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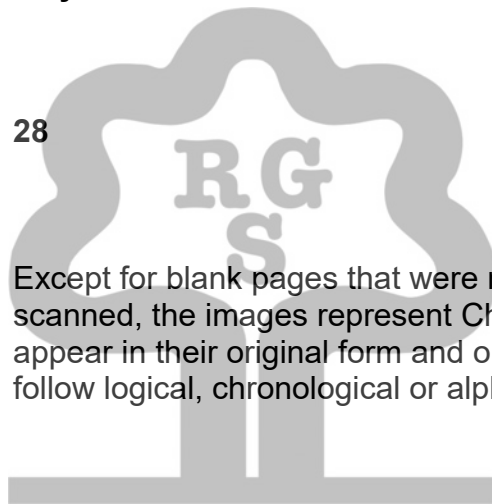
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1933

# St. John's Organizations Service

on the occasion of

THE SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

ROCHESTER, N. Y.

Sunday, November 5, 1933, 7:45 P. M.

## ORDER OF SERVICE

ORGAN RECITAL—7:30—7:45 P. M.

Grand Chorus.....	<i>Th. Dubois</i>
Andante from 3rd Sonata.....	<i>Mendelssohn</i>
Grand Offertoire.....	<i>E. Batiste</i>

### THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, Now to His temple draw near;  
Praise Him in glad adoration
2. Praise to the Lord! Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth;  
Hast thou not seen How thy desires e'er have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth?
3. Praise to the Lord! Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.  
Ponder anew What the Almighty can do,  
If with His love He befriend thee!
4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!  
Let the Amen Sound from His people again;  
Gladly for aye we adore Him. Amen.

### THE VERSICLE

O Lord, open Thou my lips.  
And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.  
Make haste, O God, to deliver me.  
Make haste to help me, O Lord.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen. Hallelujah!

### THE PSALM

#### PSALM 122

I was glad when they said unto me: Let us go into the house of the Lord.  
Our feet shall stand within thy gates: O Jerusalem.  
Jerusalem is builded: as a city that is compact together.  
Wither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord: unto the testimony of Israel, to give  
thanks unto the Name of the Lord.  
For there are set thrones of judgment: the thrones of the house of David.  
Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.  
Peace be within thy walls: and prosperity within thy palaces.  
For my brethren and companions' sakes: I will say, Peace be within thee.  
Because of the house of the Lord our God: I will seek thy good.  
GLORY be to the Father . . . .

### THE LESSON—Romans 12

O Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Thanks be to God.

### ANTHEM—"Gloria"

*Mozart*

COMBINED CHOIRS, ORGAN AND TRUMPET

GREETINGS—The Rev. Hugo L. Dressler, Buffalo, N. Y., President of the Western Conference

HYMN

1. My Church, my Church, my dear old Church! My father's and my own!  
On Prophets and Apostles built, And Christ the cornerstone!  
All else beside, by storm or tide, May yet be overthrown;  
But not my Church, my dear old Church, My father's and my own!
2. My Church, my Church, my dear old Church! I love her ancient name;  
And God forbid, a child of hers Should ever do her shame.  
Her mother-care, I'll ever share; Her child I am alone,  
Till He who gave me to her arms Shall call me to His own.
3. My Church, my Church, I love my Church! For she exalts my Lord.  
She speaks, she breathes, she teaches not, But from His written Word.  
And if her voice bids me rejoice, From all my sins released;  
'Tis through th' atoning sacrifice, And Jesus is the Priest.
4. My Church, my Church, I love my Church! For she doth lead me on  
To Zion's Palace Beautiful, Where Christ the Lord hath gone.  
From all below, she bids me go, To Him, the Life, the Way.  
The Truth to guide my erring feet, From darkness into day.

THE ANNIVERSARY ROLL CALL OF ORGANIZATIONS AND RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

*Ladies' Aid Society* (Frauen Verein)

Greetings.....The Rev. W. Trebert, St. Luke's Church

*Dorcas Society*

Greetings.....The Rev. F. R. Knubel, Reformation Church

*Women's Missionary Society*

Greetings.....The Rev. A. H. Roeder, Christ Church

*Young People's Society*

Greetings.....The Rev. W. M. Zuehlke, St. Paul's Church

*The Brotherhood*

Greetings.....The Rev. W. Krumwiede, Grace Church

HYMN

*Brotherhood:*

1. Come, Let us join with faithful souls Our song of faith to sing,  
One brotherhood in heart are we, And one our Lord and King.

*All:*

2. Faithful are all who love the truth, And dare the truth to tell,  
Who steadfast stand at God's right, And strive to serve Him well.

*Dorcas Society:*

3. And faithful are the gentle hearts, To whom the power is given  
Of ev'ry hearth to make a home, Of ev'ry home a heaven.

*All:*

4. O Lord of hosts, our faith renew, And grant us, in Thy love,  
To sing the songs of victory, With faithful souls above. Amen.

OFFERING

ANTHEM—"Now Thank We All Our God".....*Bach*

COMBINED CHOIRS, ORGAN AND TRUMPET

PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Let me be Thine forever,  
My gracious God and Lord;  
May I forsake Thee never,  
Nor wander from Thy Word.  
Preserve me from the mazes  
Of error and distrust,  
And I shall sing Thy praises  
For ever with the just

*Amen.*

Lass mich Dein sein und bleiben,  
Du treur Gott und Herr.  
Von Dir lass mich nicht treiben,  
Halt mich bei Deiner Lehr.  
Herr, lass mich nur nicht wanken,  
Gib mir Bestaendigkeit;  
Dafuer will ich Dir danken  
In alle Ewigkeit.

*Amen.*

ORGAN POSTLUDE—"Toccata".....*G. B. Nevin*



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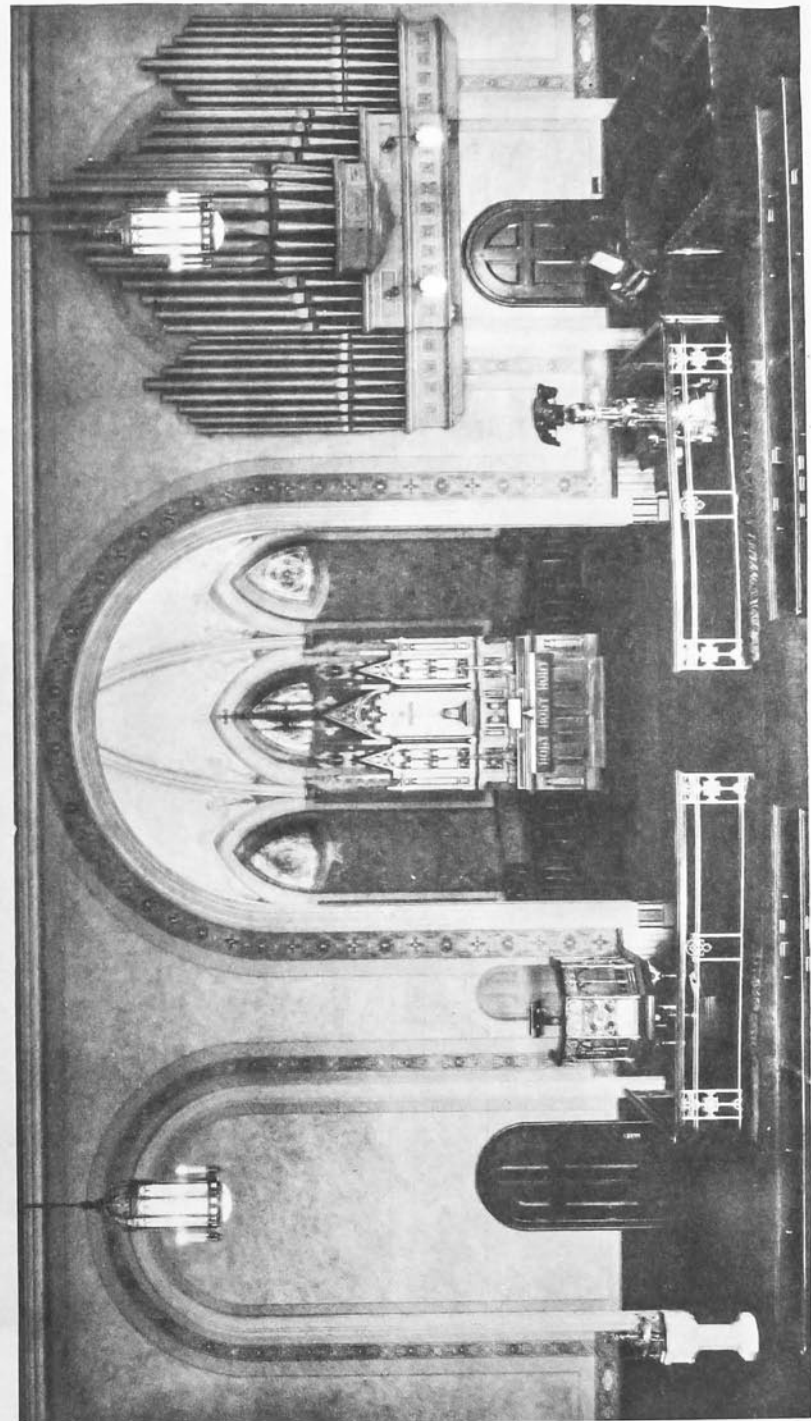
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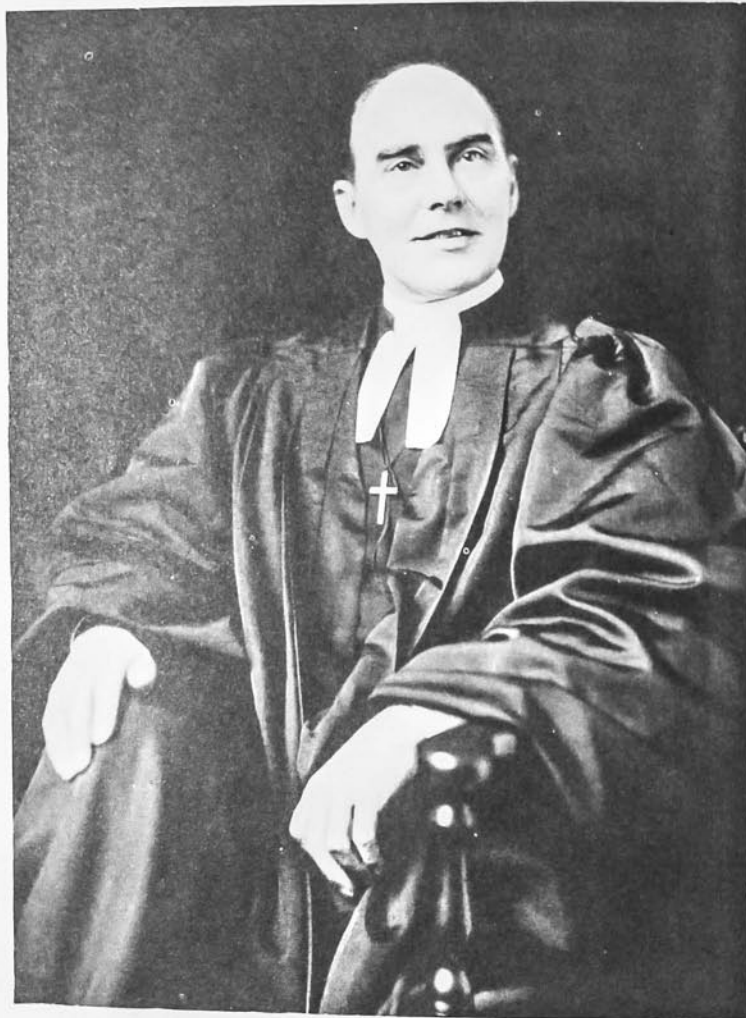
MY CHURCH! MY CHURCH!  
MY DEAR OLD CHURCH.  
MY FATHERS' AND MY OWN.



THE CHURCH INTERIOR



PAST PASTORS



PASTOR  
REV. PAUL SCHMIEDER



1873 - 1877  
REV. E. HEYDLER



1878 - 1884  
REV. J. MUELHAUSER



1884 - 1887  
REV. J. RECHSTEINER



1887 - 1909  
REV. J. NICUM, D.D.



1910 - 1930  
REV. A. BLUM

## THE ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5th, 9 A.M.

### *The German Festival Service.*

Sermon by the Reverend John Schmieder, Pastor of St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Kitchener, Ontario, Canada.  
Anthems by the German Choir.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5th, 10:15 A.M.

### *The Sunday School Service.*

In charge of the Superintendent, Mr. C. Eggert. Address by the Reverend John Schmieder.  
The Sunday School choir will sing.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5th, 11 A.M.

### *The English Festival Service.*

Sermon by the Reverend Samuel Trexler, D. D., President of the United Lutheran Synod of New York.  
Anthems by the Quartet and the English Choir.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5th, 7:45 P.M.

### *St. John's Organizations Service.*

The organizations of St. John's will enter the church in procession. Reception of new members.  
The following pastors will bring greetings: The Rev. H. L. Dressler, President of the Western Conference; Rev. W. Krumwiede; Rev. F. R. Knubel; Rev. W. Trebert; Rev. A. H. Roeder and Rev. W. M. Zuehlke.  
Anthems by the combined choirs of St. John's.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8th, 8 P.M.

### *German Congregational Night.*

An all German program.  
Greetings by the following pastors: Rev. C. Betz, Rev. W. Tappert, Rev. Y. Brandt and Rev. W. Arndt.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9th, 8 P.M.

### *English Congregational Night.*

An all English program.  
Greetings by the following pastors: Rev. W. C. Drach, Rev. H. C. Erbs, Rev. F. E. Reissig, Rev. E. L. Stowel, Rev. E. G. Schaertel and Rev. W. L. Dowler.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12th, 8 P.M.

### *Presentation of the Biblical Play, "Ruth."*

By a group of our young people under the direction of Mr. C. Offerman.

## MILESTONES

1872

OCTOBER 20—First Service held in Chapel built by Methodist Christians.

NOVEMBER 4—Zion Church decides to establish Mission in Northerly District of City.

1873

AUGUST 18—St. John's German Ev. Luth. Church was organized with 69 members. Rev. E. Heydler called as pastor.

The first Church Council—Elders: Matthias Nothacker, Hellmuth Krapp, Friedrich Seith, Adam Schnell, J. Michael Lang, Carl Mass; Trustees: F. C. Lauer, Johann Krautwurst, Johann Wellner, Friedrich Schmidt, Andreas Burkhard.

1874

JANUARY 7—Parochial School opened with 131 children. Zion Church donates building plot and chapel to the newly organized congregation.

JUNE 14—Corner Stone laid—Pastors von Rosenberg, Krotel, Ehrhardt, Stahlschmidt and Heydler officiating.

NOVEMBER 29—First Service in basement of church.

1875

JUNE 27—Dedication of St. John's Church.

1877

Rev. Heydler resigns.

1878

Rev. J. Muehlhauser called as pastor.

1884

Rev. Muehlhauser resigns.

JULY 1—Rev. J. Rechtsteiner called as pastor.

1887

Rev. Rechtsteiner resigns to accept Presidency of Wagner College.

OCTOBER 16—Rev. J. Nicum, D.D. enters his work as pastor.



1891

AUGUST 9—Steeple built and church completed. Clock and bells installed.

1898

AUGUST 21—25th Anniversary Celebration.  
Pastors A. Richter and E. Hartman preached at morning services.  
Pastors J. Rechtsteiner and W. Junge preached at evening services.

1904

JULY—Installation of new organ.  
Dedication of new organ, altar, etc.  
AUGUST 1—Envelope system was introduced.

1909

NOVEMBER 1—Dr. Nicum died, having served St. John's 22 years.

1910

MAY 2—Church receives \$6,000 thru will of Dr. Nicum in form of Morris St. Parsonage.

APRIL 3—Rev. A. Blum enters work as pastor.

1911

JANUARY 29—Rededication of renovated basement.  
OCTOBER 1—Regular English Evening Services introduced.

1913

NOVEMBER 30—40th Anniversary Celebration.  
Rededication of renovated church.

1914

MAY 1—Regular English Morning Services introduced.  
AUGUST 30—Dedication of two figured windows (in memory of Mr. and Mrs. C. Schnackel.)

1917

FEBRUARY 4—40th Anniversary of Young Men's Society.

1918

APRIL 21—Dedication of new church windows (donated by members and organizations.)

1919

SEPTEMBER 21—Welcome Home Services for the young men who served their country in the World War.

1923

MARCH 18—Rededication of renovated church, new pulpit and lectern (in memory of Dr. J. Nicum), chimes, organ stop and many other donations by members and organizations.

OCTOBER 14—50th Anniversary Celebration, "Golden Jubilee."

1924

JUNE—Krankenverein and Young Men's Society consolidated into Brotherhood.

1925

APRIL—Title to church property cleared, thru the good will of Zion Church and its pastor.

AUGUST 11—New parsonage occupied.

1927

FEBRUARY 6—50th Anniversary of Brotherhood.

1928

MAY 6—Dedication of new church doors and clarinet organ stop.

1929

MAY—Renovations to basement. Kitchen remodeled and equipped.

1930

FEBRUARY 3—Rev. Blum on leave of absence on account of his illness.

FEBRUARY 10—Rev. Reichert takes charge as supply pastor.

JULY 1—Rev. Blum departs this life, having served St. John's 20 years.

NOVEMBER 5—Rev. Lampe takes charge as supply pastor.

1931

JANUARY 1—Rev. P. Schmieder enters upon pastorate of St. John's.

FEBRUARY—New church roof.

JUNE 14—Presentation of choir vestments by individual members and organizations.

1932

JULY 1—Church struck by lightning. Damage covered by insurance.

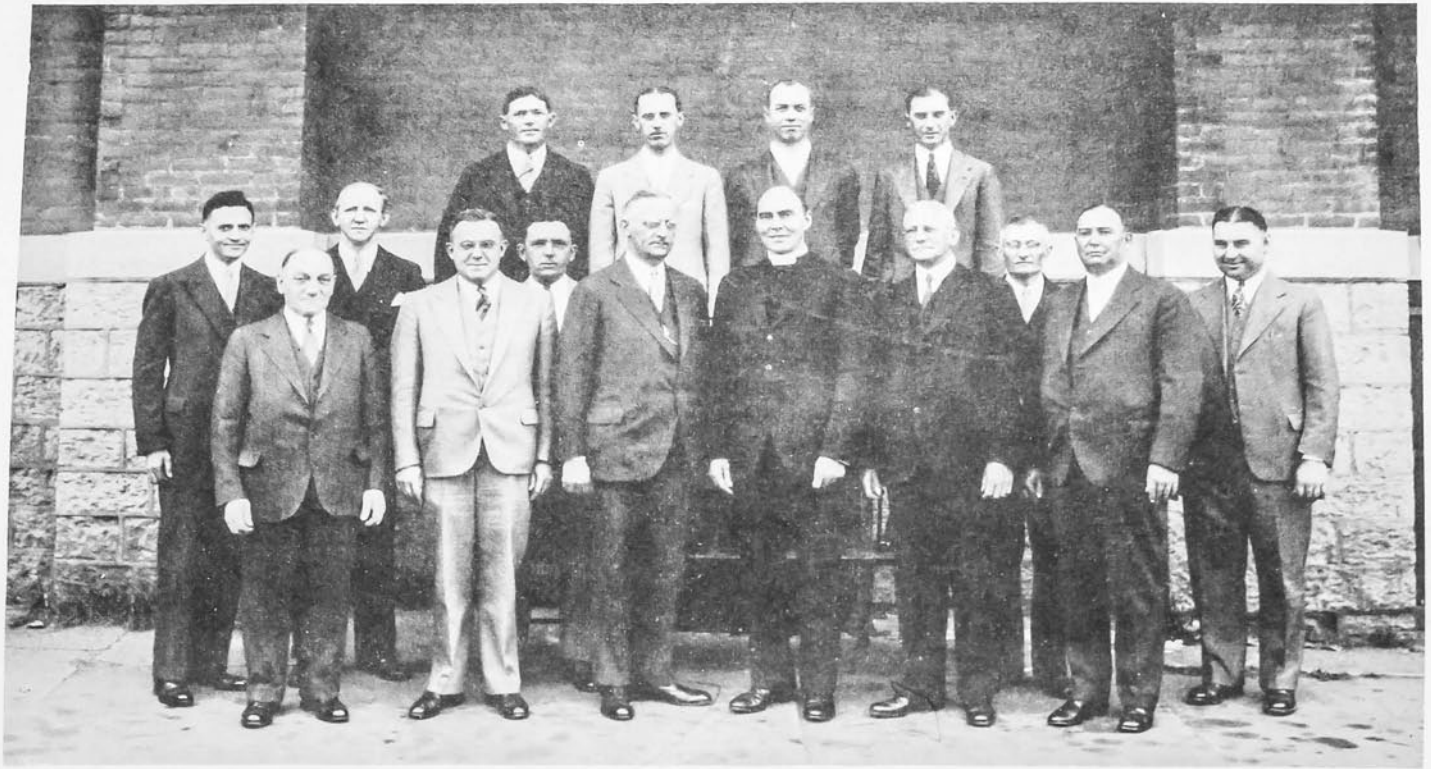
JULY-OCTOBER—Damage done to church repaired, interior redecorated and new lighting system installed, necessary fund raised by voluntary contributions of members and organizations thru the use of the "Diamond Chart."

NOVEMBER 6—Rededication services. Sermons preached by Rev. H. C. Schmieder and Rev. Paul A. Kirsch. Evening Service: Greetings by Rev. F. Knubel and Rev. E. Heyd, D.D.

1933

JANUARY 18—Women's Missionary Society organized.

JUNE 5—Church Council adopts resolution to observe 60th Anniversary of the organization of St. John's on November 5th.



THE CHURCH COUNCIL



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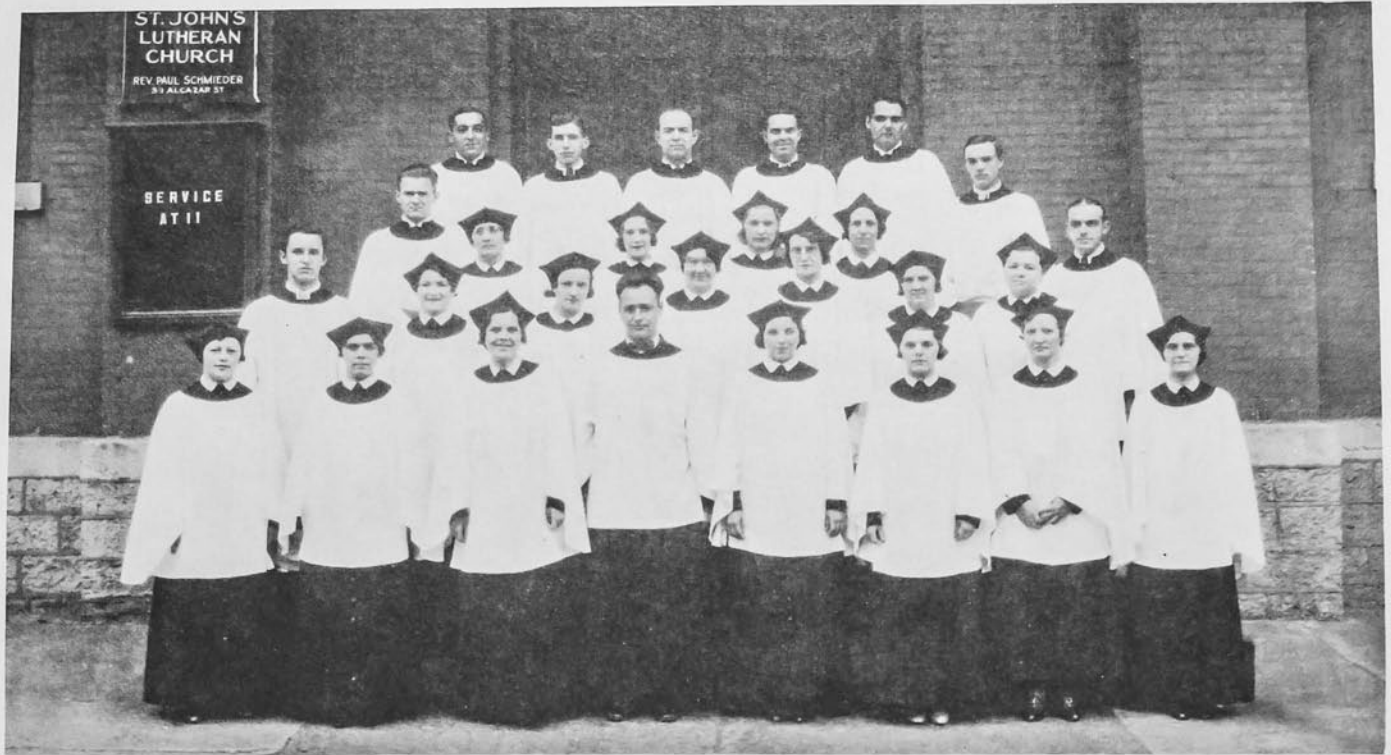


THE BROTHERHOOD



THE BIBLE SCHOOL





THE ENGLISH CHOIR



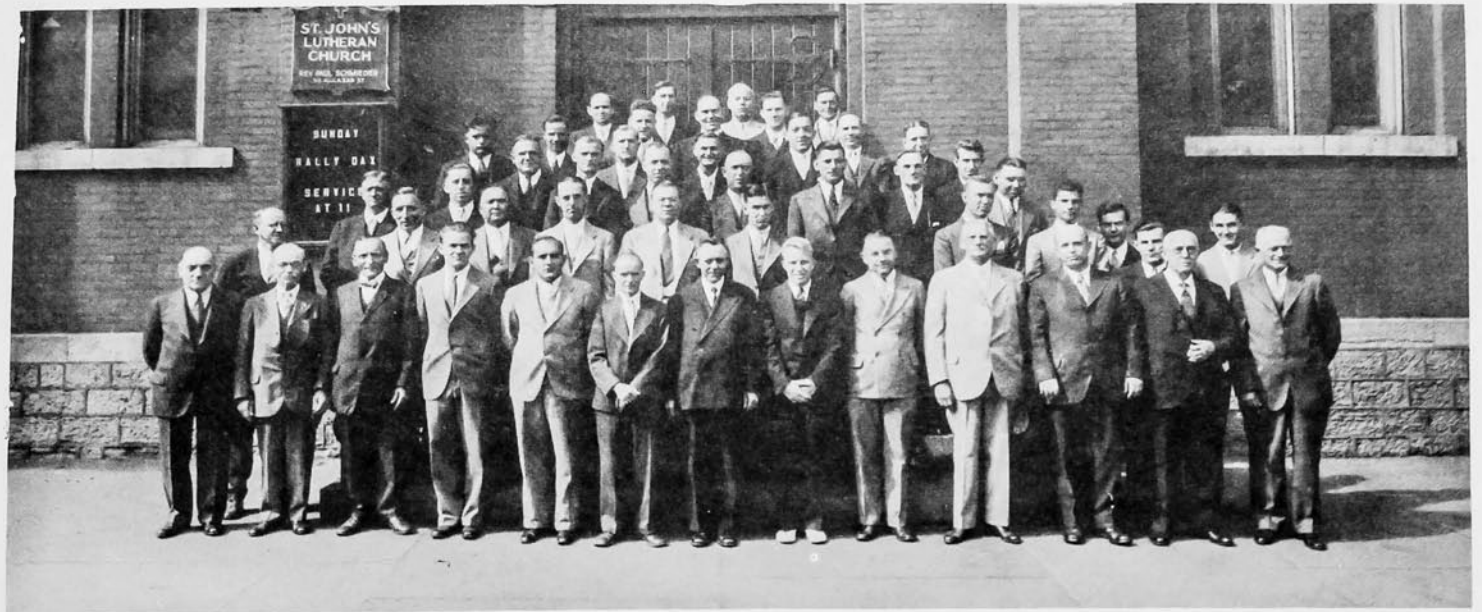
THE GERMAN CHOIR



THE LADIES' AID SOCIETY



THE DORCAS SOCIETY



THE MEN'S BIBLE CLASS



THE LADIES' BIBLE CLASS





THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY



THE YOUNG PEOPLES' SOCIETY



THE EMANON PLAYERS

## St. Johanniskirche.

Feierliche Ueberreichung der von Prä-  
sident von Hindenburg gestifteten  
Bibel.

Wie wir bereits ausführlich in der  
Samstagsnummer der „Abendpost“  
berichtet hatten, bildete der gestrige  
Sonntag den Tag für die Feier des  
60jährigen Jubiläums der St. Jo-  
hanniskirche, deren gegenwärtiger  
Pastor Herr Pastor Paul Schmieder  
ist.



Pastor Paul Schmieder.

Die Jubiläumsfeier, zu der die  
Gemeindemitglieder sich in großer  
Schar eingefunden hatten, nahm  
programmmäßigen Verlauf und er-  
reichte ihren Höhepunkt mit der  
Ueberreichung der von Präsident von  
Hindenburg gezeichneten und dedizier-  
ten Bibel, die der deutsche Konsulats-  
sekretär, Herr Gerhardt Risow  
aus Buffalo, mit folgenden Worten  
überreichte

Sehr verehrte Festgemeinde!

Sehr verehrter Herr Pastor!

Mit ganz besonderer Freude bin  
ich heute hierher gekommen, um an  
der Jubiläumsfeier Ihrer Lutheri-  
schen St. Johannis Kirche teilneh-  
men zu können. Leider ist der Leiter  
des Konsulats in Buffalo am persön-  
lichen Erscheinen verhindert und so  
ist mir die hohe Ehre zuteil gewor-  
den, Ihrer Kirche die anlässlich der  
Jubelfeier vom Herrn Reichspräsi-  
denten, Generalfeldmarschall von  
Hindenburg gestiftete Altbibel fei-  
erlichst überreichen zu dürfen.

Lassen Sie mich nun noch die Wid-  
mung des Herrn Reichspräsidenten  
zur Vorlesung bringen:

Der St. John's Lutheran Church  
in Rochester, N. Y.

Aus dem Anlaß der Feier des 60-  
jährigen Bestehens mit dem Wunsch

gewidmet, daß, eingedenk des Erbes der Väter, christliche Gesinnung und brüderliche Eintracht die Gemeinde stets befeelen und leiten mögen.

Berlin, den 5. November 1933.

(unterzeichnet) von Hindenburg.

Pastor Schmieder verließ dem tiefen Dankesgefühl der Gemeinde mit folgenden Worten Ausdruck:

Mit tiefem Dank und großer Freude nehmen wir diese Bibel als Jubiläumsgruß und Gabe des hochgeehrten Präsidenten des Deutschen Reiches, Herrn Reichspräsidenten, Generalfeldmarschall von Hindenburg, in Empfang. Diese Jubiläumsgabe aus dem Lande unserer Väter, aus dem Lande der Reformation, aus dem Lande Luthers, erhöht unser Festfreude.

In solchem Geschenk liegt mehr als nur ein Festgruß aus dem Lande, wo die Wiege unserer Väter stand. Es liegt darin ein offenes Bekenntnis zu Gottes Wort, eine stille Aufforderung an diese Gemeinde an diesem Worte festzuhalten, diesem Worte treu zu bleiben.

An dem Geschenk erkennt man den Geber. Die tiefe, schlichte Frömmigkeit des deutschen Reichspräsidenten ist uns bekannt. Sonntäglich ist er, so oft er in Berlin weilt, im Gottesdienst der Dreifaltigkeitskirche. Im Glauben ist er mit uns eins und bekennt sich mit uns zu dem Erbe Luthers.

Wie wir, so stellt auch er sich unter das 1. Hauptstück des lutherischen Katechismus: „Wir sollen Gott über alle Dinge fürchten, lieben und vertrauen.“

Wie wir, so bekennt auch er mit dem 2. Hauptstück: „Ich glaube, daß Jesus Christus, wahrhaftiger Gott, vom Vater in Ewigkeit geboren, und auch wahrhaftiger Mensch, von der Jungfrau Maria geboren, sei mein Herr, der mich verlorenen und verdammten Menschen erlöst hat, erworben, und gewonnen von allen Sünden, vom Tod und von der Gewalt des Teufels, nicht mit Gold oder Silber, sondern Seinem heiligen, teuren Blut und mit Seinem unschuldigen Leiden und Sterben, auf daß ich sein eigen sei.“

Wie wir, so beugt auch er, der Große, dem millionen zujubeln, demütig seine Kniee, wie das 3. Hauptstück und lehrt: Vater Unser, der Du bist im Himmel, geheiligt werde Dein Name“.

Wie wir, so tröstet auch er sich seiner Taufe, und bekennt sich auch zum 5. Hauptstück und tritt an den Abendmahlstisch und findet Trost und Stärkung in dem Worte des Seelandes: „Für euch gegeben und

vergossen zur Vergebung der Sünden“.

Daß dieses Geschenk uns von solch frommem Gottesmann gestiftet wird, der sich hält an „Gottes Wort und Luthers Lehre“ macht es uns um so wertvoller und erhöht für uns den Sinn und die Bedeutung dieser Festgabe.

Wir danken ihm aus tiefstem Herzen. Wir bitten Sie, Herr Gerhard Riebow, durch ihr Konsulat in Buffalo, dem Herrn Reichspräsidenten, Generalfeldmarschall von Hindenburg, den Dank der Ev. Lutherischen St. Johannis Gemeinde übermitteln zu wollen.

Möge Gott Gnade geben, daß der Wunsch, der in der Widmung ausgesprochen ist, sich an dieser Gemeinde erfülle.

Und möge Gott in Gnaden geben, daß, wie in den verflossenen Jahren, so auch in den kommenden Jahren, Reichspräsident, Generalfeldmarschall von Hindenburg dem deutschen Volk zum Segen werde.

Nach einem Gebet des Pastors wurden im Anschluß an seine Worte der erste Vers „Ein feste Burg unser Gott“ und der 4. Vers „Da Wort sie sollen lassen stehn“ angestimmt.

Rev. John Schmieder von der Matthäus - Kirche in Ritchener, Ont. Kanada hielt die deutsche Predigt, Rev. Samuel Trexler, der Präsident der Ver. Deutschen Synode von New York die englische.

Der deutsche Chor unter Leitung von C. Baumbach sang „Wie lieblich sind deine Wohnungen“ von Rhyn-herbert sowie die übrigen Lieder der Feier gemeinsam mit der Gemeinde, und mit dem Segen, einem stillen Gebet und dem Orgelnachspiel fand die würdige und erhebende Feier ihren Abschluß.

Die Kirche war aus Anlaß der Jubiläumsfeier in wunderbarer Weise dekoriert worden.



Pastor  
St John's Lutheran Church  
800 Ridge Road E,  
Rochester, N.Y. 14621

October 11, 1993

Dear Pastor.

(Nellie)

My mother, has been "cleaning house" and  
forwarded this 60th Anniversary booklet.  
I am not certain whether you are the same  
congregation or not, but am assuming  
you have relocated. If not, maybe you  
know former members of this congregation  
who would be interested in this historical  
information.

To explain who I am, my uncle  
(father's brother) was Paul Schmeider,  
and my grandfather, H. C. Schmeider  
preached a sermon in the church in  
1932, Nov. 6 for the rededication service.  
I myself, attended the church as a child  
in the early 30's. My father died in 1978  
and my mother is now 87. I have  
just retired from teaching 34 years at

Ithaca College in Ithaca, N.Y. and have  
 come to Daytona to help care for my  
 mother who has been ill. (Daughter Biology then)

When uncle Paul's wife (3rd) died in  
 the early 1980's, (His wife while in Rochester died  
 many years ago of cancer) there was no one  
 else to take the many photographs he had  
 accumulated. so I have them and have  
 given back to Bethaniam Church in Phila.  
 (his last church) many of those photos. I have  
 some from Rochester as well and would  
 like to bring or send them the next  
 time I'm home in Ithaca. I would  
 appreciate a response as to whether  
 or not you are interested in them.

I hope this 60th anniversary booklet  
 is of interest to you.

Sincerely,

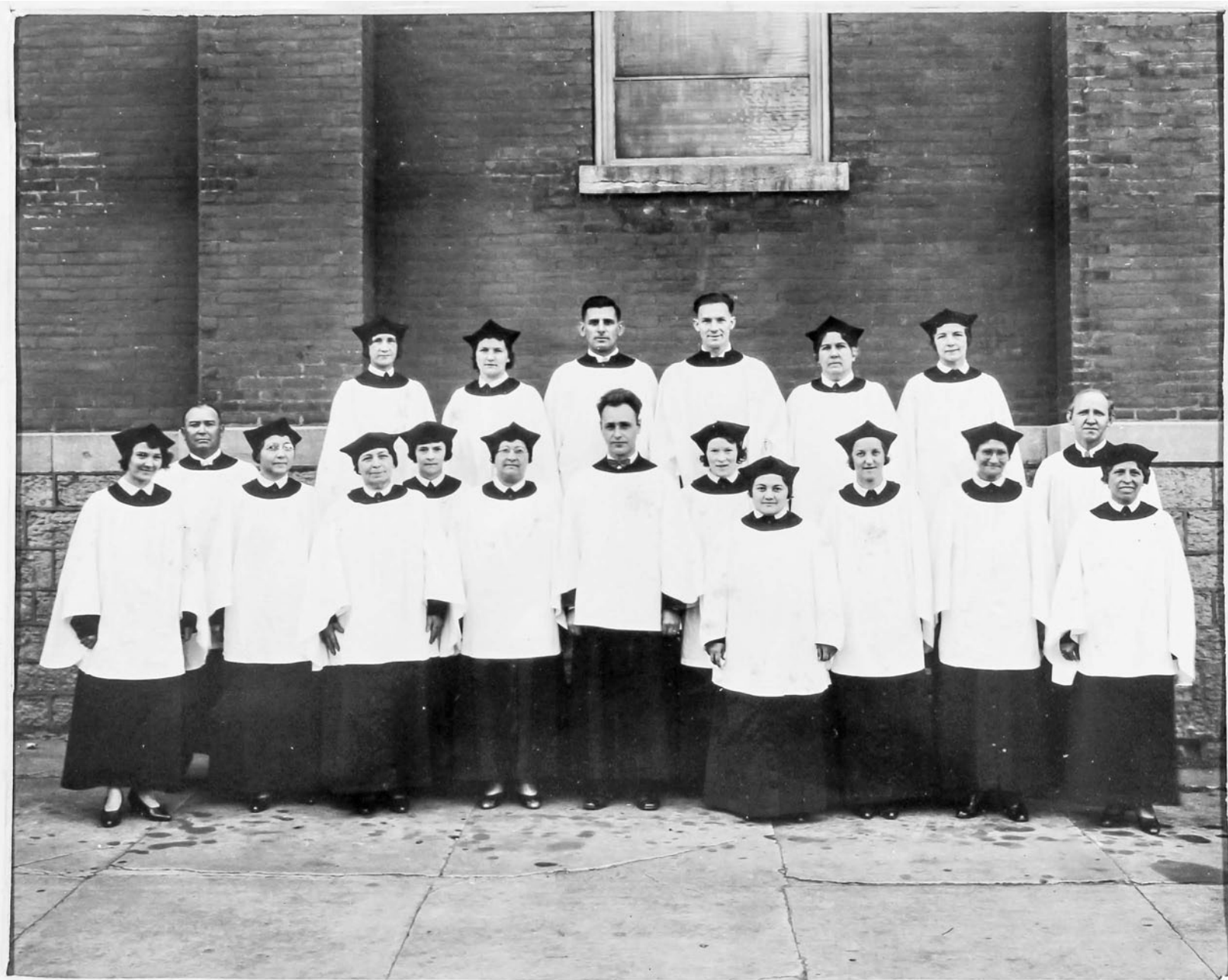
Lucille Schmieder  
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My father was Fred Schmieder, one of the 5 sons of  
 Rev H.C. Schmieder

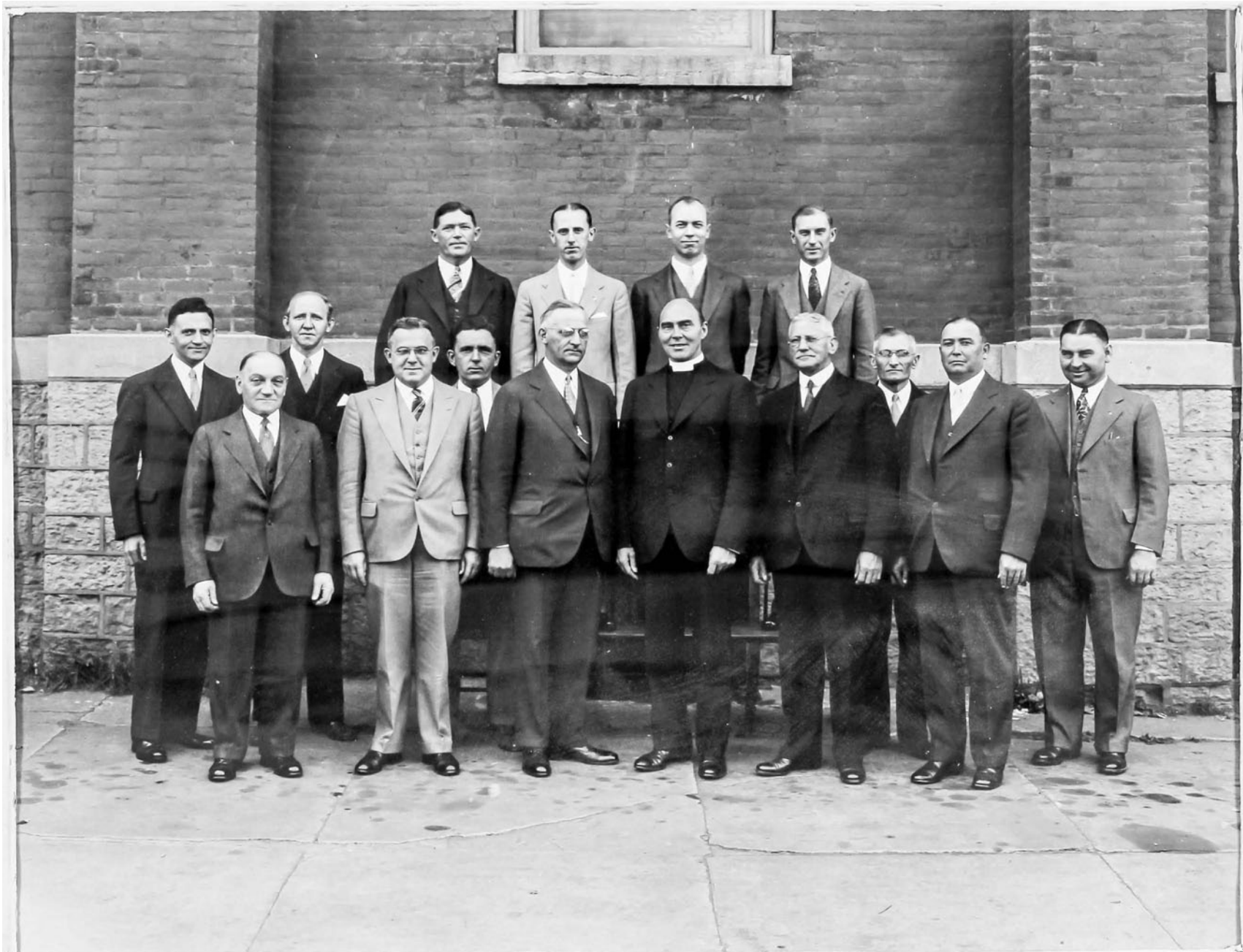


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