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St. Paul's Evan. Church

Gorton Street
Rochester, N.Y.

From 1-1-'32 to 1-1-'41
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Church Historian

Life's Purpose :

There is no doubt that we are here ;
To do the work God wishes done ;
For some wise purpose, have no fear,
God put life's breath in every one.
We are not born haphazardly
To drift like chips upon the sea,
It matters not what task is mine,
Nor what the work you're called to do—
Behind it is the will divine
That governs things for me and you.
Each of us now is at his post
Exactly where he's needed most.
He who is delving in the ditch —
As much God's soldier is as he
Who passes by, immensely rich,
And gives large sums to charity.
The humble and the great are just —
Fulfilling God's especial trust.
And so, contented with our work,
Along life's road we ought to plod,
Fulfilling God's especial trust.
Our sin is in deserting God. •
We ought not willingly to rest
Until we're sure we've done our best.
—Detroit Free Press.

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New York District ROCHESTER, N. Y.

1932

The week of Sept. 25-Oct. 2 was a week of celebration for St. Paul's Church, Rochester, N. Y., for it marked the 70th anniversary of the congregation. At the morning service the pastor preached on 1 Sam. 7: 12, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." The evening service was designated "Evangelical Night," with the Evangelical pastors of the city participating: Revs. Carl Haus, Trinity; Bernard Tepas, Christ; F. H. Wilkens, associate secretary of the Federation of Churches; Theo. L. Trost, librarian at Colgate-Rochester Divinity School; Fred. Frankenfeld, Salem, preaching the sermon on "The Adventurous Church." The senior pastor of the Evangelical Ministers' Circle, the Rev. Adolph Baltzer, gave an interesting sketch of the history of the Evangelical churches in Rochester, the oldest—Trinity—celebrating its 90th anniversary this year.

Tuesday night was "Old-timers' Night." Many of the old members, coming from the many different churches they had joined since leaving the mother church, were recruited to present the program. Dressed in costumes of years ago, living pictures

were presented commemorating events of the long ago. A short playlet portrayed a committee meeting in the home of one of the old-timers reviewing for the audience some of the problems and joys of the church leaders in the old church. Scenes of the old parochial school once held in old St. Paul's were reviewed with original pupils reenacting some of the pranks played by them 30 and 40 years ago. An art gallery containing pictures gleaned from dusty old family albums brought forth many a laugh and reminiscence. This most successful venture was under the direction of Miss Ida Pagels, whose father had been one of the pillars of the church for 50 years.

Wednesday, as "Neighborhood Night," brought into the church the pastors of neighboring churches, who with their people brought the good wishes of the community. Those present were Revs. John Dennis, Protestant Episcopal; Paul Schmieder, Lutheran; Wilmer Zuehlke, Lutheran; Harry Greensmith, Baptist; Karl Thiem, Methodist. The favorite hymns of each visiting minister were sung, and it appeared that hymns were a common tie between all branches of the Christian church.

On Friday night 250 members of the church gathered for an anniversary banquet, at which the Rev. and Mrs. Herman Koenig, Barrington, Ill., former pastor of St. Paul's, and Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Koenig, missionaries en route to India, were guests of honor.

The culmination of the week's celebration came on Rally Sunday, October 2. An enlarged anniversary chorus presented special music, and Rev. H. E. Koenig, spoke on "Thy Kingdom Come." In the evening a confirmation reunion was held. Mrs. E. Franz, a member of the first confirmation class of St. Paul's (1862) was present, though at present she is a member of Salem Church. The oldest living confirmed member of St. Paul's, Mrs. Barbara Krautwurst (1868), was also guest of honor. A choir of old-timers, many of whom had not sung together for 20 years, had been gathered by Henry Betz, choirmaster and organist at St. Paul's for 31 years. They presented the special music of the evening. Greetings were read from former pastors of the church: Professor Wm. Baur, Eden Seminary; Rev. F. D. Oberkircher, Erie, Pa., and Rev. R. Stave, Bayonne, N. J.

Numerous birthday gifts from individuals and organizations were announced at the anniversary service. Among these was a set of memorial organ chimes; perpetual membership endowments for two deceased members, given by their children; an altar cross and candlesticks from the Brotherhood (all three pieces having been designed and cast by two members of the Brotherhood); a Christian flag and flag-pole, collection plates, and cash gifts totalling \$1,100 toward the reduction of the church debt.

May St. Paul's continue to grow toward its motto "A shrine of devotion, of spiritual inspiration, and of practical service in the Kingdom."
E. H. H.

Confirmation Theme Topic of Testimonies

Members of former Confirmation classes of St. Paul Evangelical and Reformed Church tonight will be heard in a series of testimonies on "What Confirmation Means to Me." It will be a reconsecration service for members of the congregation.

Private Don Vogel, now with the armed forces, will offer his testimony in the form of a letter. Those who will speak are Frederick Reuschle, Albert Meill, Herbert Krass, William C. Walch, Lucille Reuschle and Alfred Leutung. The Old Timers Choir will sing under the direction of Lawrence Fink.

1943

St. Paul's Burns Mortgage Jan. 1942

Debt-free for the first time since 1895, St. Paul Evangelical and Reformed will celebrate the occasion with appropriate "burning of the mortgage" ceremonies at the morning service tomorrow.

Debt-Fund Treasurer Henry Hieb will turn over to the pastor, the Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer, and John Barels, president, the mortgage which has rested upon the church since its construction in 1923.

The congregation, which will celebrate its 80th anniversary this year, recently completed successfully a three-month campaign to rid itself of all debts. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Merritt aided the cause with a gift of \$1,000.

Saint Paul's ^{Apr. 1941} Dedicates Gifts

Easter gifts will be dedicated at the Lily Memorial service tomorrow at 7 a. m. at Saint Paul Evangelical.

The Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer will acknowledge receipt of 25 new chairs, hangings for the organ grill, palm gardenieres, altar hymnal and book of worship, and choir music folders.

Perpetual memberships will honor Herman Pommerening and Mrs. Fred Vollmer.

City Pastor Visited Niemoeller in Germany, Heard Him Predict Persecution by Nazis

Feb. 4, 1938

Nazi persecution of Martin Niemoeller, German religious leader now on trial for his life, means more than just another headline to the Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer, pastor of St. Paul Evangelical Church.

For the Rochester minister knows Pastor Niemoeller, has visited his home, has heard him preach, even heard him predict two years ago that the Nazis would silence him.

Niemoeller is not a radical," comments the Rev. Mr. Hoefer, "but he is determined for the state to go its own way without controlling the church. His quarrel started when the state interfered with church elections."

"The Nazis insisted on the election as bishop of a man whose only qualification the church could find was that he had once hidden Hitler under his bed," recounts the minister.

The Rev. Mr. Hoefer visited Germany during his sabbatical leave in the summer of 1936, and spent some time talking with Dr. Niemoeller, who at that time was pastor of the Jesus Christus Church in Berlin and spokesman for 7,000 members of the German Evangelical Church.

"There are about 17,000 ministers in Germany," explains the Rochester man. "Perhaps 1,000 of them are Nazi supporters, 8,000 those who are willing to compromise, and the others are those led by Niemoeller."

"Tragically enough, the great



REV. ELMER H. HOEFER

The Rev. Mr. Hoefer reads a letter from Martin Niemoeller, now on trial for his life in Germany.

mass of people are indifferent to the issues at stake between the church and the state. They admire the leader for his courage, but they consider his struggle just a preachers' squabble."

Niemoeller was a submarine commander during the World War and has always supported the Nazi government except in its attempts to dominate the church. His accusers have nothing against him, except so-called non cooperation and misuse of the pulpit."

"Dr. Niemoeller received an honorary doctor of divinity degree from Eden Theological Seminary, St. Louis, Mo., early in 1936. He told me that he believed this recognition by an American theological school had prevented an earlier silencing."

In a letter to Mr. and Mrs. Hoefer recently, Mrs. Niemoeller spoke of her husband's forthcoming ordeal. Arrested in July, the German minister is fighting for an open trial, convinced that "God is still general in the battle for righteousness."

Dr. Niemoeller doesn't want to be a martyr, his American supporter declares. He is a humble little man with indomitable courage, a "second Martin Luther."

"To prophesy is hard, but I think he will be kept quietly in prison instead of being killed. The state can't afford to show weakness, yet it must not make him a martyr."

Pastor Marks 10th Year

The Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer, pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church, will mark his 10th anniversary of service with the church tomorrow.

Repeating the same theme he used 10 years ago when he first took up his duties at the church, Reverend Hoefer will speak on "The Motto at Our Masthead."

In the last decade, the church has reduced its indebtedness from \$50,000 to \$5,000. March 1939

CONFIRMANDS HONORED

Places in the center pews of St. Paul Evangelical and Reformed Church tomorrow evening will be occupied by confirmands and members who have been received during the ten years of the pastorate of the Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer. The Old Timers' Club will honor the memory of its first patriarch, William Krase. The memorial address will be given by Albert Meili Sr. April 1939



Nov. 1938

LONG AFTER THE DISHES WERE REMOVED—
and the meeting adjourned, Rev. Hugh Chamberlin Burr exec. secretary of Federation of Churches, and Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer carried on their debate.

The World's Fair of Missions conducted in Salem Church, Rochester, N. Y., by the Council of Church Women and the Missions Department of the Federation of Churches recently, has not only resulted in revitalized missionary interest, but in the definite undertaking of certain missionary projects. Pastor Elmer Hoefer reports that as a result of the display booth of the American Mission to Lepers, and the sermon by its representative in St. Paul's Church on a Sunday morning, 30 Pig-Banks were placed among members of the congregation, the contents of which will be regularly sent for Leper work in our Indian station in Chandkuri. Six suitcases were filled and sent to the children of Spain in cooperation with the Committee on World Friendship among children. In addition, an appeal for support of Refugee work among the needy of Germany, Spain, and China resulted in the giving of more than \$50.

• • • *March 1938*

After serving as organist and choir-master in St. Paul's Church, Rochester, N. Y., for 38 years, Mr. Henry Betz has recently tendered his resignation, made necessary by ill health. Few organists will be able to surpass this record. Parenthetically, it may be added that throughout this long period of service, the choir has been one of the most cooperative departments in the Church's life, thus proving a myth the assertion that choirs are usually the "war department" of the local congregation.

Rev. Paul E. Zeller

At the age of 74, Rev. Paul E. Zeller, for 50 years a servant of the Living God, passed on to the larger life in the dawning hours of Tuesday, Apr. 19, in Auburn City Hospital, to which he was removed late in the afternoon of Apr. 18. Since the summer of 1936, upon retirement from the active ministry, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Zeller resided in Auburn, N. Y. Whenever occasion called for assistance, he willingly served the congregation in Auburn. Only last September joyful services were held there and in St. Paul's Church, Rochester, commemorating the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the ministry of the Evangelical Synod.

Paul E. Zeller was born April 3, 1864, at Belden, Ind., the son of Rev. and Mrs. Albert Zeller; his father was for 24 years secretary of the Evangelical Synod. In due time he entered Elmhurst College, and after graduating from Eden Theological Seminary was ordained to the ministry on Sept. 25, 1887, in St. Paul's Church, Rochester, N. Y., where his father was pastor at the time. Two years later he was married to Miss Maria Preuss of Auburn, who, through his years of loving service, ever strengthened and encouraged him in his ministry which embraced congregations in Millvale and Scranton, Pa.; Trenton, N. J., and Dansville, Lockport, Buffalo, and Troy, N. Y. He was a devoted father to his loving

family, surviving members of which include his widow; three daughters, Miss Cornelia, Mrs. Herbert Dohring, and Mrs. Ilbert Lacey; one son P. J. Alwin Zeller; two grandchildren, Louise and Gretchen Dohring; one sister, Mrs. John Webster, and one brother, Dr. Albert Zeller.

Services were held on Thursday, Apr. 21, from the home on East Genesee St., with Revs. Paul Briesemeister and Ralph A. Philbrook officiating. Honorary pallbearers included Revs. Wm. Bauer, Rudolf Vieweg, Eugene T. Henzel, Oscar A. Egli, Carl Haass, Elmer H. Hoefer, H. P. Vieth and E. A. Lautenschlaeger. Interment was made in Fort Hill Cemetery, Auburn. 1938 —R. A. P.

Installations

Rev. Oscar C. Nussmann, as assistant pastor of Salem Church, Rochester, N. Y., on Feb. 6, 1938, by the Rev. Paul M. Schroeder.

X Rev. Wm. R. Walch, as pastor of the Lewisville, Ohio, Parish, on Jan. 16, 1938, by the Rev. Gerhard Sennewald.

On Mar. 5 St. Paul's Church, Rochester, N. Y., marked the 10th anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer. The Church roll now has 461 new names which have been added since 1929; the debt has been reduced from \$50,000 to \$5,000; a perpetual membership fund has grown to \$2,000; \$6,000 was spent for improvements; a new parsonage was purchased and apportionments were paid in full. At the anniversary reception on Mar. 10 organizations of the Church presented their pastor with a chair for his study and an electric shaver. The life of Christ, through poetry, music and art, has been the feature of mid-week Lenten services with reproductions of famous paintings procured from the Department of Visual Instruction, Philadelphia. 1939

Thankful in Adversity

By ELMER H. HOEFER

No preacher of my acquaintance has ever had much good to say in a sermon for that megalomaniac, the self-righteous Pharisee, in the parable of Jesus, who thanked God that he was not as other men. Yet, considered from one angle, this man indicates the source from which most of our thanksgiving springs, namely the comparison of our lot in life with that of someone else. Many times I have been thankful for the Thanksgiving dinner that weighed down a table on Thanksgiving Day, but never more so than once, when after returning from visiting a man afflicted with stomach ulcers, I thanked God for appetite, and ability to eat. Old John Jacob Astor had his millions, but the poor man seated before his humble fare was much more fortunate than the multimillionaire, who in the last months of his life had lost his ability to eat.

The tragedy of Thanksgiving is the same as that which has prostituted most of our holidays and holy days. In an orgy of feasting we forget the original meaning and intent of the day. The Christian who would observe Thanksgiving aright does well to rethink the origin and purpose of every special day, and dedicate himself to a proper celebration of it.

I am writing in the week prior to the Reformation Festival. Before me lies a letter from a student comrade, who was in the University of Tuebingen with me. Until a year ago he was intimately associated with Pastor Martin Niemöller, and was a pastor in the Confessional Church. For taking a collection from his own Church members without proper license, he served a jail sentence. When Niemöller was released after his trial, only to become the Fuehrer's personal prisoner in a concentration camp with an indefinite sentence and no recourse to law, my friend fled to England. He is dependent

upon friends residing there for his food and shelter. He is a man without a country, a pastor debarred from the Church, a brilliant preacher denied the privilege of proclaiming the Word of God. Four hundred years after Martin Luther liberated the Church and the Word in his fatherland from tyranny, his spiritual descendants, in large number, are victims of another tyranny. Niemöller is being broken down in body, mind, and spirit. Once a month he may see his wife. Paper and pencil are withheld from him. He lives like a criminal in solitary confinement. Yet he has courage to quote 2 Cor. 4: 16: "Wherefore we faint not; but though our outward man is decaying, yet our inward man is renewed day by day."

As Christians, let us be thankful for the freedom to preach the Gospel, and the freedom to worship. Our Churches are still open. Are we showing a worthiness that our sacred heritage be retained for us? No nobler way to observe Thanksgiving is given the Christian, than that he show his gratitude for the Church of Christ by attending worship services regularly, supporting the Church in all its activities with his time and substance, in order that she may be courageous and strong in an evil day. Nov. 1938

Pastor Installs Society Officers

Officers of the Altar Society of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church, Norton and Jewell Sts., have been installed by the pastor, the Rev. E. H. Hoefler, whose talk was on "The Significance of the World Christian Conference." The new officers are:

President, Mrs. F. Pfeil; vice-president, Mrs. William Stoeck; recording secretary, Mrs. F. Vogel; treasurer, Mrs. F. Stoll; financial secretary, Mrs. J. Eckert; representative to Council of Church Women, Mrs. Pfeil; alternate, Mrs. Sophie Lemon. Departmental chairmen are: General education, Mrs. E. H. Hoefler; devotional life, Mrs. A. Groth; missionary life, Mrs. R. Lutz; Christian stewardship, Mrs. William Stoeck; social welfare, Mrs. J. Bareis; Christian citizenship, Mrs. Rose Halsey; Guild No. 1, Mrs. H. Groth; Guild No. 2, Mrs. A. Rouschle; Ruth Guild, Mrs. A. Groth.

The Altar Society meeting will be at 2 p. m. next Thursday, with roll call, the devotional part to be under direction of the Missionary Life department, with Mrs. R. Lutz, leader. Departmental chairmen will meet with their groups at 1:30 p. m. Jan. 1939

march 1939

Final Rites Planned for Dr. Finch

Funeral services will be held at 609 Clinton Ave. N. at 2 p. m. Saturday for Dr. Howard M. Finch, 49, who died yesterday at his home, 264 Ave. C, after a month's illness.

Dr. Finch would have been 50 on Mar. 23. He had been a practicing dentist here for nearly 25 years.

Burial at Riverside

The Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer will officiate at last rites. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery.

Dr. Finch was active in Rochester Masonic and Odd Fellows' circles. He was a life member of Teoronto Lodge and Mt. Hope Encampment, IOOF, a life member of Valley Lodge, F&AM, and a member of Rochester Consistory, Hamilton Chapter, RAM, Monroe Commandery, Damascus Temple of the Shrine, the Knights of Calvin, the Brotherhood of St. Paul's Evangelical Church, and the Rochester Dental Society and the Seventh District Dental Society.

Native of Connecticut

Dr. Finch was born in Southington, Conn. He studied for dentistry at the University of Maryland.

He was a member of the 17th Ward Republican Committee.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Florence E. Finch; a son, Morton W. Finch; three brothers, Charles E., Caleb F. and George N. Finch, and a sister, Mrs. Marshall Shapleigh.

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St. Paul's Church, Rochester, N. Y., Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer, pastor, dedicated two new chancel windows as Christmas gifts on Dec. 24. One, representing the baptism of Jesus, is dedicated to the memory of Mrs. Emma Pfitsch; the other, showing Christ instituting the Lord's Supper, to the memory of Mrs. Catherine Smith. The families of these departed loved ones made these fine additions possible. The Brotherhood was host to the men's organizations of neighboring Protestant Churches at the January meeting. The address was given by Rev. Herman Hahn of Buffalo, who interpreted the investigations of the Dies Committee in Congress. An interesting discussion, good fellowship and games followed. Rudolph Kolb, as president of the Brotherhood, turned the gavel over to John Bareis, president-elect.

Rev. F. H. Willkens, pastor of St. Peter's Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., was recently honored by the University of Pittsburgh when he was awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. Dr. Willkens is a member of the faculty of the university in the Department of Education, and has been pastor of St. Peter's for five years, during which time he has been intensely active in civic work in his community and won the esteem of various civic leaders. He is in charge of the fall membership campaign for the North Side Y. M. C. A., and is active in other community activities.

** * Oct. 1939*

Claimed by Death

HENRY BETZ

Henry Betz Burial Rites Tomorrow

Last rites will be held at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow at 301 Alexander for Henry Betz, 56, city engineering office draftsman for 34 years, who died yesterday at his home, 381 Rosewood Ter. Burial will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Mr. Betz was organist at St. Paul's Evangelical Church for 35 years. He was born in Germany, Apr. 25, 1883 and came to Rochester as a child. He was graduated from Wagner College here before it was moved to Staten Island.

Surviving are a daughter, Ruth Betz; five brothers, the Rev. Carl F. W. Betz, William A. Betz, of Rochester, Dr. G. A. Betz, and Prof. Frederick Betz of New York, and Dr. H. Betz of Columbia, Mo., and a sister, Miss Martha Betz of Rochester.

Dec. 27/39

Old Timers Stage Frolic

Old Timers Club of St. Paul's Evangelical Church will revive old songs and skits at its fall frolic tomorrow night at the church.

William Walch is directing party details, assisted by Mrs. Clarence Brown, entertainment chairman. Films will be shown by Albert Meile and William Lohler.

Frederick Reuschle will give recitations and Mrs. Reuschle heads a corps of hostesses in charge of refreshments. Working with her will be Mrs. William Krase, Miss Christine Danzer, Mrs. Edward Weismiller and Mrs. George Hoffman.

The Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Hoefer head the reception committee.

PASTORS LAUD SEIZED CLERIC

"Uncompromising Christian."
"Courageous example." "Creator
and champion of freedom."

This praise was showered on the Rev. Martin Niemoeller yesterday in Rochester churches where clergymen joined with Christians throughout the nation to mark the German pastor's completion of a full year of confinement in a Reich concentration camp.

"Niemoeller as a captive has judged and sentenced the totalitarian states," the Rev. Max A. Kapp, pastor of First Universalist Church declared. "His spirit foretold the ultimate destruction of state worship. Niemoeller represents a force far greater than any dictator ever commands. Men of courage will never forget him. His is a human spirit in solemn protest against that which is inimical to highest humanity.

"He is suffering for all and sets forth a living example of the spirit of love which suffers redemptively. His refusal to surrender shakes the power of the tyrants to the core."

Telling of his visit at Niemoeller's home three years ago, the Rev. E. H. Hoefer, who marked his 10th anniversary as pastor of St. Paul Evangelical and Reformed Church, said he has discontinued correspondence with the German minister and his family because they are suspected of "conspiracy with foreign countries" when any foreign mail arrives.

"Ten years ago there was little religious persecution. Today it often requires courage to assert faith in the gospel of Christ," he said. "Not only in Germany, but in Mexico, Spain and Russia there are many who cannot minister publicly."

The magnificent courage and bravery of the church in these times is exemplified by Niemoeller, the Rev. Weldon F. Crossland declared at Asbury-First Methodist Church. He fires men's courage and is a creator and champion of freedom, the Rev. Mr. Crossland said.

The incarceration of Pastor Niemoeller was cited as proof that Christians do not have a free pulpit today by the Rev. Frederick E. Reissig at Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

March 1939

Federation Sponsors.

Vesper Service *Aug 29*

Sunday evening vesper service sponsored by the summer program committee of the Federation of Churches, will be held in front of the Friendship Altar at St. Paul Evangelical and Reformed Church, Norton and Jewel, tomorrow at 7 p. m.

The Rev. Robert Horton, pastor of Trinity Methodist Church, will speak on "Stop, Look and Listen." The Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer of St. Paul's Church will preside. The Rev. Walter Krumwiede, pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, is chairman of arrangements.

Jan. 1939

Preparing for Youth Federation Conference

EDNA BOULTER WESLEY PLING RUTH MEILI



EARL FROST MARIA DURKIN EDITH MOSHER

Success of the Evangelical and Reformed Youth Federation Conference Jan. 29 will depend in a large measure on this committee, in charge of arrangements. The conference will be held at St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church, Norton and Jewel streets, at 2:15 p. m.

Odd Fellows and Rebekahs To Hold Memorial Service

Annual memorial services in honor of members of the Odd Fellows or Rebekah lodges of Monroe County who have passed away in the year just ended will be conducted this evening at 7:30 in St. Paul Evangelical and Reformed Church, Norton at Jewel St., the Rev. Elmer H. Hofer, pastor.

In addition to the pastor, others participating in the ceremonies will be Noble Grand Rhoda Frear, Chaplain Florence Burns and Necrologist Ralph E. Blose. Harry Strong is marshal, with Ray C. Doersam as assistant marshal. All marshals of the lodges will be under their command. A contingent from Canton J. W. Stebbins and Canton Rochester, under command of Capt. Edward T. Howden, will act as escort.

at 7:15 to attend the annual memorial service of the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs in St. Paul Evangelical and Reformed Church, Norton and Jewel Sts.

ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED

Lily Memorial Service, 7 a. m.
 Prelude, "Sonata" Bach
 Mervin Snider, Organist
 Hymn, "Welcome Happy Morning" Calkins
 Anthem, "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" Alan Burt, Director
 Consecration of Memorial Lilies Christiansen
 Dedication of new choir robes
 Hymn, "The Day of Resurrection" Webb
 10:30 a. m.
 Prelude, "Sinfonia" from the "Easter Cantata" Bach
 Processional, "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" Davidica
 Anthem, "As it Began to Dawn" Stults
 Offertory, "Christ Lay in Todesbanden"
 Sermon Hymn, "E'er yet the Dawn Had Filled the Skies .. Neerman
 Solo, "Stranger of Gallilee" Miss Norma Westfall

Apr. 1939

Church Lists ¹⁹³⁹ Party of 90's

An old fashioned party, featuring the type of entertainment common in church and fraternal groups in the late 90's, will be held tonight in St. Paul Evangelical and Reformed Church.

The Choir and the Senior League of the church will sponsor the entertainment to raise funds for new gowns.

Allan Burth and Mervin Snider are in charge of the entertainment. Miss Elizabeth Kelly is the author of a take-off on Snow-White and the Seven Dwarfs which will be dramatized. Miss Ruth Stoll, president of the League, is in charge of the food service and Miss Adele Kummer will preside over a huge valentine from which valentines will be drawn by the guests.

Final Forum Talk Slated ⁶⁻⁴⁻³⁹

A final forum talk for the Symposium of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church will be held tomorrow afternoon in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Wagenhals, Bay View Road.

Miss Lucille Reuschle, group president, will summarize the year's activities and outline plans for the coming term.

The Brotherhood of St. Paul will motor to Sodus Bay Saturday, June 10, where the annual June outing will be held at the cottage of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Loebs, Leroy Island. The executive committee under Rudolph Kolb, president, will plan the afternoon's entertainment.

PASTOR TO ADDRESS KIWANIS

The Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer, pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical Reformed Church, will speak on "The High Meaning of Lowliness" at the weekly meeting of the Kiwanis Club in Hotel Seneca Wednesday noon. ^{Apr. 1939}

Centennial ¹⁹⁴⁰ Council Formed

Rochester's Evangelical and Reformed churches have elected a United Church Council to aid in the centennial celebration of the Evangelical Synod and the 215th anniversary of the Reformed Church in the U. S., Sunday, Oct. 13, at Salem.

The following were inducted to the council at a recent meeting at Salem Church: President, Rudolph Kolb, of St. Paul's; vicepresident, William Lusink, of Dewey; second vicepresident, James Gernon, of Christ Church; third vicepresident, Clarence Stady, of Emmanuel; secretary, Oscar Dicke, of Trinity; treasurer, Fred Baetzel of Salem.

The Rev. H. H. Lohans of St. Peter's Church, Buffalo, will preach the sermon.

Altar Group Serves Supper Wednesday

Altar Society of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church will serve a spring supper Wednesday from 5 to 7 p. m. in the church hall, Norton and Jewel.

Following the dinner, movies of the New York World's Fair will be shown. Mrs. Fred Pfeil is chairman.

1940

Old Timers

Celebrate Feb. 2/40

Paradoxical is the anniversary celebration of the Old Timers Club tomorrow night in St. Paul's Evangelical Church hall, for the organization itself is only seven years old.

Dinner at 6:30 p. m. will get the party off to a good start under direction of Mrs. Clarence Brown and her cochairman, Mrs. Frederick Reuschle.

Working with them are the Misses Christine Danzer, Lucille and Carolyn Reuschle, Ruth Stoll, Bertha and Ruth Neill, Mrs. William Krase, Mrs. Edward Welsmiller and Mrs. George Hoffman.

Entertainment is in charge of Clarence Brown, Frederick Reuschle, William Walch and Miss Ida Pagels.

Synod Announces Ministry Fund^{Oct.} 1940

News of a new loan fund for young men preparing for the ministry of the Evangelical and Reformed Church in the West New York Synod was being spread throughout every parish in the synod today.

Fall inspirational meeting of the group closed Tuesday in Salem Church with the announcement by the Rev. Carl G. Haass, Trinity Church pastor and synod leader, that the financial assistance fund will go into operation Feb. 1. In his final talk, the Rev. Mr. Haass reminded the ministers that a recent survey revealed that in cities with over 50,000 population, only 30 per cent of the church membership attends services, while in the country the percentage is 71.

Collegians 3-3-40 Present Play

"St. Claudia," a religious drama depicting the tragic events surrounding the trial of Christ, will be presented by students of Heidelberg College, Tiffin, Ohio, tomorrow at 7:45 p. m. at St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church, Norton at Jewel.

The play is sponsored jointly by all Evangelical and Reformed churches in Rochester.

Included in the cast are two Rochester students: Robert Shaw, who plays the part of Pilate; Louis Ugino, who has the role of Simon Peter. Anthems will be sung by the Madison High School choir under the direction of J. Alfred Casad, a Heidelberg alumnus.

Oct. 1940. Evangelical Church Marks Anniversary

Marking anniversaries within the local and national church organization, parishioners of St. Paul's Evangelical Church gathered in the church hall last night for their annual fall banquet.

Coupled with the celebration of the 100th year of the Evangelical Synod and the 215th anniversary of the Reformed Church is the 78th anniversary of the founding of St. Paul's Church in Rochester.

Sponsoring the anniversary banquet were the church councilmen and their wives, who were hosts and hostesses at tables which were arranged according to the months in which the guests were born.

Chairman was John Baries, president of the council; ticket chairman, Ralph Boss. For the January table, Mr. and Mrs. John Bareis were host and hostess; February, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Weismiller; March, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Catlin; April, Mr. and Mrs. George Gardner; May, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Krase; June, Mr. and Mrs. William King; July, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Groth; August, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Brown; September, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Huck; October, Mr. and Mrs. William Robinson; November, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brown and December, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Eckert.

White Shrine Patrol served the dinner.

Program was provided by the guests representing the various months. Speaker was the Rev. Carl G. Haass, president of the West New York Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

St. Paul's Church, Rochester, N. Y., Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer, pastor, had a day of unusual rejoicing on Easter, when, through the generosity of two members, both confirmed in St. Paul's in the class of 1873, two memorial gifts were dedicated. A set of white altar hangings was given by Mrs. Andrew Bonnet in memory of her sister, Miss Martha Pfeiffer, a life-long member of the Church, and an amplifying system, by which organ and chimes are broadcast from the tower, was given by Mrs. Lena Kern in memory of her husband, Jacob Kern, and was dedicated as "The Jacob and Lena Kern Singing Tower." Included in the amplifying system is an attachment by which voices of children can be amplified so that they may be heard in the farthest corner of the spacious sanctuary. Within the radius of a mile, the community will hear organ and chimes in the period immediately preceding worship. Thus the large bell, cast in 1898 and dedicated during the pastorate of Prof. William Baur, will have able assistance in calling men to worship.

1940



St. Paul's Church, Rochester, N. Y., Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer, pastor, conducted vesper services on the Church lawn during July, which were dedicated to good will and cooperation. The first speaker was Oscar Stern, Czechoslovak refugee and one-time deacon in a Protestant Church of Prague, who told of the persecution of Hebrew Christians in the Reich. The Fellowship of Reconciliation, Rochester Chapter, conducted the second service at which Rev. Robert Horton of Trinity Methodist Church and George Kingsley, labor union leader, were the speakers. Rev. James Rose, a Negro pastor and president of Rochester Ministerial Association, spoke at the third service, emphasizing the need of putting Christian doctrines into practise if the Church is to survive. Rev. Frank Reynolds, newly elected pastor of Dewey Avenue Church, spoke on good will among the Churches, emphasizing the recent merger of our Church as an example of increasing unity among Protestants. All services were held before a "Friendship Altar," built by

Church members during the diamond jubilee year of St. Paul's, of stones gathered from many parts of the world. Equipment for amplification of sound, from the Kern Memorial Singing Tower recently given to St. Paul's, was used at all services.

1940

Anniversary of Ordination

Dr. William Baur observed the golden anniversary of his ordination into the Christian ministry at a special service on Aug. 21 at St. Peter's Church, Billings, Mo., Rev. K. Baur, pastor. Surrounded by a host of relatives and friends, words of appreciation and thanks were offered to God for His special benediction and guidance made manifest in the life of one who has devoted himself so unfalteringly in the service of the Christ. This service brought to a climax the festivities of the Baur family which had gathered in Billings for its second reunion in ten years. All of Dr. Baur's children, with the exception of the Rev. Wm. Baur and his family in India, were present. One son-in-law and eight grandchildren were unable to attend. All told there were 43 present. Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Koenig of India, with 4 of their 5 children; Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Koerner, Coryell City, Texas, with one of their two sons; Rev. and Mrs. H. E. Koenig, Chicago, with 3 of their 5 children; Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Kroehler of Lyman, Neb., and their 4 children; Mrs. Emil Helm, Blue Island, and her 4 children; Rev. and Mrs. Karl Baur, Billings, and their daughter; Rev. and Mrs. Martin Ernst of Somerville, Texas, and their 2 children; Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Baur, Clifton, Texas, and their son; Dr. and Mrs. Alfred Baur, Washington, D. C. Included also were Mrs. Marie Baur of Clayton, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Axthelm of Webster Groves, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Lumsden of Springfield, Mo.

The anniversary service was conducted by Rev. J. C. Koenig. Dr. Baur delivered the address, in which he again expressed his faith in the promises of God, who desires the prayers and confidence of His children in all the vicissitudes of life, basing his meditation on Psalm 103. Rev. H. E. Koenig responded with an appreciation of Dr. Baur's life as it reflected itself upon the family and his work. Rev.

Mr. Koerner added a like appreciation in the German language. The service was especially beautified by many vocal selections, group singing by the grandchildren; anthem and hymns rendered by the adults, and congregational singing; all proclaimed the praise and glory of God. Finally, the Rev. J. C. Koenig read the many letters and telegrams of congratulations by friends of Dr. Baur.

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits."
—H. B.

Our six Churches of Rochester, N. Y., united in a service on Sunday evening, Oct. 13, in Salem Church in observance of the 100th anniversary of the former Evangelical Synod of North America. The order of service was taken from the "Evangelische Agende," 1857, and followed closely the traditional order of divine services used in the Evangelical Church. The liturgy was conducted by members of the Rochester ministerium. The guest preacher was Rev. H. H. Lohans of Buffalo, whose theme was "Faith of Our Fathers." An anniversary chorus and children's choir from our local Churches enhanced the beauty of the service.



Walls, that once heard only the voice of a pastor exhorting his congregation, for the last 13 years have resounded to the impassioned oratory of labor leaders. The former St. Paul's United German Evangelical Church at 113 N. Fitzhugh St. is now Carpenters' Hall, headquarters of the Central Trades and Labor Council of the American Federation of Labor. Many bitter battles have been fought out there and many a good time enjoyed, for it also serves as a hall for the social activities of organized labor.

1940

30—Second Interview

QUESTION: Do you think the day will ever come when there will be no wars because men will reject armed conflict as a means of settling disputes and will refuse to fight even in the face of invasion?

INTERVIEWED: The Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer, pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church and former president of the Fellowship of Reconciliation.

Said the Rev. Mr. Hoefer:

There are two ways to obtain that end: The way of reason and the way of bitter experience. The way of reason is not effective for all of the people, but it is for some who now are taking the leadership in working for peace. It is possible to resist invasion by noncooperation and nonviolence as the Czechs did. They did not lose their young men, they did not lose their land. Temporarily, they have lost the privilege of governing. It is a matter of religious conviction to resist evil with good. The belief that that will work is not an economic philosophy, but a religious philosophy. When the day comes that men refuse to go to war, there will be no invasions.



**REV. ELMER
H. HOEFER**

3-10-44

St. Paul's *July* Arranges *1940* Lawn Vespers

St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed, Norton and Jewel, will conduct the second in a series of goodwill vespers tomorrow at 7 p. m. before the "friendship altar" on the lawn of the church.

The service will be sponsored by the Rochester Chapter of the Fellowship of Reconciliation.

The Rev. Robert Horton, pastor of Trinity Methodist, will preside.

George Kingsley will speak on "What War Means to Me." The Rev. Mr. Horton will discuss "The Christian Facing the Crisis." Jack Kerridge of the Friends Service Committee will talk on work among refugees. The Rev. William Long Dowler, pastor of the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, will lead the prayer.

The Fellowship of Reconciliation is a peace organization founded during the last war and includes in its membership such international figures as Muriel Lester of England, Philip Vernier of France, John Nevin Saylre and A. J. Muste of the United States.

Two Memorials To Be Dedicated

St. Paul Evangelical and Reformed Church will dedicate two memorials at Easter Sunday services tomorrow.

The gifts to be dedicated are altar hangings, donated by Mrs. Andrew Bonnett, in memory of her sister, Martha Pfeiffer; and a "singing tower," provided by Mrs. Lena Kern in memory of her husband, Jacob Kern.

1940

St. Paul's Marks 'Homecoming Day'

St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church will mark "Homecoming Day" tomorrow morning.

The Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer, pastor, will preach the first of five sermons tomorrow on the 78th anniversary of the founding of the church, and the centennial observance of the Evangelical Synod.

The choir, under direction of J. Alfred Casad, will sing special music.

1940

St. Paul's to Fete Newly Confirmed

Newly-confirmed members of St. Paul Evangelical and Reformed Church will be presented into the Fellowship of Confirmands at special services tomorrow night at the church.

The male chorus of the Rochester Seminary will sing a sacred concert under direction of Walter Marchand. The Rev. Walter Pugh of Lancaster, Pa., will show sound movies entitled "Our Master's Voice." The Old Timers' Club, under direction of William C. Walch, patriarch, will be in charge of the fellowship hour. 3-17-40

Will Dedicate Candelabra 1940

A pair of five-armed candelabra for use in the chancel of St. Paul Evangelical Reformed Church will be dedicated during Pentecost Communion tomorrow morning by the Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer, pastor. Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Hallings, the candelabra will be a memorial to their son Leonard, who lost his life several years ago in an automobile accident.

The Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer, minister of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church will preside at a meeting of the Fellowship of Reconciliation at Gannett House at 6:45 p. m. today. 11-11-40

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The united Church Councils of Rochester, N. Y., Evangelical and Reformed Churches, recently set up a Deaconess Parish Nursing Service, appointing Sister Christine Schwarz, former matron of St. John's Home for the Aged in that city, as visiting nurse. The executive committee is composed of the pastors and two representatives of each of the six Churches, under the direction of the following officers: President, the Rev. Paul M. Schroeder, D.D.; vice-president, John Bareis; secretary, Miss Mathilda Klump; treasurer, Mrs. Herman Stoick. The plan makes nursing service available to all Church members who require or desire it, either by the hour, or for a longer period of time. Sister Christine is a nurse with many years of practical experience, caring for the large family at St. John's Home for the Aged. It is hoped that this new venture in Christian service through the Churches will be blessed even as it hopes to be a blessing to those in need.

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In St. Paul's Church, Rochester, N. Y., Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer, pastor, Pentecost and the Festival of the Christian Home were marked in a combined service. A class of new members was received. Included in the group were former members of Baptist, Presbyterian, Methodist, and Congregational Churches. A pair of 5-armed candelabra, designed and made by Arthur Koch, a member of St. Paul's, were dedicated as a memorial to their son, Leonard, by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hallings.

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REV. WILLIAM BAUR ACCEPTS A CALL TO EDEN COLLEGE

1904

Pastor of St. Paul's German Evangelical Church Resigns to Fill Chair of Rhetoric and Church History at St. John's Institution.

Rev. William Baur, pastor of St. Paul's German Evangelical Church, on North Fitzhugh Street, has accepted a call to the chair of rhetoric and church history in Eden College, St. Louis. The announcement came as a great shock last Sunday to the congregation, which, during the years of his pastorate, has learned to greatly appreciate the young pastor. There were many tear-dimmed eyes in the church after the announcement and perhaps not the dryest were those of the retiring pastor.

Rev. William Baur was born in the town of Ludwigsburg, in the kingdom of Wurtemberg, Germany, in 1870. He studied in Germany until he attained the age of 15 years, when he removed to this country and went to Elmhurst College, at Elmhurst, Ill., where he prepared himself for his later studies in theology. At the age of 17 he graduated from Elmhurst and went to Eden College, that to which he is now accepting the call as a professor, and graduated from that institution three years later.

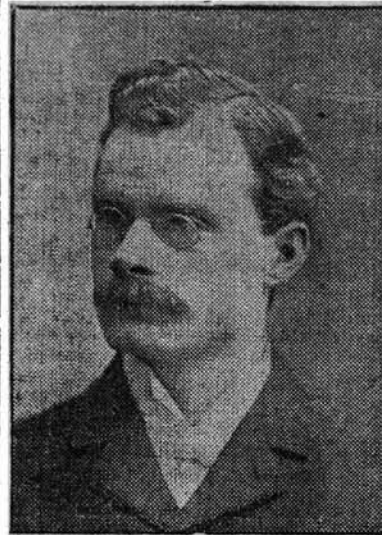
His First Work in Rochester

When he was less than 20 years of age Mr. Baur came to this city as assistant to Rev. Siebenfeiffer, then pastor of Salem Church on Franklin Street. He was ordained at the age of 21 and accepted a call, in 1902, to Waco, Texas. He was pastor of the Texas church for three years, during which time he met and married a young German lady, who was born in a town only half an hour's journey from his own birthplace.

Ten years ago the pastor was called to his present charge on North Fitzhugh Street, where he has served in such a way as to win the affection and admiration of his congregation. During his pastorate the church has prospered; the church debt has been paid off and many improvements made in the edifice; new stained glass windows were put in the front of the church re-

cently and others have been ordered.

"It was a difficult matter to decide," said Mr. Baur to a reporter this morning, and he seemed on the verge of tears. "I have come to love my people and my work here and I believe my congregation reciprocates the feeling."



REV. WILLIAM BAUR.

It is not that I love my people the less but that I feel that my duty calls me to the other work."

Rev. Mr. Baur expects to leave the city about Sept. 1 for his new field of endeavor.

St. Paul's Church was founded in 1862 and the congregation is composed of many of the best known and most representative German families in Rochester. Pastor Baur resides at 39 Lowell Street.

ACCEPTS PROFESSORSHIP

Rev. W. Baur, of St. Paul's Evangelical Church, Resigns Pastorate. 1904

Rev. William Baur, who has been pastor of the St. Paul's German United Evangelical Church, North Fitzhugh street, since 1895, has resigned, to become professor in Eden College, a theological seminary of his church in St. Louis. He received a call to this college in April. He is to teach rhetoric and church history.

Mr. Baur graduated from Eden College when he was 20 years old, after which he came to Rochester to be assistant pastor of Salem Church. A year later, after his ordination, he accepted a call to a church in Waco, Tex. He remained in Waco three years, and then came to the church from which he has just resigned.

Mr. Baur was born in Ludwigsburg, Wurtemberg, Germany, in 1870, and came to the United States when 15 years old.

NEW SUNDAY-SCHOOL BUILDING

Corner Stone of St. Paul's Evangelical Structure Laid.

The corner stone of the St. Paul's Evangelical Church Sunday-school building was laid yesterday afternoon with impressive ceremonies. The building is to be a two-story brick structure and will cost \$15,000. It will be thoroughly modern and will have approved ventilating and sanitary appliances. It will be ready for occupancy on December 1st. Mills Platt is the architect.

The building has been so arranged that when the church raises money for an organ the wall may be taken down and a choir loft will be ready for use in the second story of the Sunday-school. The building will contain a large room with a seating capacity of 500, a study for the pastor, Rev. H. F. W. Grotefend, a choir room, a church parlor, a dining room, a serving room and a kitchen. The rooms will be heated by a large double furnace, with a mechanical blower for forced draught.

At the corner stone laying eloquent addresses were made in German to a large and attentive audience, by the pastor, by Rev. J. F. W. Helmkamp, of the Salem Evangelical Church, and by Rev. Adolph Baltzer, of Trinity Evangelical Church.

An enthusiastic interest has been manifested by the congregation, which is now in a flourishing condition. The erection of the building is largely due to Joachim Pagels, president of the congregation of 150 families; Fred Keller, of the Building Committee; Rudolph Zanders, superintendent of the Sunday-school of 200 members; Miss Christine Danzer, supervisor of the Primary Department; William Offschlager, president of the Young People's Society of 130 members; Mrs. Emma Bornkessel, president of the Ladies' Aid Society of 130 members, and to the Christian Endeavor Society of twenty-three members.

REV. H. F. W. GROTEFEND RESIGNS

Pastor of St. Paul's Church Accepts Call to Trenton.

Rev. H. F. W. Grotefend, pastor of St. Paul's German Evangelical Church, North Fitzhugh street, has tendered his resignation to his congregation and will leave on Thursday of next week to accept a call from the St. Paul's German Evangelical Church of Trenton, N. J.

Several weeks ago Rev. Mr. Grotefend was invited to preach two sermons in Trenton, accepting the invitation and preaching there on November 6th. The call was immediately extended, and after consultation with members of his congregation Rev. Mr. Grotefend decided to accept.

For six years he has held the pastorate which he will leave Sunday, coming from St. Luke's German Church in Auburn. He has been uniformly successful in his work here and the church has grown materially in numbers and usefulness. His farewell sermon will be preached Sunday morning.

ACCEPTS ROCHESTER CALL

1911

Rev. F. S. Oberkircher Will Come to St. Paul's German Church.

Rev. F. S. Oberkircher, of Boston, N. Y., has accepted the call sent to him by the congregation of St. Paul's German Church in North Fitzhugh street and will be installed as pastor on April 30th. The Boston man was the unanimous choice of the congregation.

Since early in December St. Paul's Church has been without a pastor, the pulpit being filled by candidates and supply preachers from Buffalo and Elmira. At a meeting held February 6th it was decided to send a call to the Boston pastor, who had occupied the pulpit of St. Paul's three times, although not in the capacity of a candidate.

The new minister is a graduate of Eden College and Theological Seminary, of St. Louis, and comes well prepared to take up his work as pastor of the church, in which both the English and German languages are used. The impression which he made upon his new congregation during his sermons here was decidedly favorable and his choice meets with the approval of the entire body of church members.

Minister Will Deliver Farewell Sermon Here

Nov. 1928



REV. H. E. KOENIG

Rev. H. E. Koenig, who will leave Rochester next week to take up post graduate work in the University of Chicago Divinity School, will deliver his farewell sermon as minister of St. Paul's Evangelical Church tomorrow morning. "God, Our Help and Our Hope," is the title of his final sermon. While doing post graduate work, Rev. Mr. Koenig will serve the Evangelical church in Barrington, Ill., a suburb of Chicago. At St Paul's, he will be succeeded by Rev. Elmer Hoefler of Papineau, Ill.

CHURCH WILL MOVE; \$10,000 TO BE RAISED

St. Paul's Evangelical Plans Six-Day Campaign.

An Advisory Committee consisting of Louis Foulkes, Adam Friederich, H. B. Graves, Charles L. Pierce and Dr. Z. F. Westervelt will act in conjunction with over one hundred workers from St. Paul's Church to forward a money-raising campaign.

St. Paul's Evangelical Church, situated for fifty-five years at No. 119 North Fitzhugh street, has by unanimous vote of the congregation decided to leave this downtown location and go to Norton and Jewell streets, just off St. Paul street. For a year and three months St. Paul's has had a chapel in the vicinity of Norton and Jewel streets, and has given this field a thorough test for this length of time and found it to be extremely fertile.

Dr. Richard Stave, with a loyal group of members to the number of three hundred, has seen the ultimate trend of the downtown church, and since the decision to move to this outlying territory many complimentary expressions have been forthcoming to the members of the congregation and to the pastor on their decision on the choice of a new location.

During the five days from March 12th to 17th more than one hundred workers from St. Paul's Church will wage a whirlwind campaign, particularly in the Seventeenth and the Fifth wards, to raise \$10,000 in subscriptions, quarterly payments, during the next two years. This amount of money added to \$25,000 now in hand, will make possible the building of a \$35,000 church adequate for the needs of the community and possible of dedication without a cent of indebtedness.

There is not a church building of any description in the territory to be occupied, which territory contains possibly 5,000 people, covering an area of two square miles, bounded by Ridge road, Clinton avenue, Avenue A and St. Paul street.

Campaign headquarters have been established in the church in North Fitzhugh street, which is open every day and every evening for committee meetings and where all the executive preliminary work incidental to campaign is being conducted.

Representatives of various denominations in the city recognize that the type of work that has been done by the chapel during fifteen months has been interdenominational. Children of five denominations have been enrolled in the chapel Sunday-school.

ONCE PREACHED IN ROCHESTER

DEATH OF REV. AUGUST GRO-
TIAN, A RESIDENT OF LYONS.

A LEADER IN EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Mr. Grotian Became Pastor of St.
Paul's Evangelical Church in
1875 and Remained Here Ten
Years—Then Removed to Lyons

Lyons, Dec. 16.—By the death of Rev. August Grotian, a retired clergyman of the Evangelical Church, which occurred at his home on Broad street, Saturday morning, Lyons loses one of its oldest and most highly esteemed citizens. Mr. Grotian was a scholar and a man of broad culture. He was master of seven languages, speaking Greek and Latin fluently, and during his retirement devoted the years to profound study.

He was born in the Duchy of Brunswick, Germany, June 2, 1820, and there he spent his early life. He was educated in the famous University of Halle, which was founded in 1694 by Frederick I of Prussia, and in the University of Göttingen, graduating from both institutions of learning. In 1851 Mr. Grotian came to America, coming directly to Lyons, where for a time he was assistant to Rev. Mr. Denler, pastor of the Broad Street Lutheran Church. He was a member of the Evangelical Church, which in Germany corresponds to the Congregational Church of America.

In 1851 he went to Albany, where he organized the church which bears his name, at the corner of Clinton and Alexander streets. Because of the burden of his charge, which was a large one, his health broke down and he was obliged to resign in 1859. He then went to Pittsfield, Mass., where he preached until 1865, when he returned to his Albany charge. In 1870 he was called to the pastorate of St. John's Church in Buffalo, and in 1875 he went to St. Paul's Evangelical Church of Rochester, where he remained ten years.

In 1885, on account of ill health, he was obliged to give up the ministry, and he returned to Lyons to spend the remainder of his life. In 1851 Mr. Grotian married Elizabeth Baltzel, who died in 1863, leaving one daughter. In 1867 he married Margherita Zimmerman of Albany, whose death occurred in 1901.

Since his retirement from the ministry Mr. Grotian had preached but twice, on the fiftieth anniversary of the church he organized and on the occasion of the fortieth anniversary of St. Paul's Evangelical Church of Rochester.

Although a member of the Presbyterian Church of Lyons for many years, Mr. Grotian remained a lifelong member of the Evangelical Synod of North America. Surviving relatives are one daughter, Mrs. U. V. Schaurth of Buffalo and one grandson, Edward Grotian Schaurth, a freshman at Harvard University.

NEW MISSIONARY TO PREACH HERE

Rev. William Baur Enroute for Work in India.

Rev. William Baur, Jr., will preach his last sermon in America to-morrow before leaving for Central India, in St. Paul's Evangelical Church at Norton and Jewel streets.

The young minister was born here, 24 years ago, at which time his father who is now professor of Church History in the theological seminary of the Evangelical Synod at Webster Groves, Mo., was pastor of St. Paul's, then located in Fitzhugh street.

Rev. Mr. Baur is a graduate of Elmhurst College, Eden Seminary and has taken post-graduate work at Washington University, St. Louis. Mrs. Baur graduated from the high school at Webster Groves and studied at Washington University. She is an accomplished singer.

Last Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Baur were set apart for work in the Central India mission fields of the Evangelical Synod in a solemn commission service held in Eden* Immanuel Church at St. Louis. Last Tuesday they were married and are stopping on their honeymoon in Rochester over the week-end. To-morrow evening they leave for New York and India, traveling via Germany, Switzerland and Italy. Rev. Baur is a brother of Mrs. Koeing, wife of the pastor of St. Paul's Church.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TODAY—1904

The highest temperature was 36 degrees; lowest, 22 degrees.

"Great damage to property along the lake front is reported from Forest Lawn. Several private piers have been built in past seasons by owners, among them Charles M. Everest, A. J. Rodenbeck and the late E. R. Andrews. The recent storm demolished their piers, as well as the clubhouse piers and sea walls along Shipyard Creek."

"Rev. William Baur, pastor of St. Paul's German Evangelical Church, North Fitzhugh Street, has accepted a call to the chair of rhetoric and church history in Eden College, St. Louis. During his pastorate here the church debt has been paid off and many improvements made in the edifice."

SHOE WORKERS GET CHURCH

Formal Transfer of Fitzhugh Street
Property; Price about \$40,000.

Formal transfer of the German United Evangelical Church of St. Paul, in North Fitzhugh street, next to the New York Telephone Company building, to the Rochester Shoe Workers Realty Corporation, Inc., took place yesterday afternoon when the deed was filed with the county clerk.

According to the transfer-tax stamps on the document the building was sold for \$32,000, but there is a mortgage of \$7,900 on the property, bringing the purchasing price to \$39,900. The shoe workers will erect a building on the property. Ground probably will be broken in the spring.

DEDICATION SERVICES FOR ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

**New Sunday-School Building Worth
\$1,500 Paid for Entirely in Free Dona-
tions—Recent Additions.**

The dedication of the new Sunday-school building of St. Paul's German Evangelical Church yesterday morning marked the achievement of an important undertaking in the history of that organization. It was found some time ago that the capacity of the former quarters in the basement of the church proper was not equal to the attendance at Sunday-school and the young people's meetings. Since the present pastor, Rev. Hugo F. W. Grotefend, came to this city, two years ago in September, the school has increased while the membership of the young people's society has about doubled. It has 150 names enrolled and is the largest young people's society of all German churches in the city. When Mr. Grotefend came there were seventy-two members.

The new building is equipped with a large main room, a primary room, also used week nights for a parlor, a dining room, serving room and kitchen, supplied with the latest methods of heating and ventilation. The auditorium, finished in light brown and yellow, with oaken woodwork, is a cheerful room. It will seat something like 550. Curtains at one end make a separate department for the Bible class. A number of stained windows lend an air of dignity.

The dining room, which is in the basement, is finished in dark brown wood, and wallpaper of brownish shades. The entire fitting out of this room was provided by Fred Keller, chairman of the Building Committee. Off from this is a serving room, well supplied with the closets and draws that would be found in an institution equipped for regular housekeeping. In the large kitchen are a gas heater and porcelain sink. In this building is also a pastor's study, attractively furnished with a rich green carpet and oak desk and chairs. In one room, now empty, has been added with a view to providing for a new organ, which the church expects to put in in a year or so. The carpenter work of the new structure was done by Henry Hussmen; the masonry, by Edward Strauchem.

Rev. T. F. Bode, of St. Peter's Church, Buffalo, gave the principal address at morning service, the pastor presiding. Rev. J. F. W. Helmkamp, of Salem Church; Rev. A. Baltzer, of Evangelical Trinity Church; Rev. C. A. Hauser, of the Reformed Emanuel, and L. Kaiser, of the Baptist Theological Seminary, as well as the pastor, took part in the evening service. The regular choir sang excellent selections and the music generally was enhanced by the presence of an orchestra.

FIGHTING WHITE-SLAVE TRAFFIC

Woman from Germany Here in Interest of the Movement.

Miss Maria Lydia Winkler, of Berlin, Germany, traveling secretary of the Y. W. C. A. of Germany, representative of the German National Commission for the suppression of the "white slave" traffic and representative of the association for the care of girls and young women under the protection of the Empress of Germany, will be in the city from May 7th to 9th. The noted German woman is in this country on a mission, the enlisting of the people of the United States in the forming of an alliance with the European countries in the suppression of the "white slave" traffic, the luring away of girls from their homes to enter lives of infamy.

Miss Winkler, who came to America last June in the interest of the cause she represents and since then has been working in the larger cities in both the East and West, will be in Rochester until Thursday or Friday, and on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock will give two addresses, one in German, on "The Youth Our Cross and Our Crown;" the other in English on "The Perils of a Woman's Path and Her Protectors," at St. Paul's United Evangelical Church, North Fitzhugh street.

Miss Winkler is a delightful conversationalist, talks excellent English, having spent nine years in this country, and has a large fund of information regarding the thousands of snares that are laid in the pathways of young girls.

This is an important and interesting subject, and all are invited to attend.

Treasurer Retires.

Miss Emma Pagels, of Rochester, retired from the office of treasurer of the Young People's League of the New York district of the German Evangelical Synod of North America, at the annual meeting last week in Buffalo. Her successor is George Zepp, of Elmira. Rev. Peter C. Bommer, of Buffalo, was chosen president of the state Evangelical body for the eleventh year. Next year's meeting will be held in Auburn or Elmira. Rev. F. Frankenfeld, of Rochester, preached Sunday night at the Pilgrim's Evangelical Church, Buffalo.

Men's Brotherhood Meets At Sunrise

The Brotherhood Bible Class of St. Paul's Evangelical Church at Norton and Jewel Streets will have a sunrise service in the church on Easter Sunday morning at 6 o'clock. After a brief service of songs and prayer and meditation conducted by the Rev. Elmer Henry Hoefer, the pastor. Holy Communion will be celebrated at which the Brotherhood class will attend in a body of about 50 men.

This class is one of the most important organizations in this church and has been growing in numbers in the few years that it has been organized under the leadership of its teacher Dr. Howard Finch. All men in the community are invited to attend this class every Sunday morning at 9:15 o'clock.

Breakfast will be served after the service Sunday by the men of the class.

3-31-29

CHANCE BRINGS TWO TOGETHER

Speaker Tomorrow Met Minister in Berlin

3-31-29
Special services tomorrow evening in St. Paul's Evangelical Church will be in charge of the Sunday school leader, Miss M. Peters. The school will enter the auditorium in class formation. Special mention will be given those classes whose membership is most perfectly represented. Besides special music and distribution of Easter eggs to the children, the main contribution of the evening will be made by professor Oliver W. Hutchinson of the University of Rochester, who will address the congregation.

Dr. Hutchinson and Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer, met at the University of Berlin some years ago. Hr. Hoefer came to Rochester recently to take over the ministry of St. Paul's church, he discovered to his surprise that Dr. Hutchinson had located here also, making the renewal of an old friendship possible.

At the morning worship, Rev. Mr. Hoefer will speak on, "Easter the Diadem in the Crown of Thorns." Communion will be celebrated.

Youthful Rochesterian To Preach Here On Way To Raipur Mission, India



REV. AND MRS. WILLIAM BAUR JR.

The Rev. William Baur Jr., will preach his last sermon in America before leaving with his wife for work in the foreign field, in St. Paul's Evangelical, Norton and Jewel Streets. They are commissioned for work in Raipur, India.

The young minister was born in Rochester, N. Y., twenty-four years ago, when his father, who is now professor of Church History in the theological seminary of the Evangelical Synod at Webster Groves, Missouri, was pastor of St. Paul's, then located in Fitzhugh Street. Mr. Baur was graduated by Elmhurst College and Eden Seminary and has taken post-graduate work in Washington University at St. Louis. Mrs. Baur was graduated

by the high school at Webster Groves and studied at Washington University. She is an accomplished singer.

Last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Baur were set apart for work in the Central India foreign mission field of the Evangelical Synod in a solemn commission service held in Eden Immanuel Church at St. Louis, Mo. Last Tuesday they were married and are stopping in Rochester over the week-end. They will leave for New York and India Sunday evening, traveling by way of Germany, Switzerland and Italy.

Mr. Baur is a brother of Mrs. Koenig, wife of the pastor of St. Paul's Church, the Rev. H. E. Koenig.

Special Church Service To Be Conducted as Birthday Honor

**Mrs. Sophia Reich, 98 years
Old Tomorrow, Joined
St. Paul's 65 Years Ago**

Mrs. Sophia Reich of 225 Gregory Street will sit in her favorite rocking chair at home this morning while a special Pioneers service in her honor is conducted at St. Paul's Evangelical Church of which she is a charter member.

For Mrs. Reich will be 98 years old tomorrow and when one gets to be 98 one doesn't flirt with April chills or automobiles or long flights of steps, according to Mrs. Reich. Not even, she adds, when one has been a member of a church for 65 years. She is still able to read the old German books she brought with her as a young woman when she came to America 75 years ago, and she helps about the house. But Mrs. Reich has no serious ambitions to live to be a hundred, for she can't conceive of anyone being 100 years old and not being a burden.

"But the Lord's will be done," she murmured. "If He wants me to live to be a 100, I'll live that long."

Mrs. Reich came to the United States from her home in Alsace Lorraine as a young woman of 23. It took 46 days to cross the ocean and the passengers carried their own food with them. She came because a sister who had come out a few years earlier was lonely. And now she's the head of the clan with three children, four grandchildren, and five great grandchildren. Her son, John C. Reich is a mere youngster of 74. She has two daughters, Mrs. Katherine Wetezel and Mrs. Fred Stoll, with whom she lives.

Church to Honor Aged Members at Services



MRS. SOPHIA REICH

In honor of the 97th birthday of Mrs. Sophie Reich of 225 Gregory Street and as a tribute to all church members and friends over 60 years of age, Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer, minister, and the church council are planning an "Old Folks" service tomorrow morning at St. Paul's Evangelical Church.

Rev. Mr. Hoefer will preach on "Children of Life's Sunset Slope." The church council is planning to provide automobiles for those who might not otherwise attend, and seats will be reserved for the honored churchgoers. At the conclusion of the service, pictures of the old folks will be taken by a movie camera. These will be filed in the church's Bureau of Recollection.

Mrs. Reich, who has been a member of St. Paul's Evangelical Church for 65 years, and who in 1862 was present at the laying of the cornerstone of the church's first edifice in North Fitzhugh Street, now occupied by the Carpenters' Union, was born in Germany on April 27, 1833. She came to this county at the age of 22 years, and was married in Verona, Oneida County. Mrs. Reich is a charter member of the Ladies' Altar Society, formed at St. Paul's Church 57 years ago, and for many years was active in the church's activities.

St. Paul's Evan. Church To Dedicate Two New Buildings Tomorrow Morning



The new buildings of St. Paul's Evangelical Church at Norton and Jewell streets, shown above, will be dedicated tomorrow. The inset shows the new pastor of the church, the Rev. H. E. Koenig.

St. Paul's Evangelical Church will dedicate its new Sunday-school and church at Norton and Jewell streets tomorrow in a service beginning at 10 o'clock in the morning. A brief farewell service conducted by the Rev. A. C. G. Baltzer will be held at the entrance to the chapel which the congregation built at this location eight years ago. Thereupon the assembly will march in procession to the entrance to the new church, where, after appropriate exercises, the president of the church, A. G. Fauth, will unlock the doors to admit the congregation to the dedication service. Prof. William Baur, D.D., a former pastor of this church and who now occupies the Chair of Church History at Eden Theological Seminary, St. Louis, Mo., will preach the dedicatory sermon in German, and the new pastor, the Rev. H. E. Koenig will preach the English sermon. The young peoples' and children's service will begin at 3 p. m. The Rev. H. H. Lohans, director of religious education at Salem Church will preach the sermon for the young people and the Sunday-school superintendent, Henry Hieb, Herbert Krase and Miss Alma Hieb will make short addresses.

The evening service will begin at 7:30, with an organ recital by Henry Betz. The Rev. Theo Bode, pastor of St. Peter's Evangelical Church at Buffalo, will speak on "A Church for the Community." Pastors of the other Evangelical churches in Rochester, the Rev. J. Otto Reiler, of Trinity, the Rev. Frederick Frankenfeld of Salem,

and the Rev. J. B. Tepas of Christ Church will bring greetings from their respective congregations.

The evening services to be held throughout the week will begin at 7:45 p. m. Monday night is Men's Night, speaker, the Rev. C. Loos of Buffalo, president of the New York district. The invitation is not restricted to the men for this service, but everybody is invited. Tuesday evening, Ladies' Night. Everybody welcome. Speaker, Prof. William Baur, D.D. Thursday evening, Confirmation Reunion and Old Home Night, speaker, Dr. Orlo Price, secretary of the Church Federation.

After each service a social hour will be spent in the church basement at which refreshments will be served.

St. Paul's Church is built in gothic style of tapestry brick with cement cast stone trimmings. Both the church building and the Sunday-school annex are built according to the most approved modern style, giving this congregation one of the best equipped church buildings in the city of Rochester. The plans for the church were drawn and the erection of the building supervised by the firm of Brockett and Wood, architects, of this city.

The total cost of the building equipment amounts to about \$125,000. This sum of money was secured through the sale of the old church property on Fitzhugh street. A campaign was conducted a little over a year ago, at which time pledges were made, covering a period of five years, at the end of which time the financial obligations

still resting upon the church property will have been met.

A. G. Fauth is president of the church, George Leopold is chairman of the building committee, and William Welch is chairman of the dedication committee.

The pastor and the church council of St. Paul's extend a cordial invitation to all members and friends and all interested to attend each and all of the dedication week services.

1930 Painted Desert Hermit Reads His Own Poetry To Rochester Pastor 1930

Out on the Painted Desert of Arizona, on his way to the Petrified Forest, the Rev. Elmer Hoefer, pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical Church here and his traveling companion, Fritz Weigelt of Berlin, Germany, were recently turned from their course toward the Pacific by whiffs of frying ham coming from a 'dobe hut and led to visit a singular hermit poet, scout, curio collector and savant, all in one. Later they managed to make their way through a deluge of rain in the desert which wrecked a Santa Fe "flyer" and killed the engineer and fireman.

Though "the business of being chauffeur for an average of 300 miles a day, seeing interesting things and interviewing notable people then camping at night with a maximum of weariness and a minimum of pep" is not conducive to writing, he says. The pastor sent the following to a member of The Times-Union staff dated Aug. 8 from Flagstaff, Ariz., en route to the Grand Canon:

Food Is Strong Persuasive

"It was late morning when we stood on the edge of the great multi-colored expanse of sand, mountain and waste land known as the Painted Desert. We were about to depart for the Petrified Forest when the odor of frying ham from a nearby 'dobe hut smote my nostrils with persuasive force. A ham sandwich and a cup of coffee were for the moment prime necessities.

"Inside among the souvenirs was a gentle-voiced, sedate looking old gentleman who in a short time assured us that his real profession was painting and writing and that he was merely subbing for the Hothouse proprietor.

"Friend Fritz, too, is sensitive to the odor of cooking ham and was soon inside. Noting his foreign accent the artist ham-vender soon engaged him in conversation giving him a lengthy discourse on the symbolism of the Indian Kachinas (wooden idols), and on the fact that his grandfather had taken his Ph. D. at Heidelberg.

A Hermit's Odd Treasures

"Our ham-vending host suggested that we visit his friend, Frederick San Diego Rawson at Joseph City, an Indian scout, trader, philosopher, poet and antique collector. This we did later in the afternoon.

"The hermit gentleman we found housed in the restored "oldest schoolhouse in Northern Arizona" among Indian blankets, skulls, fossils, old guns, furs and stuffed skunks. Here was a telescope once the property of General Robert E. Lee. Here, also, was a boot of 'Billie the Kid,' the notorious bandit who when killed at 21 years of age had 21 notches on his gun. Here, too, were Kit Carson's saddlebags.

"Outside, under a sheltered roof, an Indian squaw was at work carding wool for a Navajo rug already begun on the primitive loom. Around her played four children—by as many different fathers—as San Diego Rawson volunteered. Their men folk let the women earn the family income by weaving rugs while they cavort about with a mad lust for gambling. Strange that gambling is not prohibited in the West as in the East, or is it lax enforcement? Slot machines are in evidence everywhere, even in the best restaurants.

"Alas Poor Yorick!"

"Hermit Rawson was not so interested in selling his wares as he was in finding auditors while he read his poetic effusions, 'My Garden of Allah,' 'The Mystic Mill' and a particularly commendable poem, 'Address to a Skull.' While reading this last he had a prehistoric Indian skull before him.

"While the Midwest has been scorched by unprecedented heat the Southwest has had an abundance of rain. Dark clouds were gathering while San Diego addressed the skull. The wind whipped up the dust in clouds. Then our hermit friend urged haste. 'Fly before the storm,' he said, "there are some bad arroyos between here and Flagstaff."

"The Indian on my radiator evidently felt at his best in the Indian country for he never faltered once in our race away from the storm. The gale overtook us, however, just beyond Winslow. Blinding sheets of rain and powerful gusts of wind. In one arroyo the water came up over the floor boards.

Auto Versus Rail Flyer

"Fortunately the roads were solid. The highway lead alongside the Santa Fe railroad tracks for quite a stretch east of Flagstaff. A crack flyer came roaring along. Fritz remarked that the engineer was fortunate not to have to watch every twist and turn of a water-logged road, as we did. We arrived in Flagstaff weary and wet.

"This morning in the restaurant two railroad men told us of the wreck of 'No. 8,' the train which went screeching past us. Crossing a rain-weakened bridge the engine and several coaches were derailed, killing the engineer and fireman and dangerously injuring a baggageman. Other autos were stalled in rain-filled arroyos in the country east of Flagstaff, through which we had come.

"Strange how the whiff of a ham sandwich wove into the odd experiences of yesterday."

Woman Gives Credit to Garden for Helping Her Live 97 Years

Mrs. Sophie Reich, Cutting Birthday Cake Covered
with Candles, Says She Still Can Enjoy
Good Dinner of Corn Beef, Cabbage

"How does it feel to be 97," Mrs. Sophie Reich of 225 Gregory Street, who reached that age yesterday, was asked.

"Well," she replied, "I sometimes feel a little dumpish."

But Mrs. Reich wasn't "dumpish" while talking with the reporter. "Lively," would be a better word to describe her.

"You're 97 years old; how did you get that way?" she was asked jokingly.

"Just lived a normal life," she said. "When I was in the forties, I was sickly. But I had a nice garden, and I worked in it; I dug it and planted it and tended it year after year, and I got better. I always liked a garden, nice flowers and all that."

Mrs. Reich still has her garden, and although she doesn't dig it and plant it, she tends it and enjoys it.

Enjoys Good Dinner

She has no particular theories about eating, and as she says, "I can enjoy a good dinner of corn beef and cabbage with the best of them."

"Airplane ride?" she answered another question. "No, I'm never going up in one of them; and I'm not going in an automobile any more. I don't want any accident to happen so that I shall have to become a burden to my children." She has no desire to live to be a hundred if it means being a burden on anyone, she declares. Although she doesn't do the washing and ironing any more, she helps around the house quite a bit.

They gave her a birthday party yesterday, and she cut a real birthday cake that had 97 candles on it. During the day, she had three different combinations of four generations of her family present. Her oldest child, John C. Reich, is a youngster of 71 years. Then

she has two daughters, Mrs. Katherine Weitzel, and Mrs. Fred Stoll with whom she lives, and seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. All her children were born in this city.

Came From Alsace

She came from Alsace Lorraine, and although she was a German Alsatian she now is strong for the French, she says. That did not stop her from marrying a Bavarian, however, whom she met after she arrived in this country. He died in 1881.

Mrs. Reich came to this country in a sailing vessel and was 46 days on the water. She and her fellow travelers had to bring their own food with them, and when they got into New York harbor they had enough to throw away. That was 75 years ago, when she was 22 years old.

She came to this country to live with a sister who was doing well but who was lonely for some of her home folk, and now she has outlived everyone she knows and her only real complaint is that all her old friends have passed on to leave her here like the last rose of summer. But the lively, little old lady is surrounded by loving relatives and friends who appreciate her as much as she appreciates them.

Neighbors Nice, She Says

Yesterday Rev. Elmer H. Hoefler, minister of St. Paul's Evangelical Church, of which she is a member, conducted an "Old Folks" service and preached on "Children of Life's Sunset Slope." They told Mrs. Reich what the minister said, and she thought it was all right. As the reporter was leaving, she said:

"I have got nice neighbors. That has been one of the pleasures of my life; I always have had nice neighbors." It was not difficult to understand why.

Funeral Rites Held For Market Veteran

Last rites for John Schake, veteran Rochester market man who died Sunday, were conducted in Mt. Hope Chapel this afternoon.

Mr. Schake came to Rochester from Germany in 1852 at the age of 9. He once delivered milk from his father's farm to William F. "Buffalo Bill" Cody, who resided in Exchange Street. He was a staunch Republican and subscribed to The Democrat and Chronicle for 60 years.

Bearers are four sons, George S., John A., William T., and Edward F. Schake, and Halsey Atkins and Edward Barker. Mr. Schake was living with his daughter, Mrs. Clara M. Atkins of 553 Linden Street at the time of his death.

† Mrs. Elizabeth Baur †

It was a severe blow with which the family and friends of Dr. Wm. Baur of Eden Seminary were stricken when Mrs. Elizabeth Baur closed her eyes in the last sleep. The first day of the month that ushers in the springtime called the members of the faculty and the students of Eden Seminary and the relatives and friends of Prof. Baur together for the service in which we paid the last tribute to a faithful wife, a loving mother, and a highly esteemed friend. The mortal remains lay in state before the altar in the Eden Seminary chapel, a mass of floral tributes surrounded the bier and a solemn silence reigned in the main building.

The service began at 2:00 P. M. and was conducted by the president of the Seminary. Words of comfort in English as well as in German were spoken by Revs. K. L. Schneider and Dr. F. P. Jens. The Pastors' Wives' Missionary Society of St. Louis sang the favorite hymn of the departed, "Take thou my hand and lead me." Miss Dorothy Axthelm and the Seminary Glee Club sang suitable anthems. Dr. Press read the obituary, of which the following is a summary.

Mrs. Elizabeth Baur was born April 5, 1870, in Stuttgart, Germany, the youngest daughter of Mr. Carl Mohr and his wife Rosalie, nee Decker. The Mohr family has furnished a number of Kingdom workers. Rev. Christian Mohr, emeritus, senior pastor of the Michigan District, is an uncle of the deceased; her brother is pastor in Tuebingen, and Miss Lydia Mohr, a sister, was engaged in extensive relief work among the poor of her native city after the war. Mrs. Baur spent her youth in Stuttgart, where she was confirmed and later attended a women's college.

In 1889 she came to this country where she made her home with her brother-in-law and sister, Rev. and Mrs. F. Baur, then of Manchester, Mo., and with them she went to Texas in 1891. On Oct. 4, 1892, she gave her heart and hand to Rev. Wm. Baur, then pastor in Waco, Texas. The union was blessed with ten children, all of whom are living and grown up. Godliness, faithfulness, and a truly Christian self-sacrificing spirit characterized

her work wherever she found it, in Waco, Texas, then in Rochester, N. Y., and during the past 24 years in Eden Seminary.

Throughout her life she enjoyed the best of health. Early in the year, however, she was taken down with influenza, which refused to yield to medical treatment; finally she was taken to the Deaconess Hospital, where her condition became worse as a result of pneumonia developing. In the presence of her husband and some of her children as well as Dr. Press, president of the Seminary, she was privileged to fall asleep peacefully in the early morning hours of Feb. 26th. Her death is mourned by her husband, Prof. Wm. Baur, D.D., and ten children: Mrs. J. C. Koenig, Bistrampur, India; Mrs. A. Koerner, Fredericksburg, Tex.; Mrs. H. Koenig, Rochester, N. Y.; Mrs. A. Kroehler, Belleville, Ill.; Rev. Wm. Baur, Jr., missionary in India; Mrs. E. Helm, Blue Island, Ill.; Mr. Carl Baur, student at Eden Seminary, and Dora, Herbert and Alfred Baur; one brother and three sisters in Germany, one sister, Mrs. F. Baur in Des Peres, Mo., one uncle, Rev. Christian Mohr, five sons-in-law, one daughter-in-law, 15 grandchildren and numerous nephews and nieces, besides a large circle of friends.

The members of the faculty served as pallbearers. The body found its last resting place on St. Peter's Cemetery, where Dr. Henry Bode had charge of the committal service.

"Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; for their works do follow them."

J. Biegeleisen.

Churchmen Vie for Silver Derby

Louis C. Schaeffer of St. Paul's Evangelical Church had earned the right today to wear the "silver derby" given the captain of the team scoring the greatest number of points in the church's campaign to wipe out a \$20,000 debt.

A total of \$11,000, or 51 per cent. of the quota, was announced pledged at a meeting last night. Mr. Schaeffer's team collected \$2,663.50.

The silver derby will be worn at each report meeting by the captain turning in the largest total. Granger C. Lederer, campaign chairman, announced.

Sat. Apr. 12th

CHURCH DRIVE LEADER WEARS SILVER DERBY

Louis C. Schaeffer won the "silver derby" at St. Paul's Evangelical Church last night when reports were made on the drive to raise \$20,000 to apply on the church debt.

Granger C. Lederer, campaign director, announced that the distinctive headgear would be worn at each dinner meeting by the captain bringing in the largest number of points.

Mr. Schaeffer captained St. Luke's team, which had 3,403 points, representing \$2,663.50 in pledges. Martha's team, captained by Mrs. Henry Howarth, was second with 1,787 points and \$1,617 in pledges. St. Matthew's team, headed by Rudolph Kolb, was third with 1,011 points and \$937.50 in pledges.

The total amount pledged was \$11,000, or 51.4 per cent. of the quota. Mrs. Rudolph Lutz, president of the Ladies' Aid Society, announced that the women had pledged \$1,500.

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'SILVER DERBY' ADORNS CHURCH DRIVE LEADER

D.C. April 12th

A rival of "Al" Smith and his famous brown derby was found at the second dinner meeting of the \$20,000 debt reducing workers of St. Paul's Evangelical Church last night when Louis C. Schaeffer, as captain of the team scoring the greatest number of points, was crowned with the "silver derby." Granger C. Lederer, campaign director, announced that the bit of distinctive headgear would be worn at each dinner meeting by the captain bringing in the largest number of points.

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St. Paul's Evangelical Begins Drive for Fund

St. Paul's Evangelical Church

Workers in the building fund drive of St. Paul's Evangelical Church organized at a supper meeting at the church, Norton and Jewell streets, last evening. Plans were perfected for the campaign to raise \$20,000 in the next two weeks.

Rev. Dr. Frederick Frankenfeld, minister of Salem Evangelical Church, was guest speaker. He congratulated St. Paul's on the success of former campaigns and urged "spiritualization of giving." Dr. H. M. Sinch, church president, asked the workers to strive for success.

Granger C. Lederer, campaign chairman, said prizes would be awarded the solicitor turning in the most cash, the one obtaining the greatest number of pledges, the team captain and captainette with the best records, and the first and second man and woman solicitor, based on a point system.

THE Rev. James Clair Taylor and the choir of the A. M. E. Zion Church will conduct the services in St. Paul's Evangelical Church Sunday evening. The Rev. Mr. Taylor will also speak at the symposium, leading a discussion on the better understanding between races.



**THE REV. ELMER H.
HOEFER**

Pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical Church, which will open a drive for a \$20,000 building fund at a supper meeting tonight.

CHURCH OPENS \$20,000 DRIVE

More than 100 persons will take part in the \$20,000 building fund drive of St. Paul's Evangelical Church, to open tonight with a supper in the church parlors. Mrs. Rudolph Lutz is chairman of the supper committee. She will be assisted by Mrs. Oscar Stephany and Mrs. Rudolph Kolb.

The Rev. Dr. Frederick Frankenhof, pastor of Salem Evangelical Church will be the principal speaker. The Rev. Elmer Hoefer, pastor of St. Paul's Church will act as chairman and song leader. Miss Evelyn Rath will be pianist. Granger C. Lederer is general chairman of the campaign.

Following the supper, team workers will leave to solicit pledges.

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**Church Perfects
Plans for Drive**

Plans for a drive to raise a building fund of \$20,000 were perfected last night at a supper meeting of campaigners at St. Paul Evangelical Church, Norton and Jewel Streets.

The Rev. Dr. Frederick Frankensfeld, minister of Salem Evangelical Church, was guest speaker. Dr. H. M. Finch, church president, urged the workers to drive for success.

Prizes will be awarded individuals and teams for bringing in the greatest number of pledges and contributions, according to an announcement made by Granger C. Lederer, campaign chairman.

CHURCH DRIVE WORKERS MEET TO ORGANIZE

Workers in the building fund drive of St. Paul's Evangelical Church, Norton and Jewell streets, had an organization meeting last night to perfect plans for raising \$20,000 in the next two weeks.

The Rev. Dr. Frederick Frank-
enfeld, minister of Salem Evangeli-
cal Church, was guest speaker.
Other talks were given by the pas-
tor, the Rev. Elmer Hoefer, and
Dr. Howard M. Finch, president of
the church. Granger C. Lederer,
campaign leader, outlined the work
to be done.

The next supper meeting for the
workers will be Friday, when the
Rev. Frederick Reissig, pastor of
Emmanuel Lutheran Church, will
speak.

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**DR. HOWARD N. FINCH****CAPTAIN— Doctor**

Finch is a team leader in the \$20,000 drive to be launched by St. Paul's Evangelical Church Tuesday. The money will be applied on the church debt.

\$20,000 SOUGHT BY LUTHERANS

The Rev. Frederick Frankenfeld, minister of Salem Evangelical Church, is to be guest speaker at the opening meeting of campaign workers in the Building Fund Drive of St. Paul's Evangelical Church, Tuesday, in the church hall, Norton and Jewell Streets.

Object of the campaign is to raise \$20,000 to reduce the indebtedness of the church from \$49,000 to \$29,000. The present church building, erected in 1923, was financed by a \$40,000 drive.

Seventy workers will participate in next week's campaign under the general direction of Grange C. Lederer, chairman. The Rev. Elmer H. Hoefler, minister of the church, is to be song leader and master of ceremonies at the campaign dinner.

Captains of campaign teams are Dr. Howard M. Finch, John C. Schaeffer, Edward Uehlin, Louis Schaeffer, Albert Meill, Rudolph Kolb, Mrs. George Nicholas, Mrs. Howard Finch, Mrs. Henry Horworth and Mrs. Harry Heim.

The Finance Committee consists of Adolph G. Fauth, Henry Hieb, Mrs. Granger Lederer, Mrs. Herbert Groth, Miss Margaret Lyons and Miss Evelyn Rath.



TO CUT DEBT. AT ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL

**Campaign Planned to Reduce
Obligation by \$20,000,
Beginning Tuesday**

A debt reducing campaign for \$20,000 will be launched by St. Paul's Evangelical Church, Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer, minister, with a dinner for campaign workers at 6:30 o'clock Tuesday evening. Rev. Dr. Frederick Frankenfeld, minister of Salem Evangelical Church, will be principal speaker, and Rev. Mr. Hoefer will act as song leader.

Granger C. Lederer is general chairman of the campaign. The church has a membership of 400, and of these, 100 will take active part in soliciting pledges from members and friends. The subscriptions will cover a period of two years.

St. Paul's Church was founded in 1862. The first edifice, situated on Fitzhugh Street, was sold in 1919 and is now used by a labor organization. The present building, at Norton and Jewel streets, was erected in 1923, when a \$40,000 campaign was oversubscribed.

Campaign Organization

The campaign organization under Mr. Lederer is:

Financial Committee—Adolph G. Fauth, Henry Hieb, Mrs. Granger Lederer, Mrs. Herbert Groth, Miss Margaret Lyons, Miss Evelyn Rath. Publicity—William Walch, Miss Emma E. Pagels, Albert Meili, Jr., Mrs. Arthur Koch, Miss Ida S. Pagels.

Teams—Dr. Howard Finch, captain; Rudolph Hoffmeier, George Hoffman, Arthur Koch, Leo Deuter, Louis Schneider and Martin Schueler; John C. Schaeffer, captain; Edwin Larter, Earl Grau, Fred Green, William Schell, Edward Krautwurst and Earl Talbot; Edward Uehlin, captain; Oscar Stephany, William Oislager, Henry Otto, Earl Gommenginger, Herbert Krase and Charles Hoffmeier, Jr.; Louis Schaeffer, captain; William Krase, Arthur Curtis, John Eiseman, Charles Krautwurst, Clement Kummer and Richard Pasch; Albert Meili, captain; Charles Perry, Walter Kuhman, William Walch, Jr., Albert Meili, Jr., Louis Heck and Otto Hahn; Rudolph Kolb, captain; William Donish, William Lehle, Edward Weismiller, Albert Groth, Edward Bartel and Charles Chard.

Mrs. George Nicholas, captain; Mrs. Fred Reuschle, Mrs. Sophie Lemon, Mrs. Karl Gommenginger, Mrs. Edward Bartel, Mrs. Charles Chard and Miss Marie Kotheringer; Mrs. Howard Finch, captain; Mrs. Edward Uehlin, Mrs. Clarence Smith, Mrs. Clement Kummer, Mrs. George Goetz, Mrs. Edith Braun and Mrs. Grace Hallings; Mrs. Henry Howorth, captain; Mrs. Earl Talbot, Mrs. Frank Widmer, Miss Delilah Hoffmeier, Miss Eleanor Hoffmeier, Miss Emily Myers and Mrs. Fred Kern; Mrs. Harry Heim, captain; Mrs. Edward Weismiller, Miss Lucille Loudon and Miss Laura Pomerrenning.

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Plan Campaign To Raise Fund To Reduce Debt

Organization Formed at St. Paul's Evangelical Church — Committees and Teams Operate April 8 to 22—Church Shows Good Growth.

Members of St. Paul's Evangelical Church are busily engaged in preparation for a building fund drive from April 8 to April 22. The object of the campaign is to



Elmer H. Hoefler

reduce the indebtedness of the Church from \$49,000 to \$29,000.

St. Paul's Church has been located on its present site since 1923. Since that time the congregation has experienced rapid growth in Church and Sunday-school membership. In 1923 a financial campaign was conducted to which members and friends of St. Paul's pledged \$40,000. This sum, together with the money received from the sale of the former edifice on Fitzhugh Street made possible the financing of the new church and the purchase of a \$9,000 parsonage on Saranac Street.

The Rev. Dr. Elmer H. Hoefler became pastor March 1, 1929. Under his leadership 120 new members have been received. The every member canvass for current expenses resulted this year in the subscription of \$9,500—the largest amount ever pledged in St. Paul's.

Granger C. Lederer is general chairman of the approaching campaign. The personnel follows:

Financial, Adolph G. Fauth, Henry Hieb, Mrs. Granger Lederer, Mrs. Herbert Groth, Miss Margaret Lyons, Miss Evelyn Rath.

Publicity, William Walch, Miss Emma E. Pagels, Albert Meili, Jr.,

Mrs. Arthur Koch, Miss Ida M. Pagels.

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Louis Schaeffer, captain—William Kruse, Arthur Curtis, John Eisman, Charles Krautwurst, Clement Kummer, Richard Pasch.

Albert Meili, captain; Charles Perry, Walter Kuhman, William Walch, Jr., Albert Meili, Jr., Louis Heck, Otto Hahn.

Rudolph Kolb, captain; William Donish, William Lehle, Edward Weismiller, Albert Groth, Edward Bartel, Charles Chard.

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Mrs. Howard Finch, captain; Mrs. Edward Uehlin, Mrs. Clarence Smith, Mrs. Clement Kummer, Mrs. George Goetz, Mrs. Edith Braun, Mrs. Grace Hallings.

Mrs. Henry Howorth, captain; Mrs. Earl Talbot, Mrs. Frank Widmer, Miss Delilah Hoffmeier, Miss Eleanor Hoffmeier, Miss Emily Myers, Mrs. Fred Kern.

Mrs. Harry Heim, captain—Edw. Edward Weismiller, Miss Luella Loudon, Miss Laura Pommeren.

Heads Campaign
Since Union 4/1/30



Granger C. Lederer of 242 Long Acre Road is chairman of the Building Fund Campaign Committee of St. Paul's Evangelical Church at Jewel and Norton streets. The goal of the drive, to run from April 8 to 22, is \$20,000.

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Church Plans Drive *4/2/30*

Heads Church Drive
Journal
4/3/30



GRANGER C. LEDERER
 Chairman of the committee which will wage a campaign for a \$20,000 building fund for St. Paul's Evangelical Church, Jewel and Norton Streets, April 8 to 22.

CHURCH DRIVE & NEARS GOAL

With 70 per cent. of their quota of \$20,000 already realized, 100 campaigners of St. Paul's Evangelical Church, Norton Street, near St. Paul, held a jubilant report meeting there last evening and made plans for the closing week of the drive.

Mrs. Howard M. Finch was honored with the "Silver Derby," the reward for the captain whose co-workers bring in the largest number of points in a specified time. Put into dollars, their points amounted to \$1,417.

Other captains and teams of workers were Louis Schaeffer, Mrs. Henry Howarth and Albert Meili Sr.

County Judge Frederick L. Dutcher was the guest speaker. Following the dinner workers and leaders hurried out on the last lap of the campaign.

G. Fred Laube will address the dinner meeting tomorrow.

St. Paul Evangelical Drive Nears Victory

Pledges totaling \$17,500.92, or 88 per cent. of the \$20,000 goal, have been turned in by 100 campaign workers at St. Paul's Evangelical Church, Norton Street near St. Paul. At the dinner meeting last evening, Rudolph Kolb, captain of St. Mathew's team, wore the "Silver Derby." His team had 2,519 points and \$1,900 in pledges. Louis Schaeffer captained St. Luke's team, which had 5,462 points, representing \$3,710.50 in pledges. St. John's team, headed by Dr. Howard Finch, was second highest, with 2,629 points and \$1,577.50 in pledges. Ruth's team, captained by Mrs. Howard Finch, was third, with 2,446 points and \$1,521 in pledges.

G. Fred Laube was the guest speaker. Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer, pastor of the church, led in the singing of the campaign songs. Evelyn Ruth was at the piano.

The campaign will close Tuesday with a dinner meeting at 6:30 o'clock.

CHURCH DRIVE NEARING GOAL; JUDGE SPEAKS

One hundred campaign workers of St. Paul's Evangelical Church, Norton Street, heard team captains make encouraging reports in the drive for \$20,000.

County Judge Frederick L. Dutcher was guest speaker. G. Fred Laube will speak tomorrow.

The "silver derby" worn at each meeting by the captain bringing in the largest number of points in a specified time was awarded Mrs. Howard M. Finch. She captained Ruth's team, which had 2,194 points and \$1,417 in pledges.

Louis Schaeffer captained St. Luke's team, which had 4,835 points representing \$3,209.50 in pledges. Martha's team, headed by Mrs. Henry Howarth, was second highest with 2,159 points and \$1,864 in pledges. St. Mark's team, captained by Albert Meili Sr., was third with 1,935 points and \$1,457.50 in pledges.

Total pledges to date are \$15,485, or 70 per cent. of the quota. The drive closes April 22. 4/16/30

\$17,500 Is Pledged 4/18 In St. Paul's Drive

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G. Fred Laube was guest speaker. The Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer, pastor, led in singing. Evelyn Ruth was at the piano.

The campaign will close Tuesday with a dinner meeting at 6:30.

Journal Apr. 18 Church Drive at 88 Per Cent.

With four more days of campaigning still ahead of them, 100 workers at St. Paul's Evangelical Church last night reported pledges totaling \$17,500.92, or 88 per cent. of their \$20,000 goal.

It was Rudolph Kolb, captain of St. Matthew's team, who wore the "Silver Derby" at the dinner party last evening. His team had 2,519 points and \$1,900 in pledges. The captains of the three next highest teams are: Louis Schaeffer, St. Luke's; Dr. Howard Finch, St. John's; Mrs. Howard Finch, Ruth's team.

G. Fred Laube was guest speaker. Singing was led by the Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer, pastor of the church.

CHURCH DRIVE PASSES QUOTA

Workers in the drive for \$20,000 to reduce the debt of St. Paul's Evangelical Church, Horton and Jewel Streets, were resting on their laurels today after forging past their quota by a margin of \$620.87.

At a final dinner meeting last evening in the church rooms, they celebrated their victory, top honors going to St. Luke's team, captained by Louis C. Schaeffer, which turned in pledges amounting to \$4,002.

Second place was taken by Martha's team, captained by Mrs. Lillian Howarth, with \$2,370 in pledges. St. Mathew's team, captained by Rudolph Kolb, was third, reporting \$2,073.

The honor of wearing the "silver derby" was won by Mrs. Howard M. Finch, whose team reported a total for the day of \$450.85. Granger C. Lederer, drive chairman, presided.

4-23-'30

CHURCH PASSES ITS QUOTA IN \$20,000 DRIVE

St. Paul's Evangelical Church campaign to raise \$20,000 to reduce church indebtedness closed last night with a supper and report meeting.

Reports showed \$620.87 above the quota raised.

The campaign which ran from April 8 to yesterday was directed by Granger C. Lederer, assisted by publicity, finance and commissary committees and 10 teams of workers.

The captain wearing the silver derby last night was Mrs. Howard Finch with \$450.85 in pledges. St. Luke's team, captained by Louis Schaeffer, remained high team throughout the campaign, turning in \$4,002. Mrs. Lillian Howorth, captain of Martha's team, was second with \$2,270. St. Matthew's team, captained by Rudolph Kolb, was third with \$2,073. Ruth's team, captained by Mrs. Howard Finch, was fourth with \$1,971.

A special Sunday-school team, captained by Mrs. Viola Heim, turned in \$1,142.

4-23-30

Kampagne begonnen.

**Ev. St. Pauls-Kirche an der Arbeit,
\$20,000 aufzubringen.**

Mit einem Festessen wurde gestern abend um 6.30 die Kampagne der Ev. St. Paulskirche in der Nortonstraße eröffnet, an dem die einhundert Kampagnearbeiter teilnahmen, deren Aufgabe es ist, \$20,000 an Subskriptionen aufzubringen, um die Schulden der Kirche um diesen Betrag zu reduzieren. Die Leitung der Speisung lag in Händen von Frau Rudolph Lutz. Kampagne-Lieder wurden enthusiastisch gesungen unter Leitung von Rev. Elmer Goefers, dem Pastor der Kirche. Zwei Lieder, von Herbert Krause dirigiert, wurden als Toast auf Rev. Goefers und Granger C. Lederer, dem Vorsitzenden der Kampagne, zum Vortrag gebracht.

Dr. Frederick Frankenfeld, der Pastor der Ev. Salemskirche, war der Hauptredner, der der St. Pauls Gemeinde zum Erfolg ihrer früheren Kampagnen gratulierte und gleichen Erfolg auch diesmal wünschte. Dr. Howard Finch, der Präsident der Kirche, und Herr Lederer sprachen ebenfalls zu der Kampagne. Acht Preise werden an die Kampagne-Arbeiter zur Verteilung kommen. Die ersten Eingänge an Subskriptionen werden Freitag abend bekannt gegeben werden. Rev. Frederick Reißig, der Pastor der Ruth. Emmanuelkirche, wird an diesem Abend der Redner sein.

Kirchen - Kampagne.

Schulden-Tilgungs-Fond im Betrage von \$20,000 soll aufgebracht werden.

Eine Kampagne zur Schulden-Berringerung der St. Pauls Evangelischen Kirche an der Ecke der Jewel- und Nortonstraße, deren Pastor E. Henry Hoefer ist, beginnt kommenden Dienstag, die sich als Ziel die Aufbringung von \$20,000 gesetzt hat.

Am Dienstag abend um 6.30 wird 100 Mitarbeitern unter Führung von Granger C. Lederer ein Souper in der Kirchenhalle serviert werden. Frau Rudolph Luz ist die Vorsitzende des Souper Komitees.

Dr. Frederick Frankensfeld, der Pastor der Salemskirche, wird der Hauptredner sein. Er ist ein lebenslanger Freund von Rev. John Hoefer, dem Vater von Rev. Elmer Hoefer.

Die Kampagne wird 14 Tage andauern, vom 8. bis zum 22. April.

Der Brüderbund der St. Pauls Evangelischen Kirche ist Freitag abend Gastgeber für die Knaben der Kirche, und das für den morgigen Abend aufgestellte Programm wird um 6.30 mit einem Clam Chowder-Essen beginnen. Herr William Bohler wird kinematographische Bilder von den Kirchenpicnicks, Gesellschaften und Veranstaltungen der Kirche im letzten Jahre vorführen. Rev. James Marlin, Hilfspastor der Asbury Methodisten-Kirche, wird eine Ansprache halten über „Ghosts what aint“.

Dem Ziel entgegen.

4-12-30

Ueber Hälfte der \$20.000 Kampagne der Ev. St. Pauls-Kirche ist bereits gezeichnet worden.

Gestern abend fand die zweite Diner-Versammlung des Kampagne-Komitees der ev. St. Paulskirche in der Nortonstraße in der Kirchenhalle statt, dessen Mitarbeiter berichten konnten, daß bereits über die Hälfte der als Ziel gesetzten \$20.000 zur Schuldentilgung gezeichnet wurden.

Granger C. Lederer präsiidierte bei der Versammlung, in der viele Siegeslieder gesungen wurden, die Rev. Elmer Höfer, der Pastor der Kirche, dirigierte.

Rev. Frederick Reißig, Pastor der luth. Emmanuel Kirche war der Gastprediger. Er diskutierte „A Spine within a Church“.

An Geldzeichnungen wurden von den Teams einberichtet: St. Lukes Team, Captain Louis C. Schaeffer, \$2.663.50; Martha Team, Captainette Frau Henry Howorth, \$1617; St. Matthews Team, Captain Rudolph Kolb, \$937.50. Frau Rudolph Luk., die Präsidentin der Damen-Hilfsgesellschaft, berichtete, daß die Damen \$1500 gezeichnet hatten. Der Gesamtbetrag, der bisher gezeichnet wurde, betrug gestern abend \$11.000, oder 51.4% des Gesamtbetrages.

Auf der dritten Diner-Versammlung am Dienstag, den 15. April wird Countyrichter Frederick W. Dutcher der Redner sein.

St. Paul's Evangelical Church Goes Over Top



REV. ELMER H. HOEFER
Campaign Leader

Going over the top with \$620.87 to spare, workers in the \$20,000 debt-reducing drive of St. Paul's Evangelical Church, Horton and Jewel streets, last night closed their campaign at an enthusiastic dinner meeting.

St. Luke's team, captained by Louis C. Schaeffer, which led throughout the two-week campaign, finished first in the standing with \$4,002 in pledges. Second place went to Martha's team, captained by Mrs. Lillian Howorth, with \$2,270 in pledges. St. Matthew's team, captained by Rudolph Kolb, was third with \$2,073, and fourth place went to Ruth's team, headed by Mrs. Howard M. Finch, with \$1,971. A special Sunday school team, led by Miss Viola Heim, turned in \$1,142.

Mrs. Finch had the honor of wearing the "silver derby" on the final night. Her team turned in \$450.85 in pledges for the final report.

Rev. Elmer H. Hoefler, minister and campaign leader, because of illness, was unable to be present and congratulate the workers. Granger C. Lederer, drive chairman, presided. Twenty-five of the committee sprung a surprise by staging "The District School," a farce comedy.

\$20,000.

Sollen in Kampagne zur Reduzierung der Schulden der ev. St. Pauls Kirche aufgebracht werden.

Eine Kampagne, die vom 8. bis zum 22. April andauern wird, wird von der ev. St. Paulskirche an der Ecke der Jewel- und Nortonstraße vorbereitet, in welcher \$20,000 von den Gemeindegliedern aufgebracht werden sollen, um die Schulden der Kirche von \$49,000 auf \$29,000 zu reduzieren.

Die Gemeinde umfasst 400 Mitglieder, von denen 100 aktiv an der Kampagne teilnehmen werden, um Subskriptionen zu erlangen, welche über eine Periode von zwei Jahren laufen werden.

Pastor der Kirche ist Rev. Elmer S. Hoefer, und Präsident ist Dr. Howard M. Finch. Granger C. Lederer, Reklameagent der J. B. Smith Co., ist der General-Leiter der Kampagne.

Den Komitees und Teams gehören an:

Finanzen: Herr M. Fauth, Herr Henry Hieb, Frau G. Lederer, Frau S. Groth.

Presse: Herr Wm. Walch, Frl. Emma C. Bagels, Herr A. Mili Jr., Frau Arthur Koch, Frl. Ida S. Bagels.

Teams: Dr. Howard Finch, Captain — Herr Rudolph Hoffmeier, Herr G. Hoffman, Herr Arthur Koch, Herr Leo Deuter, Herr Louis Schneider, Herr Schüler.

Herr John C. Schaeffer, Captain — Herr Edw. Varter, Herr E. Grau, Herr Fred Green, Herr Wm. Schell, Herr Edw. Krautwurst, Herr Carl Talbot.

Herr Edw. Uehlin, Captain — Herr D. Stephan, Herr W. Ofslager, Herr S. Otto, Herr E. Gommenginger, Herr S. Krause, Herr E. Hoffmeier Jr.

Herr Louis Schaeffer, Captain — Herr W. Krause, Herr A. Curtis, Herr John Eifeman, Herr C. Krautwurst, Herr C. Kummer, Herr A. Pasch.

Herr Albert Meili, Captain — Herr C. Perry, Herr W. Ruhman, Herr Wm. Walch, Jr., Herr Albert Meili Jr., Herr Louis Hed, Herr Otto Hahn.

Herr Rudolph Kolb, Captain — Herr W. Donish, Herr W. Lehle, Herr Ed. Weismiller, Herr A. Groth, Herr E. Bartel, Herr Chas. Chard.

Frau M. Nicholas, Captain — Frau Reuschke, Frau Lemmon, Frau Carl Gommenginger, Frau Bartel, Frau Chard, Frl. Kotheringer.

Frau S. Finch, Captain — Frau E. Uehlin, Frau C. Smith, Frau C. Kummer, Frau F. Voeg, Frau Braun, Frau Hallings.

Frau L. Howorth, Captain — Frau M. Talbot, Frau F. Widmer, Frl. D. Hoffmeier, Frl. E. Hoffmeier, Frl. Emily Myers, Frau F. Kern.

Frau B. Heim, Captain — Frau Edw. Weismiller, Frl. Lucille Louden, Frl. Laura Pomeroy.

Kommissär - Komitee: Frau Rudolph Ruk, Vorsitzende — Frau Stephany, Frau Rudolph Kolb.

1930 Pastor Will Tour To Pacific Coast For His Vacation

Minister's Companion To
Write for Vorwaerts, a
Leading Newspaper in
Berlin, Germany.

The Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer, pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical Church, will deliver his last sermon tomorrow morning before starting on a vacation tour which is intended to reach the Pacific coast.

With Mr. Hoefer goes Frederic Weigelt, of Berlin, Germany, a former companion of the pastor in a tour five years ago in Europe, Palestine and Egypt. He is a teacher in an experimental school in Berlin. Mr. Weigelt will write a series of articles relating his experiences for the "Vorwaerts," a Berlin daily. Mr. Hoefer may be heard from through the columns of The Times-Union.

In the pastor's absence the pulpit of St. Paul's Church will be supplied as follows: July 20, the Rev. Frederick H. Wilkins of the Federation of Churches; July 27, the Rev. Dr. John Hutchison of the Times-Union staff; August 3 and 10, the Rev. Adolf Baltzer, pastor of Trinity Evangelical Church for 37 years; August 17, Mr. Harry Witmyer of the Gospel Tabernacle; August 24 and 31, Prof. Albert Breitschneider, of the Divinity School faculty.

1930
Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer will preach his last sermon in St. Paul's Evangelical Church tomorrow morning before leaving on a motor tour of the West. Rev. Mr. Hoefer's sermon will concern the desire of human beings to escape from the routine and duty of every-day life. The minister will be accompanied on his vacation tour by Frederic Weigelt, teacher at an experimental school in Berlin, Germany.

In Rev. Mr. Hoefer's absence his pulpit will be occupied by the following supplies: July 20, Rev. F. H. Willkens; July 27, Rev. Dr. John Hutchison; Aug. 3 and 10, Rev. Adolph Baltzer; Aug. 17, H. G. Witmyer, and Aug. 24 and Aug. 31, Prof. Albert Breitschneider.

Minister To Give Study of 'Descent from the Cross,' Other Midweek Services

Rubens' great painting, "The Descent From the Cross," will be the subject of a study by Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer at the midweek Lenten service this evening at 7:30 o'clock at St. Paul's Evangelical Church. Mr. Hoefer will consider the life of the artist, the technic of the painting, and the spiritual challenge it seeks to convey. All persons who attend the meeting will receive copies of the picture.

Midweek services this evening in other Rochester churches are listed as follows:

Rev. Elmer Hoefer To Be Installed As St. Paul's Evangelical Minister

March 3, 1929

Dr. Frankenfeld Presides
at Service Tomorrow;
Reception Wednesday

Installation of the Rev. Elmer Hoefer as new minister of St. Paul's Evangelical Church will take place at a formal service at the church tomorrow evening. The ministers of the three sister churches, Salem, Trinity and Christ Evangelical, will officiate. The Rev. Dr. Frederick Frankenfeld will preside at the service and preach the sermon, the Rev. J. O. Reller of Trinity Church will bring the charge to the minister and the Rev. A. C. G. Baltzer will bring the charge to the congregation. The Rev. B. J. Tepas of Christ Church will lead in prayer and the Rev. Henry J. Walch, who served as acting minister of St. Paul's, will read Scripture.

The service will begin with a processional by the choir and the president of the church, Albert Meili, escorting the Rev. E. H. Hoefer, followed by the church council and the officiating clergymen. The musical numbers for the service, arranged by Prof. Henry Betz, organist and choir director, will include a prelude, "The Angelus," Massenet; anthem, "Sing to the Lord," Thompson; contralto solo, "O Rest in the Lord," from Mendessohn's "Elijah," by Miss Emily Meyer; anthem, "Jehovah, Praise Prolong," Woller, and a tenor solo by Theo. Curtis, "Lord, Whom My Heart Holds Dear," F. Hiller, and postlude, "Fanfare," Lemmens.

The Rev. Mr. Hoefer will deliver his first sermon to his new charge in the morning service. His subject will be "A Motto for Our Masthead," using as text Romans 1:16. There will be a reception at the conclusion of this service, in charge of William Offschalger, chairman of the board of deacons, and Rudolph Kolb, chief usher.

The Rev. Mr. Hoefer comes to the church with an unusual background for his work. He was graduated from Elmhurst College of Chicago, Eden Seminary, St. Louis and the Washington University of St. Louis, after which he made extensive travels and studied abroad.

An informal reception in honor of the new minister will be conducted Wednesday evening following a Lenten service. The program for this occasion includes short speeches by heads of various organizations, followed by entertainment and refreshments in the basement of the Sunday-school building.

The Rev. Mr. Hoefer succeeds the Rev. H. E. Koenig, who left Rochester several months ago to take up post-graduate work in the Chicago University Divinity School.



REV. ELMER H. HOEFER

EVANGELICAL CHURCH CALLS NEW MINISTER

St. Paul's To Be Served by
Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer of
Papineau, Ill

1929

Members of St. Paul's Evangelical Church, situated at Norton and Jewel Streets, have elected Rev. Elmer Hoefer of Papineau, Ill., to succeed Rev. H. E. Koenig, who leaves Rochester next week to take up post graduate work in the Department of Comparative Religion at the Chicago University Divinity School.

Mr. Hoefer is a graduate of Washington University, St. Louis, Mo., and Eden Theological Seminary, Webster Groves, Mo. Mr. Hoefer also spent a year abroad studying and traveling. He attended lectures at a number of German universities and took courses with Harnack, Richter, Helm and others. One of the results of his travels and studies abroad is a series of travel talks. He has been for the last three years minister of a Protestant Community Church in a French-Catholic settlement. He is planning to take up his new duties here at the beginning of the year. *Top of page*

In the interim, Henry C. Walch, a graduate of Elmhurst Junior College, of McCormick Theological Seminary and at present a senior of the University of Rochester, will supply the pulpit at St. Paul's. Rev. A. C. G. Baltzer, minister of Trinity Evangelical Church, will instruct the class of twenty catechumens preparing for confirmation and also will serve the spiritual needs of the sick and shut-ins.

While doing post graduate work at Chicago University Divinity School, Mr. Koenig will serve the Evangelical Church at Barrington, Ill., a suburb of Chicago, where he and his family will live.

NEW MINISTER INSTALLED IN CHARGE HERE

3-3-1929

Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer Takes
Pulpit at St. Paul's Evangelical Church

A large congregation last evening attended the service at St. Paul's Evangelical Church, where Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer, recently of Papineau, Ill., was installed minister.

Rev. Dr. Frederick Frankenfeld, minister of Salem Church, Rochester, conducted the ceremony. Dr. Frankenfeld was authorized by the president of the Evangelical Synod to install the clergymen because he had been a close friend and schoolmate of Rev. Mr. Hoefer's father, when they lived in Missouri. Dr. Frankenfeld also preached the installation sermon. Taking for his theme the Scripture verse, "If ye have not the spirit of Christ, ye are none of His," he argued that neither an individual nor a church that has not the spirit of love and the spirit of justice which animated Christ can claim the right to be called Christian.

Rev. J. Otto Reller, minister of Trinity Evangelical Church, offered the charge to the minister. Rev. Adolph Baltzer, minister of Trinity and also acting minister at present of a church at Erie, Pa., gave the charge to the congregation. Rev. Mr. Hoefer gave a few words of greeting and pronounced the benediction. Rev. Bernard Tepas of Christ Evangelical Church offered prayer, and Rev. Henry Welch, who has been acting minister of St. Paul's for two months, read from the Bible.

St. Paul's Church Paying Off Debt; Pastor To Go West

Nearly Half of Amount
Subscribed in Recent
Drive Paid In—Interest
Charges Are Met.

St. Paul's Evangelical Church, Norton near St. Paul Street, which conducted a campaign for \$20,000 last Lent and went over the top in its subscriptions, has already received \$8,000 in cash. This has been paid off against the church indebtedness.

Last Sunday about \$900 was contributed and \$1,300 was paid last week on interest charges.

The pastor the Rev. Elmer Hoefer expects to make a vacation tour, to the Pacific coast in his coach. Frederick Weigelt, a school teacher in Berlin, Germany, in an experimental school, will accompany Mr. Hoefer. The fellow travellers came together through the international correspondence fostered by the youth movement immediately after the World War and after meeting Mr. Weigelt in Germany the two agreed to meet again after five years. This trip is the result of that agreement.

Mr. Hoefer was one of a party of five which travelled through Europe, Palestine and Egypt. That tour has furnished Mr. Hoefer with the material for a series of travel lectures which he has given in St. Paul's Church. 1930

Minister And Bride Welcomed With Gifts

The Rev. E. H. Hoefer, pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical Church, returned from his vacation Saturday after being married June 30 at Lincoln, Ill., to Miss Thekla Stall.

At the close of the morning service yesterday, Dr. H. M. Finch welcomed the pastor and his wife on behalf of the congregation and presented them a box of toy blocks, which on being opened proved a camouflage for a gift of \$175 in gold, which tumbled out as the blocks were removed.

Immediately after the Sunday school teachers held a reception and gave a dinner in honor of the Rev. and Mrs. Hoefer, at which addresses of welcome were made by Dr. Finch, H. Betz, A. Meilli Sr., Mrs. H. Hiem and Miss L. Reuschle. On behalf of the teachers and pupils the bride and groom were presented a dinner set.

Give Welcome Party

The Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer, minister of St. Paul's Evangelical Church, and Mrs. Hoefer, who were married June 30 in Lincoln, Ill., were given a welcoming party by teachers of the church Sunday school following the morning services Sunday. Addresses were given by Dr. H. M. Finch, Henry Betz, Albert Meiller, Mrs. H. Hiem and Miss Lucille Reuschle. Miss Emily Meyer sang a solo. The group presented the minister and his bride with a dinner set.

Pastor, People Resume Worship In Their Church

Sunday morning the congregation of St. Paul Evangelical Church will resume worship in their church auditorium, which has been closed during July. During the pastor's leave of absence, the entire church and Sunday school auditorium and class rooms were redecorated, the woodwork refinished and a new



Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer

grill mounted over the organ. A special rededication ritual will be read by pastor and people reconsecrating the sanctuary to the service of worship and instruction. Henry Betz, choirmaster, will direct two choir anthems.

Both auditoriums are finished in dark ivory color, stippled. Secondary colors used for borders, organ loft and background for the pulpit are green and blue.

The committee in charge was:



1930 Confirmation Class of St. Paul's Evangelical Church, Norton and Jewel Streets. Front row, left to right: Carolyn Fladd, Betty Lindgren, Rev. Elmer Henry Hoefer, Ruth Meile, Eleanor Kulp. Back row: Charles King, Earl Fortunato, Ralph Michelsen, Ruth Ludlow, William Poppe, Gilbert Redding and William Schlegel.
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Church Gives First Youth to Ministry

St. Paul's Evangelical Bids
William Walch Godspeed

First young man to enter the ministry from the congregation of St. Paul's Evangelical Church in Norton Street in its 69 years, William Walch Jr. of 416 Magnolia Street will enter Elmhurst College at Elmhurst, Ill., this fall to prepare for church work.

Mr. Walch was presented a traveling bag at the Sunday school session at the church yesterday, Supt. Henry Hieb making the presentation on behalf of the Sunday school, the Young People's Class and the Evangelical League.

Hope was expressed by the Rev. Elmer Henry Hoefer, minister of St. Paul's Evangelical, that the young man might be ordained at the time of the congregation's Diamond Jubilee, which will be celebrated in 1937.

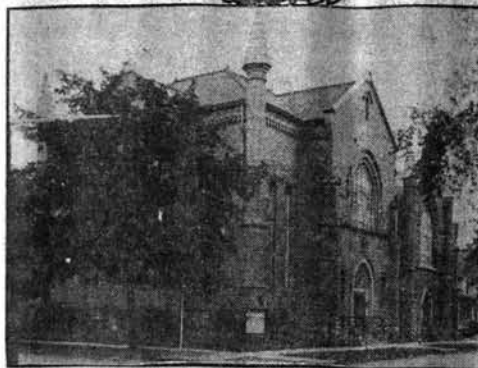
Graduated from West High School, Mr. Walch has been active in young people's work in the church. He is president of the Young People's League.

Announcement is made of the forthcoming marriage of Miss Thekla Stoll, daughter of John Stoll of Lincoln, Ill., to the Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer, minister of St. Paul's Evangelical Church. The ceremony will be performed by the bridegroom's father, the Rev. John Hoefer, in St. John's Evangelical Church, of which he is pastor, in Lincoln. Two uncles of the bridegroom, the Rev. Theodore Hoefer of New Douglas, Ill., and the Rev. Martin Hoefer of South Bend, Ind., will assist in the ceremony.

Miss Stoll's maid of honor will be her sister, Irma, and her bridesmaids will be the bridegroom's sisters, Miss Arthur and Miss Cousin.

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Trinity Evangelical Church To Celebrate 90th Birthday With Week of Special Rites



TRINITY EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Trinity Evangelical Church will celebrate its 90th anniversary tomorrow and during the week following. This congregation was organized to serve the German-speaking people of the community. The official name, adopted in the founding year, 1842, was "The German United Protestant Trinity Church." In the year 1858 a new constitution gives the name as "Trinity United Evangelical Protestant Church" in order to show one born in 1862, when the Rev. that it wished to be considered a scion of the State Church of Germany. Trinity has built up its membership on the principle of "In Essentials Unity, in Non-Essentials

Liberty, In All Things Charity." After worshiping in rented buildings for five years, the first church building was erected in 1847 on Allen Street, near the old New York Central depot. It was built during the pastorate of the Rev. J. F. Illiger.

Interest in Education

That Trinity has always been interested in education is shown by the fact that in 1850 Rev. Carl W. F. Haass organized the first parochial of week-day school.

Trinity is parent of two churches. Ph. Conrad with a group of Trinity members organized St. Paul's Evangelical Church, now located on Norton and Jewell Streets, and the other in 1874 when a group located on the east side of the Genesee river and formed Salem Evangelical Church on Franklin Street and called as their pastor the Rev. Carl Siebenpfeffer, who was then serving Trinity Church.

When the Rev. Adolph C. G. Balter became minister of the church in 1897, holding the longest pastorate until 1919, he, too, felt the need to relocate and accordingly on April 20, 1905, a Sunday school building was dedicated at Child and Wilder Streets. Nine years later on May 24, 1914, the beautiful yellow brick church was dedicated.

During the pastorate of the Rev. J. Otto Reller, 1919-1931, the Sunday-school building underwent a complete remodeling and on Dec. 9, 1928, was rededicated to the cause of religious education.

The present pastor, the Rev. Carl G. Haass, came to Trinity Church from St. John's Evangelical Church, Dunirk, N. Y., on Nov. 1, 1931. This past summer the church auditorium was completely redecorated for the 90th anniversary.

Official Board

Those serving on the official board of the church are: President, Chester Wilson; vice-president, Rudolph Fleke; secretary, Chester Strassner; financial secretary, Adam Conrad; treasurer, Robert Durning, and John Sellar, Ernest Hess, Albert Schoepper, Clark Waint, Henry Koch, James Montgomery, Henry Schuhardt, Peter Limbach, Alfred Knight and George Conrad.

There will be two anniversary services on Sunday, at 10:30 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m., in each of which the Rev. S. D. Press, D. D., president of Eden Theological Seminary, St. Louis, Mo., will preach the sermon. In the evening service the Evangelical Synod churches of Rochester and their pastors will be the special guests of Trinity Church.

Two special social features of the anniversary celebration will be a "90th Anniversary Jubilee" performance by the "Trinity Troupers" of Trinity Church Choir on Tuesday evening in the German House, Gregory Street, and "Trinity Family Night" in the church parlors on Thursday evening, when the whole Trinity membership will gather for an evening of song, music, entertainment and pictures of bygone days.

CHURCH WILL OBSERVE 90TH ANNIVERSARY

Trinity Evangelical to Have Special Services And Music Sunday

10-23-32

The 90th anniversary of the founding of Trinity Evangelical Church, second oldest and one of the largest congregations of German origin in Rochester, will be marked at special services Sunday, to be attended by many visiting clergymen.

The church, now at Child and Wilder streets, was founded in 1842 when a group of members severed their affiliations with Zion Lutheran Church and founded Trinity under the pastorship of the Rev. C. F. Solden.

Two services will be conducted Sunday to mark the anniversary, at 10:30 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m. The Rev. Samuel D. Press, resident of Eden Theological Seminary, St. Louis, will deliver sermons at each of the services.

In the morning the Rev. Carl G. Haass, minister of Trinity Church, will conduct the altar service and one of his predecessors, the Rev. Adolph C. G. Baltzer, will read the Scripture. There will be a special musical service by the organist, Miss Emma Wentz, and the choir under the direction of William Young.

At the evening service, besides Doctor Press, the following clergymen will assist: The Rev. Frederick Frankenfeld, D. D.; the Rev. Bernard Tepas the Rev. Elmer Hoefer, the Rev. Fred Willkens, the Rev. Theodore Trost, the Rev. Mr. Baltzer and the Rev. Mr. Haass. The musical program will include selections by the Liederkranz Maennerchor and a violin solo by Albert Schoepper Jr.

Since its founding Trinity Church has had two buildings, the present structure having been erected in 1904. Its Sunday school was organized in 1849 by the Rev. Carl G. Haass, grandfather of the present minister, and was reorganized in 1928 by the Rev. J. Otto Reller, then minister, to conform with modern standards. Fourteen ministers have served the church. Records show that there have been 6,921 baptisms, 2,329 confirmations, 3,107 marriages and 3,000 funerals.

Social features of the anniversary celebration will include a jubilee performance by the Trinity Troupers next Tuesday night at the German House, Gregory Street, and "Trinity family night" in the church parlors next Thursday.

Takes Pastorate*The Rev. Henry J. Walch***Minister Accepts
Grace Church Call**

On Feb. 7 the Rev. Henry J. Walch will take over the pulpit of 40-year-old Grace Presbyterian Church in Lyell Avenue.

Mr. Walch, a graduate of the University of Rochester and of McCormick Theology Seminary in Chicago, comes from Oakfield, where he has been pastor of the First Presbyterian Church since 1929. Mrs. Walch, nee Miss Geraldine Klix and also a University of Rochester graduate, will come here with him.

Mr. Walch will succeed the Rev. William A. Hallock in the Grace Church pastorate. Mr. Hallock plans to take a long-deferred vacation, he said today.

WILLIAM Walch Jr., a student of Elmhurst College, Elmhurst, Ill., where he is studying in preparation for the ministry of the Evangelical Church will preach tomorrow in Grace Presbyterian Church. *Aug 28, 1932*

At 6:30 p. m. tomorrow the Evangelical League of St. Paul's Evangelical Church will meet at the Theodore Benz cottage on Conesus Lake. Delegates to the convention in Dunkirk on Labor Day will report. *Sat. Sept. 10, 1932*

† Rev. Hugo Friederich Wilhelm Grotefend †

It was unexpected sad news to many that on Sunday evening, June 5, 1932, Rev. Grotefend was suddenly called from his home in Okeene, Okla., to a higher life just as he was preparing to attend a young people's meeting, his death being caused by heart-failure. He had witnessed for Christ in his church at Loyal, Okla., Sunday morning. Little did his hearers realize that this would be their pastor's last sermon. Nevertheless, the memory of his life and work among them will continue to be a witness for the Master.

Rev. H. F. W. Grotefend was born in Sulingen, Germany, October 16, 1866, in a home of culture, and when a young man served as an officer in the army. But he felt a desire to serve his Lord, and came to America in 1896. He entered Eden Seminary where he graduated with the class of 1899.

Rev. Grotefend was united in marriage with Miss Johanna Phillippi in St. Louis, Missouri, November 21, 1899. To this union were born one daughter, Louise Anna Ruth, who died when only three weeks old, and three sons, who survive their father: Alfred, of St. Paul, Minn.; Emmet, of Rio de Janeiro, South America; and Archibald, of the United States Navy, S. S. Oklahoma, San Pedro, California.

During the thirty-three years of his ministry he served churches at New Baden and Red Bud, Ill.; Corning, Auburn, and Rochester, New York; Trenton, New Jersey; Schenectady and Buffalo, New York; Washington County, Texas; Chamois and Deer Creek in Missouri; and Okeene and Loyal in Oklahoma.

The members of the immediate family, who mourn the loss of their loved one are: his widow, who was his helper in the service of the Master, his three sons, one daughter-in-law, and

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two sisters in Germany, besides many friends who will not forget him.

The funeral, which had to be postponed twice on account of the youngest son being unable to reach Okeene before Thursday evening, was held Friday afternoon, June 10th, and was conducted by Rev. F. E. C. Haas, Oklahoma City, the president of the Oklahoma Region. Rev. A. F. Werner, Hardtner, Kansas, read the Scripture and led in prayer at the home; Rev. H. Becker, Kansas City, Kansas, president of the Kansas District, and Rev. F. E. C. Haas spoke at the church and participated in the liturgical part of the service. A number of pastors from Okeene served in the church and at the grave in the Lutheran Cemetery of Okeene. Rev. Haas committed the body to its final resting place, and the pastors all bade farewell to their brother by appropriate Scripture passages. The choirs of our churches in Okeene and

Loyal brought comfort by singing in the home, and at the church and cemetery. A quartet of the Kiwanis Club also sang at the church.

The following Okeene pastors acted as pallbearers: R. C. Seibel, of the Mennonite Brethren; R. F. Clark, of the First Baptist; Henry Rusch, Mennonite Brethren; Chas. Wagner, Zion Baptist; J. Le Roy Glass, Methodist, and I. J. Hesser of the Christian Church; the council members of both of his churches were honorary pallbearers. Mr. Henry Kamp, Jr., Oklahoma City, represented the Kansas District Council.

"We have here not an abiding city, but we seek after the city which is to come," Heb. 13: 14.

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In Rochester Churches

1-23-32

Church notices and news for these pages should be in this office by Thursday noon and addressed to the Church News Editor.

OBSERVATION of "Penance Sunday" marking the beginning of the week designated by the Federal Council of Churches as one of repentance and prayer, will take place tomorrow at St. Paul's Evangelical Church, Rev. E. H. Hoefler will point out in his sermon how the usually gentle Jesus cut through the smug complacency and selfrighteousness of a number of cities which prided themselves on their civic righteousness. Mr. Hoefler says: "Until American churches become as humble and as repentant as they are demanding that politicians, industrial and financial leaders become, they will be impotent in the great task of rebuilding the world that shall come out of the present chaos. Repentance is necessary before any spiritual regeneration can take place." *Jan. 1932*

The Rev. Elmer H. Hoefler's sermon in the morning at St. Paul's Evangelical Church, in observance of Penance Sunday, will point out that recognition of sin, both social and individual, are prerequisites to restoration of a better day. *Jan. 1932*

The Rev. Elmer H. Hoefler will present a drama-sermon at night in St. Paul's Evangelical Church on "The Ten Commandments." The Rev. Theodor L. Trost will be heard in a number of baritone solos. *Jan. 1-9-32*

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THE Rev. Elmer H. Hoefler, of St. Paul's Evangelical Church will preach tomorrow at 10:30 on faith. He says he will point out that "the age of faith is always the age of achievement. The moment faith in a cause ceases, the destruction of the cause follows. An age that boasts of being scientific probes for flaws in all of its institutions and beliefs, with the result that everything is criticized and doubted. Faith as a main-spring to devotion and action is supplanted by doubt. Ennui followed by despair then complete the paralysis of men's spirits. Without the laying bare of new foundations for adequate faith and action civilization cannot continue. Only a restoration of the former faith in the fundamentals of business, democracy, religion will make an end to this age of gloom. The depression is not an economic thing only, but the reflection of what happens when man loses faith in himself and in those things which give him buoyancy and courage to carry on." *1-9-32*

In St. Paul's Evangelical Church the Rev. Elmer H. Hoefler will preach the second in his Sunday morning sermon series on "The Fruits of Religion." The theme will be "Service, According to Jesus." The junior choir will sing.

St. Paul's Evangelical - A sh Wednesday service at 7:45 p. m.; the minister, the Rev. Elmer H. Hoefler, will preach on "What Mean Those Crosses?" *2-10-32*

St. Paul's, Jewel and Norton; the Rev. E. H. Hoefler-10:30 a. m., "Our Covenant with God," installation of church council; 7:45 p. m., song service and drama-sermon, "Quo Vadis"; 9:15, S. S. Salem, Franklin near St. Paul; the Rev. Frederick Frankenfeld, D. D.-9 a. m., German, "A Christian's Revenge"; 10:10, English, "A Call to Loyalty"; 9, S. S.; 6:30, Y. P.

Trinity, Child and Wilder; the Rev. C. G. Haass-9 a. m., German, "Die Christen auf der Durchreise durch Diese Welt"; 10:50, English, "The Shepherd Knows"; 9:45, S. S.

AT St. Paul's Evangelical Church at 10:30 the Rev. Henry Hoefler will stress the need of constant renewal of loyalty and devotion to a purpose. "The church of Christ is dedicated to the great ideal of bringing the Kingdom of God on earth," says Mr. Hoefler. "It pledges itself to be the tool which God may use to bring about His will." Following the sermon, the congregation will be asked to renew its covenant with God, and to give its full support to the newly elected church council. The following men have been elected to serve on the church board for three years, and will be inducted into office Sunday: Elder, William Krase; senior trustee, August Saks; deacons, William Ofalager, Rudolph Kolb, Fred Nicholas. Deaconesses, Mesdames A. Nicholas, H. Krase, E. Uehlin, F. Widmer, E. Bartle, C. Chard will also be installed. A committee of 70 will be appointed by the council and church representatives to plan a fitting celebration of the church's 70th anniversary in the fall of 1932. At 7:45 a song service and drama-sermon telling the story of the Christian church in Rome during the first century will be read by Mrs. Thella Hoefler. Mrs. Theodore Trost will be guest soloist.

Evangelical Church Loses Oldest Member

Mrs. Sophie Reich, 98, widow of Christian Reich and oldest member of St. Paul's Evangelical Church, is dead at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frederick Stoll, 225 Gregory Street. Funeral services will be conducted at the home Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery.

Mrs. Reich was born in Alsace-Lorraine and came to America when she was 18, settling in Verona, N. Y. She came to Rochester with her husband, Christian Reich, whom she married 75 years ago. She had been in good health up to 10 days ago.

She was a member of the Alter Society of her church and of Germania Rebekah Lodge.

She leaves a son, John C. Reich, two daughters, Mrs. Stoll and Mrs. Frederick W. Weitzel; four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. *Jan. 1932*

The Rev. Theodor Stoerker, assistant minister of Salem Church, will speak to the Evangelical League of St. Paul's Evangelical Church at 6:30 o'clock tomorrow evening. Miss Cora Curtis will act as leader. *2-21-32*

The last of the special Sunday evening services that have been conducted throughout the winter will be given tomorrow at St. Paul's Evangelical Church. The congregation singing will be led by the Rev. Theodore Trost. Miss Marjorie Benz, cellist, will play the Berceuse from "Jocelyn," Godard, and "La Cinqquantain," Gabriel-Marie. The drama-sermon, read by Mrs. Thella Hoefler, is based on Griffith's film, "Abraham Lincoln." *2-7-32*

EVANGELICAL 2-10-32

The children's hour of prayer will be conducted Friday afternoon at 4:30 at St. Paul's Church, Jewel and Norton Street. Miss Eleanor Hoffmeier will be in charge of the program and Mrs. H. Heim will lead in the music and order of worship. Readings will be given by Mrs. E. Weismiller, Mrs. H. J. Braun and members of the confirmation class. A duet will be presented by Miss Pearl Heim and Miss Eleanor Moulden.

The congregation of St. Paul's Church will welcome a number of visiting pastors on Wednesday evenings during Lent. The pastor, the Rev. Elmer H. Hoefler, will preach tonight on the subject, "What Mean Those Crosses?" Ministers will bring the message as follows: Feb. 17, the Rev. Spencer B. Owens, Spencer-Ripley M. E. Church; 24, the Rev. Frederick E. Reissig, Emanuel Lutheran Church; March 2, the Rev. Theophil Menzel, St. Peter's Evangelical Church, North Tonawanda; 9, the Rev. Theodore Trost, Colgate Rochester Divinity School; 16, the Rev. John Dennis, St. James' Episcopal Church; 28, the Rev. Mr. Hoefler.

Will Induct New Minister

Installation of the Rev. Henry J. Walch as minister will take place in the evening at Grace Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Thomas S. Mutch, moderator of the Rochester Presbytery, will preside and deliver the charge to the minister. The charge to the congregation will be given by the Rev. Frank M. Weston, D. D., executive secretary of the Presbytery, and the Rev. Gordon W. Mattice, minister of Westminster Presbyterian Church, will preach the installation sermon. *3-13-32*

Communion at Dawn

A candlelight dawn Communion service will take place at 6 o'clock in St. Paul's Evangelical Church. The Brotherhood will be hosts to the congregation at an 8 o'clock breakfast, which will be preceded by baptism of children. *3-27-32*

Speak In Missions

Gospel Tabernacle 3-27-32

A sunrise service will be held at the Gospel Tabernacle, 410-12 Main Street West, Easter morning at 6 o'clock. The Sunday school meets at 3:30 and the two young people's groups at 5 and 6 o'clock. At the Sunday night service, Supt. H. G. Witmeyer will speak on "Proofs of the Bodily Resurrection of Christ." Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stafford will sing, with their son, Friend, at the piano. The program for the week follows: Monday, Supt. H. G. Witmeyer; Tuesday, Passavant Missionary Society of Grace Lutheran Church; Wednesday, cantata by the Emmanuel Presbyterian choir; Thursday, young people's night, Miss Mildred Farmer, speaker; Friday, Friendship Night, the Rev. E. H. Hoefler, speaker; refreshments by St. Paul's Evangelical Church; Saturday, testimony and song service.

DR. O. J. PRICE QUITS JOB IN FEDERATION

March 12, 1932

Executive Secretary Of Church Body III — Efforts Praised

Resignation of the Rev. Orlo J. Price, D. D., as executive secretary of the Federation of Churches of Rochester and Monroe County because of ill health was announced last night by the Federation executive committee. The resignation was accepted with regret.

Doctor Price has held the post since the body was started more than 12 years ago. Illness has forced him to forego active work in connection with the position for much of the past two years. He has asked that he be relieved by April 30 if possible.

His Work Praised

"The future as regards my health," Doctor Price said in his letter to the Federation leaders, "is too uncertain for me to allow you to indulge further the expectation that I could soon take up the full duties of the office with the vigor and initiative that this work requires, especially in these trying times."

In accepting the resignation a committee composed of the Rev. Ralph S. Cushman, D. D., president, and all the past presidents, made public a letter to Doctor Price in which they describe his leadership of the Federation as marking "an epoch in the history of church co-operation in Rochester."

Remarking on the Federation movement, the latter continues that "our various communions have all had distinguished histories and have made worthy contributions that grew out of strong convictions. But all church leaders agree that we have been rapidly coming to a new hour when our agreements are of more importance than our differences."

Dedication of a set of organ chimes given in memory of their parents by the children of Henry and Magdalene Eckert will take place tomorrow night in St. Paul's Evangelical Church. Gift of the chimes was announced at the celebration of Mrs. Eckert's 80th birthday on Jan. 1 of this year. Death overtook her a few weeks ago before she could realize her wish to hear chimes in the church of which she was a member 50 years.

The Rev. Elmer H. Hoefler, minister, will read the order of dedication and Henry Betz will be at the organ. After the dedication ceremony the church choir will sing Wooler's cantata, "Hail the Victor." *Palm Sunday 4-32*

Resigns Post



REV. ORLO J. PRICE, D. D.

Church Has Dedication Of Memorial Chimes

3-20-32

Could earthly music penetrate the beyond, Mrs. Magdalene Eckert would have heard what she wished to—chimes in her own church, St. Paul's Evangelical, dedicated last evening to the memory of herself and her late husband. Children of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Eckert gave these chimes as an organ attachment, and the gift was announced on their mother's 80th birthday, Jan. 1 of the present year, while she still lived. She died a few weeks ago, before the chimes had been installed. Rev. Elmer H. Hoefler, minister, conducted the dedication.

Henry Betz, organist, played two selections with the chimes at the opening of service, "Ave Maria" by Arcadelt and "The Minster Chimes" by Calver. During the dedication proper, the organ was heard softly playing "German Chorale," a favorite with Mrs. Eckert.

This service was followed by the Lenten cantata "Hail the Victor" by Wooler.

St. Paul's Evangelical

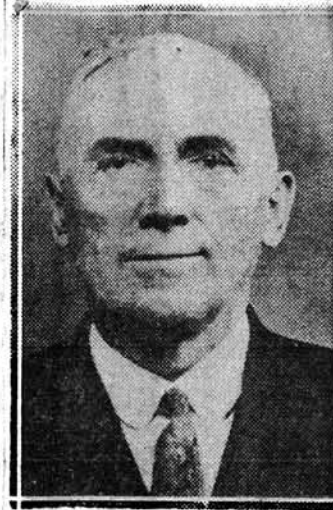
A Confirmation class of eleven will come to the altar of St. Paul Evangelical Church on Palm Sunday. The Rev. E. H. Hoefler has instructed this class over a two-year period. The members of the class are:

Roland Liquory, Arnold Pommerening, Norman Rosenzweig, Fred Meeh, Helen Widmer, Brunhilde Kothiringer, Norma Westfall, Eleanor Foerkel, Ruth Brierly, Arlene Huck, Ruth Lietzau.

Tomorrow noon the pastor will receive and dedicate the gift of a set of Memorial organ chimes, given in memory of their parents by the children of Henry and Magdalene Eckert, and will be dedicated as the Eckert Memorial chimes. The gift was announced at the celebration of Mrs. Eckert's 80th birthday, Jan. 1, 1932. Death overtook Mrs. Eckert a few weeks ago before she could realize her wish to hear chimes. The choir will sing, "Hail the Victor," by Alfred Wooler. *3-20-32*

At 6 a. m., tomorrow, the men of the Brotherhood Bible Class of St. Paul's Evangelical Church will commune in a body, following an annual custom. At 8 o'clock the congregation will be guests of the Brotherhood at an Easter breakfast. At 7:30 a. m., there will be service of baptism for children. At 9:15 at the foot of a cross, surrounded by Easter lilies, a chest will receive the Sunday School Easter offering. Mission hymns will be sung by marching children as they bring their "Easter Banks," the proceeds of which will go for educational work among the Evangelical Synod's missions in India and Honduras. *3-27-32*

Church Will Dedicate Tablet for Pioneers



WILLIAM F. KRASS

Pioneer Sunday will be observed tomorrow morning in St. Paul's Evangelical Church with dedication of a bronze tablet and a standard upon which are engraved the names of charter members of the Half Century Club.

Some 40 persons who have been active members of the church for 50 years or more are eligible for membership in this club. The names will be read to the congregation by William F. Krass, elder of the church and himself one of its half-century members.

On the tablet, which is the gift of William Hahn, will be recorded the names of all who by subscription to an endowment fund become perpetual members of the church. The names of the "pioneers" will be found on the standard.

At St. Paul's Evangelical Church at 10:30 the Rev. E. H. Hoefler will point out that in times of economic stress we are taught that there is a distinction. The necessity of having to get on with little often has the good function of teaching men the relative unimportance of mere material prosperity. H. G. Witmeyer and the junior choir of the Gospel Tabernacle will be guests at the morning worship, and later to Sunday dinner, Mr. Witmeyer will address the junior church. The united Junior choirs of St. Paul's and the Tabernacle will sing. *4-23-32*

4-17-32

St. Paul's Evangelical Church will honor her older members at a special service Sunday morning when Pioneer Sunday will be observed. A service of song and worship will be centered about the theme of the morning sermon. Special features of the service will include the dedication of a bronze tablet upon which will be engraved the names of all, who by subscription to an endowment fund, will make themselves perpetual members of the church, and of a standard upon which are recorded the names of the charter members of the "One-half Century Club." Some 40 people are eligible to membership in this club. William Kraso, an elder in the church board and himself a member of the church for more than 50 years, will read the names of the club members.

Evangelical Group To Meet Monday

1932

The next meeting of the Evangelical Brotherhood Federation of Rochester will be held at St. Paul's Evangelical Church, Monday, Apr. 18, at 7:45 p. m. The speaker will be the Rev. David Rhys Williams, pastor of the First Unitarian Church, who will discuss "Religion of Russia."

After the meeting entertainment will be given and refreshments served.

The federation is composed of the Brotherhoods of Salem, Trinity, St. Paul's and Christ churches, and comprises over 600 members.

Will Speak to Boys

Supt. H. G. Witmeyer of the Gospel Tabernacle, will speak to the boys at Industry Sunday morning at 8 o'clock. At 10:30, Mr. Witmeyer and a girls' chorus of 25 voices will take a part in the morning service at St. Paul's Evangelical Church, Jewel and Norton Streets.

Will Receive Guests

The Pioneer Christian Endeavor Society will meet at 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon at Grace Presbyterian Church. The Senior Society will meet at 6 o'clock for a supper meeting. They will have as their guests the Young People's Society of St. Paul's Evangelical Church.

The Rev. Elmer H. Hoefler, pastor of St. Paul's, will give an illustrated lecture on his travels in the Near East.

4-24-32

H. G. Witmeyer, superintendent, and a girls' chorus of 25 voices of the Gospel Tabernacle will be guests at the morning service in St. Paul's Evangelical Church.

Denomination Plans For Organic Union

The Rev. Frederick Frankenfeld announces that plans for a union of the Reformed Church in the United States with the Evangelical Church have been drawn up and will be submitted to the various churches for ratification.

The reformed church has a membership of 347,698, mostly in the eastern section of the country. The Evangelical Synod has 325,000 members, and is strongest in west and midwest.

The Senior Christian Endeavor Society at 6 o'clock in Grace Presbyterian Church will have as guest the Young People's League of St. Paul's Evangelical Church. The Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer, minister of St. Paul's, will give an illustrated lecture on his travels in the Near East. 4-24-32

CLASS TO HEAR ADDRESS

"Religious Education in Other Lands" will be discussed by the

men of St. Paul's Evangelical Church at a meeting of the Brotherhood Class at 7:45 o'clock tonight. The Rev. Robert Kazmayer of the Lewiston Avenue Methodist Church will lead the discussion. William Osslinger, president of the class will preside. William Lehle is in charge of the program. 4-13-'32

Church Federation To Have Drama Week

1932

Arrangements for a drama week, April 18 to 23, were partly completed yesterday by the drama committee of the Federation of Churches. It is planned to have plays presented in the parish houses or social rooms of eight churches in as many sections of the city. These churches are Monroe Avenue, Asbury, Spencer-Ripley and Corn Hill, all Methodist; St. Luke's Episcopal; Lake Avenue and Genesee Baptist, and Lutheran Church of the Reformation.

Miss Caroline E. Wells, director of dramatics at the Young Women's Christian Association, has general charge of the eight performances.

Thursday evening of drama week, April 21, it is planned to have a supper conference with Prof. Editha Parsons, of the College of Oratory, Syracuse University, if she can be obtained, for supper speaker on "Drama in the Church." It is hoped also that she will give a talk in the afternoon, on "Story-Telling in the Church." It is expected that both these gatherings will be at the Y. W. C. A. administration building.

The tentative program calls for a presentation of "Snow White," in Salem Evangelical Church, Franklin Street, Saturday afternoon and evening, under direction of Mrs. Elmer Hoefer. The performance in the afternoon will be in the nature of a dress rehearsal to which children will be especially invited.

Going to Bristol Hills

4-21-32

The Rochester Evangelical Student Club is planning an outing to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Genhart in the Bristol hills tomorrow afternoon as the last meeting of the school year. After a hike the group will discuss the "Voices of Nature," each to tell what to him was the most striking observation made. The Rev. E. H. Hoefer has been serving as student pastor for the group for the past year. Symposiums were held during the school year in homes of members, touching upon such subjects as "Japan, traitor or martyr," "Sex and Religion in Russia," "Social service agencies of Rochester." The Evangelical Student Club is an organization sponsored by the Youth department of the Evangelical Synod in all college and university centers where young people of the denomination are studying.

Gospel Tabernacle Anniversary Week Program Scheduled

May 1932



HARRY G. WITMEYER

A week's celebration of the fifth anniversary of its founding as a west side mission will begin tomorrow night at the Gospel Tabernacle. Besides special services every night through May 22, the Tabernacle will observe open house throughout the anniversary week.

Harry G. Witmeyer, superintendent, will be the speaker tomorrow night and the Tabernacle chorus will sing. Guest speakers and choirs on other evenings will include:

Monday, the Rev. John J. Lawrence, D. D., minister of the First Presbyterian Church, and choir of the Dewey Avenue Presbyterian Church; Tuesday, the Rev. Burdette N. Miner, district elder of the Free Methodist Church, and junior choir; Wednesday, the Rev. Eugene L. Stowell, minister of Concord and Resurrection Lutheran churches, and Grace Lutheran Choir; Thursday, the Rev. Frank G. Sayers, D. D., minister of the Baptist Temple, and music furnished by the First Baptist Church; Friday, the Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer, minister of St. Paul's Evangelical Church, and young people's chorus choir; Saturday, musical service; Sunday, May 22, the Rev. A. R. Sander of Mendon and St. Mark's Lutheran Choir.

Tuesday will be Directors' Night; Friday, Young People's Night, and Saturday, Converts' Night.

IN St. Paul Evangelical Church, the Rev. Elmer H. Hoefler announces a series of sermons on "Mediums of Spiritual Exchange." The first will seek to show how "Hands" may perform an evil or a blessed ministry. Other sermons in the series will discuss the ministry of the "Eyes," the "Ear," the "Tongue." "Those tools with which we work are our mediums of exchange by which we establish contact with nature and society. Upon the right use of these mediums depends ultimate happiness and success in life," says Mr. Hoefler. 5-21-'32

Outing of Evangelical Students Among Church Youth Activities

5-22-'32

The Rochester Evangelical Student Club will have an outing tomorrow afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Genhart in the Bristol Hills as its last meeting of the school year. After a hike the group will discuss "Voices of Nature."

The Evangelical Student Club is an organization sponsored by the youth department of the Evangelical Synod in college centers where young people of the denomination are studying. The Rev. Elmer H. Hoefler, minister of St. Paul's Evangelical Church, served as student minister of the group for the past year. Symposiums were conducted in homes of members.

Youth of the Sunday Evening Club of the First Methodist Church will have their final meeting for the summer at 6:30 o'clock tomorrow evening at the home of the Rev. Herbert Scott, D. D., 75 Dartmouth Street. Officers will be elected. Young people will meet at 6 o'clock at the church, where transportation will be provided.

Christian Endeavorers of the Parsells Avenue Baptist Church will have an outdoor service at 5:30 o'clock at Bushnell's Basin.

The recent Massie case in Honolulu will be discussed by the Young People's Fellowship of the Genesee Baptist Church at 6 o'clock. Whether justice was done, will be debated by Luther Irby and

Jack Lindsley. Miss Dorothy Hoffman will be in charge.

"Schweitzer—A Modern Christian" will be the subject of a talk by the Rev. Justin W. Nixon, D. D., at 7:30 o'clock before the young people's Sunday Evening Club of Brick Presbyterian Church. A social hour will be conducted at 8:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Anna M. Nicholson will address young people at 6:30 o'clock in the North Presbyterian Church. Intermediate young people of the Dewey Avenue Presbyterian Church at 7:30 o'clock will be led by Miss June Wedel.

The third in a series of Sunday morning Christian Endeavor district prayer meetings will be conducted tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock on the lawn of the Winton Congregational Church. The Rev. Theodore T. Hays, minister of Memorial Presbyterian Church, will speak and Miss Ruth Verwey will be the leader. Roy Anderson will offer prayer and a male quartet will sing.

The churches in the district include Parsells Avenue Baptist, First Reformed, Memorial Presbyterian, Salem Evangelical, Webster Evangelical, Winton Congregational, Calvary Evangelical, Second Reformed and Brighton Reformed. Miss Lois Smith and George Humby are arranging the affair. All young people are invited to attend.

Churches to Observe Day of Prayer May 5 1932

The Women's Organization of Trinity, Salem, St. Paul and Christ Evangelical Church will observe Ascension Day, Thursday, May 5, "Evangelical Day of Prayer for Missions," sponsored by the Women's Union of the Evangelical Synod of North America.

The prayer service will be held in Christ Evangelical Church, Portland Avenue and Jackson Street beginning at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

A St. Paul's Evangelical Church, the Rev. Elmer H. Hoefler will begin a series of Sunday morning sermons on "Mediums of Spiritual Exchange." 5-22-'32

It will be Family Sunday at St. Paul's Evangelical Church, where the congregation will be seated in the morning in family groups. 5-21-'32

AT St. Paul Evangelical Church, Elmer Henry Hoefler, minister, a Decoration Day message will be delivered. A Memorial Day altar will be prepared by banking lilies about two white crosses, symbolizing the spirit of sacrifice to noble causes. 5-29-'32

Meet at Mendon Ponds

The Christian Endeavor of Grace Presbyterian Church will meet Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock and will proceed to Mendon Ponds where the Endeavors of St. Paul's and Trinity Evangelical Churches and Grace Presbyterian Church will hold a joint meeting in the form of a picnic with games and sports during the afternoon. A picnic sup-

per will follow, after which a devotional service will be led by the Rev. Case Haas of Trinity Evangelical Church. The Grace Endeavorers plan to hold all their June meetings out-of-doors. May 15/32

Tortured Himself, Will Tell Of Persecution of Christians

Syrian Minister Victim
Of Turks, Among Many
Driven from Russia

Persecution of Christians by Russians and Mohammedans will be described by an eye-witness, the Rev. M. G. Daniel, Ph. D. of Philadelphia, a native Syrian, in services tomorrow and next week at Rochester churches.

"The Land of the Martyrs" will be Doctor Daniel's subject. He will speak before the Sunday school of Concordia Lutheran Church at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning, and also will preach at the regular 10:15 o'clock service. Tomorrow evening at 7:15 o'clock he will address a congregation at the Christian Reformed Church.

Will Speak Wednesday

Doctor Daniel will speak at 7:30 o'clock Wednesday evening in Trinity Evangelical Church. A week from tomorrow, Sunday, June 5, he will preach at 9 o'clock in the morning at Salem Evangelical Church, and at 10:30 a. m. the same day in St. Paul's Evangelical Church.

Doctor Daniel, who is arch-deacon of the Assyrian Church in the United States and former missionary to Kurdistan, is minister of the church for the foreign-born in Philadelphia. He was born near old Nineveh, Mesopotamia, and educated at the American college in Nineveh, and the Oriental College at Berlin, Germany. He also studied in London and Petrograd, now Leningrad.

Suffered Tortures

The life and fanatic religions of the Orient and the massacre of Christian women and children because of their faith will be told by Doctor Daniel in describing missionary work among the Mohammedans, Kurds, Turks, Persians and fire and devil worshippers. He himself suffered torture at the hands of the Turkish Mohammedans, who killed 65 of his close relatives. He was among 20,000 refugees driven out of Russia by the Bolsheviks. On Oct. 6, 1923 his younger brother, the Rev. John G. Daniel, was put to death by the Bolsheviks. Hundreds of his friends and relatives, especially those driven out from Russia to Persia, are facing starvation.



REV. M. G. DANIEL, Ph. D.

OUT-OF-DOORS CALLS YOUNG CHURCH FOLK

Three Groups to Join
At Outing—Early
Service Listed

May 19 32

The Senior Christian Endeavor Society of Grace Presbyterian Church and the young people's leagues of St. Paul's Evangelical and Trinity Evangelical Church will have a joint outing tomorrow afternoon at Mendon Ponds Park. The Grace and St. Paul's groups will meet at their respective churches at 2:30 o'clock and the Trinity young folks will assemble at that church at 2 o'clock.

A program of games will take place in the afternoon. After a picnic supper at 6 o'clock, the three societies will join in a devotional service led by the Rev. Carl G. Haass, minister of Trinity Evangelical Church. The Grace Presbyterian society plans to conduct its June meetings also outdoors.

WITH an ever increasing amount of social service, promoting international goodwill and peace, and other work, once in the domain of the church's activity, passing to other organizations, "What will the ministry of the church in the world of tomorrow be?" will be the theme of the sermon the Rev. Elmer H. Hofer of St. Paul's Evangelical Church tomorrow at 10:30.

Criticism¹⁹³² of Church Good Sign, Declares Federation Speaker

Indicates Aggression on Part of Church
People—Tribute Paid to the Rev. Orlo J.
Price, Ph. D., Retiring Secretary—
Dr. Beaven Elected President

More people of the United States are identified with the Protestant Church activities than ever before in the history of the country, was the statement of the Rev. Samuel McCrea Cavert, D. D., general secretary of the Federal Council of Churches in America, to 300 participants of the annual dinner of the Rochester Federation last night at the Baptist Temple.

Dr. Cavert took up the criticisms of the church one by one and demonstrated that aggressive work was being done along many lines



Rev. Orlo J. Price, Ph. D.

and particularly in the interest of world peace. He declared that a return to the time when it meant real sacrifice to belong to the church, and when men were made to suffer for their convictions was perhaps desirable.

"Where criticism of the church lies also lie the signs of the wealth of its future," Doctor Cavert said. "It is becoming the most powerful influence in the world for the pro-

motion of peace and international understanding. Its interest in the social and economic welfare of the masses was established in the unprecedented meeting last year of the Catholics and Protestants to consider unemployment relief."

Tributes from leaders of similar church organizations throughout the country to the Rev. Orlo J. Price were relayed by the Rev. Roy B. Guild, D. D., field secretary of the Council.

Doctor Guild, in his praise of Doctor Price's work in Rochester, said, "Doctor Price is not a man who has carried on his work in a campaign way, rather his manner has been that of a quiet current, deep and strong, and his record is a document of thought."

Doctor Guild read a sheaf of letters from executive secretaries of Federations in cities of the United States and Canada, extolling Doctor Price's leadership qualities.

Doctor Price, although not able to be present, submitted his annual printed report sounding the need for a better adult education in the churches. "The churches are yet scarcely meeting the enormous challenge of the educational and social needs which the depression has brought to the people, the past gives us reason to hope they will rise triumphant to this emergency call," was contained in his message.

In the absence of Doctor Cushman, Helby W. Ungerer presided. Reports were submitted by the Rev. Fred H. Wilkens, associate executive secretary and director of religious education; Erwin E. Shutt, treasurer; J. Sawyer Fitch, chairman of finance; Frank E. Gugelman, recording secretary; John B. Mullan, nominating committee chairman, and the Rev. Frank M. Weston of the committee on policy and program. Resolutions of tribute to Dr. Price were presented by Daniel N. Calkins.

The Rev. A. W. Beaven, D. D., will succeed the Rev. Ralph S. Cushman, D. D., who filled the Federation presidency for two years. Other officers chosen are: First vicepresident, Helby W. Ungerer; second vicepresident, Herbert P. Lansdale; third vicepresident, Mrs. Wesley M. Angle; secretary, Frank E. Gugelman; treasurer, Erwin E. Shutt; members at large, J. Sawyer Fitch, Clarence E. Higgins and William MacFarlane.

Two duets were sang by Richard T. Halliley and Helen Harkness Halliley.

Invocation was given by the Rev. Frank G. Sayers, D. D., minister of the Baptist Temple, and the Rt. Rev. David Lincoln Ferris, D. D., bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester, gave the benediction.

CHURCH PLANS OUTING

The Brotherhood of St. Paul's Evangelical Church will serve a steak dinner to members of the congregation tomorrow at Ellison Park following the morning church service. A ball game will be played by married and single men's teams. The outing will close with a vesper service led by the Rev. Elmer H. Hofer. 6-26-32

Daisies and peonies gathered by children will decorate the altar in the morning at St. Paul's Evangelical Church. The junior choir will sing and members of the Sunday school will be in charge. 6-11-32

BIBLE CLASS SOCIETY PLANS BIG FIELD DAY

More Than 1,000 Men Expected at Affair At Ellison Park

The first field day of the Federation of Men's Bible Classes is being planned for Saturday, June 25, 1932

at Ellison Park, and more than 1,000 men are expected.

A program of sports, mass singing and brief speeches is being arranged. The purpose is to provide the men of the classes of the city an opportunity for fellowship and recreation.

The committee in charge is composed of William H. Zimmer, general chairman; John Zonneville, baseball; Milton Huff, horseshoes; Fred Weismiller and Homer Hood, field sports; Carl Drexler, printing and publicity; Emil Vetter, lunch and refreshments; Arthur Blank, music; Harry Herbst, song leader, and Carl Fischer, prizes.

Members of the ticket committee are Leigh Bailey, chairman; Dr. J. B. Helmer, George Pink, Charles Padget, Jacob Scheerens, Elmer Philp, Thomas M. Page, Edward Powell, S. U. Giannini, Henry Miller, J. E. Kelso, S. C. Shackelford, Sam Maggio, Harmon Clarke, Roy A. Duffus, Jess Chamberlain, Frank Schieble, Harold M. Bartolf, Frank E. VanLare, Oscar Sorensen, Russel Harter, William Ofslager, Russel Bouton, Earl Bullis, Floyd Petty, John Sherman, Lee Garrett and William Schell.

Many Groups Sign Up

Groups from the following churches have signified their intention of participating: Salem Evangelical, Baptist, Temple, Calvary Baptist, South Avenue Baptist, Lake Avenue Methodist, Brighton Reformed, Church of Reformation, South Congregational, United Congregational, Monroe Avenue Church of Christ, Disciples; First Methodist, Central Presbyterian, Greece Baptist, Corn Hill Methodist, Memorial Presbyterian, Brick Presbyterian, West Avenue Methodist, Andrews Street Baptist, St. Paul's Evangelical, Asbury Methodist, Monroe Avenue Methodist, Columbia Avenue Church of Christ, Disciples; Parsells Avenue Baptist and Brighton Presbyterian.

1932 Vacation Schools Opening This Week

The first of the vacation church schools opened yesterday and the remainder, 18 in all, will open this week.

There will be six new schools, and one at Hillside Home, Monroe Avenue, is under way. The new schools are at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, African M. E. Zion Church, Trinity Presbyterian, St. Paul's Evangelical, Norton and Forest streets, Emanuel Lutheran Church, Raurton Road, and in the Gospel Tabernacle, Main Street West.

Evangelical Minister Will Preach at Park

August 21, 1932

The Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer, minister of St. Paul's Evangelical Church, will be the speaker at the open air vesper service tomorrow from 5 to 6 p. m. at Genesee Valley Park near the bandstand. Mr. Hoefer will speak on "Men and Boats."

This will be the eighth in a series of such services to be conducted during the summer in Genesee Valley Park under auspices of the Summer Evangelism Committee of the Federation of Churches, with the Rev. Walter Krumwiede as chairman.

Special music will be provided by a girls' chorus of 25 from the Gospel Tabernacle, directed by H. G. Wittmeyer, who is in charge of the music at these meetings. The public is invited to attend.

IN a sermon at 10:30 on reflected divinity, the Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer, St. Paul's Evangelical Church, will point out that "a man's face is not a mask, but rather a reflection which mirrors his spirit. Man's noblest task is to mirror divinity in his countenance."

August 14, 1932

IN a sermon in St. Paul's Evangelical Church at 10:30, the Rev. Henry Hofer will contend that "according to the tenets of religion, poverty consists of more than a lack of material possessions. There is a poverty of imagination, of intellect, of spiritual perfection that pauperizes even more than a lack of things. A cause for hope is to be found in the fact that a wealth which enriches life as a whole, is still within the reach of all who will strive for it."

8-21-'32

'Dunkirk Donkey' To Go on Journey Evangelical Leaguers Hope To Bring It Home Again

The annual rally of Evangelical Leaguers and Sunday school workers over Labor Day will be conducted at the Lake Erie Conference ground of the Evangelical Synod, at Dunkirk. Representatives of Salem, Christ, Trinity and St. Paul's Evangelical churches will leave this afternoon, taking with them the "Dunkirk Donkey" attendance trophy won last year by the group from St. Paul's Church with a delegation of 39.

The Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer, minister of St. Paul's Evangelical Church, vicepresident of the New York District Evangelical League, Theodor Stoerker, assistant minister of Salem Church, and Miss Lucille Reuschle, treasurer of the New York District League, will lead the Rochester delegation. A chorus composed of all Rochester delegates to the convention will sing at the services tomorrow morning.

The Rev. E. Booth, Quaker minister from Toronto, will give the three key addresses and lead the discussion on the convention theme, "The Young Christian Faces the Social Crisis." Three hundred delegates are expected at the convention, the presiding officer of which will be the Rev. Rodney Heckman of Trinity Evangelical Church, Buffalo.

Harvest Festival

Harvest Festival will be observed in the morning services at St. Paul's Evangelical Church. According to annual custom fruits of the orchard and field will be used in decorating the church, and afterward distributed among needy people. The Harvest Festival sermon will be based upon a petition in the Lord's Prayer, "Give Us Bread!"

Oct. 16, 1932

Two Denominations Plan Theater Service

1932

The Lutheran and Evangelical churches of Rochester will unite for a combined reformation service Sunday evening, Oct. 30, in the Eastman Theater. A chorus of 250 voices under the direction of Herman Genhart is being recruited from the 20 co-operating churches.

The Rev. R. E. Tulloss, D. D., president of Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio, will deliver the message.

The following committee is arranging for this service: The Rev. F. Frankenfeld, LL. D., chairman; the Rev. Bernard J. Tepas, the Rev. Carl Haass, the Rev. Walter Krumwiede, the Rev. F. R. Knubel, the Rev. W. L. Dowler, Heiby Ungerer, George Sackett, William Brown, Henry Albrecht, Grover Cliguenot, William Markwitz, Fred Hussey, William Griep, Dr. Howard Finch and Robert Durning.

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL

Church will hold promotions at 9:15 a. m. tomorrow and the Sunday School teachers will be consecrated at the 10:30 o'clock service.

Oct. 9, 1932

THE Rev. J. H. Koenig, missionary from India, will occupy the pulpit in Trinity Evangelical Church tomorrow at 10:50.

10-2-'32

AT ST. Paul Evangelical Church at 10:30 the altar will be laden with fruits. The sermon will be based upon the fourth petition of the Lord's Prayer.

10-16-'32

"HOLD that Line" is a needed challenge of the forces of religion, social and economic progress who are in danger of losing many of the gains made through many years because of the current spirit of defeatism. This challenge as it pertains to the line of an individual church will be made by the Rev. Elmer Hoefer in St. Paul's Evangelical Church in the morning sermon tomorrow.

Nov. 6, 1932

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Looking Backward

Democrat & Chronicle

FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TODAY—1887 9-26th

The highest temperature was 57 degrees; lowest, 34 degrees.

"The 25th anniversary of St. Paul's German Church was commemorated yesterday by a children's jubilee service in the afternoon, over a thousand children being present. The Sunday schools of Trinity German Church and Salem Church formed at their respective churches and marched to St. Paul's."

Nov. 20/32

As the last Sunday before Advent, St. Paul's Evangelical Church will observe tomorrow as Memorial Sunday in commemoration of the lives of those who have died during the past year. The choir under the direction of Henry Betz will sing. The names of 22 deceased persons, and two who have become perpetual members during the year will be read. The sermon will treat of life lived for eternal values.

SUNDAY, as the last Sunday before the Advent season, St. Paul's Evangelical Church will observe Memorial Sunday. The names of twenty-two deceased persons, and two who have become perpetual members during the year, will be read at the close of the service by the pastor. The sermon will treat of life lived for eternal values. Nov. 20, 1932

11-27-32 Community Service

The second of the community services in St. Paul's Evangelical Church will be dedicated to "Our Colored Brothers." The Rev. James E. Rose, minister of Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, will speak on, "The Contribution of the Negro to American Civilization." Curtis N. Saulsbury, Negroe tenor, will present a number of Negro spirituals, and tell the story of his dedication to the ministry of Christian music.

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12-11-32

The quarterly convocation of the Evangelical League of Buffalo, meeting in Salem Evangelical Church at 3 p. m. tomorrow, will be addressed by the Rev. Elmer Hoefer of St. Paul's Evangelical Church on "Misfituation," the problem facing young people who can find no place in the society of today.

THE evening community service in St. Paul's Evangelical Church will be under the leadership of the junior choir. Members of the choir will lead in prayer, read Scripture selections, sing anthems, and participate in antiphonal singing. The Rev. Elmer Henry Hoefer will present a second series address. 12-11-32

12-25-32
St. Paul's Evangelical Church will have a combined Sunday school and church service at 9:30 a. m. tomorrow. There will be a sermonette, "A Christmas Gift," and the regular Christmas sermon, "The Quest for a King." The combined junior and senior choirs will sing two anthems. At 11 o'clock there will be a German Christmas service and communion. At 4 p. m. a Christmas program featured by a pageant, "The Star of Bethlehem," will be conducted.

AT St. Paul's Evangelical Society at 9:30 tomorrow there will be a combined Sunday school and church Christmas worship. Junior and senior choirs will sing. At 4 p. m. a Christmas pageant, "The Star of Bethlehem," presented by the Sunday school. The pageant is

directed by Sherman Judd, with following as members of the supporting cast: Doris Sollberger, Albert Mehl, Katherine Nicholas, William Oslager, Edward Stephany, Henry Hieb, Adolph Fauth, Henry Braun, Clem Kummer, William Lehle, June Howorth, June Senecker, June Nicholas, Neva Hoffmeier, Lois Sollberger. The junior choir under the direction of Miss Marie Kethiringer will sing the musical accompaniment to the pageant, with Mrs. Rose Lehle singing the solo parts. 12-25-32

Tomorrow night a Christmas echoes service will be conducted in St. Paul's Evangelical Church. Still pictures prepared from famous paintings depicting the Christmas story will be thrown on the screen, and the Rev. E. H. Hoefer will tell something of the life of the artist and the particular message each painting sought to convey. A program of special music will be presented. 1-1-33

1-8-33
IN A sermon at St. Paul's Evangelical Church tomorrow morning, the Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer will discuss "A return to rest." Following the feverish activities of the Christmas season and the frenzy with which the New Year is ushered in, comes a period of quiet and of rest. Not only is this usual, but necessary, in order that proper balance may be maintained in life. Wherever individuals, nations, and organizations have not seen the wisdom of a return to rest for a brief period, their well-being has been endangered.

THE evening service at St. Paul Evangelical Church will feature the pastors of neighboring Evangelical churches in the roles of the Seth Parker group. A male quartet consisting of the Revs. Bernard Tepas, Carl Haass, Theodore Trost and Elmer H. Hoefer will sing. The platform will represent a living room of a generation ago, with kerosene lamps, rockers, and a melodion at which Mrs. Carl Haass will preside. A story will be read by Mrs. Hoefer. The evening offering will be received in tin cups. Others assisting in the group singing are Mrs. John Lehle, Mrs. Henry Broadwell, Mrs. Oscar Stephany, Miss Emily Meyer and Ruth Haass. 1-29-33

EVANGELICAL

At St. Paul's Evangelical Church, the last of a series of family nights will be conducted under auspices of the Alter Society. Following the showing of slides depicting Home Mission work in Biloxi, Miss., among the oyster fishermen, the women will present a one act play entitled "Chatter." Dramatic sketches by smaller girls will conclude the program. Refreshments will be served. **2-22-33**

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Play Seth Parker

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2 - 12 - '33

At 7:45 p. m. St. Paul's Evangelical Church will hold a Lincoln's Birthday service attended by the Boy Scout troop of the church, with Henry Braun, scoutmaster. Songs of Civil War days will be sung, or played on the violin by Albert Groth. The Rev. E. H. Hoefer, a native of Lincoln, Ill., will tell of some of the Lincoln landmarks in that vicinity.

ST. PAUL Evangelical Church will observe Home Mission Sunday at 10:15. At 7:45 there will be a Lincoln's Birthday service. Albert Groth will play the violin. The Rev. D. H. Hoefer, a former resident of Lincoln, Ill., the first town to be named after the president, and will tell in an illustrated lecture on the Life of Lincoln some of the landmarks in that vicinity.

AN "Undershepherd Service" will be conducted in St. Paul's Evangelical Church tomorrow morning by the Brotherhood. William Lohler, will lead the liturgical service, assisted by Howard Finch, Herbert Groth, Edward Uehlin and Arthur Koch. William Brown, teacher of Salem Bible Class, will speak on "A Layman's Challenge." In the evening the Teutonia Liedertafel, Alfred Kroeger, director will sing. 2 - 26 - '33

The young people of St. Paul's Evangelical Church will motor to Buffalo tomorrow afternoon to be the guests of St. Peter's Evangelical League, returning a visit made from that group a few months ago. 3 - 19 - '33

Old Timers to Meet

The quarterly meeting of the St. Paul's Old Timers' Club will be held in St. Paul's Evangelical Church, Norton and Jewels streets, tomorrow at 5 o'clock at a supper meeting. Patriarch William Krase will preside. A "salute" to the old timers will be a feature of the service at 8 o'clock. An Old Timers choir resurrected by Henry Betz, will sing. Keeper of the Scroll, Miss Ida Pagels will dedicate the Scroll of Charter members, and the Rev. E. H. Hoefer will speak.

4-9-33

HOME and Family Sunday will be observed in St. Paul's Evangelical Church tomorrow. A large candle, symbolizing the unity of the church and the home, will be lighted on the altar. Honorable mention will be given the family having the largest representation at the service. A perpetual membership in memory of Henry Pagels, will be dedicated.

5-21-1933

AT St. Paul's Evangelical Church, Elmer Henry Hoefer, pastor, at 6 a. m. "Lily Memorial Service" and Holy Communion will be conducted. Lillies will be placed upon the altar in memory of the departed dead. Two perpetual memberships in St. Paul's Church will be dedicated. At 7:30 breakfast will be served by the Brotherhood. At 10:30 new members will be received. At 7 p. m. the Easter play, "The Legend of the Graal," will be presented by the League, directed by Miss Thelma Mielke.

4-16-33

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The marriage of Miss Eleanor Sullivan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur P. Sullivan of Elmdorf Avenue, and Lawrence Carroll Gleason, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Gleason of Ramsay Park, will take place Monday at 7 p. m. in St. Paul's Evangelical Church, the Rev. Elmer H. Hoefler performing the ceremony.

Miss Sullivan will have Miss Lois Naylor as her maid of honor and Alfred Halberson will be Mr. Gleason's best man. An informal reception at the home of the bride's parents will follow the ceremony.

Miss Jane King of Portsmouth Terrace entertained at a shower and tea today in honor of Miss Sullivan and Miss Naylor gave a shower Thursday at her home in Rugby Avenue, also in her honor.

CHURCH BALKS AT OPPOSING DRY REPEALER

June 1933

Buffalo—(AP)—Delegates to the New York State District conference of the Evangelical Synod of North America today had refused to adopt a resolution which would have placed them on record as being opposed to outright repeal of the 18th Amendment.

The resolution, drawn up by a committee, was discussed at length by the delegates at the final meeting here yesterday but was tabled when an agreement could not be reached. Officials said the delegates preferred not to take a stand in the matter at this time.

Resolutions adopted by the conference include:

"Absolute opposition to compulsory military training in high schools and colleges; that the synod as a church, take an active interest in securing the enactment of a national child labor law, government insurance against unemployment, sickness, maturity and old age; advocacy of a more adequate government control and socialization of banking, industries and natural resources; that the district join the movement to free Tom Mooney and insist that Negroes be placed on the jury in the next Scottsboro trial and that they (the Negroes) be granted

This interesting news item from St. Paul's Church, Rochester, N. Y., deserves wider publicity. 1-31-'33

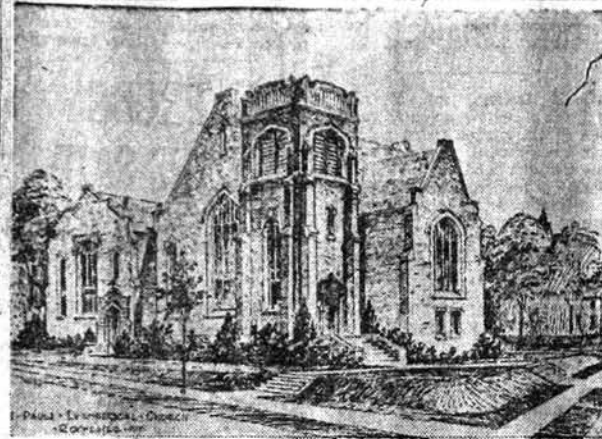
The "Old Timers" met last Tuesday, almost 100 strong, to organize. All folks connected with membership in the old Fitzhugh Street church are eligible. This group will seek to keep alive the memories and traditions of old St. Paul's, in order that New St. Paul's might grow the stronger. The group plans four meetings in the year,—the next being on Palm Sunday,—a supper

meeting followed by a reunion service at which the Old Timers choir will sing. A picnic is planned for the summer. Officers elected were: *Patriarch*—Wm. Krase; *Elder*—August Frey; *Ancient Scribe*—Mrs. J. Lutz; *Keeper of Shekels*—Fred Ofslager; *Keeper of the Scroll*—Ida Pagels. Nobles will be appointed,—their task being to recruit old members and plan various activities.

Evangelical Herald

St. Paul's Evangelical Will Mark 70th, and Concordia Lutheran 55th Anniversary

9-25-32



St. Paul's Evangelical Church, whose 70th anniversary will be marked tomorrow.

St. Paul's Evangelical Church will celebrate its 70th anniversary from September 25 to October 2. Many varied services are planned. Among them are old timers' night, community night, an anniversary dinner, rally Sunday, and a confirmation reunion service.

The opening service for the anniversary week will be tomorrow morning, at 10:30 o'clock. The eleventh minister of the church, the Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer, will consider the reasons for gratitude and thanksgiving to the Divine Guide under the sermon theme, "Hitherto Hath the Lord Helped." The church, like nations and peoples, has experienced times of depression and prosperity. Special tribute will be paid to those loyal souls who stood by the church as Aaron and Hur stood by Moses in the Bible narrative. Some of them have gone on, many of them still constitute the dependable backbone of the church.

The Junior Choir of St. Paul's Church will appear in new vestments, and with the senior choir, will sing the processional hymn, "God of our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand." Anthems sung by the choirs will reflect the festive spirit of the day and are, "Psalm of Gratitude," Cadman, and "O, Give Thanks," Maker. Henry Betz, who has conducted the choirs at St. Paul's for 31 years, has been in charge of all music for anniversary week.

Tomorrow evening will be known as Evangelical night as all of the Evangelical ministers of the city will participate. The sermon, "The Adventurous Church," will be delivered by the Rev. Frederick Frankenfeld, D. D., minister of Salem Evangelical Church. A brief sketch of the history of the Evangelical churches of Rochester will be given by the Rev. Adolph Baltzer. Other guest ministers will be the Rev. Fred Willkens, who will give the invocation, the Rev. Carl Haas, who will offer prayer, the Rev. Bernard Tepas, who will read the Scripture, and the Rev. Theodore Trost, who will sing two "Scenes of Peace Retiring," from "Magic Flute," Mozart.

St. Paul's Church was dedicated Sept. 21, 1862, at 113 North Fitzhugh Street. For 69 years the church prospered at that site. In 1919 the congregation decided to move to its present location in Norton Street. Since moving, the membership has tripled.

St. Paul's Evangelical Church Has Old Timers' Night Program

9-27-32

Veteran Members Honored
During Celebration of
70th Anniversary

The third night of the observance of the 70th anniversary of St. Paul's Evangelical Church, Norton and Jewel Streets, last night was marked by a capacity gathering to participate in the doings of Old Timers' Night.

One of the oldest of the Old Timers was Mrs. Barbara Theim Krautwurst, who was confirmed 64 years ago in the old church in North Fitzhugh Street, now known as Carpenters' Hall. Records of the church show that Mrs. Krautwurst is the oldest living woman confirmed. She was given a warm greeting.

Another of those honored was Henry Betz, who has been organist of the church for 31 years. Others were Rudolph Zander, tenor soloist; Mr. and Mrs. William Volz, who have been with the church since 1871; Mrs. Jacob Kern, who was confirmed in 1873 as Lena Schott, and Mr. Kern; William Krase and Phillip Fisher, two of a class of seven boys who were confirmed in 1882; Mrs. Christine Lutz Weick, a member since 1882; Adolph Fauth, former president of the church; Gus Frey, John Ofslager and Frank Rebman, a trio known as "The Great Pals"; Louise Penzlein, Minnie Franz, Sophie Eckert and Elizabeth Meinhart, all old timer members since the days of the Fitzhugh Street church, and Klem Kummer, accordion player, who frequently entertains at church doings.

One of the features of the night was a living replica of the old Protestant Evangelical Parochial School as conducted in the old church. The actors were Louise Fulreader Lutz, Amelia Baechle Owen, Lizzie Fortmiller Weirich, Emma E. Pagels, Anna Weber, Minnie Krase Eiseman, Fred Reuschle, Frank Pommerening, Joseph Bachle, Jacob Lutz, William Ofslager and Albert Meili, teacher.

The welcoming speech to the old members was delivered by William Krase. The chorus of 30 voices which sang two old time anthems had Mr. Zander as its oldest member. Another group posed as living pictures of the old days. An interesting exhibit was the "art gallery" in which were hung photographs of 350 living and deceased members.

Addresses were delivered by the Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer, present minister, and the Rev. H. E. Koenig, former minister. Both will be speakers at the reunion banquet Friday night. An entertaining program has been arranged by Clarence Brown, master of ceremonies, and a committee.

Neighborhood Night will be observed tonight, with all other ministers of Rochester Evangelical churches as guests of honor.



Mrs. Barbara Krautwurst

Church To Hold 'Neighbor Night'

9-28-1932

"Neighborhood Night" will continue the seventieth anniversary celebration of St. Paul's Evangelical Church, Norton and Jewel Streets, this evening.

"Old Timers," guests of honor at festivities last night, had a leader in Mrs. Barbara Theim Krautwurst, who was confirmed sixty-four years ago in the old North Fitzhugh Street church. Henry Betz, for thirty-one years church organist, was among the honored.

Ministers of all Rochester Evangelical Churches will be guests of honor at Neighborhood Night this evening. The Rev. Elmer Henry Hoefer is minister of St. Paul's.

1932 St. Paul Evangelical to Observe Seventieth Birthday Anniversary

Services to Be Conducted Tomorrow, ~~Tues-~~
day and Wednesday—Neighboring Pas-
tors to Participate—Rev. Elmer H.
Hoefler, Pastor, in Charge

St. Paul's Evangelical Church on Norton Street, near St. Paul, will celebrate its Seventieth Anniversary from Sept. 25-Oct. 2. Many varied services are planned during the celebration. Among them are Old Timers' Night, Community Night, an anniversary banquet, rally Sunday, and a confirmation reunion service.

The opening service for the week will be Sunday at 10:30 a. m. The eleventh pastor of the church, the Rev. Elmer H. Hoefler, will preach.

The junior choir will appear in their new vestments, and with the senior choir, will sing the processional hymn, "God of our Fathers, whose Almighty Hand." Anthems sung by the choirs will reflect the festive spirit of the day and are,

be re-enacted by the original pupils. An art gallery consisting of photographs and tin-types of students at that time will be shown. Miss Ida Pagels, will have charge.

The present choir will be displaced by thirty-two former choir-members. An orchestra will play old tune selections and there will be an accordion solo.

Neighborhood churches are invited to attend Wednesday.

Greetings will be given by the Rev. Samuel Clarkson of Grace M. E., the Rev. Karl Thiem of Emmanuel M. E., the Rev. Paul Schmieder of St. John's Lutheran, the Rev. Cecil Wilson of Seneca M. E., the Rev. John Dennis of St. James' Episcopal, and the Rev. Harry Greensmith of the North Baptist.

As a special feature, the congregation will sing the favorite hymn of each guest pastor.

St. Paul's choir will sing, "Give unto the Lord"—Cadman. Mrs. Rose Lehle will sing a contralto solo, "Depth of Gratitude"—Scott.



Elmer H. Hoefler

"Psalm of Gratitude,"—Cadman, and "O Give Thanks,"—Maker. Henry Betz, who has conducted the choirs in St. Paul's during the past 31 years, is in charge of music.

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CHURCH DINNER TOMORROW WILL MARK 70TH YEAR

9-30-'32

St. Paul's Anniversary Program Will Reach Climax at Affair

The founding of St. Paul's Evangelical Church 70 years ago will be commemorated at the anniversary banquet at the church, Norton and Jewel streets, tomorrow night. Preparations for the dinner have been in charge of half of the "Committee of 70" which has directed the anniversary celebration this week.

The minister, the Rev. Elmer Henry Hoefer, will act as toastmaster, and will introduce a former minister of the church, the Rev. Herman E. Koenig of Barrington, Ill., who with Mrs. Koenig, will be a guest of honor. Presidents of the church organizations will also be introduced and an opportunity given each one to tell of the importance of his particular organization to the church. Clarence Brown is in charge of a program of entertainment. Oscar Stephany, chef for St. Paul's Brotherhood, will be in charge of the kitchen and Rudolph Kolb will preside over the dining hall. Mrs. Kolb is in charge of tickets. Singing of old and new songs will be led by Miss Evelyn Rath.

Ministers Visit Church

Seven ministers from other Rochester churches last evening brought greetings in five-minute talks to the church at a "neighborhood night" celebration. They were the Rev. Samuel J. Clarkson, D. D., minister of Grace Methodist; the Rev. Harry G. Greensmith, North Baptist; the Rev. Paul Schmieder, St. John's Lutheran Church; the Rev. Wilmer M. Zuelke, St. Paul's Lutheran; the Rev. Cecil Wilson, Seneca Park Methodist; the Rev. John Dennis, Episcopal Church of St. James the Greater; the Rev. Carl Thiem, Emanuel Methodist Church.

The favorite hymn of each minister was sung. Still another hymn, "He Leadeth Me," was sung, as it was written 70 years ago, its age being identical with that of the church. The author was the Rev. Joseph H. Gilmore, D.D., for 40 years Professor of English at the University of Rochester and at one time minister of the old Park Avenue Baptist Church.

The congregation for 60 years worshiped in the old church at 113 North Fitzhugh Street. With the gradual change in the residential outlines of the city, the decision was made to erect a new church on the Norton Street site. The congregation has been using this new building since 1919.

St. Paul's Church To End Celebration Of 70th Anniversary

Several Missionaries to Tell of Work in Foreign Fields—Installation of Officers Planned in Two Churches—Harvest Home Festival Day

A rally service at St. Paul's Evangelical Church tomorrow will end the celebration of the 70th anniversary of the organization of that church. *Oct. 2, 1932*

The senior and junior choirs, the Sunday-school and the Boy Scout Troop of the church will participate in the processional. The special musical number will be a vocal duet "The Lord is My Shepherd"—Smart, by Mrs. Rose Lehle, and Mrs. Van Graffland. The Senior Choir will sing "Sanctus" by Gounod.

The sermon, "They Kingdom Come," will be delivered by the Rev. Herman E. Koenig. He will emphasize the fact that age is a virtue in a church only in so far as the church serves in the greater tasks of the Kingdom of righteousness on earth. Mr. Koenig was pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical Church from 1922 to 1929.

Members have been collecting coins in anniversary banks, distributed last spring. The congregation will leave the morning service singing in recessional and depositing their gift in two "Treasure Chests" at the exits.

At the morning service the pastor will read the list of special anniversary gifts. A "Perpetual Membership Endowment" placed by the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Joachim Pagels, deceased, will be acknowledged.

As the closing service confirmation reunion service will be held. An effort has been made to invite all living confirmands.

Henry Betz will give an organ recital from 7:15-7:30 p. m. The sermon will be delivered by the Rev. H. E. Koenig. A roll call of confirmands according to pastorates will be taken. The committee will endeavor to find the oldest and youngest. The Rev. E. H. Hoefer, pastor, will deliver a closing

Dinner Will Mark Jubilee of Church

Two hundred and fifty members of St. Paul's Evangelical Church will dine together this evening in celebration of the seventieth anniversary of the founding of the church. *9-30-'32*

The Rev. Herman E. Koenig of Barrington, Ill., a former pastor, will be guest speaker. Leaders of church activities, introduced by the Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer, present minister, who will act as toastmaster, will discuss their organization work. Clarence Brown heads the entertainment committee.

DINNER LISTED FOR CHURCH'S ANNIVERSARY

9-30-'32

A dinner to 250 persons will be served tomorrow night at St. Paul's Evangelical Church to commemorate the organization of the church 70 years ago in Fitzhugh Street.

The Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer, pastor, will preside and introduce the Rev. Herman E. Koenig, a former pastor, now at Barrington, Ill., who will be guest of honor with Mrs. Koenig. Presidents of organizations will speak briefly on accomplishments of their groups.

Oscar Stephany, chef for St. Paul's Brotherhood, will be in charge of the kitchen and Rudolph Kolb will preside over the dining hall. Mrs. Kolb is in charge of tickets. Singing of old and new songs will be led by Miss Evelyn Rath.

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EVANGELICAL CHURCH MARKS ITS 70TH YEAR

Former Minister Tells Of Development of St. Paul's

9-30-32.

The three score years and ten of St. Paul's Evangelical Church were reviewed in an address by a former minister of the church, the Rev. Herman F. Koenig, now stationed at Barrington, Ill., at a 70th anniversary dinner at the church last night.

"The development of the church can be very aptly divided into two periods of its growth," said the Rev. Mr. Koenig. "The first period was one of three score years during which the church was building up large reserve forces in members and traditions at the old church at 113 North Fitzhugh Street. The second period was the one of 10 years during which it has flourished in this new modern edifice.

New Life Brought

"Transplanting a church always is a difficult matter, but I am happy to say that it has been accomplished for St. Paul's Church with splendid results. The change of location has brought in new life and the old and the new members have merged into a vital new church which has taken deep root in this community and is ready to bring many Christian blessings to

The Rev. Mr. Koenig said that the new minister, the Rev. Elmer Henry Hoefer, has brought energy and constructive leadership to St. Paul's and that its congregation should be grateful for the past and look hopefully forward into the future. Mrs. Koenig also spoke of pleasant associations she had with the congregation while she and her husband were in Rochester.

The Rev. Mr. Hoefer acted as toastmaster at the dinner and introduced among others the Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Koenig, missionaries to India, who will return next week to their post at Bismampur after a furlough spent in this country. Mr. Koenig is a brother of the former minister and Mrs. Koenig was the former Miss Rose Bauer, the daughter of a former minister of St. Paul's.

Outlines Activity Plans

Miss Ida Pagels, church historian, was scheduled to give a historical sketch of the church but gave instead an outline of plans for church activities and expansion. Dr. Howard M. Finch, president of the church council, spoke for that organization.

Other group presidents who spoke briefly were William Oslager of the brotherhood; Mrs. Rudolph Kolb of the Alter Society; George Meyer of the league; H. Heib of the Sunday school; Mrs. Clarence Brown of the deaconesses; Henry Betz, organist and leader of the choir, and Mrs. H. Howarth of the Willing Workers. Group singing was directed by Clarence Brown, who also was master of ceremonies. A number of members furnished vocal and instrumental entertainment.

April 11, 1934
At St. Paul's Evangelical Church Elmer H. Hoefer, pastor, at 6 a. m. "Lily Memorial Service, and Communion" will be conducted. St. Paul's will honor the memory of her dead, and testify to the Christian faith in immortality. The altar will be decked with lilies placed in memory of departed loved ones. A perpetual membership in St. Paul's Church will be dedicated to Mr. and Mrs. John Krase, by their children, William Krase and Mrs. John Eiseman. An Easter breakfast will be served by the Willing Workers Bible Class. At 9:15 an Easter Sunday School worship program will be conducted in the church sanctuary. A pageant will be presented by the primary and beginners groups, under leadership of Mrs. H. Heim and Mrs. H. Groth. At 10:30 communion will be administered and there will be a reception of new members.

To Mark Anniversary
 With 60 friends and relatives Mr. and Mrs. Jacob J. Kern of Chili Road, Gates, oldest members of St. Paul's Evangelical Church, Rochester, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary tomorrow. They have seven children and three grandchildren and have lived in Gates about 44 years. *4-22-34*

Golden Wedding

On Sunday, April 22, more than 100 relatives and friends gathered in the spacious country home of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Kern, near Rochester, N. Y., to help them observe fittingly the 50th anniversary of their wedding day. The grandchildren had placed a beautiful bouquet of 50 Rochester roses on the altar of St. Paul's Church for the morning worship service. In the afternoon the pastor and his wife shared in a service conducted about the festive board. A poem written by one of the daughters was read by a grandson. Various tributes were paid to the venerable couple, the story of whose early life reads like a novel. Mr. and Mrs. Kern are members of the Half Century Club of St. Paul's Church, having been active members for more than 50 years. Although living ten miles from the church, it is a rare Sunday when the family is not represented at the worship services. Movies were taken of the celebration and added to the film library which the church historian is building up. Seven sons and daughters, all living near the parental home arranged the festivities. *1934* * * *

Young people of St. Paul's Evangelical Church at Jewel and Norton streets will conduct a musical program under the direction of Robert Frerichs. Organ numbers will be given by Marie Kothringer and Charles Boddy; trumpet solo, Roger Kent; violin, Helen Chevalier; vocal duet, Rev. B. J. Tepas and Rev. Theo Trost. *Apr. 22, 1934*

Mother, Daughter Banquet

A mother and daughter banquet will be served by St. Paul's Evangelical Church Friday night at 6:30 o'clock. Mrs. Arthur Koch will be toastmistress. Miss Elizabeth Mertz of the Big Sisters' Council will speak. *May 11, 1934*

The junior department at St. Paul's for children aged 9 to 13 years, will be under the supervision of Mrs. Arthur Schwab, assisted by Harriet Fauth, Ruth Stephany, Brunhilde Lothringer and Norma Westfall. Heading up the primary department are Mrs. Herbert Krase and Mrs. Henry Broadwell. Linden Schwab will direct the construction of a miniature theater in which Bible stories carrying the thought of peace and good will be dramatized. *7-1934*

FLOWER SHOW PROVIDES TEXT FOR SERMONS

Clergy See Gardens As Woven in Past Of the Church

— 4-15-34 —

Relation of flowers and gardens to the church supplied the inspiration for many sermons in Rochester Protestant churches yesterday as the National Flower and Garden Show entertained big crowds of the city's flower lovers.

Likening the flower show to the campaign of the Federation of Churches of Rochester and Monroe County, Rev. Elmer E. Hoefer, minister of St. Paul's Evangelical Church, stressed the variety of flowers as well as the variety of individuals, playing an important part in the work of the church.

"It is not accidental," said Rev. Mr. Hoefer, "that man's first communion with God is pictured as taking place in a garden called Eden. The ancient Greeks wove into their religious legends the story of the Garden of Hesperides. It is a tribute to gardens that Jesus sought out Gethsemane on the eve of his death and that the Easter miracle took place in a garden tomb."

Observe Anniversary*Rev. Elmer H. Hoefler*

Five years ago Sunday, the Rev. Henry Hoefler began his pastorate in St. Paul's Evangelical Church. The anniversary will be observed tomorrow morning. The pastor will review his first sermon in St. Paul's pulpit, and will point out what the last five years have given in answer to the objectives outlined in that sermon.

3-4-34

Sunday, March 4, marked the fifth anniversary of Rev. Elmer Henry Hoefler, as pastor of St. Paul's Church, Rochester, N. Y. The Sunday school devoted the entire session to honor Rev. Hoefler on this occasion. Addresses were made by Mr. Albert Meili, Sr., former president of the church, and one of the Sunday school teachers, Mr. A. G. Fauth. Mr. William E. Walch also spoke. Miss Laura Hoefler, sister of the pastor, read the Scripture lesson and Lucille Reuschle, treasurer of the Sunday school, read a poem and presented Rev. Hoefler with a purse, a gift from the Sunday school. The teachers decorated the altar with flowers. Miss Emily Meyer and Mrs. Henry Broadwell contributed to the anniversary celebration by singing a duet, accompanied by Miss Evelyn Rath.

St. Paul's has had a steady growth and has been blessed with remarkable success in the past five years, both spiritually and financially, due to the untiring efforts of Rev. Hoefler.

*Eleanor Hoffmeyer.***Doctor May to Give
Last Talk of Series**

Dr. Arthur J. May, professor of history at the University of Rochester, will speak to the Young People's League of Dawey Avenue Reformed Church tomorrow at 6:30 o'clock. Doctor May will speak on "What Is the Present International Situation?" This is the last of a series of four topics on "War! Glory or Disgrace?" Topics which have been thus far considered are: "Why Do Men Fight?" "What Does Modern War Accomplish?" and Can a Christian Fight?"

Invitations have been sent out to the members of the young people's leagues of the four Rochester churches of the Evangelical Synod of North American to join in this meeting.

3-11-34

THE Glee Club of the University of Rochester, under the direction of Theodore Fitch, will present a program of sacred music in conjunction with the evening service in St. Paul's Evangelical Church tomorrow. *Nov. 19, 1933*

10-10-33
In connection with a sermon on "Songs of the Century," by the Rev. Elmer Hoefer at St. Paul's Evangelical Church tomorrow evening, the chorus of Benjamin Franklin High School will present a service of song. Marlowe G. Smith will direct and Mrs. Margaret Culp Morrow will be at the console.

ASSISTED by the combined choirs of St. Paul's Evangelical Church, three readers will intone a Christmas service Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock. A Nativity scene has been set up in miniature before the Christmas tree, past which a candle-light processional will wend its way. Panels in black and white, depicting the annunciation by angels, done by William Ordway, will form the reredos. William Walch and Robert Frerich, divinity students, will read Longfellow's "King Robert of Sicily" and "Legends of Christmas." The congregation will form a processional Christmas pilgrimage to the "white Cradle" in which the Christmas offering will be received. *12-24-33*

MEMBERS of St. Paul's Evangelical Church will meet in their house of worship for the last service in 1933 between the hours of 11 and 12, Sunday night, with chancel illuminated by tapers. The pastor, assisted by two elders, will administer the sacrament of Holy Communion. *12-31-33*

Will Discuss Flowers

Frederic Raetz, New York photographer, will show views of "Flowers and Flower Gardens Around the World" at 8:15 o'clock tomorrow evening in St. Paul's Evangelical Church, Norton Street, near St. Paul Street. *1-3-34*

Evening service tomorrow at St. Paul's Evangelical Church will be built about the thought of gardens. The sermon and music will have that slant, and bird slides from the Frederick Raetz Library, in New York will be shown. *1-21-34*

At St. Paul's Church, Elmer Henry Hoefer, pastor, at 7:45, the general devotional theme for the entire series of midweek Lenten devotionals will be, "The Christian Life in the Light of the Cross." Each devotional address will ask and seek an answer to a question. For Ash Wednesday the question-theme is "What Wilt Thou Have Me Do Unto Thee?" *1934*

The choir of St. Paul's Evangelical Church present Maunder's "From Olivet to Calvary" under the direction of Henry Betz, tomorrow evening, before the Old Timers of St. Paul's at a confirmation reunion service. William Krase, patriarch of the Old Timers, will extend greetings. *3-25-34*

The confirmation class of St. Paul's Church, Rochester, N. Y., the Rev. Elmer Hoefer, pastor, has undertaken a number of projects which they chose to call "Seeing Christianity in Action." The class meets on Saturday mornings from nine to twelve, following which a lunch is prepared in the church kitchen. The first two hours of the afternoon, on one or two Saturdays a month, a visitation is made to places chosen at the beginning of the confirmation year. Thus far visits have been made to an Orphanage, a Home for the Aged, Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, and a neighboring Catholic Church, whose priest explained the symbolism of the church, its worship periods, and the tenets that Catholics hold as distinct from the Protestants. One result is a greater respect and appreciation of the underlying unity of all Christian believers and workers. Some of the infantile prejudices against other religious groups have been cleared up by questioning and discussion. A visit to a Jewish School and Synagogue, as well as a visit to other Evangelical churches of the city are to be undertaken in the next month.

"1933"

Central Body to Mark Reformation Day and Birth of Luther

Oct. 29, 1933

Tomorrow evening at 6:30 Reformation Day and the 450th anniversary of the birth of Martin Luther will be celebrated in Central Presbyterian Church by the United Lutheran and Evangelical Synod churches. A festival chorus selected from the choirs of the co-operating churches will sing "The 150th Psalm" by Cesar Franck and Gounod's "Send Out Thy Light" under the direction of Norman Peterson, choirmaster of the Church of the Reformation. An organ recital by Wellington Stewart of Salem Church will precede the liturgical service.

The guest preacher of the occasion will be the Rev. John L. Ernst, Ph. D., minister of St. Mathew's Evangelical Church, Detroit. Doctor Ernst is a graduate of Elmhurst College and Eden Seminary. While minister of St. Peter's Evangelical Church, Pittsburgh, he became interested in the field of criminology and psychiatry, teaching these subjects as part time instructor in the University of Pittsburgh. Recently he was called to the pulpit of St. Mathew's Evangelical Church, Detroit.

The service will begin with a processional of the clergy and choir under the leadership of the Rev. Walter Krumwiede, master of ceremonies. The liturgical portions of the service will be led by the following ministers: Invocation, the Rev. Wilfried Tappert; Litany of Loyalty, the Rev. Elmer Hoefer; Scripture lesson, the Rev. Paul Schmieder; prayer, the Rev. Frederick Knubel; announcements, the Rev. Henry Erbes; presentation of guest preacher, the Rev. Frederic Frankenfield; benediction, the Rev. Carl Betz. Greetings from the Federation of Churches will be brought by the Rev. Wilbour Saunders.

Brief News

About Rochesterians

Old Timers Club of St. Paul's Evangelical Church will hold a fall party tonight in the form of Olympic games, seven nations being represented. Captains are Clara Gruppe, Albert Meili, William Krase, Mrs. Emma Hoffman, Fred Kellar, Ida S. Pagels, and the Rev. Elmer Hoefer. *Oct. 26/32*

Nov 26, 1933
At St. Paul's Evangelical Church tomorrow morning, the older members of the congregation as well as relatives of those who have died during the year will be invited guests at a Pioneer and Memorial Sunday service. A perpetual membership in honor of Mrs. Christina Bauer will be dedicated and the names of those who have attained to 50 years of membership in the church will be inscribed on the roll of the Half Century Club.

JUNE 15, 1933

DRY LAW VOTE LAID ON TABLE BY CHURCHMEN

Resolution to Oppose Repealing Amendment Meets Opposition

Buffalo, June 14—(AP)—Delegates to the New York State District conference of the Evangelical Synod of North America today refused to adopt a resolution which would have placed them on record as being opposed to outright repeal of the 18th Amendment.

The resolution, drawn up by a committee, was discussed at length by the delegates at the final meeting of the conference but was tabled when an agreement could not be reached. Officials said the delegates preferred not to take a stand in the matter at this time.

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"Absolute opposition to compulsory military training in high schools and colleges; that the synod as a church, take an active interest in securing the enactment of a national child labor law, government insurance against unemployment, sickness, maturity and old age; advocacy of a more adequate government control and socialization of banking, industries and natural resources; that the district join the movement to free Tom Mooney and insist that Negroes be placed on the jury in the next Scottsboro trial and that they (the Negroes) be granted their constitutional rights in this respect."

After spending his summer vacation at the Chicago Exposition, the Rev. Elmer Hoefer of St. Paul's Evangelical Church has prepared a series of 10 addresses which he will deliver at special Sunday evening services during the coming months. The general theme will be "A Century of Progress." The subject of the address tomorrow evening will be, "Another Century Speaks Out." *Oct. 1, 1933*

In October, 1923, the men of St. Paul's Evangelical Church organized themselves into the Brotherhood of St. Paul. The purpose was to promote better fellowship among churchmen, as well as to assist more effectively in the work of the church. The 10th anniversary will be marked tomorrow morning by a sermon by the minister, the Rev. E. H. Hoefer. Next Thursday the Rev. Gordon Mattice of Westminster Presbyterian Church will address the Brotherhood anniversary meeting. *10-8-33*

Rochesterian Named Glee Club President

William R. Walch, only Rochester member of the Elmhurst College Glee Club, which will give a concert at Salem Church parish hall tomorrow night at 8 o'clock, was recently elected president of the organization for the coming year.

The concert is sponsored by the Evangelical Brotherhood Federation of Rochester. John L. Rezatto directs the choral group, which is including Albany, Baltimore, Washington and Cleveland on its post-season tour.

6-15-'33
Concert 6-16-'33

July 15-19-33
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Former Minister Tells Of Development of St. Paul's

9-30-32

The three score years and ten of St. Paul's Evangelical Church were reviewed in an address by a former minister of the church, the Rev. Herman P. Koenig, now stationed at Barrington, Ill., at a 70th anniversary dinner at the church last night.

"The development of the church can be very aptly divided into two periods of its growth," said the Rev. Mr. Koenig. "The first period was one of three score years during which the church was building up large reserve forces in members and traditions at the old church at 113 North Fitzhugh Street. The second period was the one of 10 years during which it has flourished in this new modern edifice.

New Life Brought

"Transplanting a church always is a difficult matter, but I am happy to say that it has been accomplished for St. Paul's Church with splendid results. The change of location has brought in new life and the old and the new members have merged into a vital new church which has taken deep root in this community and is ready to bring many Christian blessings to

The Rev. Mr. Koenig said that the new minister, the Rev. Elmer Henry Hoefer, has brought energy and constructive leadership to St. Paul's and that its congregation should be grateful for the past and look hopefully forward into the future. Mrs. Koenig also spoke of pleasant associations she had with the congregation while she and her husband were in Rochester.

The Rev. Mr. Hoefer acted as toastmaster at the dinner and introduced among others the Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Koenig, missionaries to India, who will return next week to their post at Bismampur after a furlough spent in this country. Mr. Koenig is a brother of the former minister and Mrs. Koenig was the former Miss Rose Bauer, the daughter of a former minister of St. Paul's.

Outlines Activity Plans

Miss Ida Pagels, church historian, was scheduled to give a historical sketch of the church but gave instead an outline of plans for church activities and expansion. Dr. Howard M. Finch, president of the church council, spoke for that organization.

Other group presidents who spoke briefly were William Oslager of the brotherhood; Mrs. Rudolph Kolb of the Alter Society; George Meyer of the league; H. Heib of the Sunday school; Mrs. Clarence Brown of the deaconesses; Henry Betz, organist and leader of the choir, and Mrs. H. Howarth of the Willing Workers. Group singing was directed by Clarence Brown, who also was master of ceremonies. A number of members furnished vocal and instrumental entertainment.

DINNER LISTED FOR CHURCH'S ANNIVERSARY

9-30-'32

A dinner to 250 persons will be served tomorrow night at St. Paul's Evangelical Church to commemorate the organization of the church 70 years ago in Fitzhugh Street.

The Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer, pastor, will preside and introduce the Rev. Herman E. Koenig, a former pastor, now at Barrington, Ill., who will be guest of honor with Mrs. Koenig. Presidents of organizations will speak briefly on accomplishments of their groups.

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CHURCH DINNER TOMORROW WILL MARK 70TH YEAR

9-30-32

St. Paul's Anniversary Program Will Reach Climax at Affair

The founding of St. Paul's Evangelical Church 70 years ago will be commemorated at the anniversary banquet at the church, Norton and Jewel streets, tomorrow night. Preparations for the dinner have been in charge of half of the "Committee of 70" which has directed the anniversary celebration this week.

The minister, the Rev. Elmer Henry Hoefer, will act as toastmaster, and will introduce a former minister of the church, the Rev. Herman E. Koenig of Barrington, Ill., who with Mrs. Koenig, will be a guest of honor. Presidents of the church organizations will also be introduced and an opportunity given each one to tell of the importance of his particular organization to the church. Clarence Brown is in charge of a program of entertainment. Oscar Stephany, chef for St. Paul's Brotherhood, will be in charge of the kitchen and Rudolph Kolb will preside over the dining hall. Mrs. Kolb is in charge of tickets. Singing of old and new songs will be led by Miss Evelyn Rath.

Ministers Visit Church

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The favorite hymn of each minister was sung. Still another hymn, "He Leadeth Me," was sung, as it was written 70 years ago, its age being identical with that of the church. The author was the Rev. Joseph H. Gilmore, D.D., for 40 years Professor of English at the University of Rochester and at one time minister of the old Park Avenue Baptist Church.

The congregation for 60 years worshiped in the old church at 113 North Fitzhugh Street. With the gradual change in the residential outlines of the city, the decision was made to erect a new church on the Norton Street site. The congregation has been using this new building since 1919.

St. Paul's Church To End Celebration Of 70th Anniversary

Several Missionaries to Tell of Work in Foreign Fields—Installation of Officers Planned in Two Churches—Harvest Home Festival Day

A rally service at St. Paul's Evangelical Church tomorrow will end the celebration of the 70th anniversary of the organization of that church. *Oct. 2, 1932*

The senior and junior choirs, the Sunday-school and the Boy Scout Troop of the church will participate in the processional. The special musical number will be a vocal duet "The Lord is My Shepherd"—Smart, by Mrs. Rose Lehle, and Mrs. Van Graffland. The Senior Choir will sing "Sanctus" by Gounod.

The sermon, "They Kingdom Come," will be delivered by the Rev. Herman E. Koenig. He will emphasize the fact that age is a virtue in a church only in so far as the church serves in the greater tasks of the Kingdom of righteousness on earth. Mr. Koenig was pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical Church from 1922 to 1929.

Members have been collecting coins in anniversary banks, distributed last spring. The congregation will leave the morning service singing in recessional and depositing their gift in two "Treasure Chests" at the exits.

At the morning service the pastor will read the list of special anniversary gifts. A "Perpetual Membership Endowment" placed by the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Joachim Pagels, deceased, will be acknowledged.

As the closing service confirmation reunion service will be held. An effort has been made to invite all living confirmands.

Henry Betz will give an organ recital from 7:15-7:30 p. m. The sermon will be delivered by the Rev. H. E. Koenig. A roll call of confirmands according to pastorates will be taken. The committee will endeavor to find the oldest and youngest. The Rev. E. H. Hoefer, pastor, will deliver a closing

challenge. The congregation will then rise, to form a "Chain of Christian Fellowship" each taking the hand of the next person. Refreshments will then be served.

Dinner Will Mark Jubilee of Church

Two hundred and fifty members of St. Paul's Evangelical Church will dine together this evening in celebration of the seventieth anniversary of the founding of the church. *9-30-32*

The Rev. Herman E. Koenig of Barrington, Ill., a former pastor, will be guest speaker. Leaders of church activities, introduced by the Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer, present minister, who will act as toastmaster, will discuss their organization work. Clarence Brown heads the entertainment committee.

April 1, 1934
At St. Paul's Evangelical Church
 Elmer H. Hoefer, pastor, at 6 a. m. "Lily Memorial Service, and Communion" will be conducted. St. Paul's will honor the memory of her dead, and testify to the Christian faith in immortality. The altar will be decked with lilies placed in memory of departed loved ones. A perpetual membership in St. Paul's Church will be dedicated to Mr. and Mrs. John Krase, by their children, William Krase and Mrs. John Eiseman. An Easter breakfast will be served by the Willing Workers Bible Class. At 9:15 an Easter Sunday School worship program will be conducted in the church sanctuary. A pageant will be presented by the primary and beginners groups, under leadership of Mrs. H. Heim and Mrs. H. Groth. At 10:30 communion will be administered and there will be a reception of new members.

To Mark Anniversary

With 60 friends and relatives Mr. and Mrs. Jacob J. Kern of Chili Road, Gates, oldest members of St. Paul's Evangelical Church, Rochester, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary tomorrow. They have seven children and three grandchildren and have lived in Gates about 44 years. *4-22-34*

Golden Wedding

On Sunday, April 22, more than 100 relatives and friends gathered in the spacious country home of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Kern, near Rochester, N. Y., to help them observe fittingly the 50th anniversary of their wedding day. The grandchildren had placed a beautiful bouquet of 50 Rochester roses on the altar of St. Paul's Church for the morning worship service. In the afternoon the pastor and his wife shared in a service conducted about the festive board. A poem written by one of the daughters was read by a grandson. Various tributes were paid to the venerable couple, the story of whose early life reads like a novel. Mr. and Mrs. Kern are members of the Half Century Club of St. Paul's Church, having been active members for more than 50 years. Although living ten miles from the church, it is a rare Sunday when the family is not represented at the worship services. Movies were taken of the celebration and added to the film library which the church historian is building up. Seven sons and daughters, all living near the parental home arranged the festivities. *1934*

Elmer H. Hoefer, pastor.

Young people of St. Paul's Evangelical Church at Jewel and Norton streets will conduct a musical program under the direction of Robert Frerichs. Organ numbers will be given by Marie Kothringer and Charles Boddy; trumpet solo, Roger Kent; violin, Helen Chevalier; vocal duet, Rev. B. J. Tepas and Rev. Theo Trost. *Apr. 22, 1934*

Mother, Daughter Banquet

A mother and daughter banquet will be served by St. Paul's Evangelical Church Friday night at 6:30 o'clock. Mrs. Arthur Koch will be toastmistress. Miss Elizabeth Mertz of the Big Sisters' Council will speak. *May 11, 1934*

The junior department at St. Paul's for children aged 9 to 13 years, will be under the supervision of Mrs. Arthur Schwab, assisted by Harriet Fauth, Ruth Stephany, Brunhilde Lothringer and Norma Westfall. Heading up the primary department are Mrs. Herbert Krase and Mrs. Henry Broadwell. Linden Schwab will direct the construction of a miniature theater in which Bible stories carrying the thought of peace and good will be dramatized. *7-1934*

FLOWER SHOW PROVIDES TEXT FOR SERMONS

Clergy See Gardens As Woven in Past Of the Church

— 4-15-34 —

Relation of flowers and gardens to the church supplied the inspiration for many sermons in Rochester Protestant churches yesterday as the National Flower and Garden Show entertained big crowds of the city's flower lovers.

Likening the flower show to the campaign of the Federation of Churches of Rochester and Monroe County, Rev. Elmer E. Hoefer, minister of St. Paul's Evangelical Church, stressed the variety of flowers as well as the variety of individuals, playing an important part in the work of the church.

"It is not accidental," said Rev. Mr. Hoefer, "that man's first communion with God is pictured as taking place in a garden called Eden. The ancient Greeks wove into their religious legends the story of the Garden of Hesperides. It is a tribute to gardens that Jesus sought out Gethsemane on the eve of his death and that the Easter miracle took place in a garden tomb."

Doctor May to Give Last Talk of Series

Dr. Arthur J. May, professor of history at the University of Rochester, will speak to the Young People's League of Dewey Avenue Reformed Church tomorrow at 6:30 o'clock. Doctor May will speak on "What Is the Present International Situation?" This is the last of a series of four topics on "War! Glory or Disgrace?" Topics which have been thus far considered are: "Why Do Men Fight?" "What Does Modern War Accomplish?" and Can a Christian Fight?"

Invitations have been sent out to the members of the young people's leagues of the four Rochester churches of the Evangelical Synod of North American to join in this meeting. 3-11-34

THE Glee Club of the University of Rochester, under the direction of Theodore Fitch, will present a program of sacred music in conjunction with the evening service in St. Paul's Evangelical Church tomorrow.

Nov. 19, 1933

In connection with a sermon on "Songs of the Century," by the Rev. Elmer Hoefer at St. Paul's Evangelical Church tomorrow evening, the chorus of Benjamin Franklin High School will present a service of song. Marlowe G. Smith will direct and Mrs. Margaret Culp Morrow will be at the console.

ASSISTED by the combined choirs of St. Paul's Evangelical Church, three readers will intone a Christmas service Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock. A Nativity scene has been set up in miniature before the Christmas tree, past which a candle-light processional will wend its way. Panels in black and white, depicting the annunciation by angels, done by William Ordway, will form the reredos. William Walch and Robert Frerich, divinity students, will read Longfellow's "King Robert of Sicily" and "Legends of Christmas." The congregation will form a processional Christmas pilgrimage to the "white Cradle" in which the Christmas offering will be received.

12-24-33

MEMBERS of St. Paul's Evangelical Church will meet in their house of worship for the last service in 1933 between the hours of 11 and 12, Sunday night, with chancel illuminated by tapers. The pastor, assisted by two elders, will administer the sacrament of Holy Communion.

12-31-33

Will Discuss Flowers

Frederic Raetz, New York photographer, will show views of "Flowers and Flower Gardens Around the World" at 8:15 o'clock tomorrow evening in St. Paul's Evangelical Church, Norton Street, near St. Paul Street.

1-3-34

Evening service tomorrow at St. Paul's Evangelical Church will be built about the thought of gardens. The sermon and music will have that slant, and bird slides from the Frederick Raetz Library in New York will be shown.

1-21-34

At St. Paul's Church, Elmer Henry Hoefer, pastor, at 7:45, the general devotional theme for the entire series of midweek Lenten devotionals will be, "The Christian Life in the Light of the Cross." Each devotional address will ask and seek an answer to a question. For Ash Wednesday the question-theme is "What Wilt Thou Have Me Do Unto Thee?"

1934

The choir of St. Paul's Evangelical Church present Maunday's "From Olivet to Calvary" under the direction of Henry Betz, tomorrow evening, before the Old Timers of St. Paul's at a confirmation reunion service. William Krase, patriarch of the Old Timers, will extend greetings.

3-25-34

Central Body to Mark Reformation Day and Birth of Luther

Oct. 29, 1933

Tomorrow evening at 6:30 Reformation Day and the 450th anniversary of the birth of Martin Luther will be celebrated in Central Presbyterian Church by the United Lutheran and Evangelical Synod churches. A festival chorus selected from the choirs of the co-operating churches will sing "The 150th Psalm" by Cesar Franck and Gounod's "Send Out Thy Light" under the direction of Norman Peterson, choirmaster of the Church of the Reformation. An organ recital by Wellington Stewart of Salem Church will precede the liturgical service.

The guest preacher of the occasion will be the Rev. John L. Ernst, Ph. D., minister of St. Mathew's Evangelical Church, Detroit. Doctor Ernst is a graduate of Elmhurst College and Eden Seminary. While minister of St. Peter's Evangelical Church, Pittsburgh, he became interested in the field of criminology and psychiatry, teaching these subjects as part time instructor in the University of Pittsburgh. Recently he was called to the pulpit of St. Mathew's Evangelical Church, Detroit.

The service will begin with a processional of the clergy and choir under the leadership of the Rev. Walter Krumwiede, master of ceremonies. The liturgical portions of the service will be led by the following ministers: Invocation, the Rev. Wilfried Tappert; Litany of Loyalty, the Rev. Elmer Hoefer; Scripture lesson, the Rev. Paul Schmieder; prayer, the Rev. Frederick Knubel; announcements, the Rev. Henry Erbes; presentation of guest preacher, the Rev. Frederic Frankenfield; benediction, the Rev. Carl Betz. Greetings from the Federation of Churches will be brought by the Rev. Wilbour Saunders.

Brief News

About Rochesterians

Old Timers Club of St. Paul's Evangelical Church will hold a fall party tonight in the form of Olympic games, seven nations being represented. Captains are Clara Gruppe, Albert Meili, William Krase, Mrs. Emma Hoffman, Fred Kellar, Ida S. Pagels, and the Rev. Elmer Hoefer. *Oct. 26/32*

Nov. 26, 1933
At St. Paul's Evangelical Church tomorrow morning, the older members of the congregation as well as relatives of those who have died during the year will be invited guests at a Pioneer and Memorial Sunday service. A perpetual membership in honor of Mrs. Christina Bauer will be dedicated and the names of those who have attained to 50 years of membership in the church will be inscribed on the roll of the Half Century Club.

JUNE 15, 1933

DRY LAW VOTE LAID ON TABLE BY CHURCHMEN

Resolution to Oppose Repealing Amendment Meets Opposition

Buffalo, June 14—(AP)—Delegates to the New York State District conference of the Evangelical Synod of North America today refused to adopt a resolution which would have placed them on record as being opposed to outright repeal of the 18th Amendment.

The resolution, drawn up by a committee, was discussed at length by the delegates at the final meeting of the conference but was tabled when an agreement could not be reached. Officials said the delegates preferred not to take a stand in the matter at this time.

Resolutions adopted by the conference include:

"Absolute opposition to compulsory military training in high schools and colleges; that the synod as a church, take an active interest in securing the enactment of a national child labor law, government insurance against unemployment, sickness, maturity and old age; advocacy of a more adequate government control and socialization of banking, industries and natural resources; that the district join the movement to free Tom Mooney and insist that Negroes be placed on the jury in the next Scottsboro trial and that they (the Negroes) be granted their constitutional rights in this respect."

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Rochesterian Named Glee Club President

William R. Walch, only Rochester member of the Elmhurst College Glee Club, which will give a concert at Salem Church parish hall tomorrow night at 8 o'clock, was recently elected president of the organization for the coming year.

The concert is sponsored by the Evangelical Brotherhood Federation of Rochester. John L. Rezatto directs the choral group, which is including Albany, Baltimore, Washington and Cleveland on its post-season tour.

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6-24-'34

In Maplewood Park the Rev. Elmer Hoefer of St. Paul's Evangelical Church called prosperity, fame, health and friendship ephemeral compared to the love of God, "which never fails to give man

strength and help." The Rev. Cecil F. Wilson of Seneca Methodist Church presided. *7-8-'34*

Church 'Old Timers' Hold Annual Outing

7-7-'34 Old Timers' Club of St. Paul's Evangelical Church held its second annual picnic Saturday at Kern's Grove, Chili Avenue. Mrs. Wilhemina Franz, eighty-one, of Gladys Street, and William Volz Sr., seventy-seven of Driving Park Avenue, won prizes for being the oldest persons present.

Herbert Groth was general chairman, assisted by Clarence Brown, chairman of sports and Mrs. Klem Kummer, commissary chairman.

Announces Vesper Service

Following the church worship, the congregation of St. Paul Evangelical Church will motor to Ellison Park, where the Brotherhood of the church, under direction of Oscar Stephany, will serve a chicken dinner. The afternoon will be spent in games and recreation, including a ball game between single and married men. A vesper service at 4:30 will close the congregational outing. *7-15-'34*

IN the absence of the Rev. Elmer Henry Hoefer, the Rev. Kenneth Estey will preach in St. Paul Evangelical Church tomorrow morning. Mr. Hoefer will preach at the 45th anniversary service held in Friedens Evangelical Church, North Tonawanda, the Rev. Theodore Mayer, pastor. 7-15-34

Four Rochesterians At Training School

Four Rochesterians are attending the Evangelical Leadership Training School at the Evangelical Conference Grounds on Lake Erie near Dunkirk. The conference opened last Monday and will continue through Aug. 3.

Those attending are Lois Heininger, Thomas Keenan, Gerard Weingartner and the Rev. Elmer Hoefer. The Rev. Carl G. Haass of Trinity Church is one of the pastors responsible for the progress of the camp.

Aug. 5-1934 **T**HE Rev. Elmer Henry Hoefer will preach his last sermon at St. Paul's Evangelical Church tomorrow before leaving for Muskegon, Mich., where he will vacation with a former college mate. Vacation supplies have been announced as follows: Aug. 12, Herbert Baker, superintendent of People's Mission; 19, the Rev. Kenneth Estey of Fairport; 26, the Rev. Patrick D'Ostilio, Auburn Seminary, Auburn.

Effect of the automobile on church attendance is to be discussed tomorrow morning at St. Paul's Evangelical Church by the pastor, Rev. Elmer Hoefer, whose topic is "The Automobile—Friend or Foe of the Church?" Tomorrow is to be known as "Auto-Go-to-Church Sunday" at the church, and every member owning a car is asked to drive to church and bring a carful of relatives and friends. 5-6-'34

Evangelical Retreat Will Open Tomorrow

The third annual retreat of the Evangelical and Reformed churchmen will convene at the Lake Erie Conference Grounds near Dunkirk tomorrow and Sunday.

Churches of the Western New York area are to send delegations. William Ofslager, president of St. Paul's Evangelical Church, and Rudolph Hofmeister, Brotherhood president, report 18 men have enrolled from that church.

St. Paul's Brotherhood has obtained the Rev. Kenneth Estey of Fairport as supply in St. Paul's so the pastor, the Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer, may accompany the Brotherhood to Dunkirk.

The theme of the retreat will be "Facing the Experiences of Daily Life in the Spirit of Christ."

Home Coming Sunday will be observed at St. Paul Evangelical Church tomorrow, when record attendances at both Sunday school and church services is to be sought. Young people of the church will be in charge of the liturgy. They will present a ceremonial entitled "Aspiring Youth." The pastor, the Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer, will preach on "Christian Youth Aspiring to a New World."

THE Rev. Elmer Hoefer, pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical Church, will be the anniversary speaker of the golden jubilee celebration of Immanuel Church, Papineau, Ill., tomorrow. The Rev. Kenneth Estey of Fairport will speak in St. Paul's. 10-21-'34



A miniature theater with a whole troupe of marionettes. That's the project directed by Linden Schwab of 5 Woodford Street at the Vacation Bible School of St. Paul Evangelical Church, Norton and Jewel streets. At closing exercises of the school recently, Bible stories of David and Goliath and Ruth and Naomi were presented. Linden is shown demonstrating his project to the Rev. Elmer Henry Hoefler, minister of the church.

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Oct. 7, 1934

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107-9-34

BIBLES of all sizes, age and language have been gathered by members of St. Paul Evangelical Church for a Bible Sunday service tomorrow morning, marking the 400th anniversary of the Luther Bible translation. Some of the books have been in family use for five generations. Others carry the names of the forbear who originally came to America from foreign shores bringing his Bible with him into the new land of promise. The Rev. Elmer Hoefer will preach.

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Dec. 1934 TABLE TALK

A DEPARTMENT FOR THE WHOLE HERALD FAMILY

Following the exemplary lead of other like groups, the Evangelical and Reformed ministers of Rochester, N. Y., are meeting as one body on a Monday morning once a month. In addition to matters of business, one of the pastors gives a book report at each session. One of the recent attempts in cooperative effort was a simultaneous Every-Member Canvass conducted by the Evangelical and Reformed church councils on the second and third Sundays of November. In addition to receiving newspaper publicity that an individual church would not receive, it was possible to discover numerous "fence riders" who, when one church canvasses "belong" to the other church, or vice-versa, an old "chiseler" trick indulged in by some who want church respectability without responsibility.

St. Paul's Evangelical Church, Rochester, N. Y., prepared an exhibit of almost a 100 Bibles arranged in decorative manner about the pulpit, when the 400th anniversary of Luther's translation of the Bible was celebrated. Most of the Bibles came from members of the church. Some were heirlooms that had been in the family four generations and carried on the fly leaf publishing dates of the late 1700s and early 1800s. A committee of the Federation of Churches arranged a Bible display, to which one of the larger rooms of the Municipal Art Gallery was given over the week of Dec. 9th.

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Merged Churches To Conduct Campaign

The six churches of the Evangelical and Reformed denomination in Rochester recently decided to conduct their ingathering for pledges of church support as a simultaneous venture.

Salem, Christ, Trinity, Emanuel, Dewey Avenue and St. Paul congregations are being solicited by their respective budget and canvass committees to raise a total of \$62,000 for support of the local church work, and \$13,300 benevolent, educational and missionary enterprises. The combined contributing membership of the six churches is about 4,200.

William Ofslager is president of the united church councils under whose direction the simultaneous canvass is being conducted. The Rev. Bernard Tepas of Christ Evangelical Church is chairman of the pastor's advisory committee.

Nov. 18/34

Will Show Pictures

Motion pictures of the life of Christ will be shown at the Old Year's End service in St. Paul Evangelical Church tomorrow evening. The Rev. Elmer Hoefer will be in charge.

12-21-34

A SET of altar hangings will be dedicated in St. Paul's Evangelical Church in conjunction with the worship service tomorrow morning as a memorial to the late Adeline Youchzi. The presentation will be made by her sister, Mrs. Harry Merritt, who, as well as Miss Youchzi, have been lifelong members of the church. Mrs. William Ofslager will receive the gift in behalf of the congregation.

2-10-35

Amateur - Zirkus.

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Veranstaltung der Ev. St. Pauls
Kirche am Mittwoch, Donnerstag und
Freitag. Nov. 21, 22, 23

Ein Amateurzirkus und eine Puppen-
schau wird Mittwoch, Donnerstag
und Freitag in dieser Woche von der
Ev. St. Pauls Kirche abgehalten.
Die Gilde Nr. 1 sammelt Puppen für
eine Puppenschau, und jeder Besucher
des Puppenstandes kann für die
Puppe, die ihm am besten gefällt, ei-
ne Stimme abgeben, und die Puppe,
die die meisten Stimmen erhält, wird
am letzten Tag des Zirkus als Pup-
penkönigin gekrönt werden.

In den großen Zirkusakten, die
unter Leitung von Frau E. Hoefler
stehen, der Wm. Ordway assistiert,
wirken mit: Herr Fred Voebß als
Schlangenbändiger; Herr John Bar-
eis als Jongleur; Clarence Browns
Kapelle, und außerdem enthält das
Programm einen Drahtseilakt, einen
Reitakt und einen Miniatur Postkuf-
tenüberfall durch Indianer.

Jacob Eckert untersteht die „Ku-
riositäten-Schau“, und er wird eine
„Dicke Dame“ einen tätowierten
Mann, Siamesische Zwillinge, einen
Bilibutaner und einen Sampson vor-
führen.

Besucher haben an den drei Aben-
den von 7 Uhr an Zutritt. Die erste
Vorstellung beginnt um 8 Uhr, die
zweite zwischen 9 und 9.15. Jeder-
mann ist herzlich willkommen.

Der Reingewinn der Veranstal-
tung fließt dem Schulden-Fonds der
Kirche zu. Die Ev. St. Pauls Kirche
liegt an der Ecke der Norton und
Jewel Straße.

Nov. 21-22-23, 1934
***Dolls Exhibited
By Children at
Amateur Circus***

For the last few weeks big dolls, little dolls and in between dolls have accompanied the children of St. Paul Evangelical Church, Norton and Jewel Streets, to the Sunday School sessions, where has been gathered under the auspices of Guild 1 a doll exhibit, one of the main side-show features of an amateur circus being presented tonight and Thursday and Friday evening.

Eight young women, elected by ballot, are competing for the honor of "popularity queen," to be given the girl turning in the most votes by Friday evening. The circus will feature an equestrienne act, tight-rope walkers, a stage-coach holdup and rescue.

Fred Loeb will appear as a snake-charmer; William Ordway as leader of a group of clowns. Clarence Brown's Brass Band will furnish music.

Oscar Stephany will be in charge of concessions. Rudolph is chairman of the side-show booths.

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"There is a Santa Claus!" At least that is what the members of St. Paul's Evangelical Church, Rochester, N. Y., wanted to tell the world, when the pastor, Elmer Henry Hoefer, announced among other Christmas gifts received by the church, one of \$10,000 from the estate of Elizabetha Fisher. The presentation was made by Philip Fisher, a brother. St. Paul's church, built in 1922, has carried a considerable debt-load. Thanks to this gift, and to the receipts from campaign pledges and special offerings, this debt has been reduced from \$46,000 to \$16,000 within ten years. The experience of this church has been that when the larger Kingdom causes, such as the synodical budget, are given first concern, God will take care of the local needs. Since we have definitely pledged to raise the synodical quotas in full, there has never been a deficit in current expense funds for maintenance of the local church work.

"Prove me now herewith, saith the Lord, if I will not open the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing—."

The six Evangelical and Reformed churches of Rochester, N. Y., report participation in a Loyalty Crusade sponsored by the Rochester Federation of Churches including more than a hundred churches. The Crusade was an adaptation of the visitation evangelism plans that in recent years have been supplanting the mass revival meetings.

In preparation for the Crusade, mass meetings for the church councils of all churches, women's organizations, brotherhoods and Sunday school workers were held. Nearly 1,400 members of official boards sat down together at a dinner in the Bausch and Lomb dining room to discuss the things of interest for Protestantism in Monroe County. So far as anyone knew, this was the first time that a gathering of this type had ever been arranged. The mass meeting of Sunday school workers took place in Salem Church, and nearly filled that spacious auditorium.

Each of the seven Sundays of the Crusade had a special name and emphasis. The first Sunday was designated "Roll Call Sunday." Every church had mustered visitation committees who called upon all church members leaving with them roll-call cards which were to be signed and brought to church on the following Sunday. The effort met with unexpected success. Churches were crowded to overflowing, one of our churches having to install loud speakers to carry the message to the overflow crowd shunted into the Sunday school hall. Other Sundays followed in the order of "Family Sunday," "Neighbor Day," "Symphony Sunday," "Stewardship Day," "Recruiting Sunday" and "Goal Day." The Revs. George Dowey and Ira Vayinger were directors of the Crusade.

Though the enthusiasm of the first Sunday of the Crusade failed to carry through until the last, yet there were ample rewards that justified this united movement to stir the church people of our community. New members were added to the churches; church finances were given a decided lift; church attendance showed an average 50% increase; and a new sense of working together for a common goal has been generated among the Protestant churches. The success of the plan was due to able leadership, carefully planned programs, the regular visitation of members by the Crusading teams, and the spirit of expecting great things from God, if men would lend themselves wholeheartedly to his cause.

Elmer Hoefer.

4-18-36 Ministers Meet At Central 'Y' Monday Morning

The Ministerial Association will meet Monday, Apr. 20, at 10 o'clock at the Gibbs Street "Y". Alfredo F. Catedral, graduate of the university of Missouri, will speak on the subject "Forward in the Philippines with Jose Rizal and Jesus Christ."

The progress of youthful colored people in America will be presented by Paul W. Strickland of the Colgate Rochester Divinity School.

Donato R. Remires, Mexican, graduate of William Jewell College, familiar with revolutionary Mexico and its temperance, thrift and economic programs for youth, will discuss the Mexican youth and his place in Latin America.

"Can Nazi and German youth contribute a Christian service to Europe and the world at this time?", will be discussed by Max Volkmann, graduate of Spokane University.

Jack Ketcham, youth leader of Rochester's Protestant forces, will preside. The meeting will be called to order by the Rev. Anthony Luidens, president of the association. James E. Rose will present the findings and resolutions on "Marriage and the Home" worked out by a committee with Elmer Hoeferm, Andrew Rauth, Jerome Kates, Martin Punt, Fred Reissig. It is hoped that George Lansbury, British churchman and labor leader, will be able to address the Association at the May meeting.

Selected to Head Evangelical Group



Elected to head the New York District, Evangelical Synod of North America, the Rev. Carl G. Haass (right), pastor of Trinity Evangelical Church, who was named president, and the Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer, pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical Church, chosen vice-president, confer in Rochester after returning from the district meeting in Elmira.

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Federation of Churches Launches Fund Drive



Division captains, seated, left to right, the Rev. R. La Rue Cober, the Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer, the Rev. Weldon F. Crossland, D. D. Standing,

left to right, the Rev. O. H. McDonald, the Rev. Sinclair Tebo, the Rev. Leon B. Randall, the Rev. D. Selden Matthews.

The Federation of Churches will launch its annual finance campaign tomorrow to subscribe the budget for \$18,535. The campaign will continue through Apr. 27, pursuing the campaign slogan, "United in service for spiritual enrichment."

In announcing the drive Doctor Ward explained that the budget for the ensuing year is designed to include such major activities as hospital visitation, social service, evangelism, leadership training, missions, international friendship, race relations, publicity through the co-operation of the press and radio, youth federation, world peace, weekday religious education, vacation church schools, surveys by the county committee and law enforcement.

With Frederick M. Dubelbeiss as chairman of the Finance Committee, campaign plans have already been set in operation in eight districts of the city. This phase of the drive will be supplemented by a similar approach in the several communities of the county by Prof. Glenn B. Ewell in co-operation with the several community units.

The following sectional captains will direct the

campaign in the eight districts of the city: Section 1, Four-corner area, the Rev. Raymon M. Kistler, D. D.; Section 2, Southwest area, the Rev. R. LaRue Cober; Section 3, downtown and East Avenue area, the Rev. Weldon F. Crossland; Section 4, Southeast area, the Rev. O. H. McDonald; Section 5, Northeast area, the Rev. Sinclair Tebo; Section 6, Northwest area, the Rev. Leon B. Randall; Section 7, Charlotte area, the Rev. D. Selden Mathews; Section 8, St. Paul Boulevard, and Irondequoit Section, the Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer.

Report meetings are scheduled to be held at designated churches in the eight districts Apr. 21 and Apr. 23, at 8 p. m. Section 6, however, of which the Rev. Leon B. Randall is chairman, will report at Grace Methodist Episcopal Church Apr. 20 and Apr. 23. A luncheon conference for all pastors and captains will be held Apr. 24 at 12:30 in Brick Church Institute when reports will be summarized. The final report dinner for pastors and all campaign workers will be held Apr. 27 at 6:30 in Brick Presbyterian Church.

4-18-'36

Rekindle Faith, Church Urged

Rekindling of faith is the greatest task facing the church, the Rev. Paul M. Schroeder of Rochester told the New York District Evangelical Synod of North America last night.

Speaking on "Character and Task of the Christian Church," at the Synod's 49th conference in Elmira, he said:

"We need to combine denominations for united thought and action in order to establish a universal, effective church."

The Rev. Mr. Schroeder is pastor of Salem Evangelical Church. Other Rochesterians at the conference are the Rev. Carl Baass, 192 Child Street, district secretary; and Fred Baetzel, of the district council office.

The conference will close tomorrow morning.

The Rev. Carl G. Haass, pastor of Trinity Church, Rochester, was elected president today, to succeed the Rev. Paul Langhorst of Buffalo. The Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer, pastor of St. Paul's Church, Rochester, was elected vicepresident, succeeding the Rev. Robert Keller of Buffalo.

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St. Paul's Church, Rochester, N. Y., Rev. Elmer Henry Hoefer, pastor, suffered a severe loss in the untimely passing of Elder William G. Ofslager. Brother Ofslager's life was one of consistent loyalty to his Church. In his youth he served as president of the Young People's Society and of the choir. In recent years he was president of the Brotherhood and president of the Church Council. At the time of his death he was serving the second of a three-year term as Elder. *Oct. 1937*



APR. 1936
SOCIAL SERVICE GROUP OF FEDERATION OF CHURCHES. Left to right: Guy V. Harris, S. P. C. C.; Rev. Elmer Hoefler; Esther Hilton, Family Welfare Service; Rev. Fred E. Reissig, chairman; Mrs. Irving L. Walker; Katherine Gray, Public Health Nursing; (standing) Harry Argento, probation chief of Children's Court.

RETURNING from a vacation spent at family week held on the Evangelical Conference grounds on Lake Erie, the Rev. Elmer Hoefler will preach Sunday on a labor theme at St. Paul's Evangelical Church. 8-31-35

Why the Christ whose birthday the world of Christians observed on Christmas Day, could not have been other than a Jew, was discussed by the Rev. Elmer Hoefler in a sermon at St. Paul's Evangelical Church.

"Though the Hebrews as a people do not give religious recogni-

tion to Christmas as Christ's birthday, yet Jesus would be unthinkable against other than a Jewish background," he said. "The regard for personal righteousness, the respect for human personality, the Messianic hope of the Old Testament found in Israel made the advent of Christ possible." 12-28-35

Honor Court Held By Troop 9 Unit

Troop 9 of St. Paul's Evangelical Church held a Court of Honor in troop headquarters Tuesday night in conjunction with the meeting of the Church Brotherhood, sponsors of the troop.

Robert Fuerst received from his mother Scouting's most coveted award, "the Eagle Scout badge." Speakers were Charles R. Legg, deputy commissioner of the Blackhawk Division, and J. D. Kelley, scoutmaster of Troop 9. Legg spoke on summer camping and Kelley explained the meaning of the various awards.

The awards were as follows: Bronze Eagle Palm, Robert Fuerst; Eagle Scout Badge, Robert Fuerst; second class, Bernary Meyering, Richard Hoeffel, Robert Westfall, Paul Sold, Donald Rosenbauer, Grant Kothiringer; tenderfoot, Walter Kohl, Donald Vogel, Fred Leverenz, Bud Barreis.

The troop leaders are Richard B. Cixon, chairman; William Ordway, Ralph Hoffmeier; J. D. Kelley scoutmaster. 5-10-36

HASTY WEDDINGS BRING WARNING

Warning against hasty marriages came today from a Rochester Ministerial Association conference at St. Luke's Episcopal Church on "Safeguarding the Home and Marriage."

Guest of honor was the Rev. Dr. L. Foster Wood of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, who summarized material presented in resolutions of a panel of Ministers: The Rev. Jerome Kates, the Rev. Elmer Hoefler, the Rev. Sheldon Matthews, and the Rev. Frederick E. Reissig.

A 72-hour lapse period between application for and granting of marriage licenses was urged by the Rev. Mr. Kates. The Rev. Mr. Hoefler emphasized the responsibility of the ministry as counsel both previous to and after marriage.

Presiding was the Rev. Anthony Luidens, president of the association. Apr. 1936

Ministerial Group Names New Officers

The Rochester Ministerial Association Monday considered the question of church publicity and elected officers.

The meeting was held in the Colgate Rochester Divinity School. M. V. Atwood, associate editor of the Gannett newspapers, spoke on the newspaper attitude toward the churches and the Rev. Raymon M. Kistler, D.D., pastor of Central Presbyterian Church spoke for the churches. W. DeWitt Manning, of

the Democrat and Chronicle, J. Rollin Childs of the Times-Union and Mrs. Bertha H. Arlidge of the Journal were introduced as church news editors.

These officers of the Ministerial Association were elected: President, the Rev. Anthony Luidens, pastor of Brighton Reformed Church; the Rev. Elmer E. Hoefer, St. Paul's Evangelical Church, vicepresident; the Rev. James C. Taylor, A. M. E. Zion Church, secretary and the Rev. Albert F. McClements of Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, treasurer. 5-15-'35

ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL

10:30 a. m. 1936

Organ Prelude "Easter Morn"

..... La Mare

Offertory "Song of Hope" ... Diggle

Anthem "Angels Roll the Rock

Away Stults

Vocal duet "Jesus Is Risen"

Soprano, Mrs. Mabel Weber;

alto, Miss Isobel Fyfe.

Postlude "Marche Pontificale"

J. Lemmens

St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church will have its service from 9 to 10 o'clock. The Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer will preach on "A Thangsgiving Message from a Russian Pastor in Prison." 1936

THE morning worship services in St. Paul's Evangelical Church will be in charge of young people in annual observation of Youth Sunday. The theme of worship will be "Christian Youth Building a New World," upon which three students of the church attending out-of-city colleges will speak. They are William Walch of Eden Seminary, St. Louis, Mo.; Tyelma Mielke, Elmhurst College, Elmhurst, Ill.; Armand Fortunato, Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio.

9-8-'35

THE congregation of St. Paul's Evangelical Church will hear a sermon by one of its young men preparing himself for the ministry in Eden Theological Seminary, St. Louis, tomorrow at 9:30 o'clock. William Walch Jr. of 416 Magnolia Street, will preach. This will be the first time in its history that the pulpit of St. Paul's will be occupied by one of the native sons of the church.

9-7-'35

Evangelical Synod Schedules Meeting

The biennial convention of the churches of the New York District of Evangelical Synod will meet in Salem Church, North Tonawanda June 11-14.

Much of the time will be spent in further amalgamation of the work of the two denominations, Evangelical Synod and the Reformed Church in the U. S., which were recently merged into the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

Pastors and lay delegates from Evangelical churches in Rochester will be in attendance.

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TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY May 2, 1915

Highest temperature, 59 degrees; lowest, 43 degrees.

The Knights of Calvin celebrated the 40th anniversary of its founding by attending a service at St. Paul's Evangelical Church at which the sermon was preached by the Rev. Richard Stave.

1935

4-14-'35

THE annual confirmation re-union service of St. Paul Evangelical Church on Palm Sunday evening will be in charge of the Old Timers Club, William Krase, patriarch. A 12-candle candelabrum will be placed upon the altar, one candle for each of the pastors who has confirmed classes in St. Paul's during the 73 years of its history. There are resident in Rochester representatives of confirmation classes of all pastorates except the first. Eleven of their number will light candles in honor of the pastors who confirmed them. They are Mrs. Wilhelmine Fanze, William Volz Sr.,

The Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer of St. Paul Evangelical and Reformed Church will exchange pulpits with the Rev. Rudolf Locher of Hornell tomorrow. Service at the church will be at 9:30.

Men of the Evangelical and Reformed Churches of this city will take part in a brotherhood retreat sponsored by the state organization at the conference grounds on Lake Erie near Dunkirk.

7-21-'35

THE early service on Sunday in St. Paul's Evangelical Church will be dedicated to the memory of the congregation's dead, and will be observed as a lily-memorial service. A rough hewn cross has been used as the focal point of the Lenten services. The Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer, will lead a communion meditation.

Ordained 10 Years Ago

7-13-35

**Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer**

Ten years ago, at the dedication of St. John's Evangelical Church, Lincoln, Illinois, of which his father was pastor, the Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer was ordained into the Christian ministry by his father and two uncles. Commemorating the anniversary of this event, special services will be held in St. Paul Evangelical Church, Norton and Jewel streets, tomorrow morning, the celebrating pastor preaching a sermon on the theme, "Reflections at the End of a Decade."

The Rev. William Baur, missionary on furlough from the Central Provinces of India, will preach in St. Paul Evangelical Church tomorrow morning.

Mr. Baur was a classmate of the Rev. Elmer Hoefer, pastor of St. Paul's, and is the son of Prof. William Baur of Eden Theological Seminary, St. Louis, Mo., who before assuming his teaching duties was for 10 years pastor of St. Paul's Church, and prior to that, assistant pastor of Salem Evangelical Church.

The missionary is at present teaching courses on foreign missions at the Evangelical and Reformed Training School at Dunkirk, and will return to India in September via Japan and China. In his message he will bring an interpretation of missionary objectives as he sees them. 1935

2-3-35
STILL pictures showing the life of students at Eden Seminary the Evangelical and Reformed school for pastoral training located in St. Louis, will be shown at the services in St. Paul Evangelical Church tomorrow evening. Robert Frerichs of Colgate - Rochester Divinity School will speak. Special music will be sung by C. Samuel Maggio and Miss Lurleen Williams of St. Luke's Episcopal choir.

Rochesterian to Speak

Women of the Evangelical and Reformed churches of Western New York will assemble for their annual union convention at the Evangelical Conference grounds on Lake Erie Tuesday and Wednesday. Among Rochester representatives who will speak will be Mrs. Frederick H. Diehm of Emanuel Reformed, and the Rev. Elmer Hoefer of St. Paul Evangelical churches.

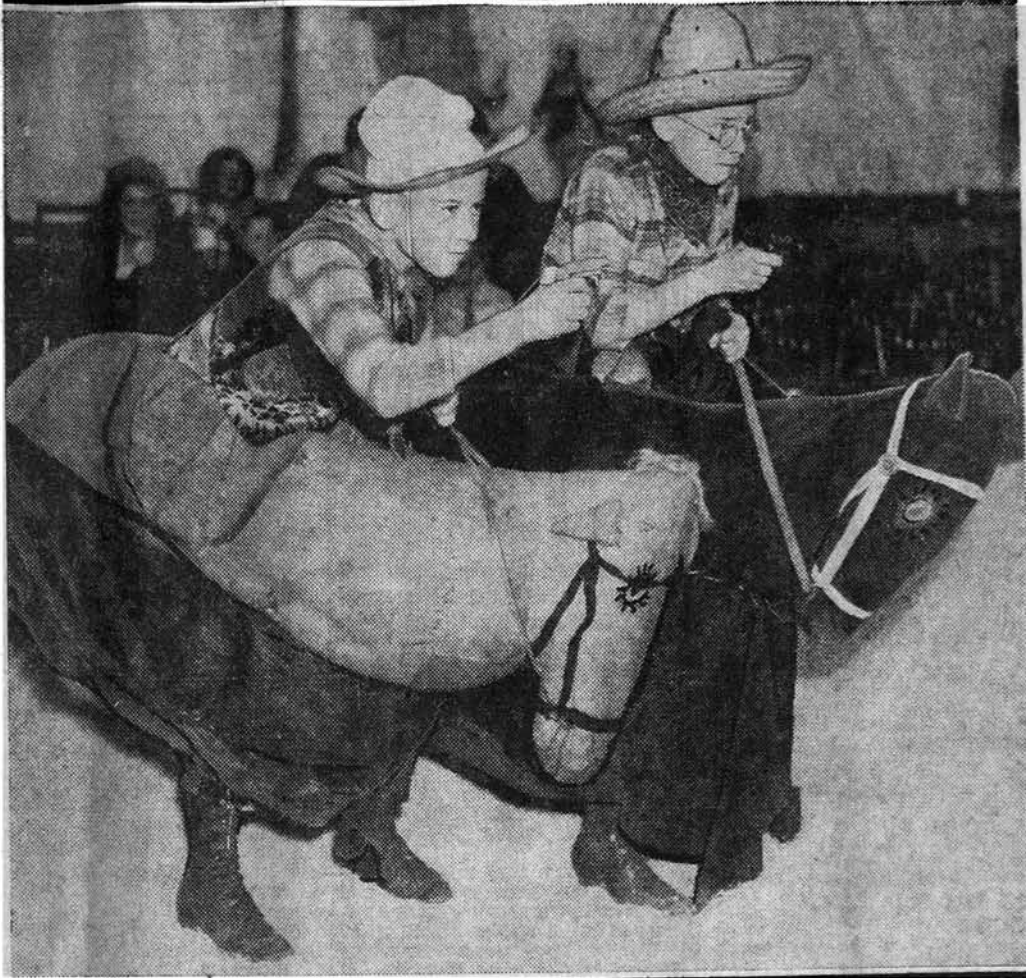
4-2-36

'DARING' RIDERS FEATURE CIRCUS DAY

PAUL SCHMIDT

HERMAN STOLL

1934



Members of St. Paul's Evangelical Church, corner of Jewel and Norton Streets, have gone in

for a miniature circus, some of the performers being pictured in full costume. The show goes on today and tomorrow. Nov. 21, 22, 23

Picnic Will Follow Church Services

June 1937

Something new in the way of a congregational picnic will be conducted tomorrow by members of St. Paul Evangelical and Reformed Church, the Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer, pastor.

Following the morning worship service, members of the church and Sunday School will leave with basket lunches for Willow Point Park, Webster. The afternoon and evening will be devoted to a number of recreational events. At 5:30 p. m., a vesper service will be conducted by the Rev. William R. Walch.

In charge of the outing is a committee headed by Frank Vogel, assisted by Supt. William C. Walch of the Sunday School, Assistant Supt. Edward Uehlin and representatives of the church organizations. Transportation will be provided for those in attendance before noon.

Church to Welcome Pastor and Wife *Oct. 4 1936*

The service tomorrow morning in St. Paul Evangelical Church will be a "Welcome Home" to the Rev. Eimer H. Hoefer, who with Mrs. Hoefer has just returned from a five month sabbatical leave spent in eight European countries, during which he covered more than 15,000 miles, in the Scandinavian countries, Germany and Russia.

The sermon Sunday morning pointed out the need for a vital faith in the validity and permanency of age-old spiritual truths in a world that is defying class, race and national groups and denying the existence of all else.

Beginning Sunday evening, Pastor and Mrs. Hoefer will relate their travel experiences, illustrating with pictures, costumes and souvenirs.

4-20-36 'America's Young Men' Lists 23 Local Leaders

Biographies of 23 Rochesterians are included in Volume 2 of America's Young Men which is scheduled for publication this month.

This book, heralded by the publishers as "the official Who's Who among men under 45 year of age," lists 6,010 individuals of "distinguished achievements in government, commerce, industry, economics, science, art, education, agriculture and the professions."

A statistical summary reveals that the greatest number of those listed are Presbyterians, Republicans, have two children, graduated from college and play golf. The Rochesterians follow:

Barton Baker, attorney; Raymond N. Ball, president of the Lincoln-Alliance Bank & Trust Company; George P. Berry, physi-

cian; Frederick G. Brownell, assistant to the associate editor of The Gannett Newspapers; Edward S. Farrow, assistant production manager, Eastman Kodak Company; Luther C. Fry, Richard L. Greene and John E. Hoffmeister, U. of R. professors.

Also Donald B. Gilchrist, U. of R. librarian; Joseph L. Guzzetta, dentist; Howard Hanson, director of the U. of R. Music School; Elmer H. Hoefner, clergyman; Alexander C. Heatly, surgeon; George McNabb, pianist; Leopold Damrosch Mannes, musician and Eastman Kodak Company chemist; Garson Meyer, Kodak chemist; Harry L. Rosenthal and William E. Smith, attorneys; Raymond L. Thompson, U. of R. treasurer; Theodore L.

Trost, librarian of Colgate-Rochester Divinity School; Harry Watts, musician; the Rev. Whitney S. K.

Yeaple of Lake Avenue Baptist Church, and Joe Hall Torbett, Times-Union news editor.

1936 Pastor and Wife On Sabbatical Leave

The congregation of St. Paul Evangelical and Reformed Church will bid a temporary farewell to the Rev. and Mrs. Elmer Hoefer Sunday morning when they will begin a sabbatical leave of five months duration.

On their holiday they will attend the World Sunday School convention in Oslo, Norway, and spend the remainder of the summer in Central Europe, principally in Germany, where Mr. Hoefer was a

graduate student of theology in 1925-26.

During the absence of the pastor, the pulpit will be supplied by William Walch Jr., a member of the congregation who is preparing himself for the ministry in Eden Seminary, St. Louis, and by Prof. Theophil Menzel, professor of comparative religions at the same school.

At a "bon voyage" party last Friday evening the organization presented the pastor with a purse of money.

THE Rev. and Mrs. Elmer H. Hoefer of Saranac Street are due at the St. George Hotel today, where they will make their headquarters until Saturday when they sail for Europe on the Pennland.

The Reverend Hoefer, who is pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical Church in Norton Street, will attend the World Sunday School Convention in Oslo, Norway, and will spend the remainder of the summer in Sweden, Switzerland and Germany with Mrs. Hoefer. He formerly studied in Germany.

Sept. 19.37 **Race Superiority Attitude Growing, Pastor Believes**

A secret movement to establish the race superiority complex is getting a start here in Rochester, much as the Nazi antagonism against the Jews rose in Germany, the Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer, pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical Church, said this morning.

Speaking before 100 delegates to the eighth annual Rochester regional conference, the New York district of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, he branded the movement as "a dangerous flash in the pan which might have had possibilities like the Ku Klux Klan" and asked his hearers to be on their guard against such conflicting goals.

Followers of the new secret band are using the Bible as a basis to prove their race the only chosen people, the minister said. The movement got its start, the Rev. Mr. Hoefer believes, in economic trouble or the defeat sense which would lead a person to assert his superiority.

In the face of all the isms like communism, fascism, anarchism, Nazism, and trends of which the new movement is an outgrowth, the Rochester minister asked that delegates seek anew "life's greatest essential."

Attitude of Growth Needed

"What we need most today is the attitude of growth, the sense of humility before the presence of God and the ultimate goal of perfection as revealed in Jesus Christ," he declared.

Theme of the conference meeting today and Thursday in St. Paul Evangelical and Reformed Church, is "The Christian's Responsibility." Representatives from 15 churches

including those at Auburn, Rome, Hornell, Elmira, Wayland and Syracuse united with Rochester members.

The Rev. Fred H. Wilkins of Pittsburgh, formerly associate executive secretary of the Rochester Federation of Churches, gave a talk this morning on "The Christian's Responsibility Toward Himself," and one this afternoon on "His Responsibility Towards Society."

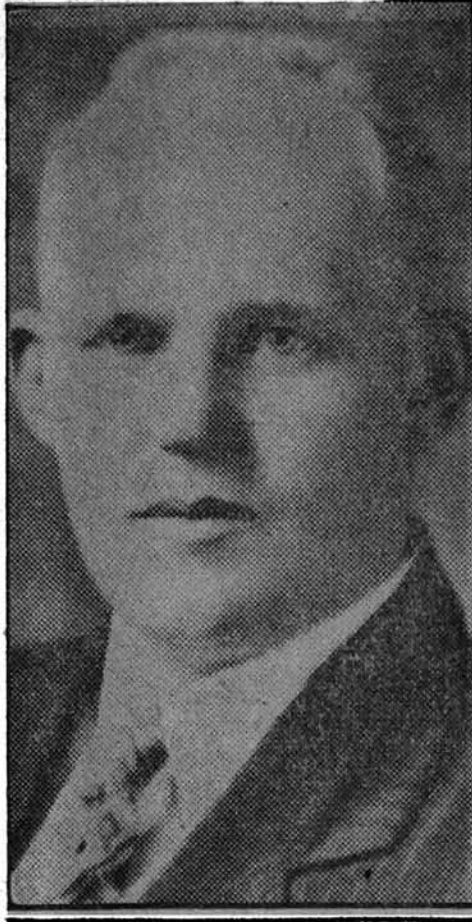
Explaining that much mental trouble comes because "we don't want to be what we are," the Rev. Mr. Wilkins emphasized that human nature can be changed and personality can be developed if the individual is willing to seek the proper goals and use will power to follow them. Man's personal responsibility is to understand himself and to accept himself as he is.

Respect Urged

Dealing with the second topic, the speaker urged that the Christian learn to respect every human being, to recognize that what he is has been the result of what others have done. It is only good sportsmanship that he help others in return, Mr. Wilkins told the delegates.

The Rev. Andrew Rauth of Dansville, a delegate to the recent World Conference on Life and Work held at Oxford, England, will speak at the evening session tonight beginning at 7:45.

Leads Parley



REV. F. H. WILLKINS

Regional Church Parley Scheduled

Sept. 1937

"The Christian's Responsibility" will be the theme of the Rochester Regional Conference of the Evangelical and Reformed Church next Wednesday and Thursday at St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church.

A series of three addresses will be given by the Rev. Fred H. Willkins of Pittsburgh, Pa., former associate executive secretary of the Rochester Federation of Churches.

The first of these addresses will be entitled "The Christian's Responsibility Towards Himself" and will be given on Wednesday morning at 10:25 o'clock. In the afternoon at 1:45 o'clock Rev. Willkins will discuss "The Christian's Responsibility Towards Society" and on Thursday morning at 9:30 o'clock his topic will be "The Christian's Responsibility Towards His Church."

"Christian Responsibility in a World of Confusion" will be the subject of a sermon by the Rev. Andrew Rauth of Dansville at a worship service open to the public Wednesday evening at 7:45 o'clock. The Rev. Mr. Rauth, formerly pastor of the Gates Presbyterian Church, was a delegate to the Conference on Life and Work recently held at Oxford, England, and will base his sermon on the findings and discussions of that conference.

The Rev. Carl Haass of Trinity Evangelical and Reformed Church, president of the Conference, will preside at the business sessions. He also is president of the New York District of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and is scheduled to deliver an address on Thursday afternoon at 1:45 o'clock.

The Rev. Braynard E. Kurkowski of the Dewey Avenue Evangelical and Reformed Church is chairman of the Conference committee, assisted by the Rev. Paul Schroeder of Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church and the Rev. Rudolf Locher of Hornell.

New York District 7-8-'37

The 49th conference of the New York District, observing the 50th anniversary of the District, was held in the German Evangelical Church, Elmira, N. Y., the Rev. Rudolf Vieweg, pastor, May 11-14. The conference opened with a communion service on Tuesday afternoon in charge of Rev. R. Vieweg, assisted by the Revs. F. W. Duhl, Paul Langhorst, L. K. Molter, and Carl G. Haass.

Rev. Paul Langhorst was elected moderator and the Rev. Theodore Mayer, vice-moderator. Each session opened with a devotion conducted by the Rev. R. Vieweg. Meditations were held by the Revs. Leon K. Molter, I. Dietsche, and Paul Frankfeld. The evening services were a source of much inspiration. On Tuesday the Rev. L. Moessner led the devotional service and the Rev. Elmer Hoefler preached the sermon; on Wednesday the Rev. L. K. Mol-

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THE MESSENGER

ter, a son of the Elmira Church, conducted the altar service and the sermon was preached by the Rev. Paul M. Schroeder. The Thursday evening service was the special 50th anniversary service, in which the venerable Rev. H. A. Kraemer of Buffalo, one of the oldest members of the District, who was present at the conference held 50 years ago in the Elmira Church, preached the sermon on 1 Cor. 4: 20. The Rev. H. A. Fenske led the altar service. The Rev. Carl Loos conducted the Memorial service. The closing devotion of the conference was given by the Rev. Paul Langhorst, who gave a very fine paper on "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine."

It was voted to approve the Constitution and By-Laws of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, as adopted by the General Synod in June, 1935.

In this day of extreme social unrest the New York District expresses itself as: opposing dictatorial Fascism and atheistic Communism, and that we recognize the need for increasing measures of political and industrial democracy, speaking and acting for the underprivileged, and supporting Christian social legislation.

The District pledges itself anew to teach and preach the application of the ethics of Jesus Christ more emphatically, since Christ alone is the Saviour of the world.

The District wishes the India Mission District God's richest blessing upon its union with the United Church of Northern India. We assure the India Mission District of our continued loyalty and support.

In view of the newly acquired Synodical budget deficit of over \$10,000 for the year 1936, and in order to avoid in future additional deficits in the annual working budget, the New York District respectfully repeats its plea of 1936, and requests the General Council to adopt, as a basis of determining the working budget of the denominational boards, the actual receipts from the Churches during the preceding years, instead of considering the "askings" budget, or the "hoped for receipts of the future."

The New York District instructs the District Council to remind the delinquent Churches of their constitutional obligations. If no results are obtained the matter should be referred to the District Council.

Whereas, the General Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, meeting in June, 1936, at Ft. Wayne, Ind., has gone on record as favoring admission into "The Alliance of Reformed Churches of the World Holding the Presbyterian System" (with which the Reformed Church of U. S. has long been affiliated), we register our protest against seeking admission into this body unless a similar affiliation with "The Lutheran World Convention" is also sought.

The District expresses grateful appreciation of the vigorous and capable prosecution for debt liquidation on the part of the Director of "Our Larger Kingdom Service." The District was very happy to have the Rev. J. P. Meyer, D.D., in its meetings.

The officers elected are: President, Rev. Carl G. Haass, Rochester; Vice-president, Rev. Elmer H. Hoefler, Rochester; Secretary, Rev. Paul Frohne, Buffalo; Treasurer, Mr. Leo W. Blaufuss, Buffalo; District Council, Rev. Carl Loos, Erie, and General Council, Rev. Carl G. Haass and Mr. Henry Albrecht, both of Rochester.

Carl G. Haass, Sec.

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THE REV. ELMER H. HOEFER, pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church, with his children Rosalyn and Jonathan, accompanied by his sister Miss Laura Hoefer, teacher in Benjamin Franklin High School, have motored to Lincoln, Illinois, to attend the wedding of Miss Ruth Hoefer to Melvin Culp on June 29. While in Illinois Mr. Hoefer will occupy the pulpit of St. John's Evangelical Church of which his father, the Rev. John A. Hoefer is pastor, on Sunday June 27/37

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Changes of Address

Aug. 19/37 Rev. William C. Bessmer, to McKittrick, Mo. (new)

Rev. Franklin Glassmoyer, from Lebanon, Pa., to 300 N. Water St., Spring Grove, Pa.

Rev. John Goebel, Em., from Chicago, Ill., to 369 S. Lincoln Ave., Kankakee, Ill.

+ Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer, from 96 Saranac St. to 26 Navarre Rd., Rochester, N. Y.

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Speaker for Banquet

"Bicycling Through Europe" will be the topic of the Rev. E. H. Hoefer, pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church, when he addresses the members of the Hubbell Class of the First Baptist Church Wednesday.

At this "Gay Nineties" banquet, the musical part of the program will be given by Mrs. William Beckwith, James Hagreen, Avery and Everett Lockner and Arthur Brill, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. K. N. Niblack of Buffalo.

The toastmaster will be Roy A. Duffus, and songleader James Corbett. The dinner committee includes Bert Smith, chairman; Arthur C. Dean, newly elected president of the class; Frank Graham, Edward Stickney, Charles and Wesley Schlosser and Harry Whitehouse.

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AT the Confirmation service in St. Paul Evangelical and Reformed Church Sunday evening, organizations will participate through their officers. Patriarch William Frase will represent the Old Timers, Mrs. Herbert Groth the Altar Society, Miss Lucille Rescuchle the Symposium, and Miss Mary Flagler the League. The Brotherhood Class and the Old Timers' chorus will sing. The Rev. Robert Brown of Spencer Ripley M. E. Church will bring the message under the topic "Friendship Across All Barriers." The pastor, Elmer H. Hoefer will lead in the reconsecration service.

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Mr. Edward Maul, in St. Paul's Church, Lebanon, Ill., by Rev. Henry Held, assisted by the Revs. Conrad Held and Otto Bassler.

Mr. Herbert E. Stahlhut, in Eden Ev. Church, Edwardsville, Ill., by Rev. Hugo J. Bredehoeft, assisted by the Revs. S. D. Press, D.D., and Edward H. Fresen.

✕ William R. Walch, Jr., in St. Paul's Church, Rochester, N. Y., by Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer and Carl G. Haass.

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On July 18 Immanuel Church, Lyman, Nebr., Rev. A. C. Kroehler, pastor, observed its annual Mission Festival, the speakers being Dr. William Baur of Eden Seminary, Webster Groves, the Revs. J. Erbes, Bayard, Nebr., and Henry Baumgartel of Scott's Bluff. In the evening the local Christian and Methodist Episcopal Churches joined their services with those at Immanuel. An offering of \$102.80 was received.

Evangelical and Reformed

ST. PAUL
7 a. m.

1937

Lily Service

Prelude: "Easter Dawn"

Anthem: "They Have Taken
Away My Lord" S. Stainer

Holy Communion

10:30 a. m.

Prelude: "Christus Resurrexit"

..... Ion

Offertory: "Love Song" Liszt

Anthem: "Our Lord Is Risen"

..... F. Pease

Alto Solo: "Christ Triumphant"

..... W. Stevens

Postlude: "Hosanna" Wachs

Organist and choirmaster, H. Betz.

Church Plans Anniversary

Plans for the 75th anniversary of St. Paul Evangelical and Reformed Church will be presented tonight at the annual meeting by the Rev. Elmer Hoefer.

Jan. 1937

Speaker To Describe Experiences Abroad

Experiences in Russia and Germany will be described by the Rev. Elmer H. Hofer when he speaks at Spencer-Ripley Methodist Episcopal Church Tuesday at 2:30 p. m.

Tea will be served following the talk. *1938*

Old Timers Hold Party Tonight

Old Timers Club of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church meets for its annual Halloween party in social rooms of the church.

Herbert Groth is social chairman and William Krase, master of ceremonies. *Oct. 27, 1938*

SPONSORS COOKING SCHOOL

The Altar Society of St. Paul's Church, Jewel and Norton streets, will sponsor a cooking school at 1:30 p. m. Wednesday. The school is open to the public, Florence Vogel, secretary, announced. *Oct. 1938*

Death Takes Pastor Ordained 51 Years Ago

The Rev. Paul E. Zeller, Auburn, who was ordained a minister in the Evangelical and Reformed Church in St. Paul's Evangelical Church, Rochester, 51 years ago, died yesterday in Auburn City Hospital.

The Rev. Mr. Zeller, who retired in 1936, held pastorates in Troy, Daneville, Buffalo, Lockport, Trenton, N. J., Scranton and Millvale, Pa. He was a graduate of Elmhurst College and Eden Theological Seminary.

On the 50th anniversary of his ordination last September, the Rev. Mr. Zeller was honored at observances in St. Luke's Church, Auburn, and St. Paul's Evangelical Church, scene of his ordination. *1938*

Federation Plans First Banquet *May 1938*

"Christianity and You" will be the topic of Philip S. Bernstein in an address to members of the Evangelical and Reformed Youth Federation of Rochester at their first annual banquet next Tuesday at 6:15 p. m. at Emmanuel Evangelical and Reformed Church.

Miss June C. Baeztl will be toastmistress. The business session will be led by Miss Jean M. Erbelding, president of the Federation. Included in the program will be musical numbers by Miss Norma Westfall and Arthur Brill, and readings by Miss Adabelle Ford.

Miss Eunice Tepas is chairman of the committee planning the banquet, assisted by Simon Cook, Arlene Schwab, Ruth Stoll, Robert Halsey, Matilda Klumpp, and Edith Mosher.

Election of officers for the year 1938-39 will be held, followed by a brief installation service. A recreational program, under the direction of Walter H. W. Hitzke, will conclude the evening's program.

Feb. 1938

Christian Youth Meet In Syracuse

The Christian Youth of New York State will gather in Syracuse Friday to Sunday, Feb. 25 to 27, for the 15th annual New York State Youth Conference.

Conference sessions will be at the First Methodist Church starting at 7:30 p. m. on Friday with an assembly and address by the Rev. Roy A. Burkhart, pastor of the First Community Church of Columbus, Ohio, widely known youth leader. He will speak on "When Does One Live Religiously?"

Saturday will be devoted to commission groups, all considering the same topic, "Implications of Personal Christian Living." Two of the commission leaders are well known in Rochester, the Rev. Elmore Hoefer, the pastor of the St. Paul Evangelical and Reformed Church and an advisor of the Monroe County Youth Federation, and the Rev. Gene Bartlett, formerly pastor of the Hilton Baptist Church and leader in the Monroe County Christian Endeavor Union.

The fellowship dinner on Saturday night will be in the gymnasium at Syracuse University. The remainder of the evening will be given over to a program of fellowship and recreation under the leadership of Lloyd Hutchison of Rochester, Harold Newman of Rochester, and the Rev. William G. Fisher of Ridgewood, N. J.

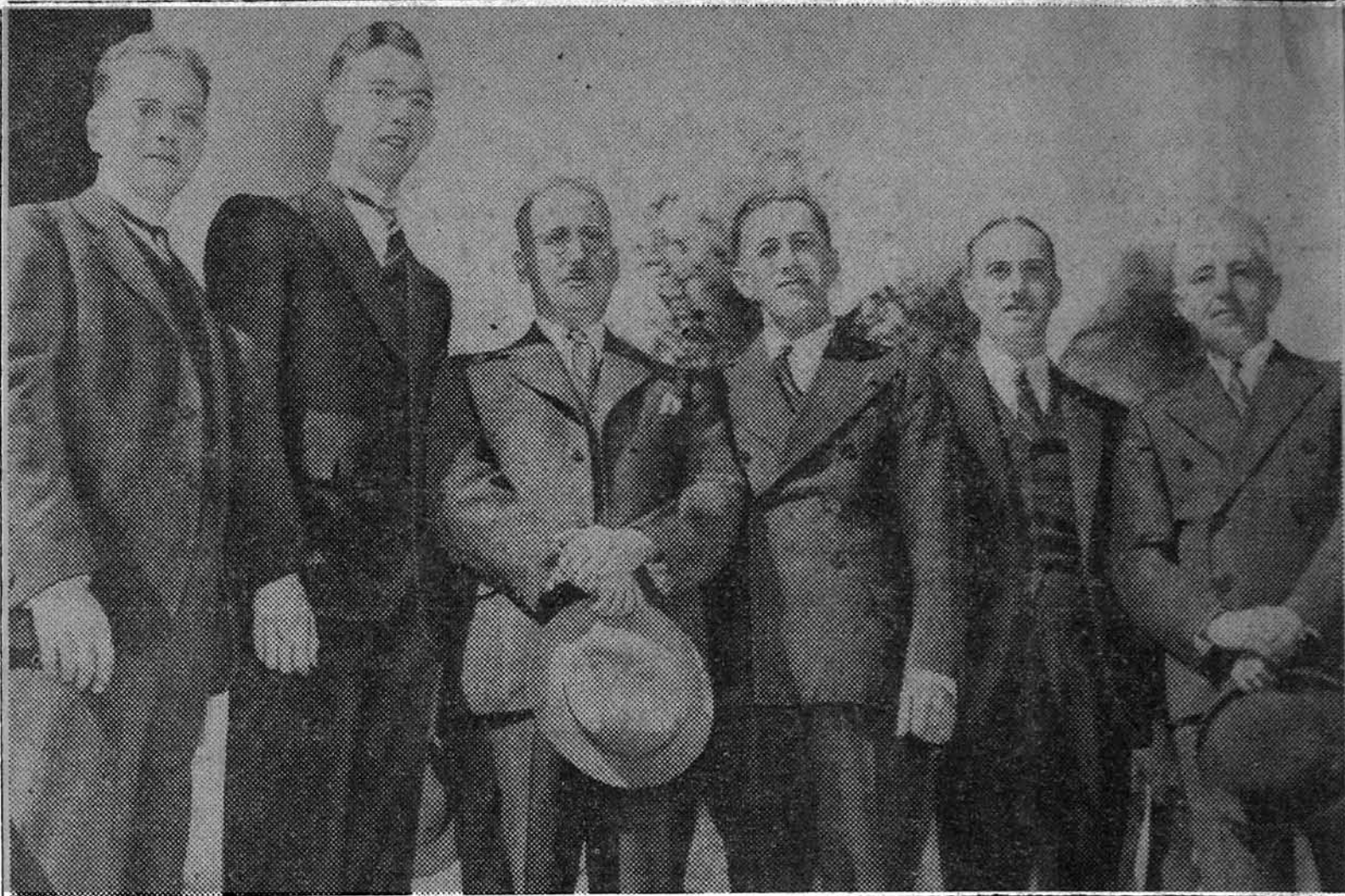
A special train will carry Monroe County delegates to the conference.

Commission Leader



REV. ELMER H. HOEFER

Church Officers See Fruits of 75 Church Years



Three quarters of a century of service to its members and the community is being celebrated by St. Paul Evangelical and Reformed Church. Participating in the programs are, from left, the Rev. Elmer H.

Hoefer, pastor; the Rev. William E. Walch, Vicepresident Arthur Schwab, Secretary Rudolph Kolb, Treasurer William Lohler and President John Bareis. St. Paul Church is on Norton Street at Jewel Street.

Oct. 3, 1937

St. Paul Evangelical Church to Hear Pastor

St. Paul Evangelical and Reformed Church, the Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer, pastor, tomorrow will hear a sermon by the Rev. Fred Oberkircher, pastor of St. Paul's Church, Erie, Pa. The Rev. Mr. Oberkircher was pastor of St. Paul, Rochester, at the time the 50th or golden anniversary of the church was observed.

St. Paul, Rochester, is now celebrating the 75th anniversary of its organization. The Sunday School tomorrow will conduct its anniversary rally, with former members and the members of Evangelical and Reformed churches as guests. In the evening the Rev. Paul M. Schroeder, pastor Salem Church, will preach, and other pastors of

the denomination will participate in the service. 10-3-37

St. Paul's To Observe Jubilee "1937"

The annual meeting of the congregation of St. Paul Evangelical and Reformed Church voted recently to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of the church in the fall of 1937. An anniversary offering goal of \$3,775 has been set for organizations and individual members, the proceeds of which will be used for debt reduction.

German preaching services will be discontinued except on holy days such as Good Friday and Christmas.

Following members were elected to the council: William Ofslager, elder; Floyd Christ, George Gardner, trustees; Rudolph Kolb, Richard Pasch, Frank Vogel, deacons. For a three year term on the board of deaconesses: Mesdames Theobens, Arthur Stoll, Vera Frederick, Earl Talbot, William Craw and Albert Groth. All will be installed Sunday morning. Jan.

Ordination 1937

Mr. William R. Walch, graduate of Eden Seminary, Webster Groves, Mo., was ordained in St. Paul's Church, Rochester, N. Y., by the Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer, assisted by the Rev. Carl G. Haas, President of the New York District, and the pastors of the Evangelical and Reformed Churches of Rochester, on Sunday evening, June 20, 1937. His uncle, the Rev. Henry Walch, pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church, Rochester, preached the sermon.

Carl G. Haas,

President of the New York District.

4-17-38 St. Paul Evangelical

Tenth annual Lily Memorial Service will be conducted tomorrow at 7 a. m. in St. Paul Evangelical and Reformed Church. The service will honor the memory of those who have departed by a reaffirmation of the Christian faith in immortality. Tributes of lilies in honor of the dead will be placed on the altar.

Sacrament of the Holy Communion will be administered, and an Easter breakfast will be served to members of the congregation by the Ladies Bible Class.

While the choir of St. Paul's Church, Rochester, N. Y., was enjoying vacation Sundays, the organist Mr. Mervin Snider, and the choir-director, Mr. Allen Burt, were studying in Occidental College, California, under Prof. Williamson of the Westminster School, Princeton University. Not to be out-done, the Church Council had the choir-loft remodelled, which included moving of the organ console, and the installation of new pews. The Choir and the Sunday School assisted financially in the project. Dedication of the renovated choir-loft, and a consecration service for all who minister to the Church through music, will be held on Sunday.

Sept. 1938

Will Benefits 4 Charities

Four Rochester charities and the German United Evangelical Church of St. Paul benefited under the terms of the will of the late Philip Fisher of 571 South Avenue, filed today in Surrogate's Court.

After specific bequests of \$5,000 in cash and \$6,000 in property to a cousin, Elizabeth Gaenshirt, and \$1,000 in cash to Miss Louise Pencline, housekeeper, the will stipulated that the residue of the estate, approximately \$80,000, be divided between St. John's Home For the Aged, Hillside Home for Children, The People's Rescue Mission, the Salvation Army and the church.

In the transfer tax affidavit estimate approximately \$10,000 was assigned to each of the institutions.

The will directed that in the case of the bequest to the Salvation Army the money be used exclusively for charitable work in and about Rochester.

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The Rev. E. H. Hoefer will speak on "America Says 'Thank You'" at Thanksgiving services in St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church, Norton St. near St. Paul St. at 9:30 a. m. // - 25-37

A special service honoring Rev. Paul E. Zeller, honorary member of St. Luke's Church, Auburn, N. Y., Dr. R. A. Philbrook, pastor, was held Sept. 26, in recognition of the 50th anniversary of his ordination. The honored minister was presented with a token of esteem from the congregation and in the evening was the honored guest at special service in St.

Paul's Church, Rochester, where he was ordained by his father, then pastor of St. Paul's. Dr. Philbrook was guest preacher. Plans are advancing for city-wide "Go to Church Sunday" of the Masonic lodges and affiliated orders to be held in St. Luke's on Nov. 7. Fifty-one persons attended Fall Laymen's Conference, embracing Trinity and Friedens Churches in Rome and Syracuse, and St. Luke's, held in the latter Church.

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At a reception tendered recently to more than 30 ministers and their wives, including the Rev. Hugh Chamberlain Burr, newly elected executive secretary of the Rochester Federation of Churches, and Rev. and Mrs. Oscar Nussman, of Salem Church, by the Federation, the Council of Church Women, and the Ministerial Association, words of welcome were spoken by the Rev. Elmer Hoefer, of our St. Paul's Church in that city, president of the latter organization. Dr. Albert W. Beaven, president of Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, who has recently returned from a world tour of Baptist mission fields, spoke on "The Church Faces Tomorrow."

Apr. 1938

Release from Membership in Synod

The Rev. Richard Stave, Ph.D., of Bayonne, N. J., has, upon his request, been honorably discharged from membership in the Evangelical Synod of N. A.

—Louis C. F. Miller, President,
Aug. 1938 Atlantic District.

Church Council Plans Outing *Aug. 14/37*

Members of the church council of St. Paul Evangelical and Reformed Church and their families will have an outing tomorrow afternoon at the lakeshore cottage of the president, John Zarek. A vesper service will conclude the outing, conducted by the Rev. E. H. Hoefer, pastor.

THE Children's Day service in St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church will begin a half hour earlier than the usual time of worship tomorrow.

A children's program, that will have as its theme "Building a Christ-like Neighborhood," will enlist the support of various departments of the church school. Brief addresses will be given by Mrs. Herbert Krose, Albert Meili Jr. and the Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer, pastor.

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St. Paul, Jewel and Norton: Rev. E. H. Hoefer—7 a. m., Lily Memorial service, dedication of the Frederick Keller perpetual membership; reception of new members, Communion; 10:30 a. m., "The Voice of a New Dawn," Communion; 9 a. m., S. S.; 8:30 a. m., Easter Breakfast served by Willing Workers Class '37

Federation *May 1938* Of Churches Reelects Head

The Rev. Whitney S. K. Yeaple, D. D., pastor of Lake Ave. Baptist Church, will continue as president of the Rochester Federation of Churches for another year.

He was reelected at the 19th annual meeting at Central Presbyterian Church last night. Only three other presidents in the Federation's history have been chosen for second terms.

Honorary Members Chosen

Three honorary voting members were named to the executive committee: Daniel N. Calkins, Herbert P. Lansdale and the Rev. Orlo J. Price. Other officers were elected as follows:

Vicepresidents, the Rev. Frederick R. Knubel of the Evangelical Church of the Reformation; Judge Harvey F. Remington, and the Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer, of St. Paul Evangelical Reformed; treasurer, E. Reed Shutt; secretary, the Rev. Frank E. Brown; members-at-large, Mrs. Harper Sibley, William MacFarlane, and the Rev. Paul C. Johnston, D. D., of Third Presbyterian Church.

Step Permits Legacies

Action was authorized to incorporate the organization as the Federation of Churches of Rochester and Monroe County. This step will permit the Federation to receive legacies, it was explained.

Protestant churches were urged to meet new challenges for social action by the Rev. Worth M. Tippy, D. D., guest speaker. Dr. Tippy is president of the Church Conference for Social Work and secretary emeritus of the Federation Council of Churches' Department of Social Justice.

Immanuel Church Host Tomorrow *Jan. 3, 1937* At Candlelight Rites

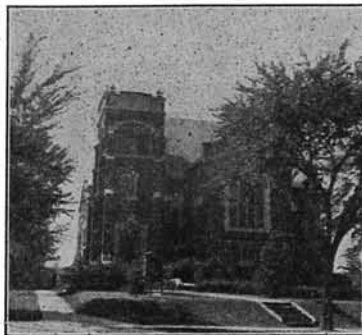
The Federation of Men's Bible Classes of Monroe County will conduct its third annual county-wide Candle Light Vesper Service at the Immanuel Baptist Church in Park Avenue, at 4:30 p. m. tomorrow.

Representatives and delegates from all Bible classes are planning to attend.

The program will have the Rev. Weldon Crossland, D.D., pastor of Asbury-First Methodist Church; the Rev. Elmer Hoefer, pastor of St. Paul Evangelical Reformed Church, and Dean Thomas Wearing of the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School as speakers. Mrs. William J. Beckwith of the First Baptist Church will be the vocal soloist.

Seventy-fifth Anniversary at Rochester, N. Y. *Sept. 1937*

Founded in 1862 by Pastor J. Ph. Conradi and a group of members of Trinity Church, St. Paul's became the first of the daughter Churches of the oldest Evangelical Church in Rochester. For 60 years the Church was located in the downtown area, moving into a residential section in northern Rochester after considerable dissension among members as to the advisa-



St. Paul's Church, Rochester, N. Y.

bility of relocation in 1922. This move had become imperative because of the loss of many of the younger members, due to a retention of the German language in worship services, and to the fact that parents would not bring their children to Sunday School far away from their places of residence.

In 1918, during the pastorate of Rev. Richard Stave, a chapel was set up and a congregation organized. In 1922 the old Church was sold to a group of labor unions and work on a new Church was begun. The new edifice was dedicated in the first months of the pastorate of Rev. Herman E. Koenig. The cost approximated \$100,000. Though the heavy load of debt discouraged the congregation frequently, the venture has proved the wisdom of the loyal few who were determined to relocate the Church, the membership having been tripled during the past 15 years, and the debt gradually reduced until today St. Paul's has the smallest mortgaged indebtedness of any of our Rochester Churches. Meeting its synodical obligations in full, even though

this at times necessitated special drives and collections to meet current expense items, the Church is convinced that when Kingdom service duties are given primary consideration, God, the Head of the Church, will enable all local needs to be met.

Among special gifts received during the anniversary year were: a new altar, altar hangings, kitchen equipment, furniture for the lounge, three perpetual membership endowments, a bequest of \$10,000 from the estate of Philip Fisher, a ewer, ciborium, and altar Bible and other minor items requested at the beginning of the year in an Anniversary Gift Book placed in the vestibule. An anniversary offering of \$2,800 was received from members of the congregation. A Friendship Altar is being erected on the Church lawn of stones brought by members from vacation trips from all parts of the world, as an abiding symbol of the diamond an-

St. Paul Church To Observe Its 75th Birthday

Beginning Monday and continuing until Oct. 10, St. Paul Evangelical and Reformed Church, at Norton and Jewel streets, the Rev. Elmer H. Hocfer, pastor, will celebrate the 75th anniversary of its founding.

Included in the special events will be the initial service, Old Timers' Jubilee, anniversary banquet, Evangelical and Reformed Night, the Communion and rededication service.

Services tomorrow morning will initiate a series of three anniversary celebrations. The pastor will preach on "The Backward Glance, the Outward Reach and the Forward March." The evening services will be dedicated to "The Church of Tomorrow," when young people will share in the liturgy. The Rev. Ralph Philbrook of St. Luke's Church, Auburn, will preach. The Rev. Paul Zeller of Auburn, who was ordained at St. Paul, Rochester, in the silver anniversary year, 1887, and the Rev. William C. Walch, ordained in the same church this year, will speak briefly.

St. Paul is the second oldest Evangelical church in Rochester, having been founded in 1862, under the pastorate of the Rev. J. F. Conradi. The former Unitarian Church site in North Fitzhugh Street was purchased and a new church erected, which was enlarged in 1896. In 1915 the old church property was sold and is now known as Carpenters' Hall. The present church was erected in 1922 and dedicated the following year, in the pastorate of the Rev. Richard Stave. The Rev. Mr. Hocfer came to the church in 1929, as the 11th pastor.

Anniversary services began on Sept. 26, at which Revs. Paul Zeller and William R. Walch, two sons of the congregation serving the Church as ministers of the Gospel, were speakers. Pastor Walch was ordained in 1937 and Pastor Zeller in 1887 at the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the Church. Pastor Ralph Philbrook of Auburn, N. Y., spoke at the youth service. Pastor F. D. Oberkircher, Erie, Pa., who served St. Paul's as pastor at the time of the 50th anniversary, preached on Sunday, Oct. 3, and the Rev. John Ketcham, of the Rochester Federation of Churches, brought the rededication message on Oct. 10. At the anniversary banquet Sept. 29, the Rev. Justin W. Nixon, former pastor of Brick Presbyterian Church, for 60 years the neighbor of old St. Paul's, being the speaker. Old Timers' Night brought back memories of all-but-forgotten years.

The congregation, under the leadership of the present Pastor, Elmer Henry Hoefer, has dedicated itself anew to its motto, to be

"A shrine of devotion. A place of fellowship. An institution of practical Christian service."

To God alone be the glory.

—E. H. H.

Christian Life Called Destiny

Conviction that the way of life as pointed out by Christianity leads to fulfillment of man's destiny as planned by the Almighty is the final achievement of Christian growth, the Rev. Fred Oberkircher told St. Paul's Evangelical Reformed Church congregation yesterday.

Minister of the church 25 years ago when it celebrated its anniversary, the Rev. Mr. Oberkircher, now of Erie, Pa., returned to his former pulpit to give the 75th anniversary sermon to a large congregation.

All Evangelical churches in the city joined in the evening service. The Rev. Kari Haass, minister of Trinity Church, brought anniversary greetings, and the Rev. Paul M. Schroeder of Salem Church gave the sermon. *Oct. 3, 1937*

CONTINUING the celebration of its diamond jubilee the congregation of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church will tomorrow hear the Rev. Fred Oberkircher of St. Paul's in Erie, Pa. The Rev. Mr. Oberkircher was pastor of St. Paul's from 1911 to 1914 during which time the golden anniversary of St. Paul's, Rochester, was observed.

Under the direction of Superintendents William C. Walch and Edwin Uehlin, the Sunday school will bring together former teachers and pupils of the church school.

At the evening service the Rev. Paul M. Schroeder, pastor of Salem Church, will preach. The Rev. Carl G. Haass, pastor of Trinity Church, and president of the New York District, will bring greetings. *Oct. 3, 1937*

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TO DEDICATE CHIMES
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 Dedication of the Eckert memorial chimes will mark evening services tomorrow at St. Paul Evangelical Church. The chimes were given in memory of Gustav and Magdalene Eckert by their children. The gift was announced at the celebration of Mrs. Eckert's eightieth birthday, January 1, a few weeks before her recent death. The Rev. Elmer Henry Hoefer, minister, will read the order of dedication.

**Church to Observe
Diamond Jubilee**
RVF Rochester Churches

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Celebration of the diamond jubilee, 75th anniversary, of St. Paul Evangelical and Reformed Church next fall was voted at the annual meeting of the congregation. An anniversary offering goal of \$3,775 has been set for organizations and individual members, the proceeds to be used for debt reduction. German preaching services will be discontinued, except on Holy Days, such as Good Friday and Christmas.

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St. Paul's To Observe Jubilee

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The annual meeting of the congregation of St. Paul Evangelical and Reformed Church voted recently to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of the church in the fall of 1937. An anniversary offering goal of \$3,775 has been set for organizations and individual members, the proceeds of which will be used for debt reduction.

German preaching services will be discontinued except on holy days such as Good Friday and Christmas.

Following members were elected to the council: William Ofslager, elder; Floyd Christ, George Gardner, trustees; Rudolph Kolb, Richard Pasch, Frank Vogel, deacons. For a three year term on the board of deaconesses: Mesdames Theo Bens, Arthur Stoll, Vera Frederick, Earl Talbot, William Crow and Albert Groth. All will be installed Sunday morning.

RVF Churches

Calvin's Contributions

Knights and Ladies of Calvin will attend services this morning in St. Paul Evangelical and Reformed Church on the occasion of the 62d anniversary of the founding of the order.

In this period of restless forces that seem to threaten the foundation principles on which religion and government have rested, it is well to remember that one of the men who started the modern world on its career of self-determination was John Calvin, the French leader of the Reformation.

Born in Noyon, in Picardy, in 1509, he was educated in the best schools and apparently was destined for a high place in the Catholic Church, but was caught in the current of the Reformation. At Geneva, Switzerland, he became not only a leader of the new forces, but an autocratic ruler of the city.

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Before his death in 1564 Calvin had organized and given direction to Protestant thought and had made fundamental changes in church government. He also, in spite of his autocratic methods, laid the foundation for some of the principles of liberty which are the basis of democratic civil government in the world today.

Recent movements within a number of denominations have shown that the spirit of old John Calvin still lives in the modern religious world. If some of the modern ideas in government prevalent in democratic countries also can be regarded as a result of Calvin's teachings, it is evident that he still has some significance worth noting.

EVOLVE CREED, PASTOR URGES 100 DELEGATES

Evangelical Rally Closes Today At St. Paul's

The church must take an active part in establishing and maintaining a new economic order, the Rev. Andrew Rauth, pastor of Dansville Presbyterian Church, told a regional conference of Evangelical and Reformed Churches last night.

He challenged the delegates, meeting in St. Paul's Church in Norton Street, to work out for themselves a "Christian philosophy of economics." The address was in key with the theme of the conference, "Christian Responsibility."

First step in a movement toward eventual church unity was the World Conference on Life and Work at Oxford, England, this summer, the Rev. Mr. Rauth, who attended the conference, said.

Nearly 100 delegates were present yesterday, with more expected today for final sessions. Called annually, the conference seeks to correlate work of churches and church organizations.

Urges Reason in Sermons

The Rev. Fred H. Willkins of Pittsburgh, formerly associate executive secretary of the Rochester Federation of Churches, yesterday afternoon advised clergymen to base their sermons on reason, rather than emotion.

"The Christian's Responsibility Toward the Church" will be the topic of the Rev. Mr. Willkins this morning.

The Rev. Carl Haass, president of the New York District of Evangelical and Reformed Churches, will speak on "The Christian's Responsibility Toward the Kingdom," this afternoon, preceding open discussions and conferences.

St. Paul Church To Observe Its 75th Birthday

Beginning Monday and continuing until Oct. 10, St. Paul Evangelical and Reformed Church, at Norton and Jewel streets, the Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer, pastor, will celebrate the 75th anniversary of its founding.

Included in the special events will be the initial service, Old Timers' Jubilee, anniversary banquet, Evangelical and Reformed Night, the Communion and rededication service.

Services tomorrow morning will initiate a series of three anniversary celebrations. The pastor will preach on "The Backward Glance, the Outward Reach and the Forward March." The evening services will be dedicated to "The Church of Tomorrow," when young people will share in the liturgy. The Rev. Ralph Philbrook of St. Luke's Church, Auburn, will preach. The Rev. Paul Zeller of Auburn, who was ordained at St. Paul, Rochester, in the silver anniversary year, 1887, and the Rev. William C. Walch, ordained in the same church this year, will speak briefly.

St. Paul is the second oldest Evangelical church in Rochester, having been founded in 1862, under the pastorate of the Rev. J. P. Conradi. The former Unitarian Church site in North Fitzhugh Street was purchased and a new church erected, which was enlarged in 1896. In 1915 the old church property was sold and is now known as Carpenters' Hall. The present church was erected in 1922 and dedicated the following year, in the pastorate of the Rev. Richard Stave. The Rev. Mr. Hoefer came to the church in 1929, as the 11th pastor.



REV. ELMER H. HOEFER
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St. Paul's
Marks Its 75th
Anniversary

In celebration of its 75th anniversary, St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church, founded in 1862, will hold special services from Sept. 27 to Oct. 10.

Among the events will be the Initial service; Old Timers' Jubilee, anniversary banquet, Evangelical and Reformed Night, and the Communion and Rededication service.

Tomorrow morning the pastor, the Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer, will preach on "The Backward Glance, the Outward Reach, the Forward March." The evening services will be dedicated to "The Church of Tomorrow." The Rev. Ralph Philbrook of St. Luke's Evangelical Church, Auburn, will preach the sermon. Brief messages will be given by the Rev. Paul Zeller of Auburn, who was ordained in St. Paul's at the occasion of the silver anniversary in 1887 and the Rev. William R. Walch who was ordained in the diamond jubilee year.

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**Church to Celebrate
75th Year at Dinner**

Members of St. Paul Evangelical and Reformed Church, the Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer, will conduct their banquet celebrating the 75th anniversary of organization of the church this evening at the church.

General chairman is Albert Neill Jr., and toastmaster, John Bareis, president of the church council. Guest speaker will be the Rev. Justin Wroe Nixon, D. D., former pastor of Brick Presbyterian Church, which for 60 years was neighbor to old St. Paul's Evangelical Church in North Fitzhugh Street. Mrs. Rudolph Lutz has charge of the menu; Mrs. Rudolph Kolb of tickets, and Mrs. Arthur Kock of decorations.

Rev. Churches, Prot. S.P.E.C.
Church Officers See Fruits of 75 Church Years



Three quarters of a century of service to its members and the community is being celebrated by St. Paul Evangelical and Reformed Church. Participating in the programs are, from left, the Rev. Elmer H.

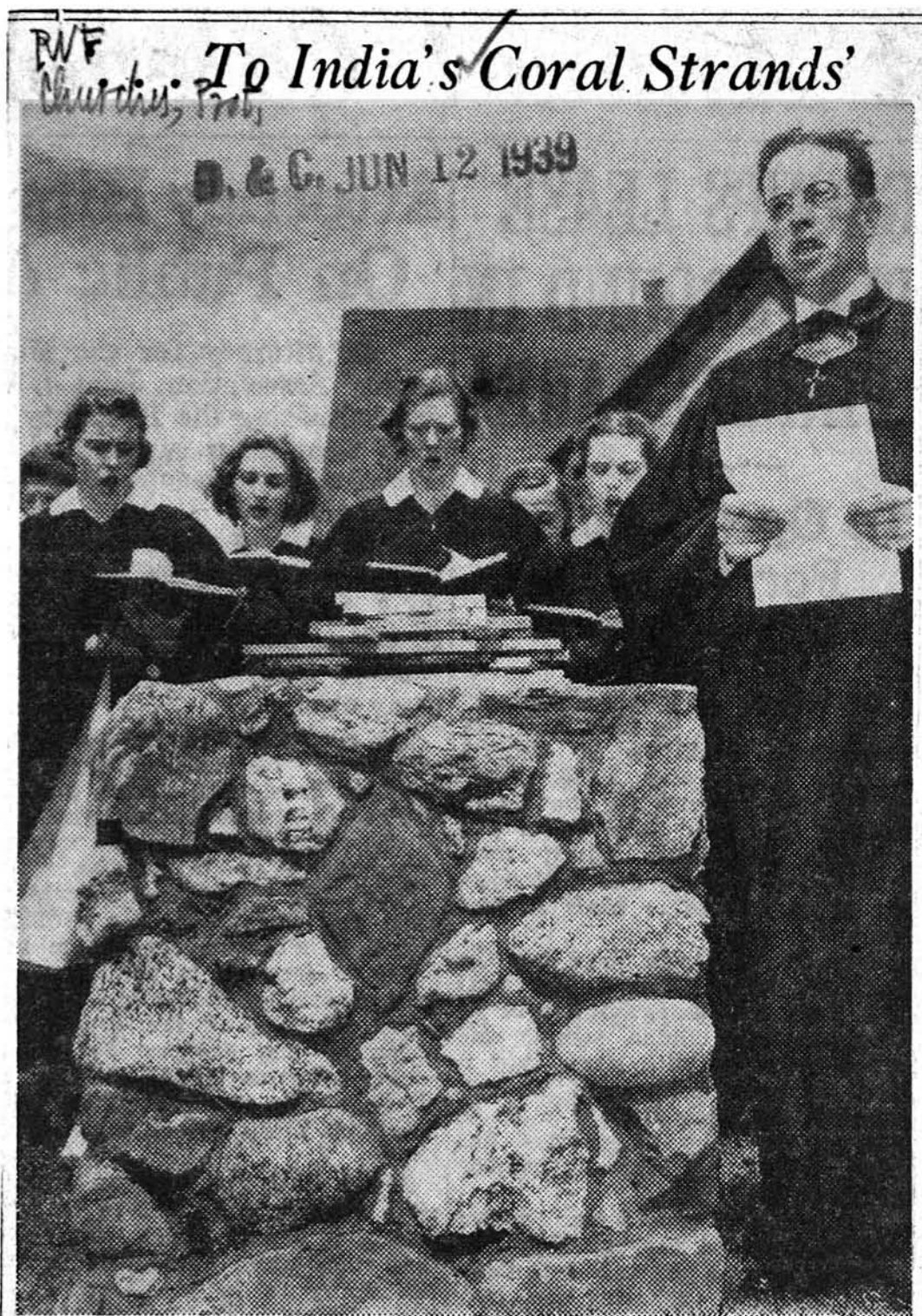
Hoefler, pastor; the Rev. William E. Walch, Vicepresident Arthur Schwab, Secretary Rudolph Kolb, Treasurer William Lohler and President John Bareis. St. Paul Church is on Norton Street at Jewel Street.

St. Paul Evangelical Church to Hear Pastor

St. Paul Evangelical and Reformed Church, the Rev. Elmer H. Hoefler, pastor, tomorrow will hear a sermon by the Rev. Fred Oberkircher, pastor of St. Paul's Church, Erie, Pa. The Rev. Mr. Oberkircher was pastor of St. Paul, Rochester, at the time the 50th or golden anniversary of the church was observed.

St. Paul, Rochester, is now celebrating the 75th anniversary of its organization. The Sunday School tomorrow will conduct its anniversary rally, with former members and the members of Evangelical and Reformed churches as guests. In the evening the Rev. Paul M. Schroeder, pastor Salem Church, will preach, and other pastors of

the denomination will participate in the service.



Symbol of international amity is this outdoor altar dedicated yesterday at St. Paul's Evangelical Church, Norton Street. For members and friends, to build it, collected stones from the North Cape, Norway, to the Wall of China. With some of his choir in the background, the Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer, is shown as he consecrated altar at morning worship.

Chancel Windows To Be Dedicated

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Dedication of two chancel windows will take place at the morning worship in St. Paul Evangelical and Reformed Church tomorrow at 10:30 a. m. The Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer, pastor, will speak on "Why God Came."

One of the chancel windows to be dedicated at the service symbolizes "Holy Baptism" and is given by Mrs. Oscar Stephany as a memorial to her mother, Mrs. Emma Pfitsch. The other window, symbolizing "Holy Communion" is a memorial given by John Smith in memory of his wife, Catherine.

Sunday School will convene at 9:15 a. m. and the children will give a Christmas Program, with numbers by the choir, at 7 p. m.

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Evangelical Church Marks Anniversary

Marking anniversaries within the local and national church organization, parishioners of St. Paul's Evangelical Church gathered in the church hall last night for their annual fall banquet.

Coupled with the celebration of the 100th year of the Evangelical Synod and the 215th anniversary of the Reformed Church is the 78th anniversary of the founding of St. Paul's Church in Rochester.

Sponsoring the anniversary banquet were the church councilmen and their wives, who were hosts and hostesses at tables which were arranged according to the months in which the guests were born.

Chairman was John Baries, president of the council; ticket chairman, Ralph Boss. For the January table, Mr. and Mrs. John Bareis were host and hostess; February, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Weismiller; March, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Catlin; April, Mr. and Mrs. George Gardner; May, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Krase; June, Mr. and Mrs. William King; July, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Groth; August, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Brown; September, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Huck; October, Mr. and Mrs. William Robinson; November, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brown and December, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Eckert.

White Shrine Patrol served the dinner.

Program was provided by the guests representing the various months. Speaker was the Rev. Carl G. Haass, president of the West New York Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

Rev. Mr. Hoefer Times-Union MAY 17 1945 Heads Synod

The Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer, pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church, was elected president of the Western New York Synod at the annual meeting in Tonawanda yesterday, according to Associated Press.

The meeting, which drafted a resolution opposing universal peacetime military conscription as "un-Christian and an indication of lack of confidence in international co-operation," also elected the following officers: the Rev. Paul Frankfeld of Buffalo, vicepresident, Raymond Christ, Buffalo, treasurer, and the Rev. Albert A. Meussling of Buffalo secretary.

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Bible class of St. Paul Evangelical and Reformed Church will observe the 50th anniversary of its founding with a dinner tonight in the church hall. Organized in 1895, the class had as its first teacher, Miss Louise Pencline, who now lives at 222 Hawley St.

At various times the class has been divided into a men's class and a women's class, but at present the mixed class meets each Sunday morning preceding the service. Henry Hieb is its president. Teachers on alternate Sundays are Miss Lucille Rueschle of Monroe High School faculty and the Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer, pastor.

Speaker at the Church Night program of Brick Presbyterian Church today will be Edward R. Broad, executive secretary of the American Mission to Lepers. The meeting, at 5:45 p. m., will be followed by a reservation supper.

Central Church Program

St. Paul's Reformed Welcomes Pastor-Elect at Rites July 7th

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St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church, Jewel at Norton, will welcome the Rev. Alfred G. Schnake of Fort Thomas, Ky., pastor-elect, Sunday, July 7th, at 10 a. m.

A native of Missouri, the Rev. Mr. Schnake is a graduate of Elmerhurst College, Eden Theological Seminary, and Oberlin Graduate School of Theology.

He comes to Rochester after a 17-year pastorate in Christ Evangelical and Reformed Church, Fort Thomas. He has served his denomination in various official capacities as a synodical officer and has taken an active part in the Cincinnati Federation of Churches and

the Fort Thomas Ministerial Association.

The Rev. Mr. Schnake served for two years as an Army chaplain with the rank of major in the last war.

He will reside with his wife and two daughters in the parsonage, 28 Navarre Rd. He succeeds the Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer, who after a 17-year pastorate, became pastor of St. Peter's Evangelical and Reformed Church in St. Louis last month.

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 Church to Open
 85th Birthday
 Celebration

St. Paul Evangelical and Reformed Church, the Rev. Alfred G. Schnake, pastor, tomorrow will begin the observance of its 85th anniversary.

Speaker at the 10:30 a. m. service will be the Rev. Herman Koenig of Chicago, pastor of St. Paul Church from 1923 to 1929. He will speak on "The Light of the World." At 7:30 p. m., the speaker will be the



REV. W.
WALCH

Rev. William Walch of Buffalo, who was ordained in St. Paul Church in 1937. His topic will be "A Church on Fire."

The Rev. Mr. Walch is a son of Mr. and Mrs. William Walch of Westview Terr.

Participating in the evening service will be the pastors of other Evangelical and Reformed churches of Rochester.

Youth Group of the church will present a religious drama, "The Lost Church," Tuesday evening. Ted Trost, who was a delegate to the world youth conference at Oslo, Norway, the past summer, will speak on "Confronting Moral Chaos."

At the anniversary banquet Thursday night, Herbert Krase, a fourth generation member of the church, will be toastmaster.

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St. Paul's
Celebrates
Anniversary

St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church at Norton and Jewel streets, will celebrate the 85th anniversary of its founding with a series of special services beginning tomorrow morning.

The Rev. Herman Koenig, pastor of the Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church in Chicago, who served the local church as pastor from 1923 to 1929, will preach the anniversary sermon at 10:30 a. m. His topic will be, "The Light of the World."

At 7:30 p. m. the Rev. William Walch, pastor of Calvary Evangelical and Reformed Church in Buffalo, will speak on "A Church on Fire." He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Walch of 83 Westview Terr.

The Reverends Oscar Nussman, Carl Haas, Paul Schroeder, Blaine Fister and Bernard Tepas, pastors of Rochester Evangelical Churches, will take part in the services.

The present pastor of the church, the Rev. Alfred G. Schnake, will be in charge of a youth get-together Tuesday night which will include the presentation of the religious dramas, "The Lost Church," and a talk by Theodore Trost Jr. on "Confronting Moral Chaos."

Trost son of Professor Theodore Trost of the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, was a delegate at the Oslo Norway Conference.

The anniversary banquet will be held Thursday night at the church with Herbert Kruse, as toastmaster.

Guest Preacher



THE REV. HERMAN KOENIG

St. Paul's Celebrates 85th Anniversary

St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church, Jewell and Norton Streets, celebrated its 85th anniversary at morning and evening services yesterday.

The ideal of a church as one "on fire with the spirit of Christ" was presented to the congregation in the evening by the Rev. William Walch, pastor of Calvary Evangelical and Reformed Church, Buffalo, who was ordained in St. Paul's in 1937.

The Rev. Mr. Walch is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Walch, 83 Westview Terr.

Speaker at the morning service was the Rev. Herman Koenig of Chicago, pastor of St. Paul's from 1923 to 1929. Pastors of other Evangelical and Reformed churches of Rochester took part in the evening worship.

Young people of the church will present a religious drama, "The Lost Church," tomorrow evening. Theodore Trost Jr., who was a delegate to the world youth conference at Oslo, Norway, will speak on "Confronting Moral Chaos." An anniversary banquet will be held by the congregation Thursday evening.

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St. Paul's Marks 85th Year

St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church, Norton and Jewel Streets, will observe its 85th anniversary with a rally tomorrow at 10:30 a. m.

Guest preacher for the special service will be the Rev. Elmer Hoefer, of St. Louis, who for 17 years served St. Paul's as pastor. He will talk on "For the Children, a Lamp." Consecration of the Sunday School staff, with William Nowack as general superintendent, is slated.

St. Paul's was organized in 1862 and for 60 years the congregation worshipped in its first church building erected in Fitzhugh Street near Main. In 1923 the congregation relocated and erected the present church. It has been newly-renovated.

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St. Paul's Reformed Maps Dedication Of Flags Service

AS A MEMORIAL to four young members of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church who gave their lives in the last war, a special service of dedication of flags will be held tomorrow at 10:30 a. m. in the church, Norton and Jewel streets.

The American flag will be presented by the Betsy Ross Auxilliary of the United Spanish War Veterans and the Christian flag by the servicemen's committee of the church.

The Rev. Alfred G. Schnake will speak on "Loyalties to God and Nation."

St. Paul's Rededicates Refurbished Quarters

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St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church, Norton and Jewel Sts., will have a service of rededication tomorrow at 10:30 a. m.

The Rev. Alfred G. Schnake, pastor, will speak on "The House of the Lord."

During the past year the church and Sunday School building have been renovated and new lighting installed in the social rooms under direction of Rudolph Kolb, president of the church, and Edward

Uehlin, chairman of the board of trustees.

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St. Paul's Has New Assistant

Bioren Pfaff, new youth director at Saint Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church, will assume his new duties tomorrow night.

Two youth groups will meet tomorrow night to plan Fall programs. They are the High School Fellowship and the Young People's Forum.

Pfaff is a native of Castorland and a graduate of the Clarkson College of Technology. He will assist the pastor, the Rev. Alfred G. Schnake, in the rites tomorrow at 10:30 a. m. The Rev. Mr. Schnake will speak on "Let Your Light Shine."

Church Plans To Dedicate Memorials

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Perpetual memberships in memory of Gustav Recke and William King will be dedicated at an early Easter service tomorrow at 7 a. m. at Saint Paul's Evangelical and Reformed church, Norton and Jewell sts., with the Rev. Alfred G. Schnake, pastor, officiating.



MR. SCHNAKE

Names of the deceased will be added to a memorial plaque in the church.

Holy Communion will be celebrated and breakfast will follow the early rites. The altar will be decorated with memorial lilies.

Regular Easter worship at 10:30 a. m. will feature music by the choir under direction of O. Matthew Lyders. The Rev. Mr. Schnake will speak on "I Am the Resurrection."

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Altar Guild Celebrates

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For 85 years the women of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church have worked side by side with the men of the church in the development of St. Paul's.

And to mark this anniversary the Women's Altar Guild is staging a special fellowship program in the church tomorrow evening.

For weeks members have been searching their attics for costumes in vogue at the turn of the century for their skit of a Guild meeting of that era and highlights of the work accomplished at that time. Daughters of members will present a skit of a day in the old church school with Miss Lucille Reuschle as schoolmaster.

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HONORARY memberships will be given to Mrs. Herman Pomerene, Miss Adeline Barron, Mrs. Pauline Pagels, Mrs. Henry Hieb and Mrs. Marie Haass, who have been members of the Altar Guild for 40 years or more.

Admission to the fellowship program will be by contribution of coin bags for the new church drapes, a project recently adopted by the Guild. The committee in charge of arrangements consists of Mesdames Herbert Groth, William Lohler, Alfred Schnake, Nelson Alderman, Frank Kilian and Augusta Reuschle and Miss Matilda Eckert.

Norton St. Church Resumes Activities

St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church, Norton at Jewell St., the Rev. Alfred G. Schnake, pastor, will return to the regular schedule of activities with a session of the Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow. At the 10:30 a.m. church service, the pastor will speak on "God's Endless Quest." Senior Choir, directed by O.M. Lyders, will return following the Summer vacation.

Fall Rally of Teen-agers and Seniors will take place at 7 p.m. A score of young people who attended the Dunkirk Camp will present reports.

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**St. Paul's Reformed
 To Start Observing
 90th Anniversary**

St. Paul Evangelical and Reformed Church, Norton at Jewel St., at 10 a. m. tomorrow will open the celebration of its 90th anniversary with a festival service. Principal speaker will be the Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer, for 17 years pastor of St. Paul Church, until 1946, when he accepted a call to St. Louis.



REV. A. G.
SCHNAKE

Organized in 1862, St. Paul Church first was located in Fitzhugh St., near Church St., where it conducted its parochial school. Owing to increasing congestion in the heart of the city, the church was relocated in 1919 at its present site. In 1922, the old church was sold and the present edifice dedicated. It has 630 members, and the Sunday School has an enrollment of 265.

Anniversary observances will take place through several weeks. The speaker Sunday, Sept. 28, will be the Rev. William Walch of Buffalo, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Walch of Westview Ter. An anniversary dinner will be served at the church hall Tuesday night, Sept. 23. Present pastor of the church is the Rev. Alfred G. Schnake, who followed the Rev. Mr. Hoefer in 1946.

**Church Gets New
 Director of Music**

Returning to the pulpit of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church, the Rev. Alfred G. Schnake, pastor, will speak tomorrow at 10:30 a. m. on "The Seven Greatest Wonders." Sunday School will be at 9:30 a. m.

The choir will sing under direction of Robert Stoll, recently named director of music. A graduate of Fredonia College, majoring in music, he is well known in Rochester's musical youth groups.

**90th Year
 Rites Slated**

St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed, Norton and Jewel sts., will launch the celebration of its 90th anniversary with a festive service tomorrow at 10:30 a. m.

Guest speaker will be the Rev. Elmer H. Hoefer, D.D., who served St. Paul's for 17 years. He left Rochester in 1946 to become pastor of St. Peter's Evangelical and Reformed Church, St. Louis, Mo., where he has remained ever since.



Dr. Hoefer

The Rev. Alfred G. Schnake, pastor of St. Paul's since 1946, will conduct the liturgy.

The anniversary celebration will continue for several weeks. Sunday, Sept. 28, the guest speaker will be a native son of the congregation, the Rev. William Walch of Buffalo, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Walch of Westview Ter.

An anniversary banquet will be held Tuesday night, with visiting pastors and their wives as honored guests.

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**Church Marks
 Its 90th Year**

Visiting speaker at the 10:30 a. m. service in observance of the 90th anniversary of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church tomorrow will be the Rev. William R. Walch, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Walch of Westview Ter. and a graduate of West High School.

After leaving Rochester he studied at Elmhurst College and received his theological training at Eden Theological Seminary, St. Louis. He was ordained in 1937 in St. Paul's Church and served churches in Lewisville and Marietta, Ohio. Since 1945 he has been pastor of Calvary Evangelical and Reformed Church in Buffalo and is serving as chairman of the Board of Christian Education of the West New York Synod. Sunday School teachers and officers will be consecrated at the service. The pastor, the Rev. Alfred G. Schnake, will preside.

**Church Hears
 'Native Son'**

As a part of its 90th anniversary celebration, St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church will have a Rally service tomorrow at 10:30 a. m. featuring an address by a native son of the congregation who is now a minister.

The Rev. William R. Walch, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Walch of Westview Terr., will occupy the pulpit. Since 1945 he has been pastor of Calvary Evangelical and Reformed Church, Buffalo.

The Rev. Alfred G. Schnake, pastor, will be in charge of the service. A staff of 28 Sunday School teachers and officers will be consecrated.

The Rev. Mr. Walch was ordained in 1937 at St. Paul's. A graduate of West High School, he completed his theological training at Eden Theological Seminary, St. Louis, Mo.



Rev. Walch

**Pastor to Join
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 Synod Session**

Among the 320 official delegates to the General Synod meeting of the Evangelical and Reformed Church at Heidelberg College, Tiffin, Ohio, next week will be the Rev. Alfred G. Schnake, pastor of St. Paul Church, Norton at Jewell St. He is vicepresident of the West New York Synod of the church.

Sessions will be opened next Wednesday, and will continue through June 24. All 34 synods in the United States and seven foreign mission fields will be represented. A budget of four million dollars is to be presented. Realignment of the 34 synods into 14 area jurisdictions will be considered. Other questions to come before the meeting include social security for pastors and financing of the 14 colleges and seminaries of the church.

Fire Damage Fails To Halt Services

St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church will carry on its church activities tomorrow despite the damage done by the \$40,000 fire last Monday.

Worship service will be held at 10:30 a.m. and all Sunday school classes except beginners, primary and nursery school will be held. Work of renovating the building is expected to be started within a few days.

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Curtails Activities

Rites Planned After Bad Fire

Although the fire of last Monday morning in St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church, Norton at Jewell Street, caused serious damage and will greatly curtail activities at the church for a time, a regular service will be conducted at 10:30 tomorrow in the sanctuary, with the Rev. Theodore Trost of Colgate Rochester Divinity School delivering the sermon. Dr. Trost is acting as interim pastor.

Sunday School will be conducted at 9:30 for all departments except beginners, Primary and Nursery. It is expected that all classes can be resumed within a few weeks.

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United Church Notes Anniversary

St. Paul's United Church of Christ (Evangelical and Reformed) will celebrate its 95th anniversary at services tomorrow.

An evening anniversary service at 7:15 p.m. will feature a hymn sing of favorites throughout the year, led by Robert Washer, student pastor. The Rev. Fred H. Willkens, Ph.D., professor of religious education at Colgate Rochester Divinity School, will speak on "Never Too Old." A fellowship hour will follow.

The anniversary will be marked also at the 10:30 a.m. service when the pastor, the Rev. Fred J. Ochs, will speak.

THE FIRST CHURCH was built on Fitzhugh street in 1862. In 1919 the church was sold and the congregation relocated in a small chapel at the corner of Norton and Jewel streets. The present church was built in 1923.

The church was rededicated in October, 1956, after it was renovated at a cost of \$65,000. Fire had damaged it late in 1955.