oldest being Mr. William Salzwedel who was ninety-four years, and the second oldest Mr. Carl Ross, with ninety-one years.

Numerous greetings had come from members who now live in other cities. It was not possible to read them all, but they are filed with the permanent records of the church and they are available to those who desire to know their contents. All breathe a spirit of continued interest in the mother church which is truly refreshing, and the many good wishes which they convey manifest a deep and tender affection which still lingers in the hearts of the senders. With sincere appreciation we publish the names of our friends who have thus remembered us at the time of the sixtieth anniversary.

- 1878—The Reverend George J. Geis, Bhamo, Burma,
Mrs. Ida Seitz Avril, Denver, Colorado,
- 1879—Mr. Richard Fritzsche, Brooklyn, New York,
Mrs. William Lancaster, for Mr. William Forschler, Newark, New Jersey,
- 1880—Mrs. Lena Rauber Barnes, San Diego, California,
Mrs. Libbie Wagner Lamke, Washington, D. C.,
- 1882—Mr. Louis Gruber, Hollywood, California,
- 1884—Mr. William C. Merz, San Francisco, California,
- 1886—Miss Sophie Vetter, Denver, Colorado,
Mrs. Emilie Dubelbeiss Cleland, Waverly, Pennsylvania,
- 1887—Mrs. Mary Dubelbeiss, Albright, New York City,
Mrs. Caroline Beisheim Snell, Brooklyn, New York,
Mrs. Emilie Weitzel Krauch, San Antonio, Texas,
- 1888—Mrs. Anna Fuchs Muehlinghaus, Dunkirk, New York,
Mrs. Marie Kraft Loos, Erie, Pennsylvania,
Mrs. Carrie Kimmel Edler, Ashton, South Dakota,
- 1889—Mr. Oscar B. Rummel, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,
Mrs. Isabel Enders Isselhardt, Chicago, Illinois,
Mr. John Enders, Schenectady, New York,
- 1892—Mrs. Rosa Albert Retter, Buffalo, New York,
- 1893—Mrs. Mathilda Spitznagel Utz, Dayton, Ohio,
Mrs. Emma Meyer Alwardt, Silver Springs, New York.
The Reverend George Kern, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,
The Reverend Carl Loos, Erie, Pennsylvania,
Professor William Baur, Webster Groves, Missouri.

The last three named served the church as assistant pastors.

Many of the guests lingered far into the night to enjoy the delightful fellowship which prevailed throughout the entire evening. Again and again it was said that, regardless of what might follow, the first fellowship evening made the observance of the sixtieth anniversary a decided success.

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The Second Sunday, November Twelfth "Helmkamp" Day

The second Sunday in the anniversary month was designated "Helmkamp" day. It was intended to be a reunion of the confirmation classes of 1894 to 1910, and of all others who united with our church during Pastor Helmkamp's ministry. The sanctuary was beautifully decorated with palms and flowers which were contributed by "Albert the Florist." A large picture of Pastor Helmkamp had been placed at the right of the altar, and beneath it hung a memorial wreath which was later taken to the grave of Mr. George F. Roth, who was the president of the church at the time when the second pastorate came to its close. The committee had also ordered a floral tribute to be laid upon the graves of Pastor Helmkamp and his devoted wife at Los Angeles, California. Professor Ralph B. Helmkamp of the University of Rochester, and his daughter, represented the Helmkamp family at the morning service.

As guest preacher for the second Sunday, the committee had secured the Reverend Theodore R. Schmale of Ann Arbor, Michigan, a nephew of Pastor Helmkamp, and his associate in the work at Salem in the years 1905-1908. Pastor Schmale preached the sermon in the German service, taking for his theme, "Das Beste an einer guten Gemeinde." For the English service he had chosen the topic "Christianity's Great Incentive." The order of worship on "Helmkamp" Sunday was as follows:

ORGAN RECITAL Ten-fifteen o'clock

Selections—	a. "My Inmost Heart Rejoiceth"	Brahms
	b. "Saviour of My Heart"	Brahms
	c. "Vision"	Rheinberger
The Processional Hymn	"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"	
The Call to Worship		
The Invocation (In unison)		
Song by the Congregation	"We Praise Thee, O God"	
An Anthem	"I Am Alpha and Omega"	Stainer
The Reading from the Scriptures	John 15:1-14	
The Apostles' Creed (In unison)		
The Gloria Patri		
The Morning Prayer	Prayer hymn on the organ	A choral response
An Anthem	"Jubilate Amen"	Bruch
Worship in Giving		
The Offertory —	a. Organ "Intermezzo Lirico"	Bossi
	b. Violin "Adagio"	Rhies
A Hymn	Herbert Zimmer, Jr. "Lead On O King Eternal"	
The Anniversary Sermon	"Christianity's Great Incentive" The Reverend Theodore R. Schmale	
An Anthem	"O Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem"	Knox
The Dedication		
The Closing Hymn	"My Jesus I Love Thee"	
The Silent Prayer		
The Benediction		
The Sevenfold Amen		
The Postlude	"Festival March"	Rheinberger

The attendance on "Helmkamp" Sunday was all that could be desired. The church was filled and several of the confirmation classes were represented by as many as forty to fifty members.

The Second Fellowship Evening "Helmkamp" Group Wednesday, November Fifteenth

As a return favor, the women of the Siebenpfeiffer group, under the leadership of Mrs. George Hafner, prepared and served the banquet for the members of the Helmkamp group on the second fellowship evening. This banquet proved to be the largest social gathering in the entire anniversary series. Warned by the experience in the previous week, the committee had prepared for more than 600 guests, but only 568 came to enjoy the feast.

Mr. Benjamin Haag, Jr., was the toastmaster. Mr. Carl Paul was called upon to lead the singing and he responded in his usual smiling manner. Mrs. Carl Meyer and Mr. Fred Arnold, both members of the Helmkamp group, sang several selections which were received with prolonged applause. A reading was given by Miss Mildred Kaucher; little Ruth Herbst sang a solo, and Thomas Keenan offered several selections on the cornet. Then followed reminiscences by Mr. Lawrence Ritter and Mr. Fred M. Dubelbeiss. Professor Ralph B. Helmkamp gave a brief address in which he spoke of tender memories and expressed deep appreciation of the many affectionate tributes which had been paid to his dear parents. Pictures of former days were thrown upon the screen and compared with present-day realities. The pastor read the following greetings from classmates and friends in other cities:

- 1894—Mrs. Lillie Viehmann Peterman, Erie, Pennsylvania,
Mr. Max Billig, Rochester, New York,
- 1895—Mr. Gustav A. Woehrlen, Detroit, Michigan,
- 1896—Mrs. Ardella Glassner Wagner, Roscoe, New York,
- 1900—Mrs. Laura Aebersold Bancroft, Canon City, Colorado,
- 1901—Mr. Rudolph Bloomer, North Port, Long Island,
Mr. Fred J. Breme, Milford, Delaware,
- 1902—Mr. Julius Breme, Collingwood, New Jersey,
- 1903—Mrs. Emma Weyl Snyder, Los Angeles, California,
- 1904—Mr. Elmer Breme, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,
Mr. Edward J. Ries, Baden-Baden, Germany,
Mrs. Estelle Wehnert German, New Rochelle, New York,
Mr. Herbert Weiss, Potsdam, New York,
- 1907—Mr. Alfred Raepel, Buffalo, New York,
- 1909—Mr. Herbert Helmkamp, Denver, Colorado.
The Reverend Emil R. Jaeger and the Reverend Theodore R. Schmale,
former assistant pastors,
Miss Adele Wobus, missionary in India.

The roll call showed a representation by classes as follows:

1894—14	1900—16	1906—24
1895—28	1901—21	1907—17
1896—19	1902—31	1908—29
1897—20	1903—22	1909—27
1898—24	1904—15	1910—19
1899—14	1905—21	

If the interest and the enthusiasm which were manifested on the second fellowship evening are any indication of true devotion and loyalty to our church, we have every reason to be profoundly grateful.

The Third Sunday, November Nineteenth "Frankenfeld" Day

The third Sunday in the anniversary month was devoted in a special way to the youth of the church. The confirmation classes of the years 1911-1933 held their reunion, and the members who united with Salem during the present pastorate, participated with them in the morning service. The large gathering of young people proved an inspiration and presented a challenge not only to their pastor, but also to the many parents who were in attendance, and to the adult members of the church who had come to share in the worship. A very pleasant surprise awaited the pastor as he entered the sanctuary. The class of 1933 had quietly made arrangements to attend the service in a body and to occupy the seats in which they sat together on Palm Sunday. Miss Ruth Andersen had taken it upon herself to send a personal invitation to all the members, and this brought almost a one-hundred per cent response. The beautiful decorations were donated by Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Teute, whose children were confirmed by Pastor Frankenfeld. As guest preacher for this day the committee had secured Professor Paul H. Vieth, Ph.D., of the Yale Divinity School, New Haven, Connecticut, who is a personal friend of the present pastor and whose close contact with the youth of today enabled him to speak with authority to those who are called to be tomorrow's leaders.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Organ Recital

Ten-fifteen o'clock

Selections— a. "Bells of St. Anne de Beaupre"	Russell
b. "Chorale in B minor"	Franck
The Processional Hymn "The Voice of God Is Calling"	
The Call to Worship	
The Invocation (In unison)	
Hymn by the Congregation "I Would Be True"	
An Anthem "Exultate Deo"	Daniels
The Reading from the Scriptures Luke 18:18-23; Ephesians 6:13-18	
The Apostles' Creed	
The Gloria Patri	
The Morning Prayer Prayer hymn on the organ A choral response	
A Trio "Andante and Finale"	Rheinberger
Violin, Millard Taylor; Cello, Marian Wolfe; Organ, H. Wellington Stewart	
Worship in Giving	
The Offertory— a. Organ "Cantabile" (Symphony III)	Vierne
b. Ladies' Chorus "Psalm 23"	Schubert
A Hymn "O Jesus I Have Promised"	
The Anniversary Sermon "Treasures Old and New" Professor Paul H. Vieth, Ph.D.	
An Anthem "Great and Glorious"	Dickinson
Mixed Chorus, Male Chorus, Girls' Chorus, Trumpets, Trombones and Organ	
The Dedication (In unison)	
The Closing Hymn "Just as I Am, Thine Own to Be"	
The Silent Prayer	
The Benediction and the Sevenfold Amen	
The Postlude "March"	Dupre

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Three Fellowship Evenings—"Frankenfeld" Group Monday, November Twentieth; Wednesday, November Twenty-Second; Monday, November Twenty-Seventh

Because of the wide difference in the ages of the people who represent the third pastorate, the committee thought it best to make arrangements for three fellowship evenings. The first of these was held on Monday, November 20, and included the confirmation classes from 1911 to 1922. Mrs. Frank Wedow prepared the fellowship meal, and under her leadership the committee gave excellent service. Mr. Lester Feldt found himself quite at home in the role of toastmaster and expressed his sincere appreciation of the splendid co-operation which the various class committees and their chairmen had given him in making the necessary preparations for the great occasion. The invocation was offered by the Reverend Braynard Kurkowski. The evening's program was introduced with a trumpet duet played by Thomas Keenan and Ralph Mayer. Mr. William H. Brown, the chairman of the general committee, addressed the gathering in words of greeting which evidenced his deep interest in the youth of the church. Several vocal selections were offered by Mr. C. Samuel Maggio, after which the one-act comedy, "His First Dress Suit," was presented by Edward Virkus, Miss Evelyn Zabel, Miss Grace Heilighman and Norman Brink, who are members of the Salem Players. The roll call by classes showed the following representation:

1911—35	1913—21	1915—26	1917—15	1919—12	1921—6
1912—19	1914—15	1916—18	1918—10	1920—14	1922—7

The total attendance on November 20 was 263.

The program for the second group of young people on Wednesday evening, November 22, was similar to that offered on Monday evening. However, a new feature was introduced in the playing of an orchestra under the direction of Thomas Keenan. Considering the fact that these youthful players had only one rehearsal, they deserve much credit for the contribution which they made. The banquet was prepared and served under the direction of Mrs. Fred Nowack, assisted by a very efficient committee. The Reverend Fred H. Willkens offered the invocation. Special numbers were rendered as follows:

Violin solo by Herbert Zimmer, accompanied by Miss Ruth Zimmer,
Accordion selections by Adele Hafner,
One-act comedy by Kenneth Wundes, Miss Evelyn Zabel, Miss Arlene Selke, Milton Schyve.

Mr. Elmer Neuscheler acted as toastmaster and responded in his usual cheerful manner. The attendance by classes was as follows:

1923—9	1925—19	1927—11	1929—14	1931—22	1933—44
1924—14	1926—10	1928—10	1930—24	1932—19	1934—10

Of all the confirmation classes in the history of the church the class of 1933 has the honor of having the largest representation on any of the fellowship evenings in connection with the sixtieth anniversary. The total attendance on November 22 was 258.

The writer truly believes that the two groups of young people on November 20 and 22, were the finest and most promising in all the sixty years of Salem's history. The glory of a church which can bring together 521 young people to celebrate an anniversary does not lie in the past.

The third in this series of fellowship evenings was arranged for the men and the women who united with the church on confession of faith or by letter

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of transfer from other churches during the present pastorate. Of these there are 675. More than 200 of them gathered on November 27 to become better acquainted one with another and to close the informal festivities in connection with the sixtieth anniversary. The last of the fellowship banquets was prepared and served under the direction of Mrs. Otto Schlegel. Mr. William H. Zimmer was the toastmaster for this occasion. A piano solo by Miss Ruth Zimmer, a reading by Miss Edith Nusbickel, and a one-act comedy by members of the Salem Players were included in the program. Motion pictures of important events in the life of the church furnished interesting pastime. The final challenge was given by the chairman of the general anniversary committee. With the singing of "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" and the pronouncing of the benediction by Reverend Theodore Louis Trost, the last fellowship evening was brought to its close.

Greetings from the following members of the "Frankenfeld" group were presented on each of the three fellowship evenings:

- 1911—Mrs. Viola Schaedeli Jenkinson, Hongkong, China,
Mrs. Manita Lamke Cowles, Washington, D. C.,
- 1912—Mr. John L. Weyl, Johnstown, Pennsylvania,
Mr. Raymond A. Filske, Brooklyn, New York,
- 1913—Mrs. Pauline Kolb McLeod, Flint, Michigan,
Mrs. Marie Hartung Binckley, Huntingdon, Pennsylvania,
- 1914—Mr. Roland F. Schulze, Los Angeles, California,
Mrs. Katherine Kemmet Corbett, Cleveland, Ohio,
- 1915—Mr. Carl G. Nowack, Bar Harbor, Maine,
- 1916—Mrs. Lillian Hoffman Dawley, West Palm Beach, Florida,
Mrs. Martha Schultheis Leipold, Bibersschlag, Germany,
- 1918—Mrs. Elsie Otto Rogers, Cincinnati, Ohio,
Miss Anna Otto, Rochester, New York,
- 1920—Mrs. Lydia Frankenfeld Lenox, Minneapolis, Minnesota,
Miss Emmy Otto, Rochester, New York,
- 1921—Mr. Alvin R. Young, New York City,
- 1924—Mr. William Otto, Rochester, New York,
- 1925—Miss Marion Koehler, Penfield, New York,
Mr. Carl Paul, Cambridge, Massachusetts,
Mr. Kenneth Paul, Boston, Massachusetts,
Mr. Gilbert Strauchen, Tuscaloosa, Alabama,
- 1926—Mr. Norman Selke, Cambridge, Massachusetts,
- 1929—Mr. Hubert Frankenfeld, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,

Assistant Pastors:

- The Reverend Charles J. Keppel, Detroit, Michigan,
- The Reverend Herman H. Lohans, Webster Groves, Missouri,
- The Reverend Otto Mayer, Elmhurst, Illinois,
- The Reverend Paul Frankenfeld, Buffalo, New York,

Others:

- Miss Anna D. Bechtold, San Pedro Sula, Honduras,
- The Reverend Herman L. Streich, St. Louis, Missouri,
- The Reverend William Trebert, Rochester, New York,
- The Reverend Carl Betz, Rochester, New York,
- The Reverend Henry Walch, Rochester, New York,
- The Reverend Michael Mikkelsen, Felstedt, Denmark,
- Mr. and Mrs. Hugo G. Loesch, Westfield, New Jersey,
- Trinity Evangelical Church,
St. Paul Evangelical Church,
Christ Evangelical Church.

It was a real pleasure to have Miss Adele Wobus, our missionary in India, present on the last fellowship evening. She came all the way from St. Charles, Missouri, to attend the anniversary service on Sunday, November 26, and she remained with us through Monday to bring her greetings and good wishes in person. On Sunday evening she addressed the young people of the church, and on Monday afternoon the women of the church held an informal tea in her honor.

The Fourth Sunday, November Twenty-Sixth

Consecration and Holy Communion Day

The spiritual significance of the sixtieth anniversary reached its climax on the fourth Sunday in November for which the committee had prepared a consecration and communion service. The attendance on this day was somewhat disappointing, but the fact that 754 members participated in the celebration of Holy Communion was most encouraging. The presence of many men from the Men's Benevolent Society and the Men's Bible Class was an inspiration to the writer. Throughout the entire service a spirit of solemnity and deep reverence was manifested by all who worshipped with us. God was there. The organist and the church choir offered a program of music and song which consisted entirely of compositions by Johann Sebastian Bach. The pastor gave the communion meditation, taking for his theme "The Primary Challenge of the Sixtieth Anniversary," which was based on the text "The kingdom of God is at hand—repent ye."

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Ten-fifteen o'clock

The Organ Prelude—a. "O Man Bewail" Bach
b. "In the Hour of Need" Bach

The Processional Hymn "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

The Call to Worship

The Invocation (In unison)

The Gloria Patri

Chorales—a. "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" Bach
b. "Jesu, Priceless Treasure" Bach

The Reading from the Scriptures Deuteronomy 30:1-6; 9-10; 15-20

The Morning Prayer Prayer hymn on the organ A choral response

Worship in Giving

The Offertory—a. "Adagio" Bach
b. Chorale "O Saviour Sweet" Bach

A Hymn "Jesus Calls Us o'er the Tumult"

The Communion Meditation

A Litany of Confession

Pastor: Almighty God, Spirit of Purity and Grace, whose forgiveness is never far from the contrite heart, hear our confessions of sin, and have mercy upon us.
For all the evil of our lives; for our many refusals of thy call to better things; for our indolence, and unfaithfulness:

People: Have mercy upon us, O God, and forgive.

Pastor: For the words of unjust anger and bitterness which have escaped our lips; for the strifes and separations which we have inflamed and aided, and for all our sinful neglect to bring peace and good will among men:

People: Have mercy upon us, O God, and forgive.

Pastor: For our fretful suffering of wrong; for vindictive passions cherished; for our intolerance, injustice, and uncharitableness; for our readiness to blame and our want of thoughtfulness, patience, kindness, and sympathy in our social relations:

People: Have mercy upon us, O God, and forgive.

The Anniversary Chorus

Never has a church choir rendered a more faithful and more inspiring ministry than was given by the members of the anniversary chorus at the time of the sixtieth anniversary, and never before have we heard so many expressions of deep appreciation and flattering compliments as were offered to the men and the women who furnished the excellent program of music and song. Under the efficient leadership of the director, Mr. Herman H. Genhart, and with the fine support of the organist, Mr. H. Wellington Stewart, many classical compositions were interpreted in a manner that gripped the hearts of those who were privileged to hear them. Truly, the anniversary chorus sang "Unto the Lord," and the results which were achieved through faithful effort and willing co-operation surpassed our highest expectations. It is with sincere gratitude that we publish in this booklet the names of those who constituted the anniversary chorus.

Sopranos

Mrs. Laura Badum
Mrs. Loraine Baetzel
Mrs. Lucille D. Brightman
Miss Harriet Brinker
Mrs. Mae Brule
Mrs. Max Burke
Mrs. Mildred Curry
Mrs. John W. Dettman
Mrs. Minnie Ernst
Mrs. Caroline Frey
Mrs. Ella Fuerst
Miss Ruth Furstenberg
Miss Vera Gabbey
Miss Dorothy Gerhard
Mrs. Marguerite Goodman
Miss Emma Grieshaber
Miss Lena Haas
Miss Gertrude Heiligman
Miss Lois Heininger
Mrs. Alma Hennings
Miss Alice Jerger
Miss Clara Kent
Miss Eleanor Klix
Miss Lucille Klauck
Miss Dorothy Meinke
Miss Pauline Murphy
Miss Grace Nowack
Mrs. Ruth Poshva

Miss Emma Schaad

Mrs. Ella Seidel
Mrs. H. G. Stoick
Miss Helen Schultheis
Miss Emma Schulz
Miss Helen Tschiderer
Miss Edith Viehmann
Miss Marguerite Wedow
Mrs. Anna E. Youngs
Miss Edna Zahlmann
Mrs. Irene Zuhlke

Altos

Mrs. Caroline Brookins
Miss Elsie Dawson
Mrs. Minnie Drexler
Mrs. Sophie Healey
Mrs. Lucy Heberle
Mrs. Anna Heininger
Mrs. Josephine Kent
Mrs. Frances Pfeiffer
Mrs. Louise Pierce
Miss Edna Pommeranz
Miss Josephine Raepel
Miss Kathryn Schauman
Mrs. Thelma Schauman
Mrs. Alma Schlieter
Miss Lydia Schneeberger
Miss Helen Schraub

Miss Edna Schropp
Mrs. Emma Schwarz

Tenors

Mr. Max Burke
Mr. Charles Frey
Mr. A. Heininger
Mr. Emil Kaiser
Mr. Alexander Kaucher
Mr. C. Samuel Maggio
Mr. Daniel Meyhoefer
Mr. Gustave Nowack
Mr. Robert Stoneham
Mr. Charles Walters

Bassos

Mr. Oscar Bonikowsky
Mr. Ernst Camman
Mr. Fred Fischer
Mr. Wilbert Heininger
Mr. Walter Hitzke
Mr. Rudolf Kaiser
Mr. Thomas C. Keenan
Mr. William H. Lauterbach
Mr. Herbert Lauterbach
Mr. Raymond A. Michaels
Mr. Andrew Schwarz
Mr. Ralph Schwarz
Mr. Theodore Louis Trost
Mr. Jerold Weingartner

Soloists: Mrs. Lucille D. Brightman, soprano,
Mrs. Thelma Schauman, contralto,
Mr. C. Samuel Maggio, tenor,
Mr. Theodore Louis Trost, bass,
Mr. Thomas C. Keenan, trumpet,
Mr. Ralph Mayer, trumpet,
Mr. Erwin Clancy, trombone,
Mr. Wilbert Heininger, trombone,
Mr. Herbert Zimmer, violin.

The anniversary chorus was assisted on several occasions by a girls' choir which consisted of the following members:

June Baetzel
Helen Braund
Dorothy Briggs
Helen Burke
Magdaline Clemens
Mary Dobrowski
Bernice Dodge
Jean Edgumbe
Harriet Eggiman
Marion Fennemore
Elaine Frisch
Dorothy Hayes
Ula Heininger
Hermine Herbst
Kathryn Herbst

Pearl Hitzke
Eleanor Kerber
Arlene Klauck
Opal Knight
Olga Kobisch
Julia Krehling
Ruth McGillicuddy
Irene Miller
Virginia Mohr
Elsie Neubert
Janice Riess
Eloise Riess
Arlene Saunders
Gladys Scheible
Rose Scheible

Helen Schoenheit
Arlene Schwab
June Seidel
Arlene Selke
Margaret Staudenmaier
Gertrude Stoick
Mary Jane Stoik
Virginia Thiem
Winifred Thiem
Arlene Wickman
Lois Wickman
June Weingartner
Marjorie Zuhlke

An Appreciation

It is utterly impossible to mention the names of all who contributed to the success of the sixtieth anniversary. Let it suffice here to say that hundreds of good people willingly gave their thought and time and effort to make the anniversary what it was planned to be—a spiritual experience in the life of Salem that will not soon be forgotten. Seldom have we witnessed such harmony and enthusiasm as were manifested by those who had a share in it. From the very first day to the last, a spirit of joyous gratitude and sincere devotion was evident. There were no disappointments. Every service and all the social gatherings were carried through as the committees had planned them. It may be of interest to note that the anniversary services in November were attended by 6,163 persons and that 2,453 were present at the various banquets.

The writer can not refrain from recording his deepest appreciation of every service which was cheerfully rendered. A very special "thank you" is herewith extended to the following:

The various committees which made all the necessary preparations,

The orchestra which played on the fellowship evenings,

The women of the church who prepared and served the banquets,

The persons who contributed special numbers to the program,

The florists who decorated the sanctuary for the services,

The members of the Salem Players and the Girl Scouts,

The donors of the special anniversary gifts,

The organizations and the individuals who contributed to the anniversary offering,

The members of the anniversary chorus,

The newspapers which gave much space and publicity to the various events.

The Souvenir Booklet

This souvenir booklet is printed in 2,200 copies. Each family affiliated with Salem Church is entitled to a free copy which must be called for at the church office. Additional copies may be purchased at fifty cents per copy in any quantity, as long as the supply will last. Bound copies are offered at one dollar each.

The pastor acknowledges his great debt to Mr. Fred M. Dubelbeiss, who compiled and edited much of the material; to Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Louis Trost for their kind and discriminating reading of the manuscript and for their valuable suggestions, and to Mr. Carl L. Drexler of the "Drexler Print Shop, Incorporated," for his personal attention and for a vast amount of work done without compensation.



A Challenge

"Come, share the road with me,
And hand in hand we'll seek the throne
And God's great glad tomorrows,
And as we go we'll share also
With all who travel on it,
For all who share the road with me,
Must share with all upon it."