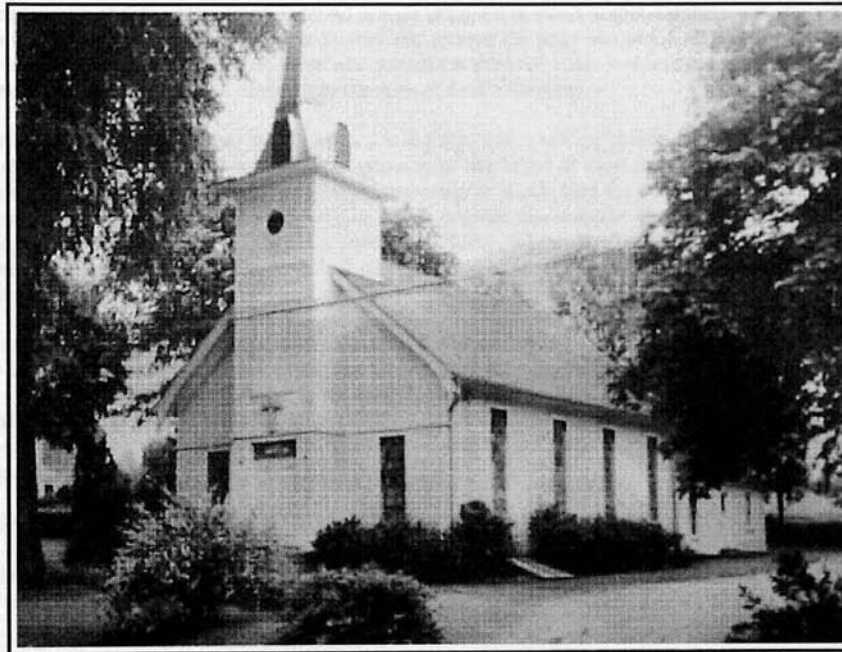


## St. Mark's Through the Years

Commemorating the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Of  
St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
West Henrietta, New York



### A Message from the Pastor

One hundred years! How do you mark such a milestone? We might count it by days, weeks, or months. The numbers are impressive. 36,500 days. 5,200 weeks. 1,200 months. Yet mere numbers don't do justice to one hundred years of proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ to the community of West Henrietta, New York.

Churches mark such milestones by remembering the past, remembering the blessings of God through the years. It is because of God's grace and mercy that St. Mark has achieved this milestone of existence. When you look at the history contained in this book you will see that grace of God evident in the struggles and sacrifices over the years that make this church what it is today.

God's blessing is seen clearly in the weekly services of worship in God's house. It is plain to see in the application of water to the head of an infant, child or adult along with the words, "...I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." The promise of forgiveness of sins, salvation and eternal life are imparted in those waters. Furthermore, we come to the Lord's Table to celebrate His Supper and receive the body and blood of Jesus, given and shed for the forgiveness of sins. Word and Sacrament ministry .. this is where the grace of God in Jesus Christ touches us and warps us in the arms of God's blessing.

As we well know, churches are more than buildings. Churches are people...People engaged in ministry in the name of Jesus...People growing in the Word of God through Bible study and praising God together in worship...People gathering to thank God for the life of one who has recently gone to be with Jesus face to face and to comfort one another with the comfort we have received from God. Encouraging one another, building one another up, bearing one another's burdens, reaching out with the gospel of salvation...these are the phrases that describe life in the church.

The celebration of 100 years is not a time to stop and say, "We made it!" This anniversary is just a point along a continuous line of history for St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church. It is a time to pause and look back in order to be strengthened by that grace of God that weaves its way through all 100 years. On the occasion of this milestone in the church we say, "Thanks be to God who has blessed us beyond measure in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory now and forevermore!"

We look back with thanksgiving and we look forward in hope of the blessings yet to be!

Gary Bauch  
Pastor, St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church

## Beginnings

St. Mark's is listed in Eastern District, Missouri Synod history as a confessional Lutheran or "old Lutheran" congregation. Beginning about 1835, and continuing through the 1880's, a significant migration occurred from Germany to the United States. One of the many reasons for this migration was the attempt by King Frederick Wilhelm III to forcibly unite the Reformed and Lutheran churches in the expanded kingdom of Prussia. Those resisting Confessional Lutherans were eventually persecuted by the state and allowed to emigrate. Many came through New York City and then upstate via the Erie Canal to Western New York, where large groups settled around Rochester, Buffalo and from there throughout the Midwest. Lutheran Christians were among the early inhabitants of the Township of Henrietta. From the year 1834 until 1863 Lutheran services were held in the home of Samuel Mook, a lay-preacher, who lived at the present 5040 East Henrietta Road.



*On the dock at Hamburg, Germany Passage to Rochester on the Erie Canal*

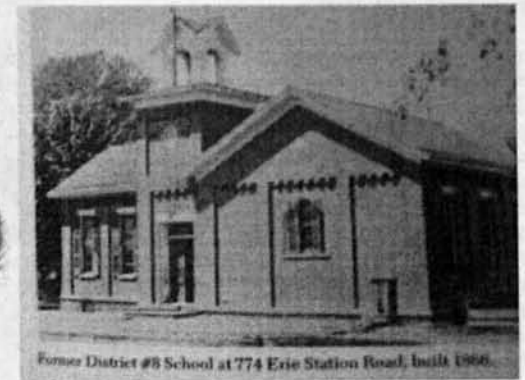
### Concordia Lutheran – Predecessor to St. Mark's

In the fall of 1880 Rev. C. Heidler of St. Johns Lutheran Church of Rochester, a member of the New York Ministerium was called to conduct a funeral service for Mr. J. Demmler, a German farmer of West Henrietta. After the services he was requested by several men present to hold German Lutheran services in the village. A congregation was organized with the following members; Fred and Christ Stallman; Gus Schwasman; Johann Schmidt; John Shaw; Carl Dell and others. (Schwasman, Schmidt, Shaw and Dell would later be founders of St. Mark) The first service was held in the German Methodist church at the corner of East River and Brooks Roads. After a short time the Lutherans had to look for another place of worship. They then rented schoolhouse #8 in the heart of the town, (the present firehouse) for \$5 per Sunday. Here services were held for three years. In 1884 Rev. John Muelhauser of Rochester, served the congregation for two years.



REV. J. MUELHAUSER

*Rev. John Muelhauser*



*School #8 built in 1866*

Rev. Sell and Rev. Brown, who confirmed the first class of catechumens, succeeded him. In the year 1890 Rev. W.E. Rommel assumed the pastorate. By this time the congregation had grown to such an extent that they were in need of a church building of their own. A piece of land on the edge of the town on Erie Station Road was purchased from Chauncy Chapman and a contract was given to member Christ Stallman to build the Concordia German Lutheran Church of the New York Ministerium, and also a parsonage and adjoining sheds. The church is now a residence at 803 Erie Station, and the parsonage is number 797. In 1892, Rev. F. Reisig became pastor and served for eight years. Rev. Fiebke, Rev. Blasé, and Rev. E. Hartwig followed him.



*Concordia Lutheran Church 803 Erie Station*

### The Founding of St. Mark's

During 1900, dissatisfaction arose in the Concordia church and several families withdrew their membership "for the purpose of organizing a church in which they and their children might hear and learn the Word of God also in the English language". On September 2, 1901 these families met in the home of Elmer Schlottman to organize the new congregation. This meeting was presided over by Pastor Kroenke, who later described it as lasting until after 11 PM. Certainly one of the key topics was the potential loss of their relatively new frame church if they formed a new congregation. Pastor Kroenke served the new congregation for the first few months until they called their first full time Pastor. Fifteen charter members signed the constitution. Members who left Concordia included Christian Lichtward; George Demsey; Charles Klasen; Gus Dell; Charles Dell; Fred Selpien; Carl Dell and others. The older Concordia Lutheran congregation continued on for a brief time but with diminished membership soon disbanded. Most of its members joined St. Mark's.

The new congregation was organized with fifteen charter members and incorporated under the laws of the State of New York on October 18, 1901 as "St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church of West Henrietta, New York." The new congregation then appointed a committee consisting of Charles Klasen and George Dinse to visit the President of the Universalist Society in Albion. The purpose of this visit was to buy the abandoned Universalist church building in the heart of the town, which had been built in 1878, and was being used as a town hall and for meetings and dances. With the financial assistance of Mr. Stephen Warren, who at the time was seeking the office of District Attorney, they were able to buy the property for \$1,000.

The congregation also elected the first church council which was to serve until January 1, 1902 and which was reelected at the first annual meeting on December 26, 1901. Council members were: Carl Dell, Sr. President and Sunday School Superintendent, Christian Lichtward, Elmer Schlottmann and Carl Uerckwitz Elders, Charles Klasen Vestryman, Gus Dell Financial Secretary, G.J. Dinse Treasurer and William Dell Secretary. During the time between September of 1901 and February of 1902, the congregation again met in the German Methodist Church building on Brooks and East River Roads. On the second day of February 1902 the church was dedicated. Rev. P.F. Kroenke of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Rochester, Missouri Synod preached the sermon. It was described as a beautiful winter day. The new pastor was supposed to be installed at a separate service that evening, but a storm began after noon, which quickly turned into a blizzard, and the participants for the installation were forced to stay with members of the congregation until the following Tuesday when they could get out. On February 23, 1902 the delayed service was finally held, and the Rev. William M. Czamanske of Vernon City, Minnesota of the Missouri Synod, was installed as pastor by Rev. P. F. Kroenke assisted by Rev. Arthur Michael and five other pastors from Rochester. On March 30 of the same year, the parsonage was purchased from the Baptist society for another \$1,000. Pastor Czamanske became the first of many Lutheran pastors to live in the parsonage.



*Rev. William Czamanske about 1950*

From the beginning, the use of English was important to the new congregation, and it was voted to have services in English twice a month on Sunday afternoon or evening. The primary Sunday morning service continued to be in German. By 1904, the English services were up to every Sunday night, but in 1908, they were back to once a month. The Ladies Aid Society was also founded in 1902, and served the congregation for many years. Records also indicate that a private German School was begun at St. Mark in 1902 and continued through 1910. Attendance records for this school are still in the church archives. On May 20, 1903 the congregation became a member of the Eastern District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, a decision which was reached at a church picnic. For four years the congregation received a subsidy from the Mission Board. Also in that year, a charter was given to St. Mark's for a Walther League young people's group.

Pastor Czamanske left for St. Mark Church, Rochester, April 2, 1904 and was succeeded that year by Pastor Oswald Kreinheder who served the congregation until 1910. In 1906, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dell, Sr. presented the altar and chancel furnishings to the parish. In 1907 the Sunday school room was enlarged and the congregation ceased receiving subsidy from the Mission Board of the Eastern District of Synod. In that year the pastor's salary was \$327, which also included janitorial and yard work. The enlargement of the Sunday school room on the back of the church used the wood from horse sheds on the West Side of the church, which were being torn down. This "annex" as it came to be called, was eventually enlarged again to hold an education room, kitchen and upstairs, a fellowship room and an office for the Pastor. In 1907 the regular service began to use some English, and in 1909 church reports began to be recorded in English. On July 10, 1910 Pastor Kreinheder accepted the call to Lancaster, Pennsylvania.





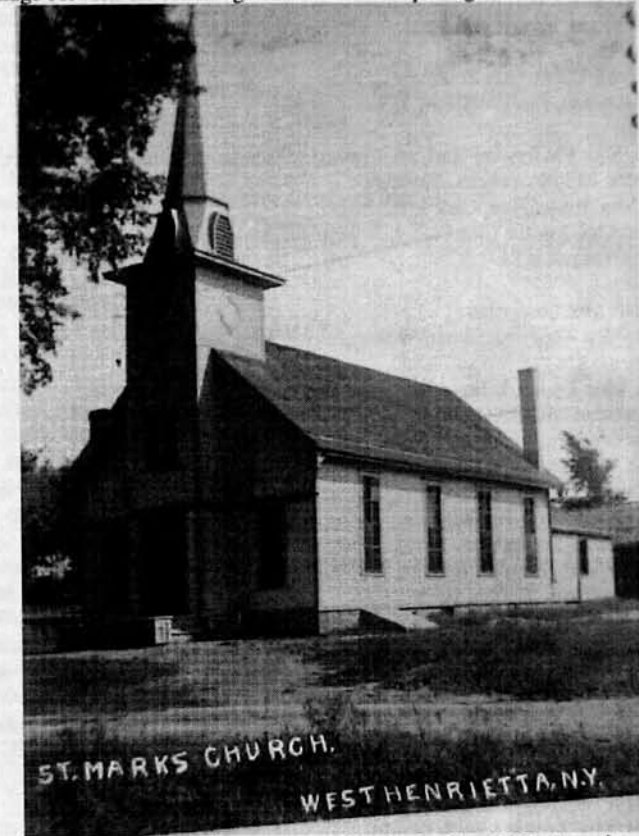
*March 1910 Confirmation Class*

*Carl Dinse, Harry Goodberlet, Otto Gunther, Carl Koenig, Arthur Schuth, Clarence Studemann, Rev. O.C. Kreinheder, Bertha Benwitz, Martha David, Edith Dell, Frieda Hass, Lena Koenig, Lily Schultz*

Some of our current members remember coming to church during these years by horse and carriage or bob sleigh in the winter. During the first decade, telephone service came to Henrietta, and the "horseless carriage" first came to the dirt roads of the village, but most church members would not have personal telephones or cars for many years. A potbelly stove was used for heat and the pastor, or in later years a janitor, had to get the coal fire going in the winter before service. Electricity and indoor plumbing for the church would be many years in the future. One member remembers the outhouse in use at the time "mysteriously" appearing in the middle of Erie Station Road and West Henrietta Road each Halloween. Childhood diseases such as smallpox, scarlet fever, measles, mumps and polio had yet to be conquered and many died before reaching adulthood. Vaudeville shows visited Rochester and brought such popular songs as "By the Light of the Silvery Moon" and "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" to the popular culture.

The original church building configuration had the main entrance facing Erie Station, and the altar was at the opposite end of the sanctuary from where it is now. The windows were plain glass; there was no organ, no carpeting, and no pew cushions. Despite this, St. Mark provided a rich and varied religious and social life for the members. Most members were farmers in the area, and had few other options for socializing. The Ladies Aid was

particularly active with dinners, picnics and other gatherings. The great amount of intermarriage between the founding families is not surprising.



*This picture comes from a postcard sold by the Ladies Aid Society about 1910. You can see the original plain windows, the original one story annex, and the rear carriage sheds. The dirt path in the front is Erie Station Road!*

#### Early Membership

The following is a list of members taken from the original parish register and is believed to contain the founding families and other early arrivals. Modern members will probably recognize many names, which can still be found in our congregation one hundred years later. Spelling is as recorded at the time, although many have been changed over the years.

Alling, Louise (Mrs. Jacob Grutschow)  
Batzing, John, Mrs. Louise, Howard, Clarence, Myrtle, Ruth, Lucille, Linda

Benwitz, Mrs. Bertha, Alfred, Bertha, Vernon  
 Bauchle, Adam, Mrs. Lucy, Mildred, Harold  
 Czamanske, William, Mrs. Hulda, Paul  
 Countryman, Mrs.  
 Crown, John, Mrs. Carrie (nee Zoddman), Edna  
 David, Mrs. Albertina, Emil, William, Edith, Martha  
 David, Johann  
 Dell, Karl, Sr., Mrs. Fredericke, Karl, Jr., Christian, Karoline, David, Bertha, Franz, John  
 Dell, David, Mrs. Minnie, Loretta, Florence  
 Dell, Gustav, Mrs. Emma, Ida, Carl, Fred, Ralph  
 Dell, Christian, Mrs. Martha (nee Pehta), Robert, Mildred, Ruth, Irving  
 Dell, John, Mrs. Augusta, Paul  
 Dell, William  
 Dell, Charles, Jr. Mrs. Josephine  
 Dinse, George, Mrs. Karoline, Elmer, Walter, Jennie, Karl, Ella, Louisa  
 Eggert, Johann  
 Fedigan, John, Mrs. Emma, Lillian, Evelyn  
 Goodberlet, Andreas, Mrs. Minnie, Floyd, Lawrence, Elsie, Matilda  
 Goodberlet, Amon, Mrs. Augusta, Walter, Harry, Charles  
 Greschen, Fred, Mrs. Louise, Elsa, Anna  
 Ginnegaw, Johann, Mrs. Sophie, Minnie, Raymond, Kenneth  
 Ginnegaw, Christian, Mrs. Emma, Hattie  
 Ginnegaw, Karl, Mrs. Fredericke  
 Gunther, Wilhem, Mrs. Emilie, John, Rose, Otto, Bertha  
 Gruschow, Charles, Mrs. Bertha, Ethel  
 Gruschow, Fred, Mrs. Karolina (nee Dell), Adel  
 Hasz, Frederick, Mrs. Emma (nee Mews), Emma, Helena  
 Hasz, Gustav, Mrs. Ida (nee Mews), Adolph, Emma, Frederick, Wilhelm  
 Holst, Fred, Mrs. Louisa  
 Hovey, Mrs. Martha (nee Dell), Lee, Blanche  
 Hirschmann, Frank  
 Huebsch, Rudolph  
 Koenig, Friedrich, Mrs. Christine, Carl, Lena, Paul, Fred  
 Klasen, Charles, Mrs. Louise (nee Schmidt)  
 Klasen, Friedericke  
 Krohn, Johann  
 Kreinheder, Oswald, Mrs. Eleanore  
 Lichtwart, Christian, Mrs. Hannah (nee Eggert), William, Fran, Joseph, Florence  
 Mews, Albertine  
 Muhs, Elmer, Mrs. Anna (nee Unamann), Evelyn, Marvin, Elenore, Henry, Elisabeth  
 Rickner, Walter, Mrs. Mary (nee Schockow), Stewart  
 Ruppert, Joseph, Mrs. Emma  
 Schlottman, Elmer  
 Schockow, Rudolph, Mrs. Mirna (nee Selpien), Florence, Wilhelm, Raymond, Clarence,  
 Lester, Ethel  
 Schockow, Helmuth, Mrs. Christine

Schade, Fred, Mrs. Mary, Emma  
 Schade, Sophia, Wilhelm  
 Schwasman, Frank, Roy  
 Shaw, Fred, Mrs. Ida  
 Shaw, William  
 Schmidt, Johann, Mrs. Emma (nee Holst), Hilda, Clara  
 Schmidt, Wilhelm, Mrs. Martha (nee Wallmann), Laura  
 Schmidt, Johann, Sr.  
 Schmidt, Charles  
 Schlottmann, Elmer, Mrs. Sophie, Mrs. Elizabeth (nee Schade)  
 Schoen, Georg, Mrs. Louise (nee Hickerlaw), Ivan  
 Schulz, Georg, Mrs. Friedericke (nee Krohn), Mabel, Vernon, Clara, Blanche,  
 Howard, Milie  
 Schulz, Henry, Ida  
 Schoultz, Anna, Fred, Edna, Libbie, Lily  
 Schwassmann, August, Mrs. Sophia  
 Schwassmann, Frank, Louise, Tina, Roy  
 Selpien, Fred, Mrs. Hannah (nee Dinse), Lucy, Frank, Rosa  
 Schultz, John, Mrs. Rosa (nee Renner)  
 Schultz, Earl  
 Studemann, Carl, Mrs. Carolina, Arthur, Olive, Clarence  
 Schuth, Hermann, Mrs. Hulda, William, Otto, Frank, Charles, Arthur, Ruth, Lizzie,  
 Herman  
 Schillinger, Jacob, Mrs. Sophia, Clarence, Margaret, George, Myrtle, Franklin  
 Unamann, Anna, Ella, Lizzie  
 Uerckwitz, Karl, Mrs. Elisabeth, Minna, Wilhelm  
 Uerckwitz, John, Mrs. Louise (nee Kriske), Ida, Alvina, Howard, Elva  
 Wusnick, Karl, Mrs. Anna (nee Bader), Harry  
 Yost, Irving  
 Zodamann, Maria  
 Zornow, Karl, Mrs. Maria, Samuel, William



*The Dell family about 1908. Back from left; Charles, Gus, Chris, Frances, John, and David. Front from left; Carolina, Friedericka, Carl and Bertha*

#### The Second Decade

Pastor W. Schierbaum from Oneleuma, Michigan, served St. Mark from September 1910 until February 1912 when he was asked to leave. Rev. J. Rabold who served as minister until 1919 succeeded him. This decade was dominated by events outside the church. World War I brought rationing, and there were "wheatless and meatless" days as well as shortages of sugar and coal. Those men, who did not go to war, worked from dawn until dusk on the farm to support the war effort. In most cases the farm families came through all right, and an annual Harvest Home Festival was held each September or October to celebrate the harvest and to dedicate it to the Lord. The Pastor's family often received enough to last them through most of the year. This was a good thing, since in 1910 the Pastor's salary was \$500 for the year, and by 1919 it had only grown to \$700. A new kitchen was added to the annex for the (at the time) large sum of \$750, and the south wing was added to the parsonage.



*1919 Confirmation class: Rear L to R, Frederick Dell, Rev. John Rabold, Raymond Guinegaw. Front L to R, Mary Gawens, Tilda Goodberlet, Ina Smith (Bushman), Mildred Bauchle and Elsie Goodberlet*

Certainly one of the saddest times for the congregation was the influenza outbreak of 1918. This was before the time when protective injections were available, and the disease was largely untreatable. Many died, including members Mr. and Mrs. Andreas Wadt (nee Rose Selpian) whose three young children were orphaned.

As the war was ending, the Ladies Aid Society gave \$25 for a Liberty Bond, and the Rochester stage was lit up by Al Jolson singing "Swanee" on the Vaudeville circuit.

#### Church Picnics

From the beginning, St. Mark's congregation celebrated the warm days of Summer with a congregational picnic. Congregational meeting notes from the early 1900's show that the picnic committee was one of the more important ones to be selected each year. Early picnics were held in the apple orchard of Frans Dell, or often in a grove at David Dell's home. (Present residence of the David Schillinger family on Kavanaugh Road in Rush). Sometimes, the picnics were held on the lawn between the church and parsonage. Before the educational wing, this area was large enough for games for everyone. Baseball and horse shoes have always been favorites. In later years, the picnic was held at the farm



home of Henry Jud, and freshly picked sweet corn was always part of the menu. Most of the food was fresh off the farm during the early years. An annual fundraiser for the Sunday School included selling penny candy at the picnic.

#### The Roaring Twenties

The 1920's roared for the nation, but St. Mark's and Henrietta moved at a slightly slower pace. In 1920 Pastor D. H. Steffens succeeded Pastor Rabold. Two years later he left to go to Mendon and was succeeded by the Rev. Walter Labrenz. In 1923 electricity finally made it to West Henrietta, and the parsonage was wired. A little later a wire was run to the church from the parsonage. Also in 1923, it was resolved that all regular church services be conducted in the English language. In 1924, in preparation for the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the congregation, the interior of the church was furnished with a cork floor, and new carpeting. In 1926, green pew cushions were provided by the Ladies Aid Society, which held many bazaars, dinners, sausage roasts and strawberry socials to help pay for them. Women won the right to vote for President of the country but not for president of the congregation, which was still limited to men only. They did, however, get an indoor toilet, which was installed just inside the front door of the church. We can only assume that the men continued to use the privy outside.

On September 12, 1926 the twenty-fifth anniversary was commemorated with services and the publication of an attractive anniversary booklet. Membership at the twenty-fifth anniversary was 150 baptized members and 85 communicant members. Also in 1926, District School #8 was moved to a new building further west on Erie Station Road, as part of a school expansion, which saw the start of the Henrietta High School. The former school building became the fire department, and the school bell was given to St. Mark, where it continues to ring out over West Henrietta but from the other side of the street. Another event in 1926 was the ordering of stained glass windows for the church. Members were asked to donate for the windows, and many were given as memorials. The pastor was asked to select the religious symbol for each, and the council determined the number of ventilator panes. The total subscription cost was \$735, and they were ordered from Baker Art Glass Studio in Rochester. The glass studio is no longer in business and neither is the production of the type of opalescent glass used for the windows. One window was left un-subscribed, and the Ladies Aid (marked L.A.S.) purchased it at a cost of \$65.

In preparation for the ninetieth anniversary of the congregation, Helen Ely compiled a genealogical study linking the names on our stained glass windows and some modern members of the congregation.

#### Window Names

Fred Selpien

#### Modern Descendants

GGF Allen Bauchle  
GGF Judy Mastrella

John Schultz

Christian Dell  
Fredericke Klasen

Carl and Fredericke Dell

Charles and Bertha Gruschow

William Smith

David Dell

Helen Ely and Florence  
Hetrick

Father of Lillian Galusha  
GGM Allen Bauchle  
GGGM Tammy Levinson  
GP of Lillian Galusha  
Florence Cavalier and  
Charles Gruschow  
GGP of Doug Gruschow,  
Nancy Dell and David  
Schillinger  
Parents of Charles  
Gruschow  
Father of Ina Bushman  
GF of Art, and Bob  
Bushman. Sylvia Lees, Ellen  
Mikolon and Lauralie Goff  
Father of Florence Cavalier  
GF of Nancy Dell and David  
Schillinger

In 1927 Pastor Labrenz was called to serve another parish and on January 15, 1928, the Rev. Rudolph W. Huebsch was installed. He served the congregation for sixteen years and during that time, won the affection of large numbers of people in the community. Also in 1928, a bathroom with running water was installed in the Parsonage, and on a slightly less important note, a pool table was placed upstairs in the annex for the youth group. The next year, the stock market would crash and the country would enter the Great Depression.





*St. Mark's as it looked after the improvements of the 1920's including the steeple repair, annex, stained glass windows, and landscaping. This picture was taken for the 1951 Golden Jubilee*

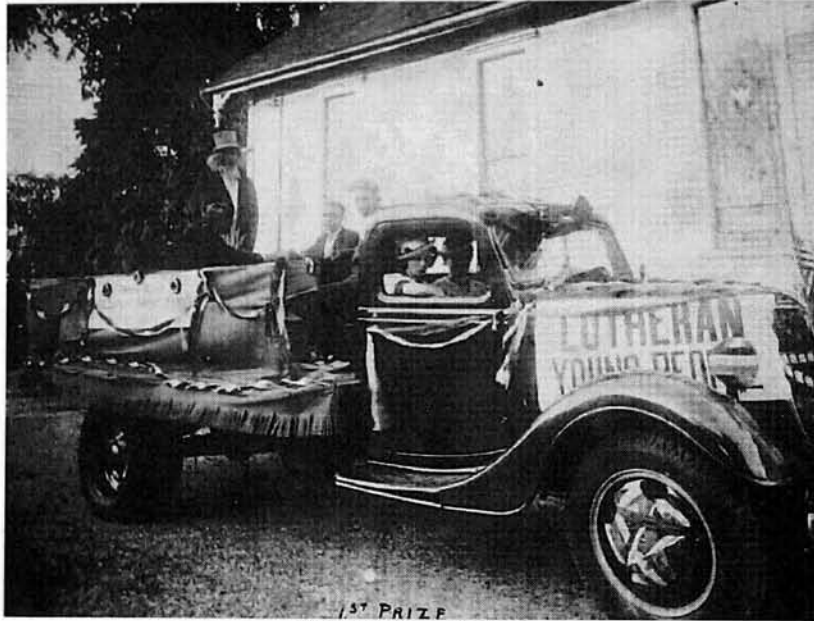
#### Depression Times

Most of St. Mark's families worked a farm, so they could survive the depression better than a factory worker could, but money was still very scarce. The church property had to be mortgaged to pay the pastor, and a good deal of his support came in the form of contributions of food, eggs, poultry, and vegetables. In 1931, the Pastor expressed his willingness to be relieved of the duty of building a fire in the coal stove, so a janitor was hired for a few years, but eventually the building was converted to oil heat. Toward the end of the decade a little more money was available and the church grounds were beautified. The members enlarged the Sunday school rooms and kitchen, with lumber saved from the remaining carriage sheds in the rear of the church. A fine Hinners pipe organ was purchased and installed, and the interior of the church was redecorated. This organ was the first for the church, and it was of a mechanical, pump type. Organist Laura (Smith) Yost (who had been the first baby baptized at St. Mark) would pump it with foot pedals while playing. In 1930, Erie Station Road was paved for the first time, and the steeple was repaired in 1933, but not for the last time.



*After church redecoration and installation of the new organ*

The thirties also brought the beginning of what became known as "the golden age of radio", with such classics as "Your Hit Parade", "Fibber McGee and Molly", "Amos and Andy" bringing the family around the radio every night. For music, there were the swinging sounds of Benny Goodman and Harry James.



1st PRIZE  
1935 July 4 parade float

#### The Ladies Aid Society

The following is from a report made at the ninetieth anniversary. Special thanks to Mrs. Marie Kukla, who translated the German records of the first twelve years.

A friend in need, is a friend indeed. He's not heavy; he's my brother. These are sayings that could have been the mottoes of the Ladies' Aid Society of St. Mark Lutheran Church. The Ladies' Aid started in October or November of 1901 with 24 members from the congregation. Their purpose was to help the whole church, to look out for the poor and carry one another's burden, and to support the orphans and all missions. Through the years, they accomplished this task and became a fundamental part of family and friends that are so well known at St. Mark Church.

The various boards of the church now perform many of the activities of the Ladies' Aid Society. For instance, the Trustees are now responsible for the physical condition of the church, but in prior years the Ladies' Aid paid for maintaining the parsonage by buying wallpaper, paint, flooring and numerous other articles needed in the pastor's home. They also helped the church by paying bills such as telephone, organ repair, and cleaning charges as well as giving money to help pay church debts. Outdoors they paid for lawn mowing and purchased flowers and shrubs.

The Ladies' Aid Society also served as the Social Ministry Board through their numerous efforts to help those not only in their own congregation but others as well. They sent cards, flowers, and fruit to those who were ill; they sent birthday cards, and sympathy notes. They sent contributions to many organizations such as polio and tuberculosis societies, Feeble Minded Home, and Rochester Mission groups. During Easter and Christmas they made boxes to give children in the hospitals. Bedding, bed pads, and quilts were made and given to charities.

The Fellowship Board also had roots in the Ladies' Aid Society. They conducted many social affairs in the church. Every summer there was an Ice Cream Social and every fall a chicken or sausage supper. In between, there were a number of socials providing fellowship as well as income. Often these events were in conjunction with groups from other churches.

In the early days of the church the Ladies' Aid Society took turns caring for the altar. They made the altar cloths, cleaned them, and purchased the altar candles. In 1944, an Altar Guild was formed to take over this function at the suggestion of Rev. Meyer.

The Society was able to perform all these functions through many different and sometimes unusual fundraisers. Tickets were sold for the socials and suppers and at these events "booths" were set up to sell goods such as fancywork, aprons, foods, and candy. Later the ladies set up suppers for other organizations. On occasion quilts were made and raffled or sold at the suppers. They also sold such items as Jell-O packages, vanilla, calendars, canning jar rubbers, cards, postcards, shrubs, and dishcloths. Sometimes, during meetings, money (usually a penny) was collected for each inch of an arm or a waist measurement.

The minutes of the Ladies' Aid Society not only accounted for the activities of the group and church and their moneymaking efforts, but also offered some views of the times. There was no meeting in October 1918 because the church was closed during the influenza epidemic. In November of that year there was no sale or supper due to the war and the high cost of living. It cost ten dollars to send clothing for relief to Germany in 1924. Twenty-five dollars was given to the Red Cross in 1927 for the flood sufferers. In 1942, the group had a guest speaker to talk about Defense Bonds and urged all to do their part. At that time five dollars was given to the Red Cross and a twenty-five dollar war bond was purchased. During other meetings, there were discussions on sugar rationing and Red Cross nutritional lessons. In 1944, meetings were closed with prayers for sick servicemen and cards were sent to all in the service at Christmas.

Today, St. Mark's Church does not have a Ladies Aid Society. Their function has been taken over by others in the church; however, the foundation they laid is evident everywhere. St. Mark owes these ladies a debt of gratitude for their efforts.



*Some members of the Ladies Aid in the late 1930's. Front L to R: Miss Rupert, Laura Smith (Yost), Ina Smith (Bushman), Louise Schwasman, Louise Klasen, Irma Bauchle, Harriet Shockow, Florence Shillinger, Ethel Gruschow: 2<sup>nd</sup> Row L to R: Libby Schwasman, Tina Schwasman, Martha Smith, Dorothy Bowman, Dorothy Schwasman, Mrs. Huebsch, Martha Dell: 3<sup>rd</sup> Row: Lucy Bauchle, Mrs. Frank Dell, Minnie Shockow, Rev. Huebsch, unknown, Bertha Gruschow, Minnie Dell*

#### War and Recovery

The fifth decade of our church brought war again. World War II brought many shortages and rationing of meat, butter, sugar and gasoline. Many people put in Victory Gardens to help provide food they couldn't buy at the store. Betty Crocker had a booklet of recipes, which avoided rationed items. At St. Mark members helped to make surgical bandages every Wednesday night at the East Henrietta High School and some members served in the war. Many, however, had farm deferments. In 1944, the Lutheran Layman's League formed a chapter at St. Mark.

In 1944, three months before completing fifty years as an ordained minister, Pastor Huebsch found it necessary to retire. His wife was called to her final rest and one year later Pastor Huebsch followed her to his reward. The Rev. Herman F. Meyer was called to succeed him in 1944. In addition to his pastoral duties at St. Mark's Pastor Meyer also served as chaplain at Monroe County Home and Infirmary. In 1945 collections were held for infantile paralysis (polio) and for Christian Relief for the war devastated countries. That same year the old iron posts and chains were removed from the front of the church.

On August 17, 1947 Pastor Meyer left West Henrietta for Houston, Texas to undertake the institutional chaplain's duties in that city. On August 31, 1947 Rev. Theodore W. Mikolon was installed as pastor. Rev. Mikolon had been a chaplain in World War II and had served honorably at Kweiling, China in the Army Air Corps. He received the Bronze Star for his service.



*Confirmation 1943. Rear L to R, Arthur Bushman, Robert Bushman, Elizabeth Goodberlet, Robert Bauchle, Charles Gruschow, Front L to R, Evelyn Goodberlet, Alice Brown, Rev. Huebsch, Sylvia Bushman (Lees), Marion Schultz*

After the war, things started to boom, as in "baby boom". Over 30 million of us were born between 1942 and 1949. Diapers became big business with a dozen selling for \$2.49. Television made its first appearance in the prestigious Sears catalog, and Gorgeous George the wrestler became a Saturday night sensation. The big band era was in full swing with Glenn Miller and Tommy Dorsey leading the way. By the end of the decade,



the minimum wage had gone up to \$.75 an hour, which was probably overlooked when Pastor Mikolon's salary was set at \$1,800 a year.



*The Church Choir in 1946 Rear Left Gus Dell, Back Row Donald Schultz, Oscar Dell, Charles Gruschow, Irving Dell, Neil Drier, Clarence Gruschow, Middle Row Will Drier (director), Ethel Gruschow Macomber, Ruth Dell Weston, Irma Klasen Bauchle, Mrs. Meyers, Laura Smith Yost (organist), Front Lillian Dell Galusha, Sylvia Busman Lees, Edith Harrington*



Pastor Mikolon and confirmands about 1948

#### A Suburban Church

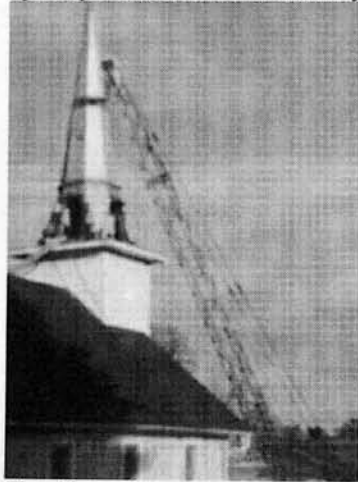
During the 1950's the little village of West Henrietta became a Rochester suburb. The population tripled as more and more people left the city. New homes in Henrietta housing tracts sold for an average price of \$5,000 with a \$56 monthly payment. A new Chevy cost \$1,200. The magic box in our living rooms brought such names as Milton Berle, Ed Sullivan, Edward R. Murrow, and even Howdy Doody to fame. And all those kids brought automatic washers, little league, comics, poodle skirts, hula hoops and finally rock and roll.

St. Mark began to be more than a rural farm church. In 1951, the church celebrated its Golden Jubilee. Gifts and memorials to the church for that occasion included new lighting for the nave and brassware for the altar. Membership at the fiftieth anniversary was 200 baptized members and 140 communicants. People were coming from a ten-mile radius, which was twice as far as any had come before. At that time, charter members Charles Klasen and Gus Dell were still active in the congregation and more than a score of members were communicants at the time of the founding.

The Rev. Elmer F. Leonhardt was our Pastor from December 1951 until 1955 when he accepted the Call to Trinity Church in Chestertown, Maryland. From April of 1955 until August of 1959, the Reverend Carl F. Wypich served the congregation. Pastor Wypich eventually became archivist of the Eastern District. Pastor Carl Thrun joined us in March 1960, from a parish in Michigan.

#### The Tumultuous Sixties

The decade of the sixties saw many changes for both St. Mark and the nation. In 1962 the old Hinners organ was judged to be beyond repair and a Moeller organ, built in 1921 and formerly a practice organ for the Eastman School of Music, was installed with its pipes housed in a chamber in the church tower. Soon after this, Pastor Thrun was replaced by Rev. Carl A. Kartechner who was installed July 1, 1962. In 1963 the congregation purchased approximately sixteen acres adjacent to the church property at a cost of \$33,360, with the thought of a separate education building and perhaps a new church, but the same year forty members left to found Epiphany Church in East Avon. An idea of how much \$33,000 was in 1963 can be seen from the cost of tickets to a smorgasbord dinner by the Ladies Aid; \$1.50! In 1967, the original steeple was dangerously weak from dry rot and was torn down. The church bell was removed and stored away. The organ pipes, sound boxes and leathers also received some damage from the leaks and needed repair. Roofing was installed on the tower "temporarily" until a new steeple could be put up. Despite much discussion over the years, the structure was not replaced until 1981.



*The old steeple comes down*



*Dorothy Snyder and Nursery School*

Out in the rest of the world, the country became involved in a little police action, which turned into the Vietnam War, civil rights marches rocked the south, hippies joined communes, and the drug culture was born. Germany sent us a silly looking car named the beetle, and England sent us a band with a similar name. Interestingly, we bought them both. We grieved over the assassinations of President Kennedy and Martin Luther King.

In 1969 we landed men on the moon, and in a completely unrelated event, Pastor Kartechner was succeeded by Rev. Dr. Adolph H. Wismar, Jr. and a Christian Nursery School was begun at St. Mark's under the directorship of Mrs. Dorothy Snyder and teacher Mrs. Nancy Bauchle.

#### **St. Marks Lutheran Preschool**

As St. Marks Church celebrates its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, it can look proudly to one of the primary impacts it has had on the Henrietta community over the years; the nursery school. In 1969, the new suburban developments in town were filled with young families and there was a need for nursery or preschool opportunities for three and four year olds. At the time there were very few such preschools available in town, and even fewer Christian preschools. Taking their guidance from interim Pastor Delbert Tiemann, several members of the congregation decided to recommend a Christian Preschool.

Despite a limited amount of space in the old annex, and limited financial resources, the congregation voted to sponsor a start up class of eight children in September of 1969, under the direction of Mrs. Dorothy Snyder with Jean Dell Gruschow as teacher.

The first ten years saw many changes. Pastor Wismar arrived in May 1970 and in September of that year Nancy Bauchle began as teacher. A three year old class was added in the fall of 1973, and Joan Rutherford was added as a teacher. Judy Hatch replaced Joan as a teacher in September, 1974, and Alice Devinney replaced her in September, 1975. The school was an immediate success, and growing demand was one of the contributing factors to the construction of the new addition. So during construction in 1976, classes were moved to the Masonic Lodge next door to the church. In January of 1977, the new educational wing was ready, and the preschool moved in. September of that year saw the promotion of Nancy Bauchle to head teacher and the next year to preschool director with Karen Contant as teacher. Due to smaller enrollment in 1979, the three and four year old classes were combined.

During the next ten years, the staff was more stable and the program grew. In September, 1980 Judy Cook began as a teacher. Karen Tirabassi and Betty Porter taught with Nancy in 1981. From the fall of 1982 until 1992, Nancy, Judy and Karen worked together to teach a three year old class on Monday and Tuesday morning and a four and five year old class on Wednesday through Friday. In addition, a play group was added on Thursday afternoon in 1986, a second four year old class in 1987, and a second three year old class in 1988.



*Nancy Bauchle and Judy Cook with the three's class*

During the 1992 school year Audrey Peterson was the second three year old teacher, and since then, Allen Bauchle has been the second three's teacher and an aide in the fours classes. Pastor Gary is a familiar face to all of the classes and to the preschool families, many of whom have become members of St. Mark.

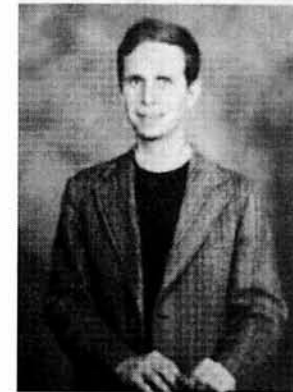
In the spring of 1985 the first Preschool Sunday was held with the encouragement of Pastor Hansel. Over the years we have seen Sunbeams, Rainbows, Butterflies, Lambs, Stars and other reminders of God's love through this special service presented by the children of the school.

Over 1,000 children have graduated from St. Marks Prechool in the last 32 years, and many of the current students are second generation. Graduates may be found all over the Henrietta community and indeed all over the world and they have taken the Word of God with them. The congregation gives special thanks to all who have worked to make this outreach to the community such a success.

#### Church Expansion

By the early 70's the Vietnam War was coming to an end and the country was starting to heal its wounds. The baby boomers were on their way to becoming yuppies and suburban sprawl engulfed Henrietta for good. Key civil rights legislation was passed after a long struggle. In 1974, President Nixon resigned after an office complex called the Watergate took on a whole new meaning.

At St. Mark, women finally got the right to vote, and after a great deal of planning, the church building was completely re-done. The old annex was taken down and replaced by a new modern complex of offices, meeting rooms and public areas. The inside of the sanctuary changed too. The back of the church became the main entrance, and the front doors were locked up. Members moved the altar, prayer rail, organ and pews so the entire inside was turned around. At the ground breaking ceremony in April of 1977, founding member Mrs. Bertha (Dell) Gruschow, ninety years old, turned the first shovel of dirt. She was the daughter of first congregational president, Carl Dell, and mother of our current head usher, Charles Gruschow.



*Pastor A.H. Wismar, Jr.*



*Ground breaking for the new building*



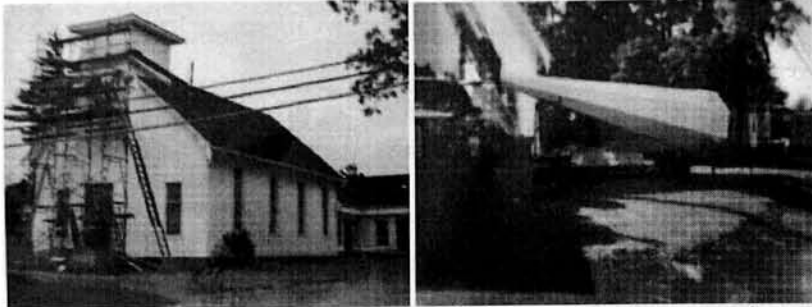
*The old annex is torn down*



*to make room for the new wing*

In 1972 the parking lot was extended to the rear property, and a playground was landscaped for use by the nursery school. To pay for all of this activity we took out a mortgage, which took twenty years to pay off. During the late 1970's, however, our financial picture looked pretty bleak.





*Siding for the church completes the addition and a few years later the new steeple goes up to the tower (but not for the last time)*

Taking our cue from the Ladies Aid Society of the past, we organized a Friday night fish fry dinner which ran every week for six years and did a great deal to serve the older members of the community and introduce young families to the church and nursery school. Members signed up to act as fryers, and servers each week and some (known as the Every Fry Day Team) worked every week.



*Ed Walls and Jim Goff in the fry wagon while Helen Ely clears tables at the fish fry*

Pastor Wismar became involved in the plight of refugees from South East Asia and was the primary contact for Lutheran World Relief on this project. He worked closely with many members of the congregation and Synod to settle many in the Rochester area. In 1975 the congregation sponsored a Vietnamese refugee, and in 1976 they sponsored a Laotian refugee. Also in 1975 the congregation sent Pastor and Mrs. Wismar on a trip to

the Holy Land. At the seventy-fifth anniversary, in 1976, there were 270 baptized members and 185 communicant members.



*Some of the refugee families helped by Pastor Wismar and members of St. Marks*

#### Many Changes

In 1981 the church got a brand new steeple to replace the old one which had dry rot. The new steeple, made of aluminum, is the same size and style as the old one, and the church bell was hung in the tower again. The congregation barely had a chance to enjoy it before a mini cyclone hit West Henrietta in 1982 and blew it completely off, in addition to topping two of the pine trees in front of the parsonage. Fortunately, the steeple was not too badly damaged and it was put up again in 1983. Our pipe organ was not so lucky. The pipes, bellows and leathers suffered irreparable damage and were taken out. After a lengthy and spirited debate our present Allen Digital organ was purchased in 1985. In 1987, the pew cushions were replaced.



*In 1987 new pew cushions arrived, and scouts worked on the playground and equipment for eagle projects*

In 1983 Pastor Wismar accepted another call, and was replaced in 1984 by Rev. Wilfred Hansel who came to us from Utica. After living in the parsonage for the first year, he decided to buy his own home, and the parsonage was sold. As a result, the Friday night fish fry was stopped, but church finances continued to be a problem due to high inflation and a weakened economy.

By the end of the decade, we were starting to get radical. Not only did we have female elders, but we even elected our first female congregational president. The constitution was updated and a series of committees were formed to help spread the work of the regular boards. To staff these committees and boards we held a Vision Dinner in 1987 to introduce the members of the congregation to the board and committee structure and recruit volunteers. Each board had a display table and presented their mission and plans.



*Judy Mastrella and Judy Cook with the Education Board, and Jo Borges, Gwen and Tony Machulskis at the Evangelism Board table, 1987 Vision Dinner*



*Pastor Wilfred Hansel and St. Mark's Congregation*



*St. Mark's Congregation and Ushers George DeWitt and Charles Gruschow 1984*



*Youth Choir 1986*

Another part of the constitutional revision and organizational change was the creation of our church Vision and Mission Statement:

#### Vision

We at St. Mark Lutheran Church are committed to living and growing in the Gospel of Jesus Christ and proclaiming it to the community. We will be a caring, people-focused congregation which is dedicated to serving the needs of people of all ages in ways that are meaningful in today's world.

#### Mission

The Mission of St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church is:

1. To provide a safe and inviting haven at God's house for all who use it.
2. To make disciples by sharing God's love and salvation in Jesus Christ with all people.
3. To teach the Gospel and enable and encourage individuals to share its message with others.
4. To reflect the love of God by reaching out to those in need.
5. To provide the leadership and organization needed to direct the gifts of the congregation toward God's work.
6. To strengthen faith by sharing God's Word and Sacrament and enhance the joyful relationship between God and His people.

7. To maintain a sense of community where all are encouraged to experience the comfort and joy of God and each other.

#### Motto

Making more and better disciples for Christ.

#### Seminarian Sponsorship

During the late 1980's and early 1990's St. Mark's congregation sponsored two candidates for the ministry through their seminary studies. Michael Porter, son of Gene and Gert Porter had grown up in the congregation and expressed an interest in the ministry at an early age. He assisted Pastor Wismar in worship services during high school before going to college and seminary. Kevin Wychoff and his wife Cindy joined St. Marks in the mid-eighties, and after participating in many bible studies, and assisting with services, he got the call to go into the ministry and left for seminary.



*Rev. and Mrs. Micaheal Porter with  
Parents Gert and Gene Porter*



*Cindy and Kevin Wychoff*

#### Our Tenth Decade

The 1990's started out stormy. We had an ice storm in Rochester, which left many people without power for up to a week. Soon after, an Iraq invasion into Kuwait led to a Desert Storm which involved many of the nation's families as sons and daughters went off to war again, and the economy remained somewhat stormy with local layoffs and high unemployment.





*Landscaping the church grounds May 1991, Marge Hansel*

Pastor Hansel accepted a call to a mission congregation in Pennsylvania, and Rev. Gary W. Bauch was installed as Pastor May 31, 1992. Our Call documents asked for a Pastor who could help us build up the youth programs of our congregation which the congregation felt would be the key to spreading the Gospel in Henrietta. Pastor Bauch and his wife Jean have done a great deal to guide the members in the establishment of a Youth Group, Timothy's Place, and the rededication to Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, and the Nursery School as a means of outreach and service.



*Youth campout*



*Timothy's Place*

Pastor Bauch also initiated the idea of small group ministry at St. Mark, and three groups were formed and continue. Breadbreakers provides an opportunity for adult members to gather for Christian fellowship around a meal and the Word of God. Seasoned Citizens is a group of folks over 55 – or thereabouts, which meets for social events and fellowship, and a Sewing Circle meets for a time of sharing while working on crafts.

The decades of the 80's and 90's have also been years of emphasis on Bible Study. Pastor Hansel introduced the Bethel Series in the 80's, and Pastor Bauch has brought attention to growth in God's Word using See through the Scriptures and The Divine Drama. Adult Bible Study on Sunday morning has been supplemented for many years by Springside Meadows Bible Study. This Wednesday morning session was begun by Pastor Hansel, continued by Norma Higley and recently lead by Pastor Bauch. Members of St. Mark and residents of the Springside Meadows complex participate each week. God's Word has always been, and continues to be "a lamp for our feet and light for our path" (Psalm 119:105)



*Springside Meadows Bible Study*



*Youth Trip to Michigan*

Probably the biggest story of our last decade has been the increase in the number of our worship services and the corresponding increase in membership. In 1994 we started an 8:30 worship service, and in 1999 a 9:30 Praise Service was added targeted at young people and families. Both have become well attended. In 1990 our one service had an average attendance of 85-90 people, and ten years later our three services have an average of 115 people.

In addition to expanded worship opportunities, we have expanded our emphasis in both lay ministry and prayer. In 1999 St. Mark sent Pastor Bauch and nine others to Syracuse to attend John Maxwell's Lay Ministry 1999. This seminar emphasized the ministry of the laity. Since then, we have begun to implement and encourage Lay Ministry through classes on Spiritual Gifts. Our Payer Chain, active for many years, was reformed in 1997 to lift up the needs and concerns of the church and community to God's throne of grace. The addition of the e-prayer chain has certainly changed the way we keep the Prayer Chain informed of prayer concerns, with over 25 members in almost daily electronic contact.

**A Vicar for 200 – 2001**

In July 2000 Vicar Alex Knowles joined our ministry staff from the seminary in St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada. Vicar Knowles' vicarage is a joint venture with Lutheran Church of the Epiphany of East Avon. He is working with the youth and expanding our ministry with the development of a Young Adult Group.

As we enter the 21<sup>st</sup> century, our baptized membership is 292 with 205 confirmed and an average weekly attendance of between 110 and 115 worshippers.

### Some Genealogies of St. Mark's Early Families

#### Dell (Dill)/Schillinger/Gruschow/Galuscha Family

Carl Theodore DELL, Senior b. 14 May 1846, Richtenberg, Pommern, Germany, m. 1871, in Germany, Fredericka WESTPHAL, b. 4 Oct 1848, Angerode, Germany, d. 13 Nov 1920, North Rush, New York, buried: North Rush Cemetery, North Rush, NY. Carl died 27 Feb 1942, Telephone Road, North Rush, New York, buried: North Rush Cemetery, North Rush, NY. It is likely that the Dell family immigrated to America in 1874. Prior to 1914, church records show the name as Dill.

I Minnie DELL b. 24 Mar 1868, Germany, m. Henry GUINEGAW. Minnie died 18 Feb 1950, buried: Pine Hill Cemetery, North Rush, New York.

A. Alma GUINEGAW

B. Loretta GUINEGAW

C. Florence GUINEGAW m. Unknown Schillinger.

D. Margareta Fredericka GUINEGAW b. 12 Mar 1898.

II. Augustus William DELL b. 23 Feb 1871, Angerode, West Pommerania, Germany, m. 15 Jan 1895, in Rush, New York, Emma REMMING, b. 12 Jan 1877, West Henrietta, New York, (daughter of Charles REMMING and Mary Zornow) d. 17 Mar 1936, South Road, Caledonia, New York, buried: North Rush Cemetery, North Rush, NY. Gustus died 12 Nov 1964, Henrietta, New York, buried: North Rush Cemetery, North Rush, NY.

A. Edith Ida Carolyn DELL b. 21 Feb 1896, North Rush, New York, m. 5 Feb 1916, Ed Frank BEACH, b. 1 Oct 1892, d. JUL 1961, Ormond Beach, Florida. Edith died 16 Jul 1960, Ormond Beach, Florida.

1. Thomas Edward BEACH, b. 24 Mar 1921, Henrietta, New York, d. 1937.

2. Otto Frank BEACH

3. Bertram BEACH

4. Ruth Emma BEACH

5. Everett Charles BEACH b. 21 Jun 1918, Henrietta, New York, m. Grace Myres STRICKLAND, d. 13 Feb 1990. Everett died 15 Oct 1979, Ormond Beach, Florida

a. Becky Susan BEACH m. Terry Wayne LARGE, b. Jul 1946, Mar 1991

(1) April Sue LARGE, m. John SEILER

6. Leonard Oliver BEACH

B. Carl Gustav Christian DELL b. 18 Nov 1899, North Rush, New York, m. 27 Dec 1923, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Emma LABRENZ, b. 1896, (daughter of August LABRENZ and Mary (Labrenz)) d. Gates, New York. Carl died MAY 1980, Gates, New York.

1 Unknown DELL, b. 1932, d. 1932.

C. Frederick Christopher DELL b. 18 Jun 1903, West Henrietta, New York, m. 15 Nov 1930, in Saint Mark's Lutheran Church, Rush NY, Mary Cora LOSS, b. 11 Jul 1910, Honeoye Falls. Frederick died 8 Jun 1998, Elmira, New York, buried: Pine Hill Cemetery Henrietta, New York.

1. Richard Frederick DELL b. Rochester, New York, m. 19 Jun 1956, in Saint John's, Newfoundland, Joan GARLAND, b. Saint John's Newfoundland.

a. Shari DELL b. Elmira, New York, m. 19 Jun 1988, in Elmira, New York, John TESCHKE, b. Elk Grove, Illinois.

(1) Alyse TESCHKE b. Hinsdale, Illinois.

(2) Cosette TESCHKE b. Hinsdale, Illinois.

b. Linda DELL b. Elmira, New York, m. 22 Jul 1995, in Good Harbor, Michigan, Beat STOCKER, b. Rhienfelden, Switzerland.

D. Ralph Frank DELL b. Henrietta, New York, m. 14 Sep 1940, in Santa Monica Church, Rochester, New York, Katherine COX, b. 3 Apr 1917, Rochester, New York, (daughter of Christopher COX and Amy Christina HURLEY) d. 5 Apr 1986, Rochester, New York.

1. Carol Jean DELL b. Strong Memorial Hospital, Rochester, NY, m. (1) 17 Oct 1970, in Los Angeles, California, divorced 1983, Allan James BAER, b. New York, (son of James BAER and Sylvia DAVIS) m. (2) 6 Jun 1992, in Simi Valley, California, Dayton William KOHLHOFF, Junior, b. Van Nuys, California, (son of Dayton William KOHLHOFF and Helen Elizabeth WITHROW).

a. Aaron Dell BAER b. Kaiser Hospital, Panorama, California.

b. Michelle Davis BAER

2. Ralph James DELL m. Donna GORDON, b. Miami, Florida, (daughter of Burt GORDON and Illonia SHAPIRO).

a. Aaron Christopher DELL b. London, Arkansas.

b. Lucas Micaiah DELL b. Jackson, Mississippi.

3. Robert Micheal DELL b. Rochester, New York, m. 15 Oct 1994, Oana GHIVIRIGA, b. Bucharest, Romania.

a. Katherine DELL b. Woodland Hills, California.

b. Victoria DELL b. Watertown, New York.

III Martha DELL, b. 1873 Prussia, m. William HOVEY.

A William Roy HOVEY

B Lee Russel HOVEY b. Rush/Henrietta, New York

C Blanche Helen HOVEY, b. Rush/Henrietta, New York

D Flora HOVEY b. Rush/Henrietta, New York

E Lucille HOVEY

IV Charles Theodore DELL, Junior b. 24 Jan 1875, Rochester, New York, m. 28 Dec 1903, in Saint Mark's Lutheran Church, Rush NY, Josephine ZIMMERMAN, (daughter of William ZIMMERMAN and Frances FORD). Charles died 4 Apr 1927, North Rush, New York, buried: 1927, Pine Hill Cemetery, Rush, New York.

A. Charles Alton DELL b. 13 Mar 1917, d. 9 Jul 1917, buried: Pine Hill Cemetery Henrietta, New York.

V John Fred DELL b. 21 Jan 1877, Rochester, New York, m. 28 Jan 1903, in Saint Mark's Lutheran Church, Rush NY, Augusta Sophie SCHLOTTMANN, b. 1880, (daughter of Fred SCHLOTTMANN and Sophie LIESTMANN) d. 25 Dec 1958, Highland Hospital, Rochester, NY, buried: Maplewood Cemetery, Henrietta, NY. John died 20 Mar 1972, Toben Road, Rush, New York, buried: Maplewood Cemetery, Henrietta, NY.

A. Paul Johann DELL b. 26 Sep 1906, m. Ruth BURGER. Paul died Nov 1986.

1. Virginia Ruth DELL



2. Lucille Harriet DELL m. 27 Aug 1949, in Saint Mark's Lutheran Church, Rush NY, Carl Allen HAYTON

3. Charles Paul DELL b. 27 Oct 1931, d. Construction accident.

4. Richard James DELL.

B. Charles P. DELL b. 1931, Rush/Henrietta, New York d. 1948.

VI Franz Johann Dell b. 25 Apr 1879, Monroe County , New York d. 1889.

VII Christian Johann DELL b. 25 Oct 1880, m. Martha E. PEHTA, b. 25 Dec 1890, (daughter of Charles PEHTA and Emma PETERSON)d. 15 Aug 1977, Scottsville, New York, buried: North Rush Cemetery, North Rush, NY. Chris died 13 Feb 1966, Scottsville, New York, buried: North Rush Cemetery, North Rush, NY.

A. Mildred Bertha DELL b. 10 Aug 1914, Wheatland, New York.d. 24 Dec 1934, Rochester, New York, buried: North Rush Cemetery, North Rush, NY.

B. Ruth Martha DELL b. 24 Aug 1915, m. Harold WESTON, b. 12 Jun 1913, d. 15 Jan 1980, buried: Oatka Cemetery, Scottsville, NY. Ruth died 16 Feb 1980, Scottsville, New York, buried: Oatka Cemetery, Scottsville, NY.

C. Robert Carl DELL b. 28 Sep 1916, South Road, Caledonia, New York, m. 20 Jun 1942, in Saint Mark's Lutheran Church, Rush NY, Jean O. SCUDDER, Robert died 5 Jul 1959, Scottsville, New York, buried: 8 Jul 1959, Oatka Cemetery, Scottsville, New York.

1. Sandra Jean DELL

2. James Robert DELL

3. Marilyn DELL

D. Irvin Frederick DELL m. 19 Aug 1950, in Saint Mark's Lutheran Church, West NY, Mary BREITWISER.

1. Janet Lee DELL, m. Ken Osborn

a. Kasey Osborn

b. Daniel Osborn

c. Nathan Osborn

E. Lillian Josephine DELL m. 20 Oct 1945, in Saint Mark's Lutheran Church, Rush NY, Clinton GALUSHA,

1. Nancy Ruth GALUSHA. m. Frank Austin

a. Christian Austin

VIII Carolina Henrietta DELL b. 6 Feb 1883, Rush/Henrietta, New York. m. 8 Feb 1905, in Saint Mark's Lutheran Church, Rush NY, Frederick C. GRUSCHOW, Junior, b. 1878, (son of Frederick C. GRUSCHOW, Senior and Marie SCHLOTTMANN) d. 1939. Carolina died 14 Jul 1923, Henrietta, New York, buried: Maplewood Cemetery, Henrietta, NY.

A. Adele Ida GRUSCHOW.b. Rush/Henrietta, New York.

B. Robert Frederick GRUSCHOW b. 12 Feb 1913 Rush/Henrietta, New York.m. Florence L. HACKER. Robert died, 12 May1965, Henrietta, New York.

1 Marilyn GRUSCHOW

2 Richard GRUSCHOW

3 Roger GRUSCHOW

C. Alfred Charles GRUSCHOW b. 31 Mar 1916, Rush/Henrietta, New York. d. NOV 1978, Pittsford, NewYork

D Lewis GRUSCHOW

E Marion GRUSCHOW.

IX David DELL b. 7 May 1884, m. Wilhelmina Pauline Albertina LAWRENCZ, b. 24 Mar 1888, Germany, d. 18 Feb 1958, Highland Hospital, Rochester, NY, buried: 22 Feb 1958, Pine Hill Cemetary Henrietta, New York. David died 2 Jul 1970, Five Points Road, Rush, New York, buried: Pine Hill Cemetary Henrietta, New York.

A. Alma Bertha DELL m. Carl DIEHL b. 27 Dec 1905, d. 22 Aug 1978.

1 Richard Warren DIEHL, m. 1957, Bath, New York Barbara June LEE.

a Lon DIEHL

b Karen DIEHL

c Lisa DIEHL

2 Bonnie L. DIEHL, m. Platon J. COLIPP

a Danny COLIPP

b Tommy COLIPP

c David COLIPP

B. Loretta Augusta Maria DELL b. 7 Jun 1911, Rush/Henrietta, New York. m. 28 Apr 1931, in Saint Mark's Lutheran Church, Rush NY, Earl Leonard John SCHULTZ, b. 26 Mar 1910, (son of John SCHULTZ and Rosa RENNER) d. 21 Jun 1980. Loretta died 11 Sep 1995.

1. Jane Marilyn SCHULTZ b. 28 Nov 1932, d. 4 Mar 1936, buried: Maplewood Cemetery, Henrietta, NY.

2. Doris Joan SCHULTZ. m. 1953, Montgomery, Alabama. Frederick Ross BREMER, b. 11 May 1928, d. 10 Oct 1987.

a Ross Frederick BREMER

b Paul Lee BREMER

c Lynne Marcelle BREMER

d MarkDale BREMER

C. Florence Willma DELL m.(1) 24 Apr 1935, in Saint Mark's Lutheran Church, Rush NY, Wilbur John SCHILLINGER, b. 26 Aug 1913, d. 18 Jan 1978. m.(2) 13 Feb 1980 Lewis CAVALIER, b. 2 Jan 1922 d. 1 Jan 1978.

1. Eunice Jane(Nancy) SCHILLINGER m. (1)Richard DELL, m.(2) 1957 Walter STUMP

a Johnathan STUMP

2. Carol Ann SCHILLINGER, m.(1) Frank FREZZA. m.(2) 2 May 1959, in Saint Mark's Evangelical Lutheran, NY, James Edward FOLEY.

a unknown FREZZA

b Brenda Lynn FOLEY

3. David Lee SCHILLINGER m. 12 Jun 1965, in Saint Mark's Evangelical Lutheran, NY, Marie Kathleen MORRIS,

a. Timothy Lee SCHILLINGER b Rochester, New York.

b. David John SCHILLINGER b. Rochester, New York.

c. Dawn Marie SCHILLINGER b. Rochester, New York.

X Bertha A. DELL b. 18 May 1886 Rush New York, m. 22 Jan 1908, in Saint Mark's Lutheran Church, Henrietta, New York, Charles William GRUSCHOW, Senior, b. 1883, (son of Frederick C. GRUSCHOW, Senior and Marie SCHLOTTMANN) d. 6 Oct 1949, buried: Maplewood Cemetery, Henrietta, NY. Bertha died 15 Mar 1980, Henrietta, New York, buried: Maplewood Cemetery, Henrietta, NY.

A. Helen Josephine GRUSCHOW m. 23 Nov 1944, in Saint Mark's Lutheran Church, Rush, NY, Dwight O. SPECHT,

1. Steven Dwight SPECHT

2. Joan Lynne SPECHT

3. Larry Mark SPECHT

B. Ethel Emily GRUSCHOW m. 31 Jul 1937, in Saint Mark's Lutheran Church, Rush NY, Lester S. MACOMBER

1. Beverly Helen MACOMBER

2. Sharon Ann MACOMBER

3. Jane Ethel MACOMBER

C. Clarence Albert GRUSCHOW m. 29 Nov 1934, in Saint Mark's Evangelical Lutheran NY, Majorie PINKERTON, b. 1913, d. 22 Aug 1960, buried: 25 Aug 1960, Pine Hill Cemetery Henrietta, New York.

1. Donald Clarence GRUSCHOW

D. Albert Charles GRUSCHOW m. 5 Oct 1940, in Saint Mark's Lutheran Church, Rush NY, Evelyn Gertrude TEMPLETON

1. Cheryl Jean GRUSCHOW b. Livingston County, New York.

2. William Alexander GRUSCHOW

E. Carl Frederick GRUSCHOW b. 20 May 1915, m. Charlotte DAVIS, (daughter of Jerome F. DAVIS and Bertha J. Place). Carl died 18 Feb 1988.

1. Douglas Carl GRUSCHOW

F. Harold William GRUSCHOW

**G. Charles William GRUSCHOW, Junior m. Shirley FAUGH.**

1. Michael Charles GRUSCHOW
2. David Grushow

XI Frances DELL b. 9 Jul 1890, Rush, New York, m. (1) 26 Nov 1913, in Saint Mark's Lutheran Church, Rush NY, Elizabeth KEEHN, b. 20 Dec 1890, (daughter of Johann KEEHN and Ernestine STENZEL) d. 13 Aug 1954, Telephone Rd., North Rush, New York, buried: 16 Aug 1954, Pine Hill Cemetery, Rush, New York, m. (2) Martha E. (Dell), b. 23 Jul 1892, d. 30 Jun 1975, Scottsville, New York, buried: Pittsford Cemetery, Pittsford, NY. Frances died 19 Sep 1969, Rush, New York, buried: Pine Hill Cemetery Henrietta, New York.

A. Eleanor Rose DELL m. 12 Aug 1939, in Saint Mark's Lutheran Church, Rush NY, Edward George LAGING

1. Richard LAGING
2. Suzanne LAGING m. Peter BARRES.

B. Oscar Francis DELL b. 21 Apr 1924 Rush/Henrietta, New York, m. 21 Jun 1947, in Saint Mark's Lutheran Church, Rush NY, Carrie Elizabeth FINLEY, Oscar died 7 Jan 1988, buried: Honeoye Falls.

1. Karen DELL
2. Robert Francis DELL m. Darlyene (Dell).
  - a. Robert Matthew DELL
  - b. James Robert DELL

**The Schmidt (Smith)/Klasen/Guinegaw/Bushman Family****I. Johann Schmidt**

A. John Schmidt m. Emma Holst

1. Hilda Schmidt
2. Clara Schmidt

B. Louise Schmidt m. Charles Klasen

1. Erma Klasen m. Harold Bauchle

a. Allen Bauchle m. Nancy Padget

- i. Tammy Bauchle m. Kevin Levinson
- ii. Nancianne Bauchle m. Scott Ziccarelli
  - a. Andrew Ziccarelli
  - b. Heather Ziccarelli
- iii. Allen Bauchle, Jr.
- iv. David Bauchle
- v. Kenneth Bauchle

C. Sophie Schmidt m. John Guinegaw

1. Minnie Guinegaw
3. Raymond Guinegaw
4. Kenneth Guinegaw

D. William L. Smith m. Martha Wallman

1. Laura Smith m. Irving Yost
2. Ina Smith m. Leland Bushman
  - a. Arthur Bushman
  - b. Ellen Bushman m. Ed Mikolon
  - c. Robert Bushman m. Jeanne
    - i. Nancy Bushman m. Jay Connerton
  - d. Sylvia Bushman m. W. Wray Lees
    - i. Linda Lees m. Craig Gummerson
      - a. Sean Gummerson
  - e. Lauralie Bushman m. James Goff



- i. Kevin Goff
- ii. Ken Goff
- iii. Karen Goff
- iv. Keith Goff

#### The Selpien/Shockow/Bauchle Family

- I. Johann Selpien, born 1824, Mecklenburg Germany. Married Christine Dorothea Schmolter, born 1828, Mecklenburg, Germany.
  - A. Frederick Selpien born 4/20/1850 in Mecklenburg, Germany. Died 3/7/1919 in West Henrietta. Married Johannah Dinse 12/19/1878 in Rochester. She was born 4/9/1860 in Berlin, Germany, daughter of Daniel Dinse who was born in Berlin 1834. She died 12/19/1907 in West Henrietta.
    - 1. Caroline Lucy Minnie Selpien born 10/7/1882 in West Henrietta, died 7/30/1962. Married Adam T. Bauchle 3/11/1903
      - a. Mildred Bauchle m. Merton Mantel
      - b. Harold Bauchle m. Erma Klasen
        - i. Allen Bauchle m. Nancy Padget
          - a. Tammy Bauchle m. Kevin Levinson
          - b. Nancianne Bauchle m. Scott Zicarelli
            - 1. Andrew Zicarelli
            - 2. Heather Zicarelli
          - c. Allen Bauchle, Jr.
          - d. David Bauchle
          - e. Kenneth Bauchle
  - 2. Rose Mary Selpien born 10/12/1887 West Henrietta, died 10/18/1918 West Henrietta, married Andreas Wadt 10/20/1910 West Henrietta
  - 3. Maria Johanna Selpien born 4/13/1884 West Henrietta, died 3/25/1973, married George Rogers 6/20/1911

- 4. Wilhemena Charlotte (Minnie) Selpien born 6/6/1879 West Henrietta, died 11/6/1965, married Rudolph Shockow 3/22/1898
  - a. William Shockow m. Harriet Berger
  - b. Lester Shockow m. Hazel Hurlburt
    - i. Judy Shockow m. Gary Mastrella
      - a. Phillip Mastrella
      - b. Nicholas Mastrella
- 5. Franz (Frank) Selpien born 8/12/1890 West Henrietta, died 9/25/1918
- 6. Wilhelm (William) Selpien born 9/23/1880 West Henrietta, died 6/6/1899