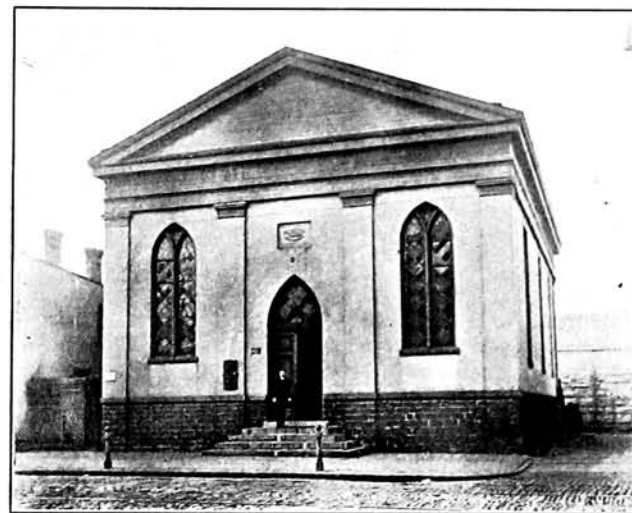


Dedicated to all loyal Salem Members living and departed who by their unselfish devotion and unswerving loyalty made possible the glorious achievements here recorded as foot prints on the sands of time.



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.



Early History Preceding the Building of Salem Church

1832

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.

1833

The United Evangelical Church was organized by Pastor Welden, an itinerant missionary of the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of New York State, with the names of 43 heads of families.

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1836

Rev. W. A. Fetter was elected Pastor succeeding Pastor Welden.

The corner-stone of the First German Protestant House of Worship in Rochester was laid at the corner of Grove Street and Stillson Street. Because of a controversy between the Lutheran and the Evangelical elements building operations were retarded. With the coming of the Rev. John Muehlhaeuser, harmony was restored and the project completed. It was called the Zion Lutheran Church.

1842

Trinity Evangelical Church, the mother of Salem, was founded as a result of the withdrawal of members of Zion Lutheran Church because of the difference of opinion with reference to the Lutheran form of doctrine.

1847

After five years in rented buildings, 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 40 by 70 feet in size was erected and served as a sanctuary through 58 years.

1849

The official seal of the Trinity Evangelical Church carried in the center as a motto, the words of 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.

1849-1861

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. C. Clausen (1852-1861) experienced the most fruitful ministries. Under the leadership of Rev. C. Haass, a parochial school was established and existed through many years.

1861

Rev. Philip Conradi's arrival marks the unhappy era of the church in which discord culminated in the resignation of the pastor and the withdrawal of many staunch supporters. These members organized St. Paul Evangelical Church and erected a new building in Fitzhugh Street, only a short distance from the mother church.

1862

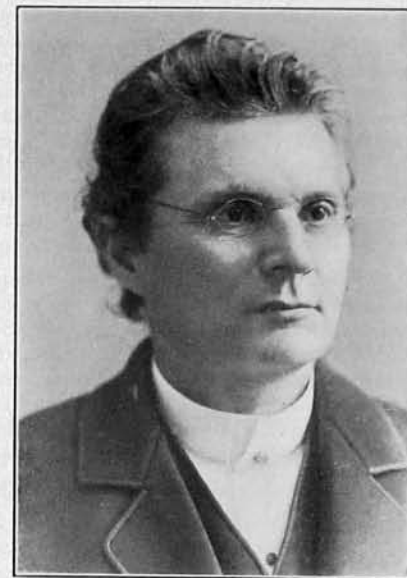
Rev. Carl Siebenpfeiffer arrived in the midst of a discouraging situation. His pastorate became known as the "Golden Age of Trinity." He served with such success that it became evident that the membership could no longer be accommodated because of its large size.

1867

As early as 1867 it became evident that additional space for the congregational life of Trinity must be provided.

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The Ministry of the Reverend Carl Siebenpfeiffer

1873-1894

REV. CARL SIEBENPFEIFFER
Born 1832 — Died 1894

BIOGRAPHICAL INTRODUCTION

The Reverend Carl Siebenpfeiffer was born on May 7, 1832, at Wachenheim in the Palatinate in Germany. He obtained his early education in Speyer in the Rhine Valley and at Erlangen attending the theological courses at the University. He also attended the university at Utrecht, Holland on a scholarship and at the age of twenty-four completed his formal schooling at Heidelberg in the year 1856.

Almost immediately he came to America and 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. In 1859 he accepted a call to Black Rock which today is a part of Buffalo. In 1862 he came to Rochester, New York, where he remained the rest of his life. At first he served Trinity Church which soon grew so large in its membership that the number of worshipers could no longer be accommodated.

As a result, 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 as pastor nearly

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twenty years until ill health compelled him to tender his resignation on September 14, 1893.

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 esteem of his ministerial associates throughout the Synod. He married early, and his wife proved a true help-mate 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. The nearest surviving relative is his son, William Siebenpfeiffer, of Denver, Colorado.

Through twenty significant years Rev. Siebenpfeiffer proved himself a faithful servant of the Lord Jesus Christ and a devoted minister to his fellow-men. 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 service at two-thirty o'clock in the afternoon. A vast throng of people accompanied the remains to Mt. Hope Cemetery.

We who live in the present day are inspired and challenged by the ministry of love and devotion which he rendered so faithfully unto the very end.

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

1873

The problem of finding a new location for Trinity became very disturbing.

A group of members on the East Side of the Genesee River purchased lot number 70 on Franklin Street for \$7,500.00 to be used as a building site in the relocation of Trinity. It was 65 feet by 169 feet long. In the same year, the adjoining lot, number 69, 33 feet by 169 feet, was purchased for \$7,700.00.

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.

Following this action, the members of the East Side decided to organize a new congregation under the name of the German United Evangelical Salem Church of Rochester, New York.

This was the beginning of the Salem Congregation.

On May 27, a constitution was adopted. Mr. Charles Coats, an architect, was engaged to prepare plans for a church and school building. After all contracts were let, the entire cost of the building enterprise including the organ amounted to approximately \$65,000.00.

On Pentecost Sunday, in this eventful year, Rev. Carl Siebenpfeiffer was extended the call to become the first pastor of the newly organized church.

1874

April 1, marked the day the members of the new Salem congregation severed their connections with Trinity Church.

On Easter Sunday, the Sunday School Building was dedicated.

Shortly after, on May 3, the new church was dedicated. The installation of its first pastor and the newly elected church council of 12 members marked this important day. On May 7 the council held its first meeting.

Pastor Siebenpfeiffer's acceptance and installation began a ministry which lasted twenty years until ill health caused his retirement. His very outstanding ministry filled many pages in the early history of Salem.

At the dedication service, many special gifts were offered which included the following: Three large Bibles, a communion service, and carpet, two altar chairs, altar and altar cloth, and a baptismal font.

The list of the charter members contains 79 names which represent the heads of families.

1875

Salem became a member of the Evangelical Synod of North America.

During this year, 588 of the available sittings were rented.

The large bell in the tower, weighing 2,500 pounds and of especially fine tone was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Priem, bereaved parents who lost their child at the age of 13. The bell still serves its purpose to which it was dedicated those many long years ago.

1878

A collection of \$8,825 was the result of a house to house canvass. By the end of the year, the indebtedness of the church had been reduced to \$37,500. At the end of Rev. Siebenpfeiffer's ministry, the total debt was only \$8,000.

1893

Because of ill health, Pastor Siebenpfeiffer's resignation was received.

The following assistant pastors served with Pastor Siebenpfeiffer during the decline of his health which began in 1888:

Rev. George Kern, 1888-1889

Rev. William Bauer, 1889-1892

Rev. Carl Loos, 1892-1893

1894

The Parochial School closed because of insufficient attendance.

August 19 marked the sad occasion of Pastor Siebenpfeiffer's death.



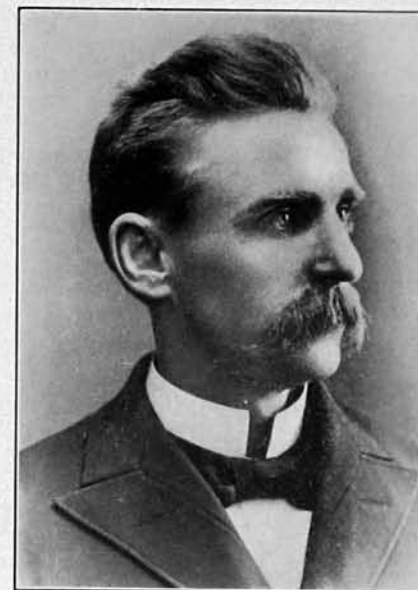
SALEM CHURCH AS ERECTED IN 1874

Dedicated May 3, 1874

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The Ministry of the Reverend J. F. W. Helmkamp

1894-1910



REV. J. F. W. HELMKAMP
Born 1857 — Died 1930

BIOGRAPHICAL INTRODUCTION

John Frederick William Helmkamp was born in St. Louis, Missouri, on November 7, 1857, the third son of John F. and Frederika Helmkamp. 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. 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 he was encouraged to turn to the ministry instead.

Upon completion of his course at Elmhurst in 1882, he entered Eden Seminary for his theological training and was graduated in 1885. His first pastorates were at West Waco and Neu Braunfels, Texas. In 1867 he was married to Miss Emma A. M. Bohle of St. Louis, Missouri.

From 1889-1894 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 to Salem Church in Rochester, New York, as the successor of Pastor Siebenpfeiffer and served until 1910. While under the heavy burden of this charge, his health failed, and he was obliged to give up this work. With deep regret his resignation was accepted. The Reverend J. F. Klick of St. Louis, Missouri, was secured as supply preacher until a successor could be found. After leaving Salem, Rev. Helmkamp served for short

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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 1918-1920 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.

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, 1933. Their union was blessed with six sons:

Albert of Elmira, New York
Ralph of Rochester, New York
William of Beverly Hills, California
Herbert of Denver, Colorado
Elmer of Denver, Colorado
George of Beverly Hills, California

Pastor Helmkamp was an active, aggressive spirit of outstanding 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 years 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.



Interior of Salem Church at the time when Rev. J. F. W. Helmkamp assumed the pastorate in 1894

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

1894

Rev. Helmkamp was installed as the second pastor of Salem, January 4. The first edition of the church paper known as the "Salem's Bote" appeared on March 15. (Changed to the "Salem Outlook" in 1923.)

1895

Sunday School facilities were enlarged, and alterations made in the auditorium of the Church. This effort was completed by September at a cost of \$13,722.55. The completed work raised the debt of the Church to \$18,000.

1896

Pastor Helmkamp strove to reduce the indebtedness of the church. An Easter offering yielded \$987.18. During the year \$4,000 was paid on the indebtedness.

1897

It was Pastor Helmkamp who envisioned an institution such as the St. John's Home for the Aged, then known as the Altenheim. It was his conviction that we as a church should take care of the sick, aged and orphans. A Sunday School Union was formed, from five denominations among the German churches of Rochester. When the time seemed appropriate for the launching of this greater project of establishing a home for the aged, it was possible to obtain the cooperation of the churches who were invited to share in this important undertaking.

Our interest in foreign missions began early, for it was in 1897 that the first orphan child in far off India was adopted by the Sister Society.

1898

June 19 was suggested for the celebration of the 25 Anniversary of the laying of the corner stone.

The installation of electric lighting in the church auditorium was first suggested at the congregational meeting on April 4, 1898.

1899

In November 250 brilliant electric lights were turned on for the first time. On May 14 the 25 anniversary of the dedication of the church was celebrated.

Both the Sunday School and the Sister Society adopted Indian orphaned children.

The first Home for the Aged located at Lake Avenue and Flower City Park was opened November 1.

December 28 of the same year the German Home for the Aged was incorporated pursuant to the laws of the state of New York under the name of The German Evangelical St. John's Charitable Association.

1900

George Ellwanger presented to the St. John's Association, a house and large acreage of land at the corner of South Avenue and Highland Avenue.

1903

Electric motor was installed for pumping the church organ replacing the faithful hand pumper.

1904

The Young People's Society undertook to provide regularly a printed program for the church services.

Renovations of the church added \$4,000 to the debt.

1905

The progress of the church is indicated by the report of 1,726 partaking of Holy Communion during Holy Week and Easter Sunday.

The General Conference of the Evangelical Synod of North America was held at Salem for the first time.

1906

A total of \$4,000 was paid reducing the debt to \$2,500. A plot of ground adjoining the Church on the north side was purchased for \$3,000. Other improvements in the Sunday School and Church buildings brought the debt to \$8,500.

1906

The Sunday School undertook full support of a missionary in India. It was decided to enlist the support of the entire Church. In December, Miss Adele Wobus became Salem's first ordained missionary.

Pastor Helmkamp recommended that consideration be given to installing memorial windows in the church.

1907

A Bible class conducted in the English language was started.

The envelope system with a yearly pledge was introduced among the young people.

1908

On Easter Sunday the first English service was conducted in the church. Regular Sunday evening services in English were instituted April 19.

The Confirmation Class gave the first memorial window. Later the Young Ladies' Society donated the second window. These appear in the vestibule. Fourteen additional memorial windows were given at a later date and placed in two sections, the lower section on the main floor and the upper section in the gallery.

1910

Because of increasing ill health, Pastor Helmkamp resigned January 17, terminating 16 years of service and a fruitful ministry.

Rev. J. F. Klick of St. Louis, Missouri, was secured as supply preacher until a successor could be found.

At various times during the pastorate of Pastor Helmkamp, the following Pastors assisted:

Rev. Alex Siegenthaler, 1902, June-October

Rev. Emil Jaeger, 1903-1905

Rev. Theodore R. Schmale, 1906-1908

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Interior of Church at 25th Anniversary, 1898



Interior of Church at the Close of Pastor Helmkamp's Ministry

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The Ministry of the Rev. J. Frederick Frankenfeld

1910-1934



REV. J. FREDERICK FRANKENFELD

BIOGRAPHICAL INTRODUCTION

The Reverend J. Frederick Frankenfeld was born at Concordia, Missouri, January 1, 1878, as the third son of the Reverend Frederick G. Frankenfeld and Louise Stoenner Frankenfeld. His boyhood days were spent in Augusta, Missouri, where his 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 ministry. In the fall of 1897 he entered Eden Theological Seminary at St. Louis, Missouri, from which he graduated in 1900. He was ordained to the Christian ministry on July 22, 1900, at Augusta, Missouri. His first work was assigned to him by the Home Mission Board of the Evangelical Synod at Springfield, Illinois.

In April, 1902 Pastor Frankenfeld accepted a call to become the minister of the Salem Evangelical Church in New Orleans, Louisiana. In September of the same year he was married to Miss Louise Kramer of Quincy, Illinois. Together they ministered in the Southland until 1910 when he received a call to Salem Church, Rochester, New York.

After coming to Rochester his activities were not limited to Salem Church. He served the Ministerial Union as its president; for two consecutive terms he was president of the Federation of Churches of Rochester and

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Monroe County; for a number of years he was the chairman of the committee of religious education and, later, of the committee of evangelism. For twenty-one years he was 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.

Pastor Frankenfeld was an active, aggressive individual of more than average ability and as time would permit gave freely of his services 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. In 1919 he was chosen as one of two members of a special committee which was instructed to make a missionary investigation 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. He was 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. In 1927 Elmhurst College awarded him the honorary degree LL.D.

The family of Pastor and Mrs. Frankenfeld consisted of four children: three daughters and one son. Helen Louise is the wife of Professor John C. Slater and resides at Cambridge, Massachusetts; Alma Hildegard is the wife of Mr. Clarke W. O'Brien and resides in Rochester, New York; Lydia Lenore is the wife of the Reverend G. Merrill Lenox, Detroit, Michigan; and Hubert Frederick of Rochester.

Early in 1934, Pastor Frankenfeld presented his resignation to the Salem congregation, to accept the call to the St. Peter's Church in Elmhurst, Illinois. During his pastorate there he also served as a member of the Board of Directors of Elmhurst College.

In 1946 he answered the urgent call of the Board of National Missions to become the pastor of the Morningside Community Church in Inglewood, California, which is located in a very rapidly growing community and has been designated as a "high potential" project by our denomination. At this writing, Dr. Frankenfeld is engaged in the task of building a new church for this rapidly growing congregation.

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

1910

February 25—a call was extended to Rev. Frederick Frankenfeld. He was installed August 7, 1910.

His first task was the reorganization of the Sunday School. On Rally Day, September 18, 1,090 attended.

The church indebtedness was \$8,500, the budget less than \$10,000.

1911

Rally Day, September 11, 1,470 attended Sunday School.

On October 6 the training class called "training for service" was organized with 95 students enrolled. Great interest was indicated in an average attendance of 85.

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The beautiful custom of placing flowers on the altar began November 26. Since that time, this custom has been continued. After accomplishing their purpose in the church on Sunday, these flowers have been sent with messages of comfort to the sick, shut-in and afflicted in homes and hospitals.

September 19, an advisory board was appointed consisting of 20 members, representatives of every organization in the church. For many years this board functioned and rendered helpful service in the study of existing problems.

1912

On May 12 a reunion service of all confirmed at Salem was held at Convention Hall. 3,335 members were invited. Over 3,000 attended.

A new school costing \$500 was provided for Miss Wobus in India.

The Council voted to retain pew-rental system and also initiated the use of weekly envelope system as a supplementary source of income.

The triple art window representing the Good Shepherd in the front wall of the church was presented by the children of Rev. Carl Siebenpfeiffer and dedicated to his memory.

1913

Thirty-nine members of the first training class received diplomas awarded by the New York State Bible Association in recognition of completion of the first standard course in teacher training.

On August 25 one hundred fifty canvassers conducted a house to house canvas within the space of six hours and netted the splendid sum of \$7,512.14, sufficient to pay the entire indebtedness and also, all the expenses incident to the renovation of the interior of the church then in progress.

September 7 was chosen as the day for the celebration of the 40 anniversary.

1914

At the greatest Sunday School Rally at Convention Hall, October 4, more than 3,000 people attended with more than 53 classes reporting perfect attendance.

May 10 marked the observance of the first Mother's Day.

Because of the inability of many of the young people to understand the German language which was evidenced in declining attendance, a resolution favoring the inauguration of a morning English Service from 10:15 to 11:00 was recommended and adopted. The first English service was held on the second Sunday in May.

The former residence of Mr. Henry Bausch, at the corner of St. Paul Street and Huntington Park, was purchased for \$12,500 for use as a parsonage by Pastor Frankenfeld and his family. It was occupied until 1927 when it was sold for \$20,000.

In June a motion picture machine known as the Pathoscope was purchased at a cost of \$200.00.

1918

On Christmas morning, a new set of organ chimes was presented by Miss Emma Hempel in memory of her grandmother, Mrs. Christiana Vetter.

The English service was lengthened to one hour 10:00 to 11:00. The German worship was held at eleven. This continued until 1931 when it was decided to begin the German service at 9:00.

1919

Rev. Frankenfeld and Rev. Paul Menzel traveled to Honduras for a preliminary survey with the view of opening another mission. The Board of Foreign Missions decided to launch the project after receiving their favorable report.

On March 2, all communicant members were invited to an afternoon meeting which resulted in plans for the erection of a new Church School building and the adoption of an adequate financial policy which included general use of the duplex envelope system.

On April 7, at the 46 annual meeting the corporate name of the church was changed from German United-Evangelical Church to "Salem Evangelical Church." Also, all meetings of the council and congregation were to be recorded in the English language. An unusual feature was the admission of 23 women into full voting membership. This marked a new epoch in our history.

1923

A new Simplex motion picture machine was purchased.

The new Church School and Parish House were dedicated.

The fiftieth anniversary was held from December 2 through December 9.

On December 2 the dedication of the new anniversary organ given by Mr. and Mrs. J. George Kaelber was held.

A set of excellent tower chimes, 16 in number, was given by Mr. and Mrs. William Deininger.

A new altar, pulpit and chancel rail were presented by Mrs. John C. Nusbickel and daughter in memory of Mr. John C. Nusbickel.

Other beautiful gifts given during the 50 Anniversary Celebration were:

Kitchen equipment and parlor furnishings

A fine grand piano, chime clock, a curtain for the stage auditorium, platform furnishings for the stage of the auditorium.

Silver knives and forks.

1924

Nearly 1,000 attended the first sunrise and Holy Communion Service held on Easter Sunday.

The 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 of our new worker, Miss Anna Bechtold.

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.

On April 24 a large tract of land in the rear of the church was purchased for the sum of \$62,500 in order to protect our church from encroachment and the possibility of deprivation of light and air from our church school and also, to provide room for expansion and parking space. This proved to be an extremely wise purchase, for in the spring of 1930, a portion of this property

was sold to the city for \$101,500. The Church retained a triangle parcel of property directly in the rear of the Church which provided the protection originally sought. When various rumors appeared that this property was about to change hands, Pastor Frankenfeld 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 hold it until the congregation could take action. Aided by Mrs. 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.

1925

A special gift of \$500 made possible the enlargement of the church for lepers in India.

1926

2,963 pledges were received totaling \$54,608.

Radio broadcasting had improved at this point to enable our first mid-week Lenten service to be broadcast through WHEC.

1927

Pastor Frankenfeld purchased his own home on 175 Highland Parkway where he continued to reside until his departure from Rochester.

More than \$700 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 was made possible at Bistrampur, India. The cost of the school was several thousand dollars.

\$1,200 annually was voted to assist in the support of a mission church, St. John's Evangelical, in Los Angeles, California.

Mr. Fred M. Dubelbeiss was appointed Superintendent of the Sunday School.

One hundred ninety-two members of the church gave the sum of \$5,137 for the Ministerial Pension Fund of the Evangelical Synod.

New baptismal font was dedicated.

1929

The exterior of the Church was renovated at a cost of \$47,674.08. Steeples were taken down to comply with the requests of the Department of Public Safety. Both towers were rebuilt to conform to the architecture of the entire church plant.

1930

The church gave \$725.63 toward the building of a Protestant chapel at Sonyea, the Craig Colony for Epileptics.

The congregation authorized the creation of an Endowment Fund and referred the matter to the Church Council for the adoption of rules and regulations under which the Fund was to be administered.

1931

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

1932

\$13,290 was given by the members of the church for the Elmhurst-Eden Advance.

1933

The Sixtieth Anniversary was celebrated during the entire month of November with elaborate ceremonies, featuring special speakers on successive Sundays and banquets during the week for the confirmation classes which were divided into three groups in accordance with the three pastorates in the sixty years of Salem's history. During the month, 6,163 attended the services and 2,453 the various banquets.

A brief History of Salem, 1873-1933, was published.

1934

Dr. Frankenfeld tendered his resignation on March 12, 1934 to accept a call to St. Peter's Church in Elmhurst, Illinois. In a special meeting of the congregation, April 3, 1934, a determined effort was made to have Dr. Frankenfeld reconsider and to withdraw his resignation. When these efforts proved unavailing, the motion to accept the resignation with deep regret was approved unanimously.

Dr. Frankenfeld preached his last sermon as pastor of Salem Church on June 10, 1934.

Prof. Karl H. Roth assumed the duties of interim pastor of Salem Church, pending the arrival of the Pastor-Elect, Rev. Paul M. Schroeder, Evansville, Indiana.

The following assisted during the Third Pastorate:

Rev. Paul G. Frankenfeld, 1912-1913, 1919-1922

Rev. Julius C. Kramer, 1914-1916

Rev. Otto Mayer, 1918-1919

Rev. Herman H. Lohans, 1922-1928

Rev. Charles J. Keppel, 1929-1930

Mr. Theodor Stoerker, 1931-1932

Sister Frieda Muenstermann, deaconess, 1928-1929



REV. PAUL M. SCHROEDER
Since 1934

The Ministry of the Reverend Paul M. Schroeder

BIOGRAPHICAL INTRODUCTION

The Reverend Paul M. Schroeder was born March 18, 1891, in New Haven, Missouri, the eighth child of the Rev. Adam Schroeder and Wilhelmina Boehmer Schroeder. His father came in his youth to this country from Osnabrueck, Germany, and was trained for the ministry in the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Maurhasville, Missouri. His mother was born near New Haven, Missouri. The boyhood years of our present pastor were spent in New Haven, Missouri. His education began in the local public schools and continued in Elmhurst College, 1905-09, Eden Theological Seminary, 1909-12, Evansville College, A.B., 1931, and Indiana University, M.A., 1934.

On June 30, 1912, he was ordained to the Christian ministry in New Haven, Missouri, and assigned by the Board of Home Missions to the St. Matthew's Church, Cleveland, Ohio.

After a very successful pastorate there, in which the church became self-supporting, Pastor Schroeder accepted a call to the Salem Church, New Orleans, Louisiana, which, by an interesting coincidence, was also served by Dr. Frederick Frankenfeld before his coming to Rochester.

Pastor Schroeder brought with him to New Orleans his bride of less than a year, who was before her marriage Miss Bert Munz, of Cleveland, Ohio. Together they served with much joy and blessing in this great metropolis of the South.

In 1927 Pastor Schroeder accepted a call to the St. Lucas Church in Evansville, Indiana. In 1933 he was made president of the Indiana District, comprising about 150 congregations. He also served as chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Evansville Deaconess Hospital.

Since September 4, 1934, Pastor Schroeder has served as the spiritual leader of our Salem Church in Rochester. In addition to his very heavy duties in Salem, he has found time and strength to serve our community as President of the Federation of Churches, President of the Rochester Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, as President of the Board of Managers for the St. John's Home for the Aged, and as Chairman of the Rochester Chapter of the American Christian Palestine Council.

During his more than thirty-five years of ministry in the Evangelical and Reformed Church, our pastor gave much valuable service to the larger work of the Kingdom of God. He was for eight years President of the National Evangelical Young People's League; he served since 1936 on the Interim Executive Committee and the General Council of the Evangelical and Reformed Church. At the present time he is a member of the Administrative Executive Committee of the General Council. He has served as member of the Evangelical and Reformed Committee on Christian Stewardship and on the Committee on Closer Relations With Other Churches. This committee has been charged with the responsibility for the merger negotiations with the Congregational Christian Churches. Pastor Schroeder has also served as member of the Board of Regents for Mercersburg Academy, as a member of the Federal Council and of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches.

In recognition of his valuable services to the Kingdom of God, Pastor Schroeder was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity by Ursinus

College, Collegeville, Pennsylvania, in June, 1939. His biography has been published since 1940 in **Who's Who in America**.

Mrs. Schroeder has also been active in religious and community work at the side of her husband. She has taught in the church school and has served as president of various church and missionary groups. She has inaugurated the Lecture Course and the Christmas Musicales and Tea in Salem, which have become valuable educational and inspirational features on our church program.

Much of Mrs. Schroeder's time was also given to community Service. She has held the office of assistant treasurer in the Rochester Council of Church Women and served as secretary for the Monroe Society for the Handicapped. She was a member of the executive committee of the Federation of Women's Clubs. During World War II she gave many hours of service to the members of our armed forces in the Military Service Center at the New York Central Station.

Two children were born to Pastor and Mrs. Schroeder in New Orleans, Louisiana, a daughter, Dorothy, who is now married to Mr. Luther Young, Jr., residing in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and a son, Paul, Jr., who served in the U. S. Army in the Far East during World War II and is now engaged in experimental research in the field of aeronautics. Dorothy is a graduate of the University of Rochester, A.B., and the University of Cincinnati, M.A., in political science. Paul, Jr. is a graduate of Purdue University, B.S., in aeronautical engineering.

During the fourteen years of his ministry at Salem, Pastor Schroeder has officiated at 1,017 baptisms, 626 weddings, 1,346 funerals, and has received 620 young people into the church through the rite of confirmation. In addition 904 persons were admitted to membership by letters of transfer or confession of faith. For the cause of the Kingdom of God at home and abroad Salem contributed through the benevolence fund during Dr. Schroeder's ministry the sum of \$165,000.00, which does not include the unnumbered gifts for missionary and charitable purposes contributed during this time by our various Salem organizations.

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

1934

On September 9, Rev. Paul M. Schroeder was installed as Salem's fourth Pastor.

1935

The annual report disclosed a membership of approximately 3,000; of this number 2,178 were contributing members.

The innovation of a Christmas Eve Midnight Service met with excellent response.

The Church Council decided to provide vestments for the confirmation classes.

Pastor Schroeder urged that members of Salem support the Endowment Fund for he felt it would prove a source of strength and stability in the years to come.

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1936

Dr. Harold Freund of Tilda, India, was accepted as Salem's missionary to India to succeed Miss Adele Wobus, who was unable to return to the field. During the year of 1936 the communicant membership increased to 3,223. The total pledged for the coming year was \$43,901.58.

The Church Council adopted regulations drawn up several years ago covering the establishment and control of the Endowment Fund.

1937

A memorial tablet in connection with the Endowment Fund was dedicated and placed in the vestibule of the church.

The missionary societies gave \$300 for remodeling program for a small mission church in Pasadena, California.

The Board of Deaconesses was organized. It consists of 21 members, corresponding to the 21 members on the Board of Deacons. The purpose of this Board is to assist in the pastoral ministry of the congregation and to share with the deacons in the care of the 21 districts into which the congregation has been divided.

1938

Salem planned to provide funds for the building of a new cottage at Dunkirk at a cost of approximately \$1,870.

The Kaelber Klass completely redecorated and refinished the Pastor's study at a cost exceeding \$500. The Assistant Pastor's study was also redecorated. The Senior Department was remodelled providing a much needed room for the choir. A first aid room was made by partitioning a section of the outer office, fully equipped and placed in service. The stage in the Bible Class auditorium was equipped with drapes and thoroughly renovated. The cost of these improvements amounted to approximately \$3,000.

1939

The Salem Men's Bible Class celebrated its twentieth anniversary in January with a banquet. Dr. Frederick Frankenfeld, founder and first teacher of the class, was the guest speaker. The Ladies' Bible Class also celebrated its twentieth anniversary with a banquet. Dr. Arthur Evans was the guest speaker.

Dr. Schroeder was invited to be a member of the Sherwood Eddy European Seminar. He travelled through nine countries and studied the religious, political and economic conditions which prevailed immediately preceding the Second World War.

1940

Dr. Schroeder was called to accept the office of Director of United Promotion in the Evangelical and Reformed Church. The congregation was unwilling to accept his resignation and Dr. Schroeder agreed to continue to serve as pastor of Salem Church.

The first World Friendship Day program at Salem brought a real blessing.

A Young People's Choir was organized.

The Church Parlor was redecorated by the Sister Society.

The amount pledged for 1940 was \$45,073.24.

1941

A public speaking system was made the property of Salem by the Sister Society, Mission Society, Kingdom Mission Circle, the Ladies' and Men's

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Bible Classes, Men's Benevolent, Ruth Class, Young People's and Senior Departments.

1942

During the year Salem acquired the gas station and lot adjoining the Church, at the corner of Franklin Street and University Avenue.

Honor roll plaques listing the name of every Salemite in the armed services were dedicated.

1943

Two bronze vases were given for the altar in memory of James B. Wright.

The Nika Class room was redecorated with new drapery and furnishings.

Plans were made to launch a program to make Salem debt free by the 75 Anniversary.

1944

Mrs. Kate Martin donated ten acres of land on Scottsville Road to be used as a recreational field for the young people of the church, now known as Salem Park.

Plans were made to raise \$50,000.00 to wipe out the church debt and renovate the church.

1945

The gas station property on the corner of Clinton Avenue North and Cumberland Street was sold to Mr. Volpe, for \$22,500.00.

By the end of the year, 409 Salemites were in the armed services.

The Endowment Fund showed a steady increase with a balance of \$34,300.

1946

At the Congregational Meeting, October 14, it was voted to include in our Benevolence Budget \$1,000.00 per year for a period of five years to be given to the Morningside Community Church, Inglewood, California whose Pastor is Dr. Frederick Frankenfeld, former Pastor of Salem.

Over 100 boxes of food and clothing were sent to Germany and other European countries and approximately \$4,300 for World Emergency Service.

The facilities of Salem Park were used by hundreds during the year.

1947

Salem was debt free. On January 20, 1947, Pastor Schroeder and Pastor Fister were assisted in the burning of the mortgage by Jacob Vogel, President; Oscar Meyer, Treasurer; Oscar Zabel, Treasurer of the Endowment Fund; Charles Bareis, Treasurer of the Benevolences; John Zonneville, Chairman of the Board of Elders; Benjamin Stallman, Chairman of the Board of Trustees; William Schlieter, Chairman of the Board of Deacons; Mrs. John Frank, Chairman of the Board of Deaconesses.

The trustees were given authority to make application with the Rochester Gas & Electric to provide central heating service.

It was estimated on the basis of a survey of the congregation that the total amount of clothing and food sent for European relief by Salem members to their loved ones and friends amounted to more than \$31,000.

1948

It was voted to empower the Church Council to proceed with the renovation of the sanctuary and the parish house. The total expenditure is expected to exceed \$30,000.00.

The plan for an altar-centered chancel was approved in principle and made a long-term project for the congregation.

The following assisted during the fourth pastorate:

Mr. Friederich Rest—Student of Theology, 1935-36

Mr. Paul Streich—Student of Theology, 1936-37

Rev. Oscar Nussmann, 1938-1944

Rev. J. Blaine Fister, 1945-



REV. J. BLAINE FISTER
Assistant Pastor Since 1945

Our present Assistant Pastor has been with us since November, 1945. Before coming to Rochester, his home was in Shillington, Pennsylvania. He attended Ursinus College in Collegeville, Pennsylvania, one of our denominational schools, and received the Bachelor of Arts degree from that institution in 1943. His education for the ministry was continued at our Theological Seminary in Lancaster, Pennsylvania where he received his Bachelor of Divinity degree in October, 1945. Immediately after being licensed and ordained in Reading Synod, he was called to Salem Church, and was installed as Assistant Pastor on November 4, 1945.

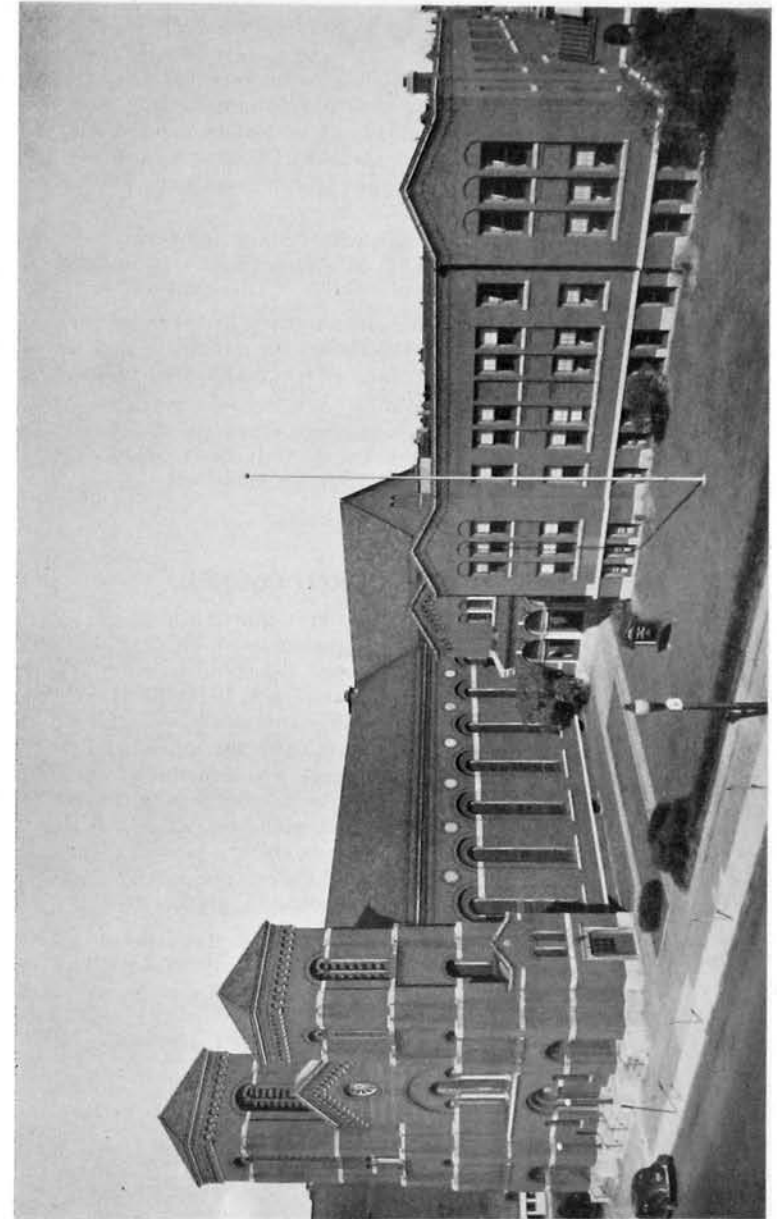


Interior of Church, 1948

SUMMARY OF CHURCH REGISTER

	Baptisms	Weddings	Burials	Confirmed
Siebenpfeiffer, 20 years	3,608	1,341	1,673	1,603
Helmkamp, 16 years	2,045	1,052	1,426	1,496
Frankenfeld, 23 years	2,142	1,409	1,974	1,596
Schroeder, 14 years	1,017	626	1,436	620

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SALEM CHURCH, 1948

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SALEM PARK

In 1944, Mrs. Kate Martin, a life-long member of Salem, donated a tract of land comprising about eleven acres on the Scottsville Road opposite the Municipal Airport. The purpose of this was to provide a park and recreation center for the youth of Salem Church.

During the war years, it was impossible to make very many improvements on this property; however, there have been erected in the past year a large shelter with ample room for several hundred people, a Boy Scout cabin by Troop Sixty, a large outdoor oven by the Nika Class, and excellent drinking water is provided by a deep well equipped with a good pump and drainage basin.

Since the acquisition of the park, Salem has conducted a very successful day camp under the direction of Rev. J. B. Fister, who was assisted by a capable staff of volunteer workers.

Numerous picnics have also been held on these grounds by large and small groups. With the completion of the shelter we anticipate that the park will be a very popular and attractive center of social and recreational activities for all age groups in Salem Church.

The development of the Salem Park has been entrusted to a Salem Park Committee, which is a department of the Youth Activities Council. A formal dedication of the park and its facilities has been planned for 1949.

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. The 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 elected members. It now consists of six elders, nine trustees, and twenty-one deacons and the pastors. The names of all the men who have served on the council during the past 75 years with the year in which they were first elected or appointed, are here listed.

1874 John J. Schaeffer Samuel Dubelbeiss William Wolf Wm. Conrad Zimmer	1877 Frederick Roth Henry Lester	1883 Edwin Beck Henry Trebert
John Weiss John Kiefhaber John Neun Frederick Ruckdeschel William Steul Frederick Nelson Henry Hoffman George Zimmer	1878 George Zimmer Anton Finzer Christian Widmer	1884 George Maurer Charles W. Dubelbeiss
1875 Adam Schake George Herzberger Carl Priem	1879 Frank Fritzsche George Fleischhauer Gottlieb Herman Henry Flake John Oetzel Henry Mutschler John Neth	1885 Carl E. Hempel
1876 Frederick Deininger Samuel Loescher	1882 John Kaelber George Becker Rudolph Axt	1887 August Amish 1888 Valentin Fuchs 1889 John Schwab Carl Kaelber 1891 Chris Merlau Arthur Schwab 1892 John Schmidt William Dueppuis

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1893 Henry Husmann John F. Zabel Charles W. Weis	1926 G. Wallace Neth George Schauman	1941 Isaac DeRoo Howard Hendrkise Philip Lattinville Clarence Nather Louis Randall Lawrence Ritter Ralph Schauman
1894 Louis H. Miller Charles Suss	1927 Julius C. Hoffman	1942 F. O. E. Raab Rudolph Schmidt Benjamin Stallman Otto Bruns Ray Lahmer Harold Lowes William Neuscheler William Schlieter George Ursprung Dr. Harold Weber Roy Dementint
1895 John C. Nusbickel	1928 Jacob H. Vogel William H. Zimmer	1943 Fred Mayer J. E. Ernisse Edwin Genf Walter Gutzmer Wilbur Knapp Wilbur Peck Howard Stephany Edward Zuhlke
1896 Edward Deusing	1929 Frank H. Walch	1944 Charles Arthmann Joseph Froelicher Arthur Brodbeck Wendell Fishbaugh Jacob Sattel Charles Frey Dr. Edw. Spitz-Nagel
1897 George Einsfeld George F. Roth	1930 Samuel Allen Arthur Blank John H. Cooper Carl L. Drexler Henry Vogel Henry B. Weber John Zonneville Lester Feldt William H. Lauterbach	1945 James Ackroyd Oscar Zabel Ray Heiligman George Humby Max Nather Fred Tausch Charles Zabel Herbert Zimmer, Jr. George Schindler, Sr.
1898 Henry G. Lauterbach	1931 Carl Fischer William Lauterbach, Sr. G. William Miller William T. Nowack Elmer Orbaker Lee Feldt	1946 Alvin Arnold Thomas Keenan Hubert Miller Ralph Schwarz Robert Welker
1901 Kilian Schaeffer	1932 Gustav Nowack Charles A. Stark Elmer Schropp Elmer Geer Orlo J. Weeks Louis H. Ehrmann	1947 Arthur Grai Wilford Allen George Eggiman Albert Flemming Gordon Spalty
1902 Henry F. Albrecht Bernhard Stauch	1933 Charles Bareis Ernst A. Kurkowski Karl Miller August G. Reinhardt Henry J. Schwab Herbert Tucker	1948 Lester Hahn Ralph Mayer Arthur Taylor Leighton Young
1903 William Deininger	1934 George Roser Benjamin Stallman	
1904 J. George Kaelber	1935 W. Leigh Bailey William Beldue Wm. G. Staudenmaier Wm. Schneeberger Jorgen Thomsen Julius Kitzing	
1905 George F. Nelson Christ. Leschhorn	1936 William Rapp L. Nowack	
1906 George Gernand	1937 Ray F. Finzer Arthur Kohl Edward J. Nelson	
1907 Benjamin Haag Charles T. Rau	1938 Percy Hofer George Roser Earl Schauman Richard Thorne Herbert Zimmer, Sr.	
1908 Julius J. Andersen	1939 Arthur Brill Goodwin Lehrer Charles Van Norman Harry Salle Alfred Swansfeger	
1910 George J. Hafner	1940 Norman Ackroyd William Cox Oscar Meyer Henry Sheve Norman Selke	
1912 Christian Baetzel		
1913 George Bareis		
1914 Charles G. Gerhard Otto G. Schlegel Louis C. Deininger Fred. J. Schminke William H. Brown J. F. Kleiner George P. Steul Fred. C. Stehler		
1915 Edwin C. Kaelber		
1916 Louis C. Schauman		
1918 Emil Ludekens		
1920 J. George Kaelber Charles W. Weis Alfred F. Scheible		
1921 Harry J. Herbst		
1923 Fred. M. Dubelbeiss Walter W. Graeper Jacob Schlenker Charles F. Spies George P. Steul Charles F. Then Frank C. Titus George C. Wickman William J. Zabel		
1924 John F. Zimmer Fred Baetzel Robert F. Kaucher		
1925 Gustav Schaub		

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Honorary Members

1920 Charles W. Weis J. George Kaelber
1925 August Amish
1930 Charles Suss

The following have served as Church Council Presidents:

1874-1893	Rev. Carl Siebenpfeiffer	1942	William H. Zimmer
1894-1905	Rev. J. F. W. Helmkamp	1943	Benjamin Stallman
1906-1907	Charles Suss	1944	Benjamin Stallman
1908-1910	George F. Roth	1945	Jacob Vogel
1911-1925	Charles Suss	1946	Jacob Vogel
1926-1930	Henry F. Albrecht	1947	Oscar Zabel
1931-1941	William H. Brown	1948	Benjamin Stallman
1941	Charles Then		

ORGANISTS AND CHOIR DIRECTORS

Salem has been most fortunate in the men and women who have served as organists and choir directors during the seventy-five years of her existence. 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, 1926-1948
 H. Wellington Stewart, organist, 1932-1935
 Donald Alton, organist, 1935-1938
 H. Wellington Stewart, organist, 1938-1939
 Charles H. Finney, organist, 1939-1940
 Blair Cosman, organist, 1940-1941
 Mrs. George Humby, organist, 1941-1948
 William Larson, director, 1947 (Dr. Genhart on leave of absence)
 Lawrence Parker, present director.
 Miss Wilma Jean Hoyle, present organist.

ROSTER OF OFFICE-BEARERS, 1948

Board of Education

Miss Ruth Asman	Mr. Fred Dubelbeiss, general superintendent
Mr. Herbert Zimmer, Sr.	Dr. P. M. Schroeder (Pastor)
Mrs. Josephine Wright	Miss Hilda Tanck, director of religious education
Mrs. Julius Stein	Rev. J. Blaine Fister (Assistant Pastor)
Miss Mildred Tausch	Mrs. William Meehan, superintendent of children's division
Dr. Fred Willkens	Mrs. Ralph Schauman, home co-ordinator
Mr. G. Wallace Neth, treasurer	

THE CHURCH SCHOOL

General Officers — 1948-49

Superintendent	Fred Dubelbeiss
Associate General Superintendent	Oscar E. Zabel
Secretary	Norman Ackroyd
Enrollment Secretary	George Pierce
Treasurer	G. Wallace Neth
Librarian	Herbert Zimmer, Sr.
Director of Religious Education	Miss Hilda Tanck
Home Co-ordinator	Mrs. Ralph Schauman
Third Period Program	Mrs. Melba Ferguson
Superintendent of Children's Division	Mrs. Dorothy Meehan

CRADLE ROLL

Superintendent	Mrs. Walter Schauman
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NURSERY

Superintendent	Mrs. Amelia Miller
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KINDERGARTEN

Superintendent	Miss Louise Sauer
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PRIMARY

Superintendent	Mrs. Fred H. Willkens
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JUNIOR DEPARTMENT

Superintendent	Mrs. Josephine Wright
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Superintendent	Miss Flora Wolfspurger
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TEACHER TRAINING CLASS

Teacher	Mrs. George Roser
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SENIOR DEPARTMENT

President	George Herschell
Vice-President	Alfred Gutzmer
Adviser	Mrs. Anna Youngs
Teacher	Rev. J. Blaine Fister

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CLASS

President	Roger Abrey
Vice-President	Donald Schneeberger
Teacher and Adviser	Rev. J. Blaine Fister

NIKA CLASS

President	William Ackroyd
Vice-President	J. P. Sattel
Teacher	Rev. W. A. Ashmore

RUTH CLASS

President	Miss Mildred Griep
Vice-President	Mrs. Ralph Schauman
Teacher	Mrs. Theodore Trost

KAELEBER KLASS

President	William Haeusel
Vice-President	James Ramsey
Teacher	Charles Gordon

LADIES' BIBLE CLASS

President	Mrs. George Ursprung
1st Vice-President	Mrs. John Burchill
2nd Vice-President	Mrs. John Herrlinger
Teacher	Dr. Fred H. Willkens

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

President	Arthur Taylor
1st Vice-President	Arthur Blank
2nd Vice-President	Fred Tuley
Teacher	Dr. Fred H. Willkens

SALEM WOMEN'S GUILD

President	Miss Gertrude A. Kalmbach
Vice-President	Mrs. J. W. Stein
Secretary	Mrs. Henry Sheve
Treasurer	Mrs. Fred Nowack

SISTER SOCIETY

President	Mrs. Joseph Dean
1st Vice-President	Mrs. Henry Vogel, Jr.
2nd Vice-President	Mrs. Chas. Ahnfeldt
3rd Vice-President	Mrs. W. Gutzmer
4th Vice-President	Miss Matha Kujawsky
Financial Secretary	Mrs. E. Orbaker
Recording Secretary	Mrs. F. W. Snyder
Treasurer	Mrs. F. L. Nowack
Birthday Secretary and Treasurer	Mrs. J. Hoffman

SALEM MISSION SOCIETY

President	Mrs. Paul M. Schroeder
1st Vice-President	Mrs. C. Heberle
2nd Vice-President	Mrs. J. W. Fishbaugh
Treasurer	Mrs. E. Gagnier
Financial Secretary	Mrs. L. Schaap
Recording Secretary	Mrs. J. C. Dean
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. H. G. Stoick
Pianist	Mrs. C. Van Norman
Representative to Council of Church Women	Mrs. C. Heberle
Representative to Salem Guild	Mrs. J. W. Stein

KINGDOM MISSION CIRCLE

President	Miss Lucille Klauck
1st Vice-President	Mrs. Fred Willkens
2nd Vice-President	Mrs. W. Schauman
Secretary	Mrs. H. Tschiderer
Treasurer	Mrs. M. Massman
Financial Secretary	Mrs. Fred Mayer
Pianist	Miss Grace Nowack
Representative to Council of Church Women and Women's Guild	Miss G. Kalmbach
Ex-Officio	Miss F. Wolfspurger

BOARD OF DEACONESSSES

Chairman	Mrs. John Burchill
Vice-Chairman	Mrs. Charles Bareis
Secretary-Treasurer	Mrs. Leighton Young

MEN'S BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

President	James E. Ernisse
Vice-President	J. Harry Herbst
Recording Secretary	Lester Feldt
Financial Secretary	Raymond A. Selke
Treasurer	G. Wallace Neth
Trustees	Herbert Tucker, Arthur Blank, Carl Fischer
Membership Secretary	Alfred Suhr

BOY SCOUTS

Institutional Representative	Edward Zuhlke
Scoutmaster, Troop No. 60	Fred Raetz
Scoutmaster Troop 11	Richard Eggert

GIRL SCOUTS

Scout Leader Troop No. 48	Mrs. Charles Matuk
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ADULT CHOIR

President	William H. Lauterbach, Jr.
Vice-President	Donald Zuhlke
Secretary	Mrs. Melvin Meding
Treasurer	Mrs. Anna Youngs

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CHOIR

Director	Herbert Zimmer, Jr.
Accompanist	Miss Shirley Mayer

JUNIOR CHOIR

Director	Mrs. William Meehan
Accompanist	Mrs. Edward Zuhlke

YOUTH ACTIVITIES COUNCIL

Chairman	Ralph Schauman
Vice-Chairman for Boys	Edward Zuhlke
Vice-Chairman for Girls	Mrs. Josephine Wright
Secretary	Mrs. William P. Meehan
Treasurer	Walter Gutzmer

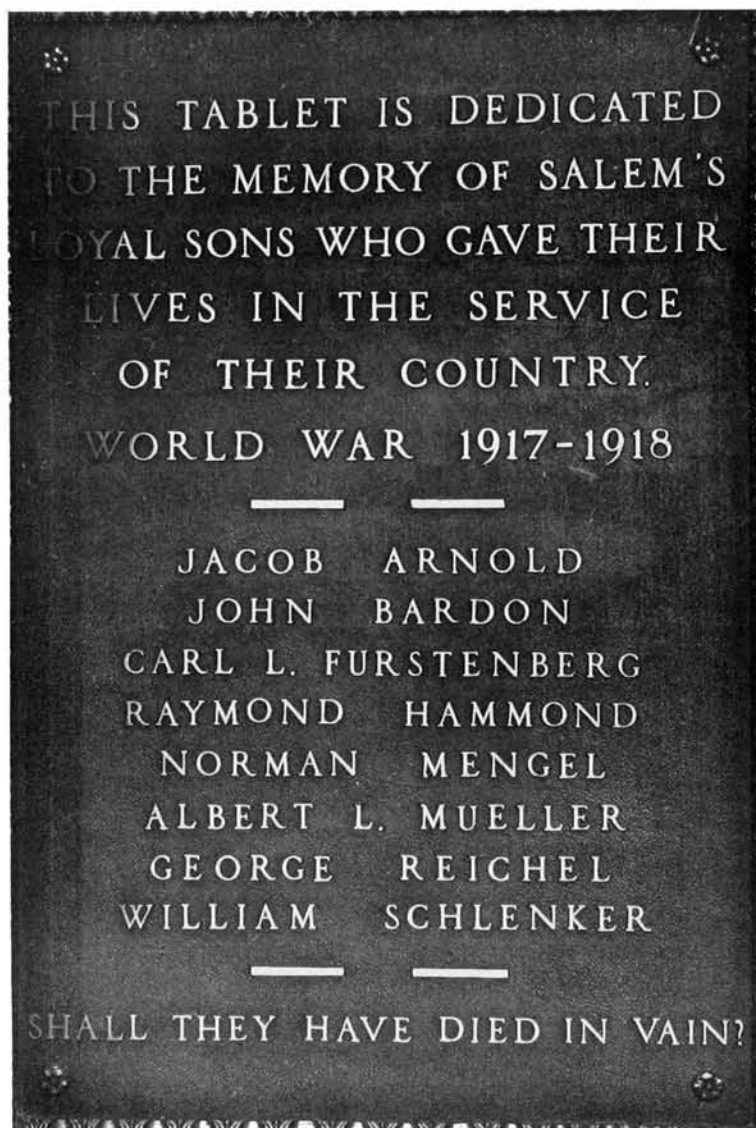
GENERAL STATEMENT OF CHURCH ASSETS, SEPTEMBER 1, 1948

General Fund Balance	369.72
Renovation Fund Balance	12,466.58
Reserve Fund Balance	18,715.56
Highland Parkway Mortgage	1,730.00
Parking Lot, Franklin and Cumberland Streets	1,135.98
20 Shares Niagara Hudson Power Stock	200.00
Salem Park	6,000.00
Church Organ	30,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	11,400.00
Land and Buildings	426,805.00
Endowment Fund	38,677.92
Organ Fund	5,598.00
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Ralph B. Schauman, Treasurer.

WORLD WAR I

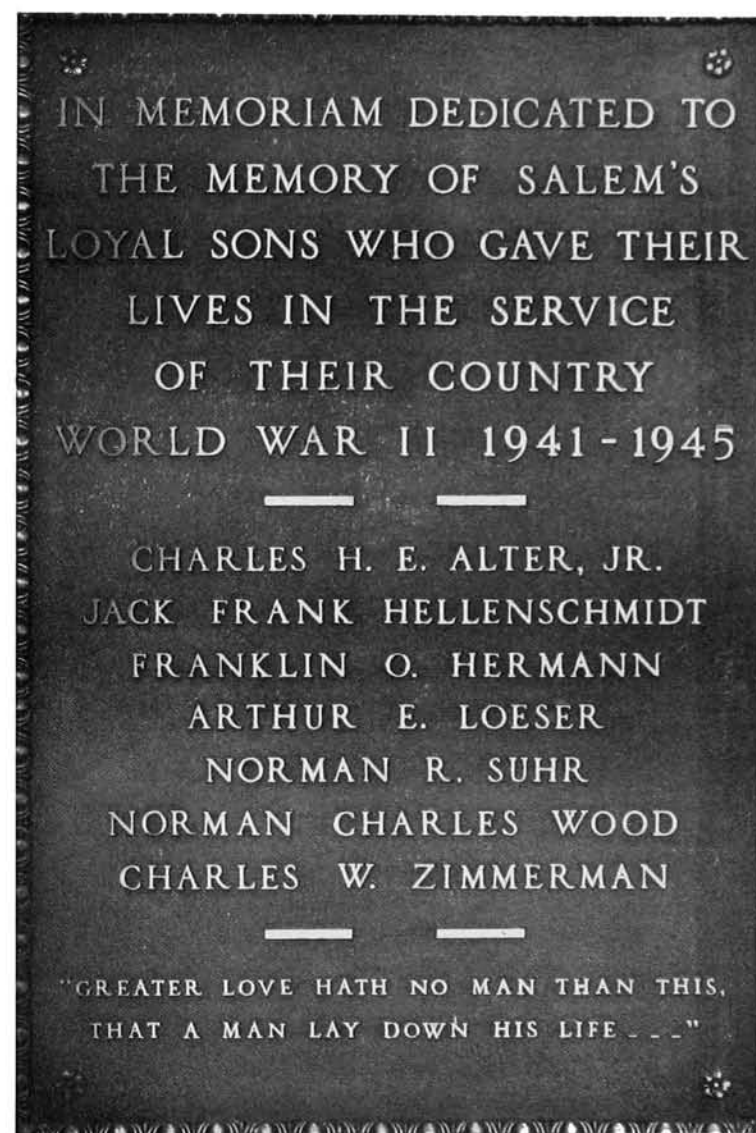
Armistice Day, November 11, 1918 found 190 Salem men in the service. On Memorial Sunday, June 2, 1929 the bronze memorial tablet pictured below was unveiled bearing the names of the eight Salem men who had made the supreme sacrifice.



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WORLD WAR II

At the close of hostilities more than four hundred Salem men and women had seen service in the armed forces. Seven of the men paid with their lives, and their memory has been immortalized on the bronze tablet dedicated October 12, 1947.



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THE ENDOWMENT FUND

(Perpetual Membership Fund)

From time to time faithful members bequeathed sums of money to their church in their last will and testament. These sums were paid into the church treasury and expended in the general maintenance of the church.

In 1930 the congregation authorized the creation of an Endowment Fund into which all monies received from legacies or as memorial gifts in honor of departed members shall be deposited. The fund was actually set in operation on December 5, 1930, with an initial deposit of \$3,000.00.

In 1937 the Church Council authorized the placement of a bronze tablet in the vestibule of the church to perpetuate the memory of all departed members who bequeathed the sum of \$200.00 or more to Salem Church and of all departed members for whom a memorial gift of \$200.00 or more was made by their loved ones. The roster of names now includes fifty-six members who now "rest from their labors" and "whose works do follow them."

In 1942 Salem united with the Evangelical and Reformed Churches in Rochester in the inauguration of the use of Memorial Wreath cards, which are used to express sympathy to the loved ones of departed members. The donor secures the card at the church office by making a contribution to the Endowment Fund or to some other Christian institution and brings or sends this card to the funeral home. The name of the member thus honored is inscribed in a memorial record in the church office and announced in the printed program of worship on Sunday morning. Since the inception of this plan, hundreds of cards have been sent to the homes of the bereaved, and the use of these cards is finding a constantly growing acceptance on the part of our members and friends.

By popular usage the members thus honored by memorial gifts are designated as perpetual members and their names are inscribed together with those enrolled on our bronze tablet in a Book of Remembrance.

The interest earned by this Endowment Fund is used each year to support the current expense budget of our church. The amount that will be earned and transferred to the church treasury at the end of this year will be in excess of \$900.00. The total amount in the Endowment Fund on December 1, 1948, was \$39,005.42.

MEMORIAL PLAQUE DEDICATED NOVEMBER 7, 1937



Our Anniversary Year 1948

The celebration of our 75th Anniversary was highlighted throughout the entire year of 1948 by special emphasis, publicity, and special projects of improvement and advance. Each issue of the "Outlook" throughout the year carried the heading "1873—Salem Diamond Jubilee Year—1948." Special anniversary stationery was used. Many of the organizations and societies gave special emphasis in their programs and publicity in honor of the Diamond Jubilee.

At the annual meeting of the congregation in January, 1948, the plans for the commemoration of the 75th Anniversary were central. Recommendations were made to proceed with the renovation of the sanctuary, and the services of Kaelber and Waasdorp, architects, were secured to direct this program; authority was given to go forward with plans for the installation of central heat, to be secured from the Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation, and goals were approved for the anniversary year. The Diamond Jubilee Committee was given permission to publish this anniversary booklet.

Here are some highlights of the year. In March the members of Salem were notified that the contract for the acquisition of central heating service from the Rochester Gas & Electric Corporation was ready for our signature and that the installation would be complete before September at a cost of \$5,000.00. This work went forward, and the entire church is now heated in this way.

The Board of Elders unanimously approved the appointment of Dr. Schroeder, by the Administrative Committee of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, to be one of the official observers to attend the first meeting of the World Council of Churches in Amsterdam, August 22 to September 5. The World Council includes 140 Christian denominations from all the countries, representing more than two-thirds of the Christian population of the world. This was indeed a rare privilege and opportunity for our Pastor and an honor indeed for Salem.

On Sunday, May 2, on Founders' Day, members and friends of Salem gathered in Mt. Hope Cemetery, at three o'clock, at the final resting place of the beloved founder of Salem Church, Rev. Carl Siebenpfeiffer, and placed a wreath on his grave with appropriate ceremonies in loving remembrance of his blessed ministry in Salem Church. At the same time a wreath was laid on the grave of the second pastor of Salem, Rev. J. F. W. Helmkamp, in Inglewood, California. Dr. Frankenfeld, the third pastor of Salem, had been requested to conduct this service since he now lives in Inglewood, California.

In honor of the 75th Anniversary, Mr. Albert Kujawsky presented the pastor with an excellent portrait of himself done in oil. Since the pastor had been too busy to sit for this portrait, the artist had used a photograph for his guidance.

The Salem Young People's Choir sang in the worship service on May 28, with the special feature of the dedication of their new choir robes. The robes of burgundy red and white stole offered a spectacle of rich beauty. The youth of the Choir deserved much credit as the cost of the robes, \$625.00, was earned by several performances of an operetta, "Tune In," which was much enjoyed by our entire congregation.

The trustees recommended that the contract for the painting and decorating of our Church and Sunday School be given to J. Luther & Son, low bidders. A contract was also given for the repair of the roof of the Church School building.

In line with advance and progress, the Salem Park Committee reported the purchase of two army surplus barracks for \$425.00 each. This would afford shelter for indoor events for our Salem people.

A new Webster-Chicago wire recorder has been presented to Salem by the three youth groups: the Young People's, Senior, and Teachers' Training Department. This gift will afford an opportunity of supplying music and the services of our Church to our sick and shut-in members.

A more fitting service could not have been planned than the World Wide Communion Service October 3, which marked the opening of our newly-decorated sanctuary for public worship. At this service new communion linens were dedicated as an anniversary gift from the Kingdom Mission Circle. These beautiful altar linens represent extremely fine workmanship and will add to the beauty and dignity of our Holy Communion services.

The Women's Guild presented an anniversary gift of \$1,100.00 to the church to be used for the new pulpit and lectern in the proposed altar-centered chancel, in our Salem sanctuary.

Members of the congregation and organizations gave their Anniversary gifts to the church in the form of a special Diamond Jubilee Offering, amounting to approximately \$5,300.00.

A beautiful, full-length mirror framed in solid walnut was presented to Salem as an anniversary gift by the Misses Louise and Lena Kettwig in memory of their beloved parents. It now serves a very useful purpose in the sacristy of the church.

In the Community Service greetings and felicitations were brought to Salem by Mr. Norman A. Kreckman, representing Mayor Samuel Dicker of the city of Rochester, who was prevented from attending by illness, by Dr. Hugh Chamberlin Burr in behalf of the Federation of Churches, by Rev. Paul Frankenfeld, President of the West New York Synod, by Dr. E. Belden Hart in behalf of the Congregational Christian Churches, and Rev. Alfred Schnake in behalf of the Evangelical and Reformed Churches.

During our anniversary year, the church school donated a Bausch & Lomb hospital microscope to the medical clinic in Baloda Bazar, India, in response to an appeal from Salem's first missionary, Miss Adele Wobus.

Sunday, October 31, 1948, was the official day for celebration of the 75 Anniversary, Dr. Louis Goebel, of Chicago, Illinois, President of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, gave the jubilee sermon. A United Reformation and the 75 Anniversary Community Service was held in the evening. A combined chorus composed of the Evangelical and Reformed and Congregational Christian churches provided the music.

The church was decorated very beautifully with a profusion of white flowers, candles, and an artistic sign with the dates and the 75 Anniversary in sparkling symbol. Our beautifully renovated church, the artistry of decoration, and the heavenly music of the choir gave one the feeling of being "out of this world."

Greetings and Congratulations

SALEM IS DEEPLY GRATEFUL FOR THE MANY MESSAGES OF FELICITATION RECEIVED FROM FAR AND NEAR ON THE OCCASION OF THE SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY. IN ORDER TO SHARE THEM WITH ALL OF OUR MEMBERS WE ARE INCLUDING THEM IN OUR ANNIVERSARY BOOK.

From the Only Living Son of Our First Pastor, Rev. Carl Siebenpfeiffer

Denver, Colo.

Dear Pastor Schroeder:

I am greatly pleased and honored to send my congratulations to Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church on its Seventy-fifth Anniversary.

I pray that Salem Church may continue to grow and prosper in doing our Saviour's work.

Very truly yours,

William Siebenpfeiffer.

From the Eldest Son of Our Second Pastor, Rev. J. F. W. Helmkamp

ELMIRA FREE ACADEMY

Elmira, New York

Albert B. Helmkamp
Principal

October 19, 1948.

The Reverend Paul M. Schroeder, D.D.,
Salem Church,
230 Franklin Street,
Rochester 4, New York.

Dear Reverend Schroeder:

Mrs. E. H. Haberlau of Elmira has just sent me a copy of the "Outlook" announcing the Diamond Jubilee Services of Salem Church.

In the name of the six sons of your second pastor, I wish to extend congratulations on the successful completion of seventy-five years of endeavor and best wishes for the future.

May I also express our appreciation for the floral wreath placed upon our father's grave as a memorial to the years of his pastorate.

With kindest personal regards to all the friends of my youth,

Sincerely yours,

Albert B. Helmkamp.

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From the Former Pastors and Assistant Pastors of Our Church

MORNINGSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Evangelical and Reformed

Crenshaw Boulevard at 88th Street

Inglewood, California

Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church
Rochester, New York

Dear People of Salem:

Our thoughts and our prayers are with you constantly in these days of your Diamond Jubilee celebrations. The years of service we were privileged to give to Salem will linger in our memories through time and eternity.

We continue to cherish the many friendships made in the long ago; we will ever be profoundly grateful for the cooperation and the devotion and the loyalty manifested by so many members of the large Salem family; we rejoice with you in the outpouring of God's unnumbered blessings through the years that are past, blessings which have gone literally into all the world; and with you we look forward, hopefully and expectantly, to better things that are in store for Salem.

We send herewith a very special greeting to all who during our ministry were instructed in the Christian faith and life, and led through the sacred rite of confirmation into the fellowship of the Church. May these days of rejoicing bring to the vivid remembrance to each of you the solemn confirmation vow and challenge everyone anew "Be thou faithful unto death."

Once again we sincerely express our deepest gratitude for your genuine interest and your generous support given the work on the Pacific coast. What your substantial financial assistance has meant and continues to mean, no words can ever tell.

May every event in Salem's Diamond Jubilee program be an occasion for true happiness, for a real sacrifice of thanksgiving, and for renewed dedication to our Lord Jesus Christ whose we are and whom we serve.

To the pastor and the people of Salem alike, we offer our heartiest congratulations and our very best wishes for many more years of blessed ministry and glorious achievement.

Ever faithfully yours,

Louise and F. Frankenfeld.

ST. PETER'S UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Genesee Street at Hickory

Buffalo, New York

Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church,
Rochester, N. Y.

To have had a very humble part over a period of 6-7 years in the rich ministry of your distinguished church in its 75 years of glorious service, is one of the greatest privileges. God has given me to enjoy. I shall ever cherish with deep gratitude this grace and long-suffering and your affection and forbearance extended to me while I was in your midst and ever after that to this day, in which were included my good wife and our children in such generous measure.

So it is but natural that this day of joyful remembrance and on this occasion of grateful celebration I covet the opportunity of joining you in spirit as you give thanks unto the Lord and sing praises to the most high God for His abundant blessings upon your labors rendered by pastors and people alike. Salem's outstanding position in the community, the denomination, and the Kingdom of God at large is indeed enviable but under God's grace well deserved.

May God's favor continue to prosper Salem Church in the large and blessed task he has entrusted to you so that men shall see your good works in the present and future as in the past and so give praise and glorify our Father which is in heaven, "For unto whomsoever much is given, of him much shall be required." And may He ever bless you with a fervent desire to "keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

With sincerest and most affectionate congratulations to the pastors and people of dear old Salem from one whose "days of our years" are the same as Salem's, I remain

Ever gratefully yours,

H. H. Lohans.

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BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED CHURCH

423 South Fourth Avenue
Ann Arbor, Mich.

To the Members and Pastors of Salem Church,
Rochester, N. Y.

Dear Friends:

The 75th Anniversary of Salem Church prompts me to offer to both people and Pastors hearty congratulations and sincere good wishes.

I count it a privilege to be numbered among those who ministered to Salem in the capacity of Assistant Pastor. The brief years I spent with the church have meant much to me by way of experience and encouragement, and I shall ever be grateful for the kind and considerate cooperation given me.

May the Heavenly Father, whose blessings have been so bountiful during the past seventy-five years, continue to look with divine favor upon Salem Church in the years to come.

Sincerely yours,

Theodore Schmale.

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

415 Horman Avenue
Birmingham, Mich.

Rev. Paul M. Schroeder:
Rochester, N. Y.

Old in years but ever renewed in spirit a vital Christian ministry and fellowship in which always your young men shall see visions and your old men shall dream dreams, that is how I love to picture Salem Church and that is my heartfelt wish for you in days ahead.

Charles J. Keppel.

IMMANUEL EVANGELICAL CHURCH

412 North 14th Street East St. Louis, Illinois

Dear Brother Pastors and Members of
Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church:

It was with deep interest that I read your letter stating that Salem is preparing to observe the 75th Anniversary of its founding in the days of your great servant of God, the sainted Rev. Siebenpfeiffer.

God has made Salem a beacon light through these many years not only in your congregation but also in the City of Rochester, the Evangelical and Reformed Church and the greater Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.

My own experience as student pastor of Salem in the summer of 1903 and as assistant pastor from June, 1904 to May, 1905 after my graduation from Eden Eeminary and ordination in Salem Church has left a profound and lasting influence in my life and through the later years of my ministry. The lofty and far-reaching understanding that the good people of Salem have at all times shown toward every phase of church life in our beloved Evangelical Church has been an inspiration for me in the many years of my ministry and especially the 35 years I have been privileged to serve my present congregation.

May it please our heavenly Father to continue His choicest blessings upon your great church as He has shown His goodness and loving kindness to Salem in the past.

With my sincere and hearty congratulations,

E. R. Jaeger.

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IMMANUEL CHURCH
(Evangelical and Reformed)
Military Road and Glor Street
Buffalo, New York

Salem Church
230 Franklin St.
Rochester 4, N. Y.

Dear Friends:

It has been brought to my attention, that you are observing the 75th Anniversary of your congregation on October 31. Permit me to extend my greetings and hearty congratulations upon this happy occasion.

I bear in grateful remembrance the courtesy and consideration extended to me when I began my ministry as assistant in your church in 1912. The experience gained has stood me in good stead in the years which followed.

May the day of celebration bring you a new experience of the Heavenly Father's mercy and favor, and a new stimulus to seek with sincerity and loyalty the things which are highest and best in God's Kingdom.

Sincerely yours,

Paul G. Frankenfeld.

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Dr. Paul M. Schroeder
Rev. J. Blaine Fister

Dear Brethren:

I am glad with you and all your people that on next Sunday you are to celebrate the seventy-fifth anniversary of Salem Church. Three score and fifteen years of Christian service is indeed a long period over which to look back, and give thanks to God, the Eternal One.

When I served your church twenty years ago, you had called me to be your first minister of education. You then led off in a pioneer effort not alone in Rochester, but also in the Synod at large. You have continued to move forward in this and other areas of church activity, and I wish that for many years to come Salem Church may be richly blessed in her many significant Christian enterprises.

Yours very sincerely,

Otto Mayer.

420 Yale Avenue
New Haven, Conn.

Paul M. Schroeder,
Franklin and St. Paul Streets,
Rochester 4, New York,

Dear Dr. Schroeder:

For the last two months we have been travelling about New England and the Mid-West visiting churches and interviewing both ministers and laymen. Consequently, mail has not been too successful in reaching me on time or, in some instances, even reaching me. Your letter announcing the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of Salem Church finally reached me in Chicago at my father's home, some weeks after the happy days of celebration had passed for the members of your parish. If only I had received your communication on time, you would have had a greeting from me, for some of the pleasantest associations I have had in the ministry go back to the years I served as assistant there.

Even at this late date, allow me to send a word of congratulation and greeting. May the years that are now history, great as they have been, be only prologue to still greater years of service and accomplishment in the ministry of Salem to the Rochester community. My own personal best wishes to you as you and your staff lead historic Salem into the future.

Most sincerely yours,

Theodor F. Stoerker.

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ST. LUKE'S EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED CHURCH
McLain and Potomac Streets
Dayton 10, Ohio

Members of Salem
Evangelical and Reformed Church
Rochester, New York

Dear Friends:

Greetings to you on this happy occasion! This is a day which the Lord has made. We know you will rejoice and be glad! Seventy-five years of outstanding Christian service are now completed. In spirit we will thank God with you.

Among the many things which I admired in you, when I was an assistant pastor thirteen years ago, was your generous benevolent program. To say that is to indicate the extent of your influence in all parts of the world.

My sincere and best wishes go out to you and your devoted Pastor as you look forward to the beginning of a new period of Christian service. God bless you now with fellowship and peace, and give you inner strength through redemption and release.

Yours sincerely,

Friedrich (Fred) Rest.

YALE DIVINITY SCHOOL
New Haven, Connecticut

Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church
230 Franklin Street
Rochester, New York

Dear Friends:

Seventy-five years have greatly changed the outward form of our world. We have moved from the horse-and-buggy era to the air age; we have progressed (?) from hand combat to atomic destruction. But seventy-five years have not altered the basic need of mankind for a Saviour, indeed, the developments of history through these years have only underscored that need. Salem Church has been greatly privileged to minister to the people of Rochester during these eventful decades. Its pastors and lay leaders have endeavored to preach and teach the everlasting Gospel, making its timeless truths applicable to the changing problems of each new generation. I deeply treasure the experiences of that brief year of my association with Salem. It was a valuable opportunity for growth in knowledge and understanding of the Christian task.

But the past seventy-five years will probably be overshadowed in importance by the next five years. Never before have Christians been so challenged to put into practice the faith they profess with their lips. Great areas of our own and other lands are in desperate need of the message the Church has to give. Whether we find ourselves in a large congregation in Rochester or a tiny mission in Ecuador, our essential discipleship is the same: our time, our influence, our capacities, our possessions belong to Him who said: "Come, follow me."

Sincerely,

Paul H. Streich.

From Evangelical and Reformed Churches

Congratulations to Salem Church on your 75th Anniversary Celebration. May God's blessings ever rest upon your work in Christ our Lord.

The St. Paul's Evan. and Ref. Church.

CONGRATULATIONS
by Western Union

Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church
230 Franklin St., Rochester, N. Y.

Congratulations and best wishes upon this joyous occasion. Salem may justly be proud. May God bless pastors, people and work so that Salem may become an even greater witness to Christianity in Rochester in the years ahead.

Pastor and Congregation of Dewey Church.

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TRINITY EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED CHURCH
Child and Wilder Streets
Rochester 11, New York

The Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church
Franklin St., near St. Paul
Rochester 4, New York,

Dear Members and Friends of Salem:

Seventy-five years of service to Rochester, the Kingdom of God and our Heavenly Father is a glorious achievement.

Your Mother Church, Trinity, with her pastor, the Rev. Carl G. Haass, rejoices with you. We extend our warmest felicitations and heartiest congratulations upon this Anniversary. You have made a wonderful record through the 75 years of your life under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, devoted pastors and the wholehearted cooperation of the members of Salem.

Your very fine work for God and your fellowmen is known to us all. May you ever be an inspiration to the thousands, who come to you, as you carry on in the wonderful work of giving so freely and so fully of your talents, your time and your substance for the Kingdom of God.

Yours for an outstanding celebration and a kingdom year.

TRINITY CONGREGATION
Joseph R. Brown, President,
Carl G. Haass, Pastor.

From St. John's Home for the Aged

1262 South Avenue
Rochester 7, New York

To the Pastors, Church Council and
Members of Salem Evangelical and
Reformed Church.

Dear Christian Friends:

On the occasion of the 75th anniversary of your church, the Board of St. John's Home wishes to felicitate you most heartily, and sends you its warmest greetings.

It is most fitting and appropriate that our Board should not let go unnoticed this happy occasion of the 75th anniversary of your church, as your congregation was and is so intimately connected with the history and existence of St. John's Home. For it was your former Pastor, the late Rev. F. W. Helmkamp, who conceived the idea of this Home, and furthermore it was the active cooperation of your members—many of them gone to their reward—who together with other Christian folks of our city undertook to realize the idea of our Home,—and after its establishment to further its advancement and growth to this very day.

Warmest gratitude and ever ready remembrance of what Salem Church, together with its Pastors, meant and means to St. John's Home furnish abundant reasons to share at this time of your joy, and to take part at least by this expression of felicitation in the celebration of your 75th anniversary.

May we of the Board assure you that we wish God's richest blessing for the future of your church, and express the hope that it may be given to you to accomplish still greater things in the coming years than in the past for the upbuilding of the Kingdom of God in our city and in the church at large.

Very respectfully,

C. Betz, Corresponding Secretary.

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