

FOREWORD

SIXTY five years—a long period in the life of the individual, a fleeting moment in that of the universe; a small eternity in the view of the young but rather short when looked upon by those bearing the burdens of many years.

Sixty-five years in the life of a congregation—what do they mean? A mountain of work; a sea of trouble; a world of blessing. The work was strenuous but purifying and strengthening; the blessing was profuse yet unmerited, and shaming our worries and infidelities.

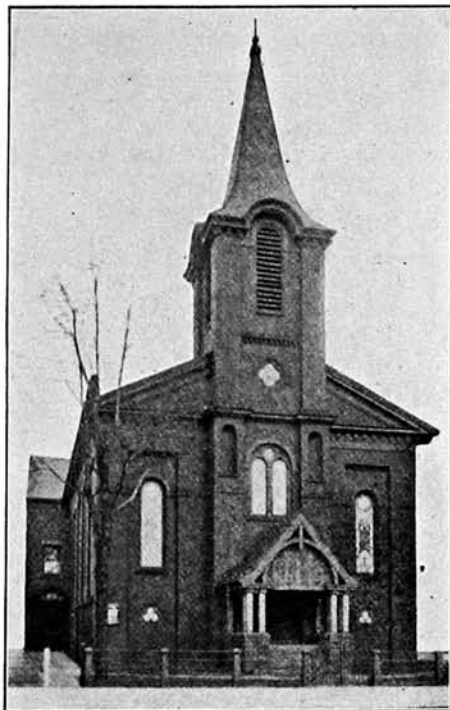
And now we are ready to celebrate—what? Our achievements? It would be a woeful indictment of our Christian faith if we had nothing worthwhile to show for all these years of preaching and going to church, of receiving spiritual blessings and being enriched by the word of God and the holy sacraments. But we are not going to commemorate our anniversary by dwelling on the things we have accomplished; we are going to rejoice in the Lord who has been our strength and the rock of our salvation. We are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels (I wonder if the spirits of our departed loved ones are not among them?) . . . and to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant (Heb. 12:22-24). The veil is lifted from our eyes; the hidden wellsprings of our Christian life are bared to our vision, and we know that neither we nor those having gone before us have labored in vain because of our close communion with the author and perfecter of our faith. This is what we are going to tell the world; in this manner are we going to celebrate our sixty fifth anniversary.

Of course, there are other things we are accustomed to do when we come together to celebrate anniversaries and the like. We do not wait for the festive days to surprise us; we do not expect them to drop from heaven as a miraculous gift from above; we have made our preparations. Your pastor, especially, has been a very busy man these last weeks, and one of his many jobs has been his work on this Jubilee number of your church paper. I am sure, you will like it and read it; it is worth the trouble, and I know I am not mistaken when I presume that a good many of you will want to preserve a copy as a souvenir for the future. May it ever be a token of God's goodness towards you, dear reader, and your congregation; may it always be a real source of inspiration and encouragement.

W. BAUR, D. D.

The Old Church

"Home, sweet home," many will exclaim as they see this picture of old St. Paul's facing that of the new church-building. A history of our congregation would be palpably incomplete without reference to this venerable building. In its spacious auditorium thousands have worshipped, from its pulpit over 3000 sermons were preached, at its baptismal-font several thousand were christened, hundreds knelt at its altar for confirmation of their faith, many scores associate with it tender memories of their wedding day and large is the number of those who will gratefully recall the words of comfort addressed to them at times of great bereavement. For many years its dingy basement housed the school and Sunday School. Around the large parish house center innumerable deeply cherished memories of faithful teachers, helpful lessons, of young people's meetings and pleasant social gatherings.



The following summarized history of the old church-building should be of general interest. The minutes of our congregation, dated March 14, 1862, disclose that a site for the church was bought for \$4,500 at 113 N. Fitzhugh Street. A building-committee was appointed on which the following men served: Hendricks, Seuser, Baetzel, Baumann, Roesner, Lampert and Hetzel. April 21, 1862, the cornerstone was laid. On September 21 of the same year the completed edifice was dedicated. Cost of building, not including tower, \$3,490. In 1896 the entrance to the church was completely rebuilt and a large bell purchased to replace three small bells. In 1905 a large parish-house was added to the church at an expense of \$15,000 and a fine new pipe-organ purchased for \$4,500. In 1919 the site and building, not including the organ, were sold for \$40,000.

Our New Church

Reluctantly many members and friends of St. Paul's bade "farewell" to the old church after its sale in 1919. Interminable delays seemed to postpone indefinitely the erection of a new church comparable to the old. In June, 1923, however, our beautiful new edifice was dedicated to the service of God and it has ever since served our congregation well. Each year since its erection over 10,000 have worshipped in its beautiful auditorium and an equal number studied God's Word during the Sunday School hours in its parish house. For the past four years it has accommodated during the summer season a fine Vacation Church School with an enrollment which regularly exceeded 100. Many children were received into the Kingdom through Holy Baptism, 71 were confirmed and several married. Countless committee meetings and numerous pleasant social gatherings have been held in our church. Nearly all the old and many new friends have learned to love new St. Paul's.



After many delays the members of St. Paul's definitely decided on January 22, 1922, to proceed with the erection of a new church. Realizing that this was indeed an event of decisive and far-reaching importance in the history of the congregation the 64 members present on that occasion spontaneously and enthusiastically joined in singing, "Onward, Christian Soldiers." The following committee, appointed in 1919, supervised the erection of the building: Dr. Richard Stave, A. G. Fauth, Wm. Walch, George Leupold, Henry Hieb, Hermann Thiem, Wm. Ofslager, Frank Rehman, John J. Meyer, Wm. Rocktaschel, Mesdames Emma Bornkessel, John Eisemann, George Stiehler, A. G. Fauth, R. Stave, R. Kolb and Misses Louise Pencline, Emma Pagels and Lillian Hoffmeier (Howorth). Eventually Mr. George Leupold was appointed chairman of this committee and under his efficient leadership the edifice was erected. Cost, not including organ and many extras, \$91,000.

History of Saint Paul's

THE FIRST HALF-CENTURY

Why St. Paul's was organized is nowhere disclosed in the records of our church. The writer has been told that many of the founders of our church had been affiliated with Trinity Evangelical Church, then located on Allen street, just around the corner from the old church. Probably a temporary disagreement or misunderstanding among the members of Trinity caused St. Paul's to be organized.

The first minutes are dated February 18, 1862. From them we have gleaned a few items which are of general and permanent interest. We read: "first meeting of the new congregation was opened with song and prayer led by the Rev. J. Ph. *Conradi*. The pastor served as chairman, and the teacher, Mr. Boeber, as secretary." A committee was appointed to investigate the possibilities of purchasing a church on State Street. The contemplated purchase of this church never materialized, instead, the congregation secured the title to a lot at 113 N. Fitzhugh Street, the site of old St. Paul's.

The following men served on the first church-council: Michael Michel, Dietrich Duerrbaum, Henry Raab, Carl Hetzel, Adam Seel, George Krautwurst, Adam Schake, Hansen, Henry Goetz, Adolph Enzmann, Jacob Seiler, Joseph Koehler and Carl Diehm; the pastor, Rev. *Conradi*, was president. One can readily imagine that the first few years brought with them many trying experiences. Our country was, at the time, in the throes of the Civil War. Many of the young men joined the colors, serving with the forces of the North. Owing to the fact that practically all of the members were poor the problem of financing the church was even more pressing than it is today. About \$3,000 were collected the first year, not enough to pay for the lot. The balance of the funds required had to be borrowed. For forty years this debt, the size of which fluctuated from year to year, lay as a heavy burden on the congregation. Various means were employed to cope with it with discouraging results.

In 1865 pastor *Conradi* resigned. The Rev. Mr. *Hoffmann* was elected as his successor. He served until 1869, this period in the history of St. Paul's being characterized by extremely trying financial difficulties. A noteworthy and important event for the future of our church to be credited to pastor *Hoffmann* was the organization of the Altar society.

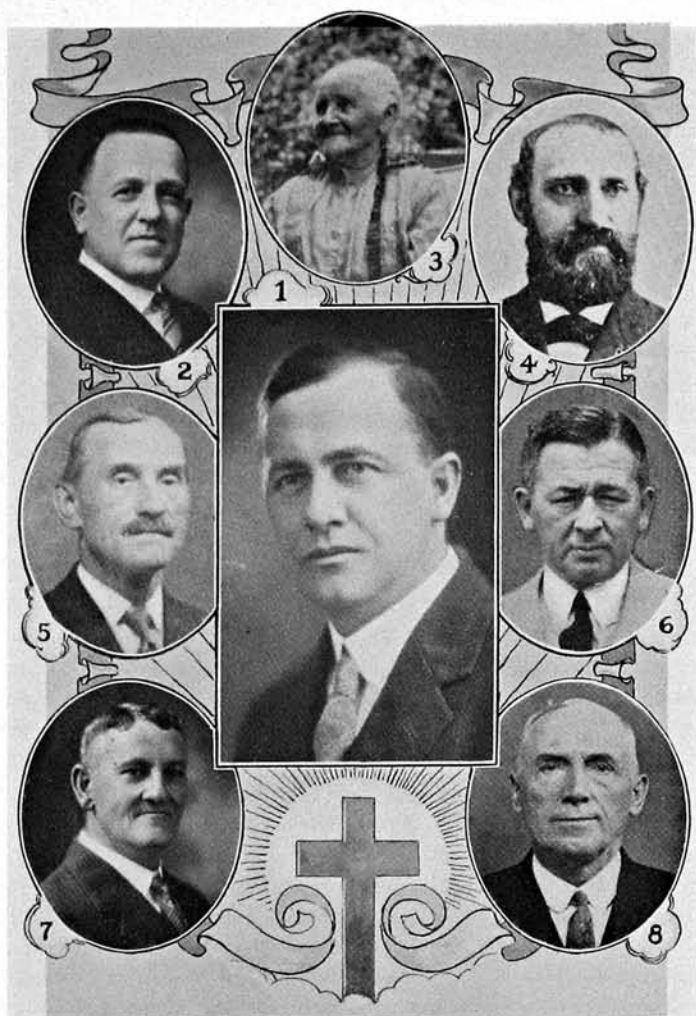
The next pastor was the Rev. Mr. *Heinle*, who served from 1869 until '73. Under his leadership St. Paul's flourished for a time. In 1872 the Congregation voted to affiliate with the Evangelical Synod of North America. Mr. Adam Schake was its first delegate to a district conference. In the fall of 1872 Rev. *Heinle* asked for a short furlough which request was granted him. He never returned.

From October 1872 until June 1873 St. Paul's was without a spiritual leader. The minutes of June 10, 1873, however, record that "the meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. *Grotrian*." A new and blessed era had dawned upon the congregation. For ten years pastor *Grotrian* served our church faithfully and well. His pastorate came to a close in 1883 as a result of an accident, which incapacitated Mr. *Grotrian* for further service.

His successor, pastor *Zeller*, who served from 1883-1894 found the congregation in a flourishing condition. Much credit for this satisfactory state of affairs must be given to Mr. Adam Schake, the president of the congregation, of whom Rev. *Zeller* wrote as a supplement to the former's death record: "A worthy example for the congregation in his faith, his life and untiring willingness to serve" Rev. 3:11-12. For 24 years, from 1870 to 1894, Mr. Schake had served faithfully as president.

In addition to his regular pastoral duties Rev. *Zeller* directed his attention principally upon the task of reducing the indebtedness, in which laudable endeavor he achieved appreciable results. During his pastorate the Silver Anniversary was observed in 1887. Rev. *Zeller* resigned in 1894, having, to date, served the congregation longer than any of its pastors.

His successor was the Rev. Wm. *Baur*. Having served as assistant pastor at Salem church for a number of years, the members of St. Paul's knew the young man to be able, energetic and faithful. For some time previous to his arrival St. Paul's had ceased to flourish. It seemed as though many had lost interest. Very few children were still attending Sunday school, a fact which did not augur well for the future. However, as the result of constructive and persistent leadership St. Paul's was soon launched upon another extended period of progressive development. Services were well attended, the Sunday school grew and the debt was being rapidly reduced, so that when the congregation observed its Fortieth Anniversary in 1902 it was free of debt for the first and only time in its history. Rev. *Baur* also successfully sponsored various improvements of the church property. The entrance to the church was changed, a large new bell purchased to replace three small bells and art-glass windows set in, in place of the former plain glass windows.



The pastor and a group of past and present workers who have served our church in an official capacity for many years: (1) The pastor, the Rev. H. E. Koenig; (2) Wm. C. Walch, president, who is entering upon the twenty-fifth year of service as a member of the church-council; (3) Mrs. Emma Bornkessel (deceased) who served as president of the Altar Society for nearly a half century; (4) Mr. Joachim Pagels (deceased) who served as president for 16 years; (5) Rudolph Zanders, member of the choir for over 40 years; (6) Henry Betz, organist for 26 years; (8) Wm. Krase, member of choir for over 30 years; (7) Joseph Viehmann, sexton, who could not be present to have his picture taken with a group.

In 1904 Rev. Baur accepted a call to serve his denomination as professor at Eden Theological Seminary. Here he again proved his mettle, winning for himself an enviable reputation as a splendid teacher and a man of sterling character who has left an indelible impression for good upon the heart and mind of scores of men now serving in the ministry of our denomination. Several years ago his work was publicly recognized through the conferring of the Doctor of Divinity degree.

All of Dr. Baur's predecessors in the ministry of St. Paul's have been called to their reward, whereas he and his four successors are still active. Dr. Baur wrote the "Foreword" to this Anniversary Booklet and he will also, d. v., preach the Anniversary sermons on Sunday, September 11, when we plan to observe the 65th birthday of St. Paul's. We take this means of thanking Dr. Baur for his deeply appreciated services.

The Rev. W. Grotefend who succeeded Dr. Baur in 1904 found the congregation in such flourishing condition that he was able with but little difficulty to persuade the members to erect a large parish-house. Although the addition of this spacious building to the old church necessitated a large outlay of money, \$15,000, a fine new pipe-organ was also purchased at a cost of \$4,500. Determined attempts were made to pay off this newly acquired indebtedness the success being, however, rather indifferent. Pastor Grotefend retained the confidence of the young people, being unusually successful in promoting the growth of an already flourishing young people's society. In 1910 he resigned, having accepted a call to an Evangelical church at Trenton, N. J.

The above brief sketch has advanced us to a very critical juncture in the history of St. Paul's. The language question had become acute. The argument was advanced that the change from the language of the fathers, German, to the official tongue of our country, English, would bring with it change of customs and traditions hitherto prevailing and deeply cherished in congregations founded by Americans of German descent. The truth of this contention could not be denied. On the other hand it was obvious that such congregations which failed to serve its young people in the tongue of our land would eventually be without a constituency and thus forced to close their doors. St. Paul's therefor chose as a successor to Rev. Grotefend the Rev. F. D. Oberkircher, a young man who could serve in English as well as in German. Again our church took a new lease on life. Services, especially those conducted in English, were well attended. During Rev. Oberkircher's pastorate the Fiftieth Anniversary was observed. In 1914 the young man resigned and the congregation once more faced the task of finding a pastor.

HISTORY OF SAINT PAUL'S From the Golden Jubilee to the Sixty-Fifth Anniversary

In Dr. Richard *Stave* who was elected pastor in 1918 St. Paul's had again found an able man who could serve the congregation well in both languages. After having acquainted himself with the problems confronting his new charge, Dr. Stave soon became convinced that the congregation could no longer prosper as a down-town organization. With surprising rapidity he succeeded in winning over the members of the church to his viewpoint that in order to continue its work successfully St. Paul's had to find a new field. On July 12, 1915, the following resolution, sponsored by Mr. Wm. Ofslager was adopted by the congregation: "Resolved that the congregation, convened in its regular semi-annual meeting, has become convinced that the conditions as they have prevailed for years in our present locality preclude further satisfactory and progressive development. In order to safeguard the future of our congregation for us and our posterity the location



BUILDING COMMITTEE

FRONT ROW: Wm. Walch; Frank Rebman; Adolph Fauth, president during construction period; George Leupold, chairman; Henry Hieb.
SECOND ROW: Henry Pagels; Albert Meili, Sr.; Theodor Pagels; Wm. Ofslager.
BACK ROW: Mrs. Wm. Schaeffer; Mrs. R. Kolb; Miss Emma Pagels; Mrs. A. G. Fauth; Mrs. Lillian Howorth; Miss Louise Pencline; Mrs. George Stiehler.

of the church must be changed." A second resolution made by Mr. Wm. Walch and duly adopted directed the president to appoint a committee of seven who were "empowered to act in bringing about a suitable change of location." The following served on this important committee: Rudolph Zanders, Wm. Krase, Albert Meili, John Eutin, Wm. Walch, Mrs. Emma Bornkessel and Miss Emma Pagels. The appointment of the above committee was one of the last official acts of President Joachim Pagels, a man of unusually fine personality. He was called home August 23, 1915. Of him Dr. Stave wrote: "For more than forty years Mr. Joachim Pagels was a faithful member of our church which he served as president for over 16 years. Our congregation has suffered a great loss through the death of this faithful man. May his memory always be honored in our midst."

The "welfare committee" mentioned above reported in September, 1915, that a suitable new location had been found in the Northeast section of the city. In October of the same year it was decided to have a chapel erected at corner St. Paul Street and Northview Terrace. After completion of this



OUR CHURCH COUNCIL

BOTTOM ROW (left to right): Mrs. Herbert Groth, pastor's secretary; Rudolph Kolb, secretary; the Rev. H. E. Koenig; Wm. C. Walch, president; Albert Meili, vice-president; Henry Hieb, treasurer.
SECOND ROW: Herbert Groth, deacon; Fred Sollberger, fin. sec'y; John Eisemann, elder and benevolence treas.
THIRD ROW: Henry Pagels, elder; Oscar Stephany, deacon; Adolph Knoll, elder; Frank Rebman, deacon.
BACK ROW: Deacons—Wm. Lohler; Earl Gommenginger; Wm. Donish; Wm. Ofslager and George Hoffman.

temporary structure it was discovered that unfortunately the chapel had been built in a restricted section reserved for homes. Several fine lots were then purchased at corner Norton and Jewell to which location the chapel was then moved.

The indebtedness was mounting rapidly. On July 10, 1916, St. Paul's still owed \$7,950 on the old church and had incurred additional financial obligations through the purchase of lots and the building of the chapel amounting to \$8,350—a total of \$16,300.

On June 8, 1917, a committee was appointed to find ways and means of erecting a new church at Norton and Jewel. Thereupon followed a long and trying period of planning, deciding and reconsidering. The old church was for sale, but for several years no purchaser could be found. The troublous years of the World War aggravated conditions which were already extremely trying. Pastor Stave made heroic efforts to serve both fields. At times the congregation came to his assistance by securing the services of young men who relieved him of part of the burden. The Rev. Mr. Krause and the Rev. Fred Willkens served very acceptably as assistant pastors.

By January, 1919, the debt had mounted to \$19,565.40. A heavy burden, but—that year the old church was sold, the debt was completely wiped out and a goodly sum remained which could be used in financing the erection of a new building. How the church finally was erected you may read in the paragraph below the picture of the building on page three. There only remains to be added that in May a truly remarkable building-fund campaign was held at which time over \$41,000 were pledged by the members and friends of St. Paul's of which sum more than \$33,000 have been paid to date. As we celebrate our anniversary a debt of \$47,000 still remains to be liquidated in the course of time.

November, 1922, found St. Paul's at another critical juncture of its history. Dr. Stave resigned. With faithful and untiring devotion the Rev. A. C. G. Baltzer served as supply pastor until June, 1923, when Rev. H. E. Koenig was installed as the tenth minister of St. Paul's.

The first duty confronting the new man was the task of arranging for the dedication of the new church. Festivities continued throughout the week of June 10 to 17, 1923, ending with a largely attended Children's Day service.

And then there followed a period of organization to help St. Paul's adjust itself to its enlarged sphere of service. The Sunday School was completely departmentalized; a Brotherhood Bible Class was organized and the Willing Workers (ladies) Class called into being. The effort to win new members met with a fair measure of success. Exactly 170 names have been added to our membership list since the new church was dedicated. A number of former members who had lost touch with the church are again taking an active interest. In this work of adding to our numbers a newly created Board of Deaconesses has given invaluable assistance to the pastor.

Never before had the church been under such enormous financial obligations. Pledges made during the 1922 building-fund campaign, however, were paid quite faithfully, making it possible for St. Paul's to pay the interest promptly and in addition to that reduce the debt considerably. In the meantime receipts for current expenses steadily increased from year to year, in fact they have more than doubled, so that we may now as we celebrate look with confidence to the future. Today it would appear as though our congregation is entering upon an era of quiet, calm and steady growth and development. We have the good will and confidence of our neighbors, our Sunday School is growing and through the children many parents have been and undoubtedly more will be won for our church.

Our record would be incomplete without reference to the fine parsonage which was purchased in 1924 for \$9,500. Of this sum \$2,500 have been paid to date and the remaining indebtedness is being reduced from year to year. The pastor and his family now have a fine home which is a credit and a valuable asset to St. Paul's.

As he looks back upon the checkered career of the congregation, the writer feels that he can best give expression to his emotions with these words of the psalmist: "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: Who forgiveth all thy diseases; Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with loving kindness and tender mercies."



BOARD OF DEACONESSES

FRONT ROW: Mrs. Harry Heim; Mrs. H. E. Koenig; the pastor; Mrs. R. Kolb, chairman; Mrs. Oscar Stephany, secretary.
BACK ROW: Mrs. John Eisemann; Mrs. Rudolph Lutz; Mrs. Wm. Krase; Mrs. George Stiehler; Mrs. Wm. Schaeffer; Miss Christine Danzer.

SOCIETIES

The Altar Society

The Altar Society was organized in 1866 by Pastor Hoffmann. It has always been the most active and helpful group of organized members within our ranks. The constitution sets forth the object and purpose of the society as follows: The object of the Altar Society is:

- (a) "to cultivate among the members the spirit of true Christian fellowship and to encourage one another in every good work;
- (b) to further the interests of St. Paul's Church;
- (c) to practise deeds of charity and mercy toward the poor and needy, remembering especially the charitable institutions of the Evangelical Synod."

Every woman leading a Christian life is eligible for membership in this society.

On numerous occasions when the church-council was hard put to it to meet sundry bills the Altar Society came to its rescue. In recent years this organization has made large contributions toward the building-fund. Payments on a \$3,000 pledge toward this fund were completed a year before they were due. The floor covering and various draperies in our new church were purchased by the Altar Society at an expense of over \$700. The sum of \$500 was contributed toward our Sixty-Fifth Anniversary Offering. For a time the treasury for benevolences had been converted into a building-fund treasury but today it is again serving its original purpose.

The members of this organization also deserve special recognition for the unvarying faithfulness with which the committees appointed to visit the sick perform their duty. EVERY woman interested in St. Paul's should be a member of the Altar Society.

Brotherhood Bible Class

For many years a Men's Benevolent Society existed in St. Paul's. In the course of time interest in its affairs waned ever more so that in 1922 the members disbanded. A bank balance of over \$1,000 was diverted into the building-fund treasury. Upon the completion of the new church a Brotherhood Bible Class was organized which meets on Sunday for Bible study and once a month for brotherhood work. Dr. Howard M. Finch is the able and beloved teacher of the class. The bowling team entered by the class in the Maplewood Interchurch Bowling League last year won the championship of this strong league, an event unprecedented in the annals of St. Paul's.

The Willing Worker's Class

This fine class of women has also been organized since the erection of the new church. No class in our school is more faithful in attendance than the Willing Workers. This summer its members decided to organize a "Mission Circle" which, however, will not begin to function until fall. Our organist, Mr. Henry Betz, very acceptably has taught this class since its organization.

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Our Sunday School

Our Sunday School deserves to receive more prominent mention than the limited space available will permit, for it will largely determine the future of St. Paul's. Many years ago our congregation, in common with other Protestant churches of our type supported a parochial school. These schools reserved the most prominent place in their curriculum for religious instruction. In the course of time the public school advanced so rapidly in efficiency that parochial schools could no longer compete. Valiantly the Sunday School sought to make good the irreparable loss. It accomplished much, also in our church, although we shall have to find ways and means of augmenting religious instruction if we are to be as successful as the fathers were in this respect.

To mention all the faithful men and women who have taught in our Sunday School would be impossible, yet all will agree that Mr. R. Zanders and Miss L. Pencline, have rendered superlatively valuable service which merits special recognition.

In recent years St. Paul's has conducted a Vacation Church School. This invaluable type of school is not as yet being sufficiently valued in our midst. Mrs. Harry Heim and Miss Lucille Reuschle have rendered conspicuous service in this enterprise.

Closely connected with our Sunday School is the Young People's Department, our present young people's organization. Due largely to the few young people confirmed several years ago it is difficult to do very good work in this department. Since, however, our confirmation classes have been larger in recent years we trust that our work with and for our young people may be more fruitful in the future.



OFFICERS AND TEACHERS OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

FRONT ROW: Henry Betz; Albert Meili, secretary; H. E. Koenig; Mrs. Lloyd Smith; Evelyn Rath, pianist; Mrs. Oscar Stephany; Miss Minnie Peters, sup't of Int. Dep't; Margaret Meyer; Iris Oslager, pianist; Emily Meyer, treasurer; Mrs. Wm. Lehle, Sup't of Cradle Roll; Mrs. Wm. Lohler, assistant enrollment sec'y; Clara Pommerening; Eleanor Hoffmeier, Sup't of Juniors; Henry Hieb, Superintendent of the School.

SECOND ROW: Mrs. Harry Heim, Sup't of the Beginners; Alma Hieb; Laura Pommerening; Mrs. Herbert Groth.

THIRD ROW: Miss Louise Pencline, Sup't of the Primary Dep't; Miss Anna Weber; Mrs. Schaeffer; Miss Mary Rocktaschel; Adolph Knoll, orchestra.

BACK ROW: Earl Fortunato, orchestra; Ernest Hahn, orchestra; Albert Groth, leader of orchestra; Albert Meili, Sr.; Dr. Howard M. Finch; George Hoffmann; Joseph Mihalyi, orchestra; Willard Goetz, orchestra.

PROGRAM Sixty-Fifth Anniversary Celebration

September 11 to 18

Sunday, September 11—

9:15 Bible School

10:15 ANNIVERSARY SERVICE. Speaker: *Prof. Wm. Baur, D. D. of Webster Groves, Mo.* Doctor Baur will speak in both the morning services, the first to be conducted in the English and the second in the German language.

7:30 P. M. SECOND ANNIVERSARY SERVICE. To this service our sister churches have been invited. Speaker: *The Rev. John Baltzer, D. D. of St. Louis, Mo., President General of the Evangelical Synod of North America.* Our sister churches will be guests at this service.

Tuesday, September 13—

7:30 P. M. CHURCH ORGANIZATION SERVICE. Speaker: *The Rev. Adolph Baltzer, of Rochester.* The leaders in the various organizations of our church will take part in this service. Refreshments will be served after the service and an hour of fellowship enjoyed by all.

Thursday, September 15—

7:45 P. M. COMMUNITY NIGHT. Speaker: *The Rev. Whitney S. Yeaple, assistant pastor of Lake Avenue Baptist Church.*

Sunday, September 18—

9:15 RALLY DAY in Sunday School.

10:15 Congregational Rally Service. Speaker: *The Rev. H. H. Lohans, pastor of religious education at Salem Church.*

7:30 P. M. CONFIRMATION REUNION. Speaker: *The Rev. Fred Oberkircher, of Erie, Pa.*

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Our organist's ability and devotion to his duties has made its impression upon the work of our choir, an organization in which all who love St. Paul's take great pride. As so often in the past, its singing will no doubt prove to be a factor of major importance in making our anniversary services helpful and inspiring occasions.

In addition to enhancing the beauty and spirit of worship in our services the choir has also in many other ways helped our church. Its members paid for the "vox humana" stop which was added to the organ as it was being built into the new church. Furthermore they contributed heavily to the building-fund and at great cost furnished the draperies which adorn the choir-loft. Two of its members also merit special mention for rendering conspicuous service to their church by singing in the choir for many years, Mr. R. Zanders having been a member for over forty years and Mr. Wm. Krase for more than thirty.

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Miss Evelyn Rath.

THIRD ROW: Erna Prietz; Mrs. O.
Stephany; Margaret Meyer; Miss
Tillie Eckert; Mr. Fred Sollberger,
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ITEMS OF INTEREST

An Anniversary Booklet is incomplete without statistics so we have reserved this place for a few figures. According to our records the following "official acts" have been performed in the past 65 years by the respective pastors of St. Paul's: Baptisms 2830, confirmations 1369, weddings 872, funerals 1269. The following men have served our church as president: 1862-'65 the Rev. Ph. Conradi; John G. Hart, 1865-'69; Michael Stoltz, '69-'71; Friedrich Stetzenmeyer, '72-'74; Johann Adam Schake, '72-'94; Rudolph Johnson, '94-'99; Joachim Pagels, '99-1915; Wm. G. Walch, '15-'19 and '23 to date; Adolph G. Fauth, under whose administration the new church was built, '19-'23.

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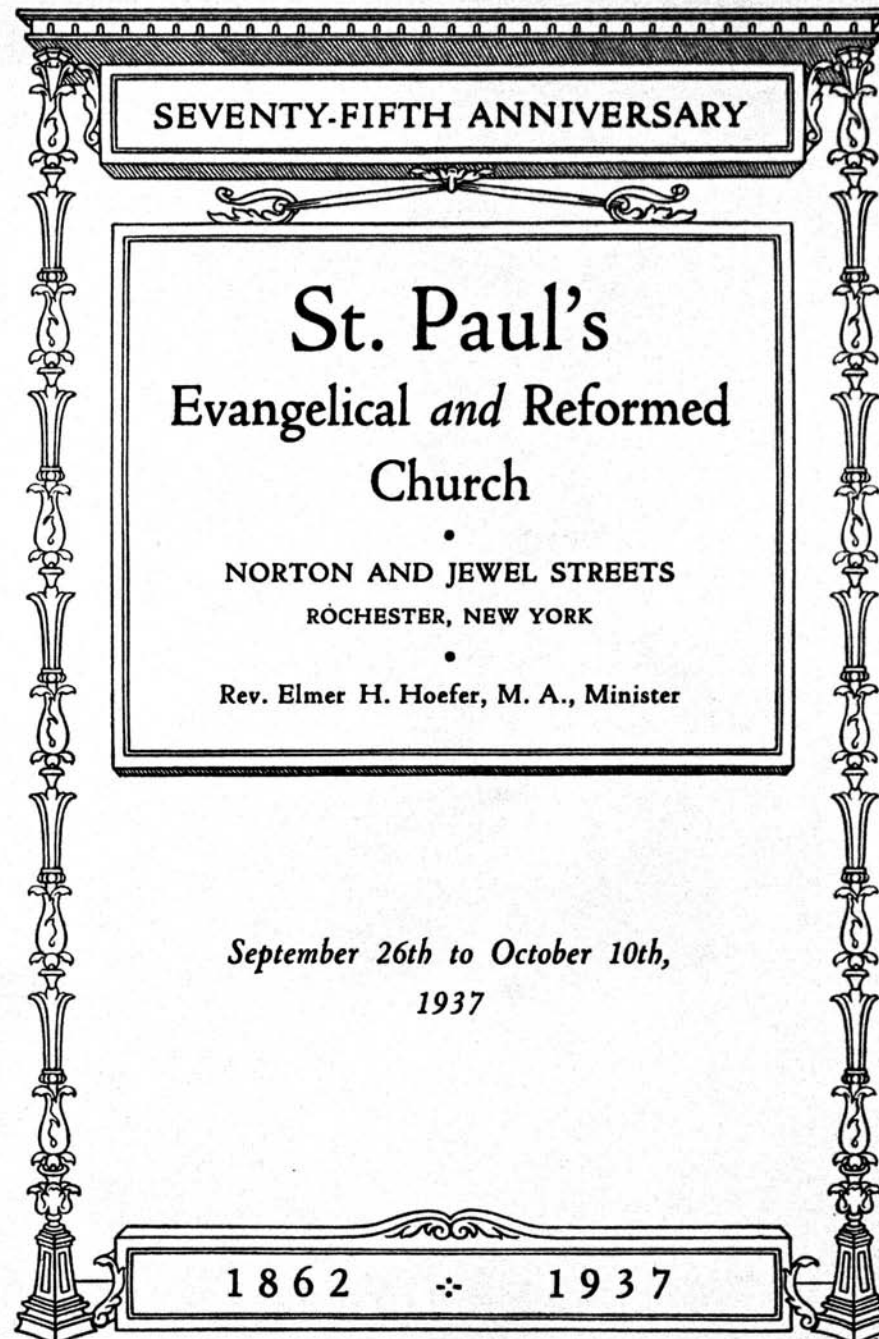
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Leaves from

St. Paul's Three-Quarter Century Plant

1862 - 1937

(Gleaned by Ida S. Pagels, church historian; Pastor Hoefer, scribe; Herbert Krase, editor, and numerous translators, old timers, short and tall story tellers.)

The majority of churches begin in one of three ways: (1) As mission churches, planted, planned and promoted by a denomination, or parent church, in an area where the need for founding a spiritual community is evident. (2) As co-operative organizations for the promotion of religious instruction and regular worship, the religious and spiritually minded people of the neighborhood being largely responsible for early growth. (3) As "splits" from the mother church for reasons sometimes good, and sometimes not so good. Though later blossom and fruit may be beautiful, the beginning of such churches is traceable to quarrels, misunderstanding, disagreements between pastor and people, between factions in the congregation and the like.

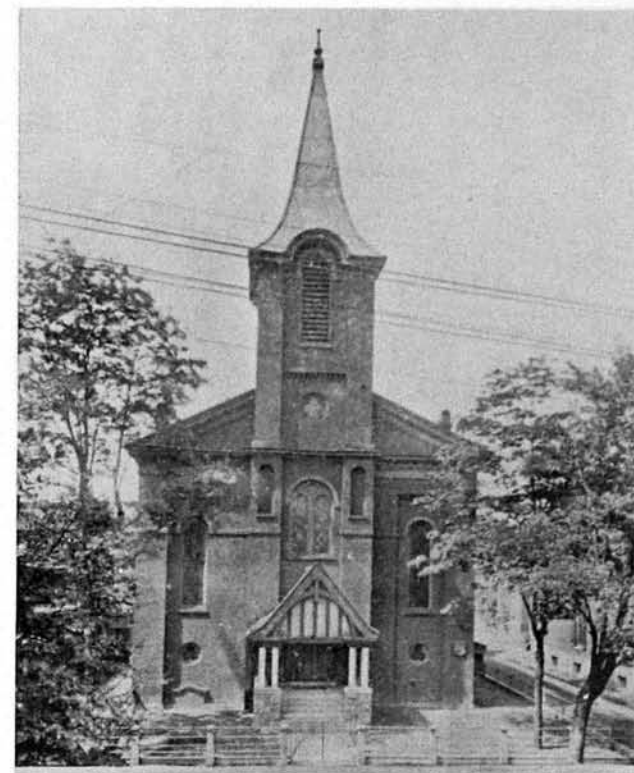
St. Paul's would like to claim otherwise, but confesses its inception from some now-forgotten quarrel between Pastor Conradi and his followers and the main body of Trinity Church, which twenty years earlier had seceded from Zion Lutheran Church, under similar circumstances.

(Zion Lutheran Church, founded in 1835 is the mother church of the Evangelical and Lutheran churches of Rochester, Trinity Evangelical being the oldest daughter, organized in 1842. Trinity's daughters are in turn St. Paul (1862) and Salem (1873). Emmanuel was organized independently in 1852; Christ, as a mission of the Evangelical Synod, in 1913; and Dewey Avenue, as a mission of the Reformed Church, in 1912.)

The congregation of St. Paul's purchased a lot on Fitzhugh Street from the Unitarian congregation whose building had previously burned. This lot adjoined Brick Presbyterian Church and was only a stone's throw from Trinity Church on Allen Street. One can be sure that this did not create the most cordial of feelings between the mother and daughter churches.

The First Quarter-Century: 1862-1887

The first minutes of the congregation are dated Feb. 18, 1862, and, translated from the German in which they were written, read as follows: "The first meeting of the new congregation was opened by **Pastor Conradi** with song and prayer. Pastor J. Ph. Conradi was elected president. As secretary for the evening, teacher Boeber. Mr. Hendricks and Mr. Fr. Baumann were named as co-officers. A committee was to confer with Hiram Smith regarding the purchase of a church and lot on State Street, and what the asking price of



Our First Church

each would be. Following were named to this committee: Messrs. Baetzel, Leonhardt, Mausneset, Duerrbaum, Baumann. The first board of trustees consisted of: Michael Michel, Dietrich Duerrbaum, Heinrich Raab, Carl Hetzel, Adam Seel, George Krautwurst. The deacons were Adam Schake, A. Hansen, Heinrich Goetz, Adolph Enzmann; the elders, Jacob Seiler, Joseph Koehler, Carl Diehm.

The first church was built on property purchased from the Unitarian church on Fitzhugh Street, but nowhere do records show what happened to the planned purchase of the State Street site. The price of the lot was \$4,500. On March 14, 1862, a choice of two names for the church was placed before the congregation. "Evangelical-Lutheran St.

Paul's Church" was rejected by the majority who voted for "German United Evangelical St. Paul's Church." The pastor's salary was set at \$500 and the teacher's at \$170.

Members worked at clearing the site and on April 21 the cornerstone was laid. The mason work was let to August Sesier for \$1,100, and the carpenter contract went to George Wagner on his bid of \$2,390. On Sept. 21, 1862 the church edifice was dedicated, the Rev. Schelle of Buffalo, preaching. In 1863 the congregation borrowed \$2,000 from its pastor, giving a mortgage on the site as security. The necessary monies not always being ready, periodic canvasses and collections were held. Frequently big bazaars and picnics were held that netted several hundreds of dollars. These methods, together with a pew-rental system were to keep the church financially solvent.

From the beginning the congregation gave much concern to a parochial school in which not only Christian Education, but also German, English, reading, writing, arithmetic, drawing and singing, etc. were taught. A teacher was appointed. The pastor was the school inspector. Weekly dues were 6c per pupil. All children of the upper classes were required to attend Sunday worship. Even at 6c a week, many parents were careless in the matter of regular payment, and the records tell of equally regular complaint on the part of the teacher that he was not earning enough to live.

The Rev. William Baur, to whom we are grateful for a relatively complete history of St. Paul's compiled and written in German for the 40th Anniversary, calls the parochial school the church's "Sorgenkind," (child of sorrow) and many were its strains on the finances and the spirit of harmony in the church. It never paid for itself, and the pastoral-teacher relation was often a source of friction. Many of the teachers were incompetent, intemperate in the use of alcohol, and for such reason had probably been dismissed from service in Germany and gone into a semi-voluntary exile to America. A number of our present members were pupils in the old parochial school, and though they carry memories of jolly times down the years, the consensus of opinion is that much more should have been learned than was.

Talk about picnics and "doings" ! ! ! ! A sample from 1864 shows that a fair was held on Easter Monday, for which 800 tickets had been sold at 50c each; a picnic in July yielded a net of \$145.86, another in September was about equally profitable. And yet at the beginning of 1865 the church found itself in financial difficulties because of notes unpaid and overdue. In April of that year it was resolved to have another affair "for the good of the church." 1,500 tickets were printed. Receipts were \$807.16 and expenditures \$380.82 so that a profit of \$426.34 remained. In a short time the need of finances to carry on was evident again, symptomatic of a blight upon the spirit and zeal of the congregation. As a result Pastor Conradi resigned on October 3, the resignation being accepted by a vote of 50 to 3. In the four years of his pastorate, Pastor Conradi baptized 437 children, (132 in the year 1862); married 105 couples; officiated at 186 funerals; confirmed 133 children. At four communion services in 1862, 589 communicants inscribed their names on the register. It is evident that St. Paul's sprang into being as a large and promising congregation. Loyalty, spirituality, and generosity,—if these had been present in the large majority of our members at that time, the history of St. Paul's might well have been much different. As it is, our history exhibits an ebb and a flow, coinciding nearly with the arrival and departure of the pastors. All too true is the assertion that loyalty to, or dissatisfaction with the minister, instead of a faithfulness to Christ and the church, has been at the root of most of our congregational instability. Unfortunately traces of this malignancy of 75 years standing have not entirely disappeared.

John Ulrich Hoffman was elected second pastor of St. Paul's on Nov. 14, 1865 at a salary of \$550, a raise of 10% over the previous salary. The constitution was amended in several details, one of which reads as follows: "As long as this church shall stand, and as long as there is but one German member of the congregation, in whose veins a drop of German blood still courses, be it resolved that the preaching be done in the high-German language." Little did these German forbears dream that even by solemnly phrased resolutions, the universal use of the English tongue in America could not be halted, espe-

cially when the majority of German parents taught their children little or nothing of the mother tongue.

A party was held to raise money in February, 1866. Evidently it was successful from the standpoint of financial returns, for the teacher's salary was raised \$50, and the pastor's \$100. And yet this unsystematic means of raising money had the church in difficulties within a few months, so that a "fair" was imperative. This time the net "take" was \$671.36!

The first mention of a **Sunday School** is made in 1867, when a resolution was passed to organize such a venture in religious education in order that youth might be interested more in religion and be united more firmly with the church. The congregation must previously have felt that the week-day school was sufficient.



St. Paul's Church of Today

The **Altar Society** was founded during the ministry of Pastor Hoffman (1866). Unfortunately little material remains concerning the early years of this organization of St. Paul women which has been of such incalculable value and assistance to the church. They probably gave their dollars to the needy church treasury and bought 10c record books which long since returned to the dust of their original creation.

Difficulty with the school teacher is given as primary cause of the first resignation of Pastor Hoffman. Though the teacher resigned, the pastor's departure followed his within two years.

Like a new broom, **Pastor Frederick Heinle** swept all opposition and discontent before him when he became pastor of St. Paul's in 1869. He was an apostle of law and order. Instituting a Children's Hour for religious instruction on Sunday afternoons, he demanded written excuses from parents of all children of the parish who failed to attend. Though a "Kirchweihfest" was permitted at Fach's tavern, police were also "ordered" to maintain

order and sobriety consistent with such a celebration. In October of that year the church treasury jubilantly reported a balance of \$134. That had not been possible for a long time.

An interesting resolution appears on the council minutes dated Nov. 2, 1869 written in German to the effect: "That out of bitter experience both pastor and council have learned that God cannot work mightily in a church nor bless it with peace and growth where there is no discipline or order, therefore be it resolved that no obstacle be put in the way of certain members who threaten to leave the church and join another when their godless whims and fancies are not catered to." In 1872, 14 members were expelled.

In 1870 an additional teacher was engaged for the parochial school, apparently with the end in view, that the teacher, then in office, might be gently reminded to improve his work and deportment, or there might be a substitution of duties and salaries. Within a short time, however, it was impossible to raise sufficient money for the salary, and the teaching staff was reduced to one again. Despite the shortage of money, it was possible to purchase three bells for the tower, largely through personal subscription. These bells called the congregation to worship until 1899 when the bell now in use supplanted the three smaller ones.

In 1872, ten years after the founding, St. Paul's officially joined the Evangelical Synod, and Adam Schake, a true Christian and capable leader in the church and council for many years, was the first delegate to the district conference.

Paging through the record of January, 1873 one is startled to read a resolution declaring that Pastor Heinle was no longer to be considered minister of St. Paul's. He had not returned to his pulpit after a vacation granted him in October! So a glorious morning ended in a dimly cloudy afternoon.

For six months the church was without a permanent pastor. Then, in June, 1873, we find that **Pastor August Grotrian** is leading a congregational meeting in opening devotions. For ten years the life of our church was steady, harmonious and abounding in many blessings. But few flurries troubled the waters on which the good ship St. Paul sailed, among them being the concern about the congregational debt, which in 1874 had mounted to \$8,542. As the result of an unfortunate accident in 1883, Pastor Grotrian resigned, retiring from the active ministry and making his home in the neighboring village of Lyons.

The Second Quarter-Century: 1887-1912

The fifth pastor of St. Paul's was the **Rev. Albert Zeller**. In the fourth year of his pastorate the Silver Anniversary was celebrated and a son, Paul Zeller, (present at the Diamond Jubilee in 1937,) was ordained into the Christian ministry.

In 1894 Adam Schake, who had served the congregation for many years as president of the council, was called to his eternal reward. Concerning him it was recorded: "He was a worthy example to the congregation in faith, in life and in sacrificial service." Rudolph Johnson became president in 1894. In 1899 Mr. Joachim Pagels became his worthy successor, serving in that capacity for 16 years, until his death in 1915.

An earnest attempt was now made to reduce the indebtedness of the church. The Altar Society conducted another "fair", which must have netted a substantial profit, for the church treasurer's receipts show \$2,203.65 during the months October, 1883-January, 1884. The "Trauer Verein" was founded in 1884. The Men's Benevolent Society in 1887. Both organizations had social as well as benefit purposes. On April 3, 1893, after 31 years of existence, the parochial school was finally closed. Pastor Zeller resigned in 1894 to become supply pastor in TownLine, N. Y. and later, pastor in Neustadt, Ontario.

Mrs. Zeller died during their stay in Rochester. In 1921, the mortal remains of Pastor Zeller were brought to Rochester and interred in Mt. Hope Cemetery. He is the only pastor of St. Paul's to be buried in this city.

The next pastor came all the way from Texas to Rochester, where, however, he was well known, for the **Rev. William Baur** had been assistant pastor in Salem Church under Pastor Carl Siebenpfeiffer after his graduation from Eden Seminary. The leaves that fall from the chronicle for the next 10 years are mostly green and golden, for under Pastor

Baur, St. Paul's experienced a profound awakening. Although only \$4,500 indebtedness rested upon the church, a listless and indifferent spirit seemed to have taken hold of the people. This was soon remedied, for the contagious humor, optimism and energy of the new pastor soon swept all lethargy away. For the first time in 40 years the church became debt-free. The three small bells were sold or given away (one to Christ Lutheran Church on Central Park) and a 2,000 pound bell, costing \$500, was cast by the Meneely Foundry in Troy, N. Y. New windows were purchased for the sanctuary. The front entrance of the church was remodelled. The magazine, St. Paul's Bote (Herald) was called into being in 1896, the heritage of which is carried on by the present weekly Bulletin and program. The fortieth anniversary was celebrated in fitting style with the publication of a comprehensive booklet which is the source of much detailed information concerning the early history of St. Paul's. An anniversary offering of \$1,280 was received. All societies showed healthy growth, the Altar Society under the presidency of Mrs. Emma Bornkessel showing 133 members and a treasury balance of \$324 in the anniversary year. In 1898, the Young Ladies' Society was merged with the Young Men's Society to form a Young People's Society, which met on Sunday afternoon, and later, on the third Monday evening of each month. Pastor Baur inaugurated a Saturday German School for young people which met with considerable success for a number of years. The day after attending the Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo, while enroute to St. Louis, where Pastor Baur was delegate to the General Conference of the Evangelical Synod, President McKinley was assassinated. This was on September 2, 1901, and considerable notice is given this blow to the nation in the next issue of the "Bote". The complaint in a later issue was, that young people and children were not remaining for the morning church worship as they should. The pastor urged the necessity of regular Sabbath worship upon them.

The issues of the "Bote" contained not only items of interest from the life of the congregation, but also interesting stories for the children from the facile pen of the pastor. Many will remember these, not only from the "Bote", but from the "Kinderzeitung", in which they appeared regularly for many years.



CHURCH COUNCIL

Seated: John Bareis, President; Elmer Henry Hoefler, Pastor; Arthur Schwab, Vice-President.
Standing: Wm. Ordway, Elder; Adolph Knoll, Elder; George Gardner, Trustee; Richard Parch, Deacon; Judson Gross, Deacon; Clarence Brown, Deacon; Henry Hieb, Financial Secretary; Arthur Koch, Chief Usher; Harry Clarke, Deacon; Floyd Christ, Trustee; William Lohler, Treasurer; Rudolph Kolb, Secretary; Frank Vogel, Deacon.

In 1901, Henry Betz, then a youth of 17, was appointed as organist, and has served the congregation in that capacity since. The council waxed generous, and voted an annual gift of \$30 to the choir for a social time in token of the appreciation of the congregation.

The "Bote" records the appointment of Sister Christine Schwartz as deaconess in charge of St. John's Home for the Aged, during the year 1903. Pastor Helmkamp of Salem, assisted by Rev. Baur, Rev. Baltzer and other pastors of German congregations, founded this noble institution which now cares for more than 70 aged people. Through the intervening years our church has been represented on the Board of Directors of the Home, and has contributed generously to its support.

On June 11, 1903 a fire gutted the neighboring Brick Presbyterian Church and for a time it was feared that St. Paul's would also burn. This calamity was however averted.

On May 2, 1904 the congregation received a harsh jolt in the form of the resignation of the pastor, who had received a call to a professorship in Eden Seminary. The resignation was reluctantly accepted, but the church realized the honor, and the challenge which the opportunity represented. Professor Baur served the seminary faithfully until his retirement in 1936.

The **Rev. H. F. Grotefend** of St. Luke's, Auburn, N. Y. received a call, and became the next pastor of St. Paul's. He was installed by the district president, and pastor of Salem Church, Rev. J. F. W. Helmkamp, on the second Sunday in September, 1904. This pastorate too, was blessed. In 1905 it was determined to erect a Sunday School hall adjoining the church. On Feb. 25, 1906 this commodious building was dedicated, the cost of the same being in excess of \$15,000. The late Frederick Keller, a generous supporter of the church, and now a Perpetual Member, was chairman of the building committee. Shortly thereafter a new Stier organ was purchased at a cost of \$4,500. This golden voiced instrument still leads the worship of St. Paul's congregation, its tones seeming to grow more beautiful with the passing of the years.

In 1906 the membership of the Young People's Society had risen to 150, the largest in the history of the church. All sessions were conducted in the German language until 1908. The weekly envelope system of church giving was introduced in 1906. Women were given equal voting rights with men in 1907.

The rising spectre of debt, with whose liquidation the congregation had indifferent success, and his inability to preach in the English language, undoubtedly played a part in the resignation of Pastor Grotefend in 1911. He became pastor of the Evangelical Church in Trenton, N. J. The state of Oklahoma was the scene of his last pastorate where he passed from this life in 1935.

Pastor number eight came to St. Paul's in April, 1911. He was the **Rev. Fred Oberkircher**, a young and enthusiastic minister but recently graduated from the seminary. Valiant efforts were made to increase the membership of the congregation and to reduce the debt. The language question was becoming increasingly acute. The older members insisted on German worship services, and younger members, finding it difficult to understand the German, were being lost to English speaking congregations. This is the story of the pathetic loss of young life that can be duplicated in almost every one of our Evangelical and Reformed churches.

The **Golden Jubilee** was celebrated in 1912, an interesting account of activities being given in the "Bote", May issue, under the scriptural title, Ephesians 1:3: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every manner of spiritual blessing."

A statement of the annual expenditures of the church for the first fifty years showed a total income of \$146,726.73, and expenditures of \$141,599.63, which figures probably do not include the finances of the various organizations of the church. Included in the celebrations was a banquet, preceding which the church families assembled in their accustomed pews, being led into the hall in processional form. Pastor Oberkircher severed his connection with St. Paul's in 1914 and has since been pastor of St. Paul's, Erie, Pa. We count it a privilege that he can be with us on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee.

The Third Quarter-Century: 1912-1937

During the years of the World War, St. Paul's, like all German-speaking congregations, suffered considerably. Many of the younger people left the church out of false sentiments of patriotism. The city of Rochester was expanding and the area about the church became increasingly a commercial and industrial one. Lacking money and a large membership, it became increasingly difficult to maintain the enrollment of the S. S. Young people were becoming scarcer. It was a deep insight which prompted our late elder, William Ofslager (died 1937), to move the resolution "that the congregation has become convinced that the conditions as they have prevailed for years in our present locality preclude further satisfactory and progressive development. In order to safeguard the future of our congregation for us and our posterity the location of the church should be changed."

The **Rev. Richard Stave**, Ph.D., pastor of St. Paul's from 1914 to 1922, was faced throughout the years of his ministry with the difficult and oft-times heartbreaking task of bringing this resolution into actuality. He was called from the newly founded Christ Church mission on Portland Avenue, to the ministry in St. Paul's. Early in his pastorate the steadying influence of President Joachim Pagels was removed by the latter's death in 1915. The committee entrusted with the task of relocating the church was composed of Rudolph Zander, William Krase, Albert Meili, Sr., John Eutin, William C. Walch, Mrs. Emma Bornkessel and Miss Emma Pagels.

After considering many sites, all of which pleased some members and displeased others, an option was taken on a lot on the corner of St. Paul Street and Northview Terrace, two miles north of the old church, in what was once the village of Carthage. This community had flourished when it was a stop on the post road, and center of the milling industry surrounding the lower falls of the Genesee. The Erie Canal and the New York Central R. R. had shifted the business center into the heart of Rochester. Mills moved westward into closer proximity of the grain belt. Carthage had declined and become a community of scattered truck farms and orchards. After the war, however, real estate developments pushed out into this area and it was rapidly becoming a desirable residential section. Here was a propitious field for growth! Unfortunately, and yet how fortunately, Northview Terrace was restricted as a residential section, and the portable chapel, barely erected, had to be removed to another location a few blocks north on the corner of Norton and Jewel Streets. Here a number of fine lots were purchased, several of which, facing Jewel Street, later had to be sold in order to meet interest payments on the large debt resting on the new church building. In 1916 St. Paul's still owed \$7,950 on the Parish Hall on Fitzhugh Street. The purchase of the lots and the chapel, had increased the indebtedness to \$16,300. Heroic efforts were made to minister to both the old and new fields. Young pastors Wm. Krause and Fred Willkens served for a time as assistant ministers. By 1919 the debt had mounted to \$19,565. Rising costs, and the uncertainties of the situation resulting from a nation being at war, added to the problems connected with the erection of a new church. A building fund campaign for \$12,000 had been successfully conducted in 1917. Now it appeared that much more would be needed to warrant the erection of a new church building, the cost of which was then estimated at \$35,000 and which later amounted to more than twice that figure. In the fall of 1919 the joyous news was forthcoming that the Fitzhugh Street property had been sold to Joint Council No. 6 of the United Shoe Workers of America for the sum of \$40,000. (The old church still stands and is today known as Carpenter's Hall.) Now the agonizing postponement of building a new church seemed to have come to a close. A building committee was appointed and consisted of the following: Rev. Stave, William C. Walch, Adolph Fauth, George Leupold, Henry Hieb, Theo. Pagels, Wm. Ofslager, Frank Rebman, Henry Pagels, Albert Meili, Sr., Mesdames Emma Bornkessel, John Eiseman, George Stiehler, Adolph Fauth, Rudolph Kolb, Henry Howarth, William Schaeffer, Misses Louise Pencline and Emma E. Pagels. Nineteen hundred twenty and nineteen hundred twenty-one! Still no new church building. Cash in hand was lacking. Costs were prohibitive. But the congregational meeting in January, 1922 took definite action to commence building, and the 64 members present fortified themselves in the

endeavor by singing, "Onward Christian Soldiers." Another building fund campaign was inaugurated and led by Dr. F. H. Devine of Brooklyn. \$41,000 was pledged! On Sunday afternoon, June 4, 1922 the corner-stone of the new church was laid with impressive ceremony. In August of 1922 President Adolph Fauth was authorized to proceed with the negotiation of a loan of \$50,000 from Rochester banks so that the work could be completed. The Men's Benevolent Society, which had a treasury of \$1,000, was dissolved and the funds given to the church. The two-cent club contributed \$491 and the Sewing Circle \$325 to the building fund.

The health of the pastor had been undermined by excessive work and worry. On numerous occasions friction had arisen, so it was not unexpected that Pastor Stave tendered his resignation in the fall of 1922 to become pastor of St. Luke's Church, Auburn. It was a critical juncture in the life of the church. The new church was but half completed. Dissatisfaction with even a second set of plans was evident, increasing the difficulties of the building committee. The Rev. A. C. G. Baltzer, retired pastor of Trinity Church, was elected pastor pro tem, and with his characteristic gentle manner succeeded in smoothing the troubled waters until a new pastor could be elected to carry on the difficult task.

In June, 1923, the **Rev. Herman E. Koenig**, a son-in-law of Pastor William Baur, was installed as the 10th minister of St. Paul's. One of his first privileges was the dedication of the new church building on June 17, in which he was assisted by pastors A. C. G. Baltzer and William Baur. After a brief farewell service in the chapel, President Adolph Fauth turned the key and led the celebrating congregation through the portals into the new house of worship. The afternoon service was dedicated to the youth of the church, the Rev. H. H. Lohans, director of Religious Education in Salem Church, being in charge. The festal day closed with an evening communion service, the meditation being given by the Rev. Theo. Bode of St. Peter's Church, Buffalo, and words of congratulation being offered by the pastors, Reller of Trinity, Frankenfeld of Salem, and Tepas of Christ Church.

Among the devices created to serve the community better was a vacation Bible School, and a board of deaconesses, elected for three year terms after the manner of the elder, trustees and deacons of the church council. The main function of the latter was to assist in parish visitation, calling upon the sick and the unchurched of the community. The Sunday School was completely departmentalized and received a new lease on life and usefulness under the direction of the pastor, particularly gifted for this work, and by the faithful superintendent, Henry Hieb.

In 1924 a parsonage was purchased at 96 Saranac Street for \$9,500. A garage was added in 1930 at the cost of an additional \$500. Serious efforts were made to deepen the spiritual life of the congregation by urging the establishment of Family Altars. A Willing Workers and a Brotherhood Class were organized to emphasize the need of continued religious growth among adults. New members were constantly being won in the new community making up the losses sustained by the defection of former members who opposed the abandoning of the Fitzhugh Street church. The honest and faithful members paid regularly on their building fund pledges so that the indebtedness of more than \$53,000 resting upon the church and parsonage was gradually reduced and interest payments kept up. Despite the heavy load, \$811 were given for benevolences in 1924. In 1925, \$2,000 more was pledged in the every member canvass than ever before in the history of the church. The New Eden Campaign also found generous support among a considerable number of St. Paul members, more than \$800 being pledged. The N. Y. District Conference was entertained in 1926. A mimeograph and typewriter were purchased by the Primary Department of the S. S., and printed programs put in their appearance at the Sunday services. Mrs. Herbert Groth was elected church secretary in charge of printing and mailing literature to the members of the church.

A novel method of benevolent giving was instituted because of the duplication of envelopes . . . current expense, building fund, benevolences. Contributions to the first two were made through envelopes to be deposited in vestibule collectors, and the loose

offerings received during worship services were dedicated to the larger Kingdom service. This method has enabled St. Paul's to pay its full synodical budget apportionment even during the years of the depression when few churches were able to meet their full obligation.

The 65th anniversary was observed in 1927. A booklet was published bringing the history of St. Paul's to many of the new members who knew little about the antecedents of the church they had joined. More than 170 new members had been added to the church since its relocation. A \$5,000 anniversary offering goal was not fully attained, but the final returns showed gifts of \$3,596. In 1928 the congregation participated in the Million Dollar Pension and Relief Campaign even though the interest item alone in the current expense of the local church still amounted to \$2,800 a year! A faithful and devoted ministry came to an end when Pastor Koenig resigned in November, 1928 to accept the call of St. Paul's in Barrington, Illinois where he is still the pastor. A. C. G. Baltzer and Henry Walch served as interim pastors.

On Sunday, March 3, 1929 the eleventh pastor of St. Paul's, **Elmer Henry Hoefler**, preached his first sermon using Romans 1:16 as his text, and "A Motto for Our Masthead" as his subject. Installation services were conducted by an old family friend, the Rev. Frederick Frankenfeld, pastor of Salem Church. Pastor Hoefler came from Papineau, Illinois where he had served two years, after completing his studies at Washington University and Eden Seminary, St. Louis, and a year of post-graduate study at Berlin and Tuebingen University in Germany. The congregation met him with a spirit of loyalty and willingness to adventure. Under the leadership of their teacher, Dr. Howard Finch, assisted by Louis Schaeffer, the Brotherhood undertook the completion of that section of the church basement known as the Brotherhood room, at a cost exceeding \$2,000. Within two years this was entirely paid. A nursery for the children of parents attending church worship was instituted. An intensive effort was made to win more members for the church, with the result that a hundred new members were received in one year. Increasingly, our membership is coming from the community in which new St. Paul's serves, the gross increase in numbers exceeding 300 during the present ministry. Unhappily the plan of making



BOARD OF DEACONESSSES

Front Row: Mrs. Albert Groth, Mrs. Geo. Gardner, Mrs. Clarence Brown, Miss Bertha Pagels, Mrs. Alfred Chard, Chairman; Mrs. George Goetz.

Last Row: Mrs. Joseph Viehman, Mrs. Fred Pfeil, Mrs. Ernst Kitts, Mrs. Ed. Weismiller, Mrs. Wm. Craw, Mrs. Arthur Stoll, Mrs. Earl Talbot, Mrs. F. Reuschle, Rev. E. H. Hoefler, Vera Frederick. (Three Deaconesses absent.)

it easy to become a member, but difficult to remain one, has resulted in considerable numbers falling away from the church again. Nevertheless a steady growth of the church continues.

In the fall of 1929 St. Paul assisted the other Rochester Evangelical churches in acting as hosts to the General Conference. During 1930 total current receipts were \$9,959 and expenditures were \$9,668 leaving a balance of \$290. Included in the expenditures was \$2,712 for interest on approximately \$46,000 mortgaged indebtedness. In addition the loose offerings dedicated to benevolences amounted to \$1,685.34.

A series of popular Sunday evening services was instituted at which the pastor gave "Travelchats" on Europe, Palestine, Egypt and the Near East which he had visited a few years previously.

A baptismal font was given by Mrs. Emma Pfitsch in memory of her husband, and the sanctuaries for the sacraments were contributed by Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schaeffer.

A Young People's League was organized late in 1929. It was to meet on alternate Sunday evenings for devotions, and monthly for a social hour, and was to carry on the fine tradition of the Y. P. Society. Lucille Reuschle was the first president.

A significant accomplishment took place in the Lenten season of 1930 when a debt-reduction campaign for \$20,000 was instituted under the leadership of Granger Lederer, one of our newer members. \$20,620 was subscribed! A Silver Derby crowned the team captain at each report meeting who showed the largest subscriptions attained. After passing from one to another, Louis Schaeffer finally won it at the close of the campaign. During this year \$11,700 was paid off on the debt, leaving only \$31,800 in January, 1931. During the following summer, the pastor was granted a two-month vacation which he spent in California accompanied by Teacher Fritz Weigelt of Berlin, Germany, whose friendship he had made through International Correspondence in the years after the World War when idealistic youth of the world attempted to overcome the hatred and misunderstanding of the conflict.

Because of the improved financial status of the church, the pastor's salary was increased from \$2,100 to \$2,400 with the pledge of a continued increase of \$100 annually until the salary stood at \$3,000. This contract has been faithfully carried out, even during the years of the depression in which St. Paul's suffered less than most churches.

With the approach of the summer, 1931, the pastor felt that the time had come when he should take unto himself a wife, or perhaps it were better stated thus,—the time had come when he found someone willing to have him. The wedding of Pastor Hoefer and Miss Thekla Stoll took place in St. John's Church, Lincoln, Illinois on June 30, the Rev. John Hoefer officiating. While the pastor and Mrs. Hoefer were on their wedding journey, the council under leadership of Dr. Howard Finch and Edward Uehlin, undertook the decoration of the church interior which theretofore had not been painted. The cost exceeding \$1,500, was met by personal subscriptions.

In 1932 the 70th Anniversary of the church was observed by a week of celebration. The former Pastor, and Mrs. Herman E. Koenig were guests of the congregation, Rev. Koenig preaching the sermon on Rally Sunday, October 2. "Old Timers Night," which resulted in the permanent organization of members of the old church on Fitzhugh Street into an Old Timers' Club, was a tremendous success. The old parochial school was revived for a night. A photograph gallery recalled memories of former years. Evangelical and Reformed churches of Rochester were guests of St. Paul on "Evangelical Night". Eight pastors of churches in the neighborhood brought greetings on "Community Night". Rev. and Mrs. Koenig were speakers at the anniversary banquet. The anniversary offering, payment on building fund pledges and a gift of \$2,000 by Elizabeth Fisher, enabled the church to reduce its indebtedness by \$4,400. In order to keep orderly records of the life of the church, Miss Ida Pagels was appointed church historian, and a suitable book was purchased. William Lohler, Albert Meili, Jr. and Ralph Boss were appointed church photographers, so that through the years we will have a still and motion picture record of out-

standing activities. A "Perpetual Membership" plaque, the gift of William Hahn and Arthur Koch, inaugurated St. Paul's first effort to build up an endowment fund. Gifts or bequests of \$100 or over, are invested, the interest on which is credited as church dues to the perpetual members, Mrs. Jacob Kern honored her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Schott, with the first perpetual membership on the plaque. Since then a total of 15 perpetual memberships have been dedicated with several more in immediate prospect.

St. Paul's Brotherhood observed its 10th birthday in 1933, and sent a large delegation to the Men's Retreat at Dunkirk.

The Sick List, and Half-Century Club, in which all who have been members of St. Paul's for more than fifty years are honorary members, made their appearance at this time.

Students from the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, earning practical scholarships for work in local churches, assisted the pastor in Sunday School and church work as student ministers, beginning with 1933. With this year also the Easter Dawn Lily Memorial Service became a regular feature of our Easter celebration. The number of communicants at the Lord's Table reached an all-time high in this year with more than 800 listed.

For 1934 the historian writes an account of a "Circus" which netted \$300 in addition to three hilarious evenings, with a total attendance of a thousand. The Brotherhood beautified the church lawn by providing funds for shrubbery. Three guilds of the Daughters of St. Paul were organized out of the membership of the Altar Society, for meetings in the homes of members. The 400th anniversary of Luther's translation of the Bible was marked with special services, a great array of Bibles gracing the altar on Bible Sunday. Christmas carols were broadcast by a special device from our church tower, both senior and junior choirs singing. The "Symposium", an organization meeting on the last Sunday evening of each month for food, fellowship and knowledge, was born in this year. Young people over 21, particularly younger married couples, constitute its membership. William Ordway was the first president.

Leaves from 1935 recount a Church-Family Birthday Party gathered about 12 large tables, one representing each month. On that night a part of the basement ceiling gave way. The "birthday" of the ceiling in the southeast corner, dates back to this night. Unusual attendance was recorded for the Lenten services, the average for Wednesday evenings being 322 and for Sunday mornings 380. "Penny-a-Meal" boxes, collected monthly, constituted the effort of the congregation to reduce the debt still more. Oak chairs were provided for the S. S. hall by individuals and by the S. S. In July the pastor observed the 10th anniversary of his ordination. In October a United Loyalty Crusade was launched by the Federation of Churches, doing much to revitalize church membership and attendance. The attendance on one Sunday morning in St. Paul's exceeded 400.

Not a year passes when the generosity of individual members and groups in St. Paul's is not manifested by gifts of furniture, fixtures and other needs of the church which cannot be purchased out of budget receipts. The result is that our church is not only beautified but made homey and comfortable. Golden was the leaf that told of a gift of \$10,000 by Philip Fisher from the estate of his sister, Elizabeth Fisher. By the beginning of 1936 the total congregational debt had been reduced to \$15,800!

The union of the Evangelical and Reformed denominations into the Evangelical and Reformed Church was consummated at a General Synod convention in Fort Wayne in June of 1936. Thus a great step forward in the union of the church of Christ was consummated after much labor and prayer. Our church is now known as St. Paul Evangelical and Reformed Church.

The year was significant for the pastor in that it marked the completion of seven years in the ministry of St. Paul's, and the completion of his thesis for the M. A. degree at the University of Rochester. In recognition, the congregation voted a sabbatical leave of five months which Rev. and Mrs. Hoefer spent in Europe, attending the world Sunday School Convention in Oslo, Norway; visiting Sweden, Russia, Poland, Germany, Switzerland, France and Belgium. Prof. Theophil Menzel of Eden Seminary, St. Louis,

was supply pastor for two months, other Sunday services being in charge of visiting clergy. Careful budgeting and the receipts from a series of 13 Travel Chats enabled the congregation to bear the additional expenses without difficulty.

A new asphalt tile floor was laid in the church basement during the fall of 1936 and paid for by special subscription. Thus another much needed want was filled.

The 35th anniversary of Henry Betz as organist in St. Paul's was observed in November at a Sunday morning service. The choir assisting the congregation in giving expression to joy and appreciation.

A resolution of the annual congregational meeting in January, 1937 abolished the monthly German worship, which had been so poorly attended as to make its continuance unnecessary. German preach services will be held on Good Friday and Christmas until the need for them indicates resumption of the old schedule. Another resolution adopted at this meeting empowered a committee of the church council to look about for a more commodious and suitable parsonage. In May a special congregational meeting authorized the purchase of the house at 26 Navarre Road, one mile north of the church, for \$4,500, allowing an additional \$2,000 for renovation of the same. The former parsonage, on which a mortgage of \$6,000 still rested, was deeded over to the holders of the mortgage with their approval. Since August 15 the pastor has resided in the new home, a notable feature of which is a study on the first floor, accessible by a private entrance, in which he may meet people in conference and consultation.

On June 20th, fifty years after the first ordination of one of St. Paul's sons into the Christian ministry, William R. Walch, a graduate of Elmhurst College and Eden Seminary, was inducted into office at a beautiful service in which the Evangelical and Reformed ministers of Rochester took part. The sermon was preached by the candidate's uncle, the Rev. Henry Walch of Grace Presbyterian Church. The ordainers were, the district president, the Rev. Carl G. Haass, pastor of Trinity, and Pastor Hoefer, vice-president of the New York District. William was baptized and confirmed in St. Paul's and is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Walch who have long been known for leadership and service in St. Paul's. On the evening of Sept. 26, both pastors, Paul Zeller of Auburn, ordained in 1887, and William R. Walch were presented to the congregation as guests of honor.

An anniversary offering goal of \$3,775 was set early in the year. The offering received will be recorded in this chronicle on another page. Legacies of \$1,000 from the estate of Frederick Keller, and \$200 from Frank Druselman have been paid. Notification of a \$10,000 legacy from the estate of Philip Fisher, who passed away in June, has been received from the executor. Thus the weight of a heavy debt that has rested upon the church for years will apparently be reduced to approximately \$5,000. The hope expressed in 1932, "Debt-Free by 1942", once characterized as the pastor's brain storm, may still be realized!

May the congregation in gratitude to God for his blessings, give the more generously for the larger Kingdom Service of the church, and meet its current expense obligations without resort to high pressure methods and questionable means of money-raising. Our blessings, we believe, are directly traceable to the covenant made at the beginning of the present ministry, based upon the belief, that, when a congregation meets its missionary and denominational obligations in full, the church shall lack nothing for itself. The co-operative spirit of the church continues to be evidenced in many ways. The Anniversary Offering and the Anniversary Gift Book reveal it in part, the festivities of the Diamond Jubilee bear additional testimony.

We move into the last quarter of our century endeavoring to make our St. Paul's Church increasingly:

"A Shrine of Devotion. A Place of Fellowship. An institution of practical
Christian Service.
To God alone be the Glory"

The Diamond Jubilee Celebration of St. Paul's Church

The Days of Celebration are:

Sunday, Sept. 26—10:30 a.m. Rally-Roll Call of St. Paul Members. Pastor Elmer Henry Hoefer, preaching.

7:30 p.m. Service for the "Church of Tomorrow." Young people in charge.

Rev. Ralph Philbrook, Auburn, N. Y., preaching. Guests of honor—Pastors **Paul Zeller**, ordained in 1887, **William R. Walch**, ordained in 1937.

Wednesday, Sept. 29—ANNIVERSARY BANQUET, Dr. Justin Wroe Nixon, pastor of our former neighboring Brick Church, speaker.

Sunday, October 3—9:15 a.m. Old Time Teacher and Pupil Day in the S. S.

10:30 a.m. Anniversary Sermon by the **Rev. F. Oberkircher**, Erie, Pa., pastor of St. Paul's during Golden Jubilee.

7:30 p.m. **Sister Churches Night**. Evangelical and Reformed pastors of Rochester sharing in the program, with the **Rev. Paul M. Schroeder**, Salem Church, preaching.

Wednesday, October 6—OLD TIMERS MEMORY NIGHT.

Sunday, October 10—8 a.m. Communion Service.

9:15 a.m. Sunday School.

10:30 a.m. Closing Service and 2nd Communion Service. The Rev. John Ketcham, Federation of Churches, preaching.

Organizations in St. Paul's

The Sunday School meeting before the church worship, is the fruition of numerous experiments on the part of the congregation in the field of Christian education. For thirty-one years, St. Paul's maintained a parochial school in which religious instruction was of major importance along with the study of the German language. No need was felt for additional religious instruction. In 1867 and again in 1885 there is a record of Sunday School classes being conducted in the afternoon. This school was thoroughly reorganized during the pastorate of Rev. William Baur, in the first years of whose ministry an adult Bible Class was also founded. In 1893 the parochial school was definitely discontinued. From that time on more emphasis was given the Sunday School. Declining attendance, due to the distance which most members lived from the church, was one of the main reasons for relocating the church in 1918. The Norton Street chapel was largely a S. S. church until the new church was completed in 1923. Many of our present members have had long records of service in the S. S. the fruit of their sacrifice being revealed in the staunch members who have grown up out of the school. Rudolph Zander and Henry Hieb served many years as superintendents. William C. Walch, the present superintendent, grew up in St. Paul's Sunday School, and was a teacher for years before taking charge of the school. He is ably assisted by Edward Uehlin, assistant superintendent. The enrollment and attendance of our school is not what it should be. In part this is due to the smaller number of children born, but more so to the culpable indifference of parents to the vital need of moral and religious instruction. If church and nation are not to reap a whirlwind of religious illiteracy our church parents will have to show a greater understanding of the importance of Sunday School and Confirmation Instruction than is evident at the moment.

A person need never be out of the membership of our Sunday School, for beginning with the Cradle Roll after baptism, and the Beginners Department in which children are enrolled at the age of four, there are classes for every age group. Our oldest pupils include Mr. William Volz, 78, Mrs. Augusta Hoffman, 80, Mr. John Smith, Mrs. Rocktaschel, Mrs. Weismiller, Mrs. Meyer and others, who rarely miss a Sunday.

The Altar Society, founded in 1866 during the pastorate of Rev. Hoffman, and through the years the most active organization of the church.

The purpose of the Society as set forth in its constitution reads:
 "to cultivate among the members the spirit of true Christian fellowship and to encourage one another in every good work."
 "to further the interests of St. Paul's Church."
 "to practice deeds of charity and mercy toward the needy, remembering especially the charitable institutions of the Evangelical and Reformed Church."

Every woman leading a Christian life and seeking to show discipleship in Christian service is eligible for membership.

The Altar Society has contributed heavily to the new church building and equipment. In recent years a \$500 pledge toward current expenses of the church have helped balance the budget. In making an anniversary gift of \$750 the women of the guilds assisted materially, contributing directly into the Altar Society treasury, or purchasing needed equipment, such as, a new kitchen sink, rugs and other articles of furniture. Every woman of St. Paul's loyal to the whole program of the church should be a member of the Altar Society. Unfortunately there are at present less than 100 members enrolled, but it is the hope of pastor and officers that with the worst of the lean years past, the enrollment may increase again soon.

The Guilds: The complete name is, "Guilds of the Daughters of St. Paul." Guild One was organized in 1931, Guild 2 and the Ruth Guild shortly thereafter. Guild members are members of the Altar Society who meet monthly in the homes of members for devotional, educational, and social fellowship. The average membership of each guild is 12. These smaller groups enable a Christian fellowship that the larger organization meetings are unable to give.

OUR CHOIR

Forming an important, in fact, an almost essential part of our worship services, our choir has long played a major role in St. Paul's organization history. Under the able direction of our organist and choir director, Mr. Henry Betz, St. Paul's choir has for many, many years rendered a type of music of which our church can be proud. Just last year we celebrated Mr. Betz' 35th anniversary as organist of this church at which time fitting tribute was paid for his many years of faithful service to St. Paul's, a record of service which few if any organists can equal. During the long leadership of Mr. Betz, St. Paul's has never been without a choir, although at one period our choir was reduced to a mixed quartet.

During these anniversary services the choir will be augmented by the addition of several voices, both of our own members and of friends from other churches, who no doubt will do much to enhance the beauty of these special services. To these good people and to the regular members who serve us faithfully and well Sunday after Sunday throughout the years, we tender our deepest appreciation, with the hope that the beauty and spirit of these anniversary services will so fill their hearts that those who have come to help temporarily will remain as permanent members of this worthy organization.

The Brotherhood

The present Brotherhood is a continuation of the Men's Benevolent Society which was disbanded in 1922 after serving as a mutual sick and death benefit organization for many years. Its treasury of over \$1,000 was turned over to the building fund. In 1923 a Brotherhood Class meeting on Sunday mornings was organized by Rev. Koenig, who was its teacher until Dr. Howard Finch accepted this responsibility, which he carried faithfully for ten years. The class paid for the construction of the Brotherhood Room in 1929 and paid the cost, over \$2,000, within a few years. In recent years student-ministers from the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School have taught the class as a part of their extra-curricular credit requirement. Though primarily a Bible Class, membership in the Brotherhood is



CHOIR

Front Row: Eleanore Hoffmeier, Marion Kreck, Mrs. Ruth Weber, Mrs. Wm. Lohler, Emily Meyer, Mrs. Ed. Weismiller, Elizabeth Kelly, Mathilde Eckert.
 Second Row: Mrs. George Weber, Mrs. George Meyer, Mrs. Herbert Krase, Mrs. Florence Kelly.
 Third Row: Dewey Dodgson, Wm. Lehlé, Fred Solberger, Henry Betz, Director; Wm. Shell, Wm. Ordway, Herbert Krase.

open to all men of the church who wish to co-operate in fellowship and service. Monthly meetings, attended by an average of 30 men, present speakers, debates, forums and the like. Fish fries, steak dinners, sausage roasts, and more recently, fishing parties have offered an opportunity for men of the church to get better acquainted in a common fellowship in Christ.

The Willing Workers Class is the counterpart of the Brotherhood Class, as the Altar Society is a counterpart of the Brotherhood. Mr. Henry Betz has taught this class for many years. It includes women of the church who are interested in adult religious growth, and who desire to come to Sunday School with their children rather than merely sending them. It is notable that the children who rank highest in faithfulness and attendance are from the homes where parents come to church school with them.

The Symposium

This is a Sunday evening fellowship of young people over twenty-one years of age, and includes particularly the young married couples of the church who find it difficult to tie in with the Sunday morning activities of the church school, or who feel too mature for the Senior League. For four years a group varying in numbers from 30-50 has met for supper on the last Sunday evening of the month, following which speakers brought messages of interest, and oftentimes of controversial nature, upon which the thinking of the group could be trained. The symposium has not had a record of phenomenal growth, but it has met a definite need for fellowship and for comradely discussion of mutual problems by the younger members of our church family.

The Senior League

This youth organizations dates from 1929, but is really a successor to the splendid Young People's Society which for years was the pride of old St. Paul's and which contributed many of our ablest church leaders. For a number of years the youth of the church



SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF

Front Row: William C. Walch, Superintendent; Mrs. Ed. Weismiller, Mrs. Herbert Krase, Harriet Fauth, Gertrude Walch, Lucille Reuschle, Albert Meili, Jr., Rev. E. H. Hofer.
Second Row: Mary Rocktaschel, Mrs. J. Bareis, Mrs. Wm. Lohler, Superintendent Primary Department; Carolyn Reuschle, Mrs. Arthur Koch, A. Meili, Sr., Vera Frederick.
Last Row: George Hoffman, Adolph Knoll, Mrs. Edw. Uehlin, Assistant Superintendent Beginners Department; Edward Uehlin, Assistant Superintendent; Herbert Krase. (Several members were unable to be present.)

was organized within the Sunday School as youth classes. The League was organized to create an opportunity for church youth to meet on Sunday nights as well as for social fellowship on several evenings of the month. The second Sunday and the third Monday evenings are Senior League nights at the church. Topics for discussion are taken from the Evangelical Tidings or are set up by the executive committee at the beginning of each year as a model to be followed by the devotional and social committees. Young people from 17 to 21 years predominate in this organization.

The Junior League

For a long time it was felt that an effort should be made to conserve the comradeship of the confirmation classes in some organized way. The Junior League was the answer. Organized in the 75th anniversary year it conducted its first meeting on Sept. 8 electing a slate of officers. It includes all church youth from 13 to 17 years, and will meet on the first and third Sundays as well as on the first Friday of every month. Sixteen members signed the first roll-call and became charter members. In matters of organization and program it is modelled closely after the Senior League.

The Boy Scouts

St. Paul's had a troop of scouts since the church was built in the new location. Difficulty has never been experienced in getting a fine group of boys into the troop, but to provide for dependable and capable leadership has never been easy. The turnover in scoutmasters has been almost as great as among the scout membership itself. For more than a year John Bareis and a sponsoring committee of the Brotherhood has been heading up Troop 9 with very satisfactory results. To assist in building the character of the boys of our church is a challenge that the Scout movement ably shares with other organizations of our church.



SOME OF THE OFFICERS OF ORGANIZATIONS

Front Rows: Mrs. F. Vogel, Secretary of Altar Society; Mrs. Ed. Weismiller, Secretary of Deaconesses; Mrs. Jennie Stoehr, Social Welfare Committee; Mrs. R. Lotz, Chairman Guild 2; Mrs. H. Groth, President Altar Society; Florence Krase, Willing Workers Class; Mrs. H. Krase, Financial Secretary A. S.; Mrs. A. Chard, Chairman Deaconesses; Mrs. J. Eckert, Treasurer A. S.;
Back Rows: H. Groth, President Brotherhood; A. Koch, Treasurer Brotherhood; M. Shepard, Secretary Brotherhood; Lucille Reuschle, President Symposium; Mrs. J. Bareis, Chairman Guild 1; Mrs. E. Gommenginger, Willing Workers; Mrs. Sophie Lemon, Citizenship Committee; H. Howelsen, Sexton; Wm. Krase, Patriarch of Old Timers Club.

Titbits from the Family Scrap-Book

DID YOU KNOW?

That Henry Betz, our organist and choirmaster, began his ministry of music under Rev. Wm. Baur in 1901, and has served uninterruptedly since, missing not so much as a Sunday on account of illness.

That Rudolph Zander served about 47 years, and William Krase 40 years in St. Paul's choir, and that these anniversaries were celebrated in 1931. Emma Bornkessel was Altar Society president for 40 years and was the first person to be buried from the new church in 1922, the week before its dedication.

That the third pastor, Rev. Heinle, was long known among the children of the church as "Shoo-Fly" Heinle by reason of the long coat-tails that flapped in the wind like fly-swatters when he rode his bicycle on pastoral visits.

That the late "Flo" Ziegfeld of "Follies" fame, attended St. Paul's German school on Fitzhugh Street when a boy, his father being the teacher and organist in the church. Mrs. Jacob Kern relates incidents of those days and wonders with the rest of us whether his inspiration for glorifying the American Girl may not have come from the fair damsels of St. Paul's.

That William Krase, patriarch of the Old Timers Club, was once such an enthusiastic base-ball player that he dove head-first into a mudpuddle trying to field a fly at a choir picnic.

That the site now occupied by our new church was once a farmhouse in the center of an orchard, and that this home served as a parish house and parsonage until it was razed in 1922. Rats from the nearby Genesee River gorge had nested themselves in the basement. Part of one council session was devoted to shooting the rodents as they came out of their holes. After the demolition of the house, rats sought a home sweet home elsewhere, including the upholstery of a car in a neighboring garage, whose owner threatened the church for recovery of damages, declaring that church rats had done the dirt.

That there was a Mausnest family among the founders of St. Paul.

That the annual Sunday School picnic at Sea Breeze, or Charlotte, used to necessitate the chartering of street cars, and that men laid off from work for this outstanding social event in the life of the church. The 1937 picnic on a Sunday afternoon and evening resulted in a larger participation than that of many years.

That the pigeon coop of the Louis Schaeffer home at 2080 St. Paul Street was turned into a jail for culprits convicted of stealing a watch (and \$1—\$2.50 was required to bail out) when the Brotherhood conducted a very successful sausage roast there. Later it was discovered that the policeman had planted the same watch in many pockets. The "thieves" enriched the treasury by many dollars through payment of their fines.

That a "Farewell to Freedom" party was given by Pastor Hoefer to the members of the men's groups of the church, prior to his marriage to Miss Thekla Stoll of Lincoln, Illinois, on June 30, 1931. The ladies did the cooking! No celebrating benedict was poisoned!

That "Specs" Toporcer and "Rip" Collins of baseball fame, were speakers at a Brotherhood meeting.

That the Hoffmeier and Pommerening families tied for honors for the largest Family Group on one Family Sunday, and that the Kulp, Kern, Krautwurst and Eckert families almost filled the church on another Family Day.

That when movies of many of our older members were taken at the 70th anniversary, one little lady objected with, "Do you think I want to be seen jumping around after I am dead?"

That for just one night the Old German School was resurrected during the 70th anniversary celebrations at which time the Old Timers Club was founded. Albert Meili, Sr. was "Herr Lehrer." Fred Reuschle the "Ungezogener Bengel." Emma Pagels and William Oslager quarreled about the teacher's apple. Ida Pagels wrote the script and planned the "school".

That when the chapel was moved from Northview to Norton Street, it became marooned on Jewel Street, blocking the street for a Sunday, almost creating a political battle between the church council and the street commissioner, who thought William Walch, council president, ought to get it off the street even if he had to push it himself.

That the organ motor and blower became so noisy that their removal into the basement was determined upon. With the pastor and elder Knoll leading with pick and shovel, a hole was dug under the chancel, cemented in, and now all is quiet on the organ front.

That Dr. Shaw of Brick Church would not believe the complaint of our council concerning the depositing of bottles, once containers of a frowned on beverage, by dwellers in Brick Church Institute, until a basket of empties was hoisted down in his presence.

That St. Paul's Chapel nearly went up in smoke one Sunday morning due to failure of the gas heaters.

That Mrs. Barbara Thiem Krautwurst was confirmed in 1868 by Rev. Hoffman, and William Volz, Martha Pfeiffer and Christine Danzer were confirmed in 1871. These four are the oldest members of St. Paul's, counting years of membership.

INDEX OF CHURCH PRESIDENTS

1862-1865 Rev. J. Ph. Conrad†	1919-1923 Adolph Fauth
1865-1869 John G. Hart†	1924-1928 Wm. C. Walch
1869-1871 Michael Stoltz†	1928-1929 Albert Meili, Sr.
1872-1874 Fred. Stetzenmeyer†	1930-1932 Howard M. Finch
1872-1894 John Adam Schake†	1933-1934 Wm. Oslager†
1895-1899 Rudolph Johnson†	1935 Albert Meili, Sr.
1899-1915 Joachim Pagels†	1936-1937 John Bareis
1915-1918 William C. Walch	†Deceased.

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Ralph Boss, Financial Secretary of the
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It would be impossible to name everyone to whom our beloved church is grateful for services rendered, for gifts given, for their presence and their prayers. God knoweth the work that is done in His spirit, and He will repay. The committees that were assigned definite responsibilities in connection with a worthy celebration of the church's birthday deserve unstinted praise. The Church Council under the leadership of John Bareis; the Trustees, who, by giving much time and effort made the renovation of the new parsonage an achievement of the anniversary year; the Banquet Committees under the direction of Albert Meili, Jr., Mrs. Rudolph Lutz, Mrs. Arthur Koch, and Mrs. Rudolph Kolb; the Anniversary Book to which Miss Ida Pagels gave so much time and research; the Anniversary Offering Committee working with Ralph Boss and Edward Uehlin; the Publicity Committee and the Old Timers, the Patriarch Wm. Krase, Nobles and Squires, the members of the Anniversary Chorus and of the church who supported every anniversary enterprise, to the Altar Society for its large gift, to the Sunday School and all organizations that shared in the joyous celebration—to one and all, our sincerest thanks. God bless you for it!

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The newspapers gave us much publicity, thus enabling our neighbors and friends to be aware of the services through which we celebrated. Visiting ministers, our sister congregations, numerous pastors and church-folk who congratulated the church on the passing of the 75th milestone are also deserving of every appreciation.

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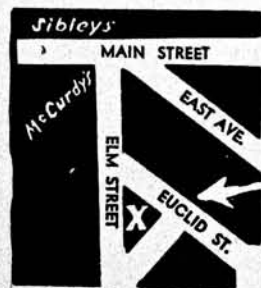
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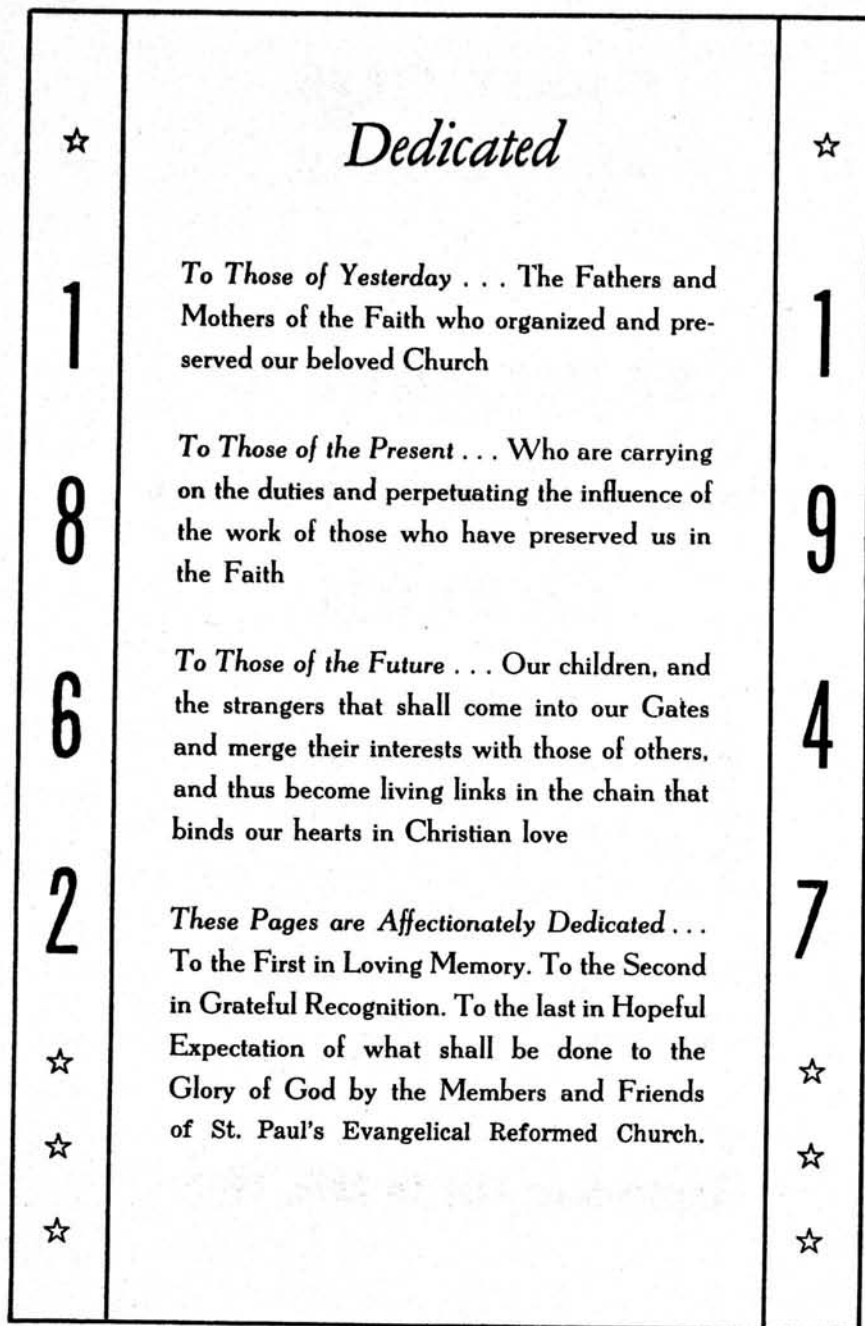
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"HISTORICAL SKETCH"

It is not our purpose at this time to bring you a comprehensive history of our Saint Paul's Church, but merely to touch upon some of the high spots in the 85 years of our existence as a Christian congregation for the sake of refreshing the memories of members of long standing, and to familiarize more recent members with the history of our church. As compared to the endless eternity of God, or even to the era of Christian history, 85 years is but a brief period of time, yet it has been long enough to prove and test the fiber and faith of which our church is composed. Built upon a solid foundation of faith in the living Christ, it, by the grace and mercy of God, has been able to weather all storms, and supported by the loyalty of its membership has been enabled to carry on its Christian mission in the community and in the world at large. Not unto ourselves, but unto God, do we give all honor, praise and glory.

It was in the year 1862 that Saint Paul's Church came into being. A group of Evangelical Christians together with their pastor, branching off from Trinity Church, met on the evening of February 18, 1862, and laid the foundation of a new congregation, adopting the name "The German United Saint Paul's Church." The enthusiasm for the new church ran high, a lot was immediately purchased on Fitzhugh Street, near Main, and there several months later, on September 21, 1862, the first church building was dedicated to the glory of God. For sixty years this building served as a church home to the hundreds who were baptized, confirmed and married before its altar. It still remains standing on its old location and is known as Carpenters Hall.

The records reveal to us a rapid growth under consecrated leadership in those early years. A parochial school was also established and served the children of the church, finally being discontinued after 31 years of existence in 1893. Ten years after its founding, Saint Paul's officially joined the Evangelical Synod and to this day maintains a record of loyal support to the Denominational program.

With the growth of the congregation it became necessary to add an educational building to the church, to provide facilities for the Sunday School and for the flourishing organizations of the church. This was done in 1906 and at the time we note that the Young People's Society alone had a membership of 150. A few years later a new Stier organ was purchased at a cost of \$4,500.00 and this instrument, with several added stops, still serves us in our worship today. Likewise the 2,000 pound bell, purchased at the turn of the century, still peals forth the hour of worship from our church tower.

Shortly before the First World War, the congregation began to face problems that retarded the growth of the church. Financial problems had been ever present, but now added thereto, we find that many of the youth were drifting to English-speaking churches, also with the growth of the city, the downtown location began to be a handicap, and the church leaders began to feel the necessity of relocation if the church were to survive as a vigorous body of Christ. This momentous decision was arrived at in 1916 and a branch church in a portable chapel was started on Northview Terrace, but had to be moved a little later to our present church site, where a number of lots had previously been purchased.

Eventually the old church on Fitzhugh Street was sold for \$40,000, a building campaign was launched, plans were prepared and after some delay on June 17, 1923, this present church home of Saint Paul's was dedicated at a cost of approximately \$90,000. Also a home for the pastor was purchased on Saranac Street, but this was later sold to acquire the present parsonage on Navarre Road. Under consecrated and able leadership, Saint Paul's once again settled down to its task. New members came into the church, and the heavy burden of debt, extending over many years, was completely wiped out in 1942. Today Saint Paul's Church is a well established congregation of more than 600 contributing members, with a property valuation of \$125,000.00. Over many years a spirit of loyalty and benevolence has manifested itself in our people. Generous have been the contributions to Missions and Benevolences, and the support of the local work has not suffered. As a congregation we express our gratitude to the faithful pastors and lay-people who have devoted their time, talents and energy in the work of Saint Paul's. It has not been in vain and to God be all honor and glory.

May His blessing rest on us as we continue to go forward.



Rev. Herman Koenig



Rev. Alfred Schnake



Rev. Elmer Hoefer

THE ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 10:30 A. M.

Festival Service—Rev. Hermann E. Koenig, pastor of the Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church, Chicago, Ill., preaching. Pastor Koenig served St. Paul's from 1923 to 1929.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 7:30 P. M.

Denominational Night. Evangelical and Reformed churches and pastors of Rochester will share in the service. Rev. William Walch, pastor of Calvary Evangelical and Reformed Church, Buffalo, N. Y., will be the guest preacher. Pastor Walch was ordained in our St. Paul's church in 1937.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 8 P. M.

Youth Night. Presentation of Religious Drama "The Lost Church" by the Youth Group. Speaker will be Mr. Theodore Trost, Jr., delegate to the Oslo, Norway, Conference.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 6:30 P. M.

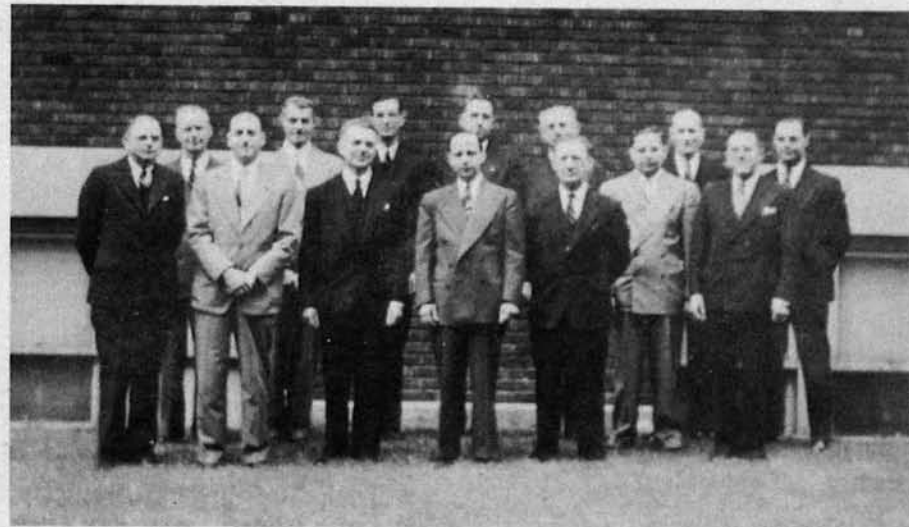
Anniversary Banquet served by our Womens Altar Guild. Brief addresses by Old Timers and Musical Presentation. Mr. Herbert Krase, Toastmaster.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 10:30 A. M.

Festival Service. Rev. Elmer H. Hoefler, pastor of the St. Peter's Evangelical and Reformed Church, in St. Louis, Mo., preaching. Pastor Hoefler served St. Paul's from 1929 to 1946. Our Rally Day in Sunday School and Church.



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Our Endowment Fund now totals \$5,274.25. The Fund is safely invested and the interest earnings are used in the continuing support of our church program.

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OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL—Our records reveal to us that classes in Bible Study were conducted on Sunday afternoons shortly after the founding of the church. In 1895 with the discontinuance of the Parochial School, we find that a regular Sunday Bible School was organized, and conducted prior to the Worship Service on Sunday mornings. To this day we consider the Bible teaching in our Sunday School of paramount importance, and is the only opportunity that children of many parents have in religious instruction. Today a splendid teaching staff of 27 officers and teachers give of their time and energy in carrying on the work of our school as it serves an enrollment of nearly 200. Our classes reach out to all age groups from four to ninety-four. In addition there is a Cradle Roll of 55, and this should indicate a growing school in the future.

WOMENS ALTAR GUILD—This womens organization in our church, numbering some 95 members, carries on a long tradition of faithfulness and service in the work of the church, going back to the date of the organization of the Altar Society in 1866. It has helped the church ride through many stormy financial seas, by their timely and generous contributions, and even now again they stand at the forefront of givers with their contribution of \$850.00 to our Anniversary Fund. It is an honor for every woman of the church to hold active membership in this Womens Guild.

OUR ANNIVERSARY FUND—We express our sincere gratitude to all who have supported us in our campaign for \$8,500.00 for the general renovation and improvement of our church property. At this writing all the basement rooms have been freshly painted and new lights have been installed. The major task of renovating our Church Sanctuary will be done as soon as satisfactory contracts can be received. We are hopeful that by the end of our celebration our goal will have been attained.

Our RECORDS reveal to us the following official entries by the pastors of St. Paul's. Baptisms, 3,130; Confirmations, 1,638; Weddings, 1,035; Funerals, 1,630. We would give special mention to our two oldest members William Volz and Christine Danzer, who were confirmed in St. Paul's in 1871.

In the past year our congregation contributed \$3,635.27 for Missions and Benevolence.

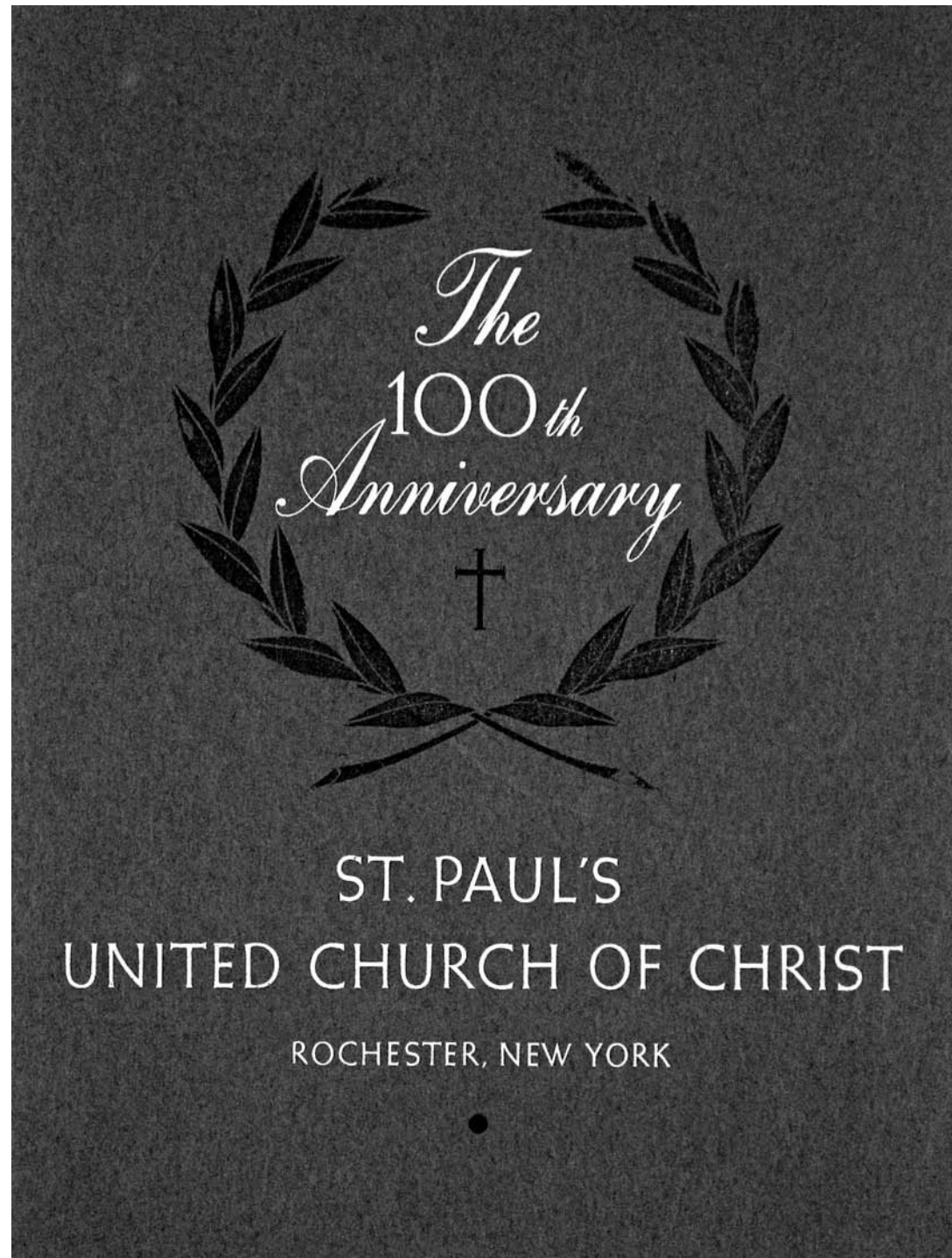
It Isn't the Church, It's You!

*It isn't the preacher's flowery prayer,
Or the way the choir sings,
Or the size of the coin your neighbor gives,
Or the help your brother brings.
It isn't the size of your favorite church,
Or the cost of your favorite pew,
Or the style of the clothes the members wear;
For it isn't the church, it's you.*

*It isn't the way the work is done,
Or the way the money's spent,
Or whether the gospel's all brought in,
Or whether there's some that's sent.
It isn't the kind of creed they love,
Or peculiar things they do,
Or whether the doctrine suits your taste;
For it isn't the church, it's you.*

*For a chain's as strong as its weakest link,
And it breaks with a heavy load,
But a church that's full of the links that pull
Can level the roughest road.
If you get in tune with the Master's will,
With your heart and your labors, too,
You will love your church, though it has its faults,
For it isn't the church, it's you.*

—R. R. Newberry.



THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY MEMENTO
ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



1862 - 1962

*Built on the Rock the Church doth stand,
Even when steeples are falling;
Crumbled have spires in every land,
Bells still are chiming and calling,
Calling the young and old to rest,
But above all the soul distressed,
Longing for rest everlasting.*

*Surely in temples made with hands,
God, the Most High, is not dwelling;
High above earth His temple stands,
All earthly temples excelling.
Yet He whom heavens cannot contain
Chose to abide on earth with men,
Built in our bodies His temple.*

*Now we may gather with our King
E'en in the lowliest dwelling;
Praises to Him we there may bring,
His wondrous mercy forthtelling.
Jesus his grace to us accords;
Spirit and life are all his words;
His truth doth hallow the temple.*

—Nicolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783-1872



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*Let nothing disturb thee,
Nothing affright thee;
All things are passing;
God never changeth;
Patient endurance
Attaineth to all things;
Who God possesseth
In nothing is wanting;
Alone God sufficeth.*

*Saint Theresa of Spain,
16th Century Mystic*



The Fitzhugh Street Church, 1862-1919

The Norton and Jewel Street Church, Dedicated June 17, 1923



WHAT SHALL A HISTORY TELL?

THE ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY MEMENTO should be an historical document. The fact that it is intended to recall the history of a Church suggests that it ought to be prepared and used as religious publications are used. Perhaps the Bible in this instance, as in so many others, should be our guide. If this is admitted we can write history by recording the wars that have taken place during the period covered by the text. The wars of the people of Israel with Pharaoh, their wars with men such as Amalek, their wars amongst themselves: such as Moses' dispute with Aaron over the making of the golden calf, indicate how much of the history of God's chosen people was concerned with wars. However, were we to pattern after the New Testament, and the teachings of our Lord, we would have to write a history with emphasis on reconciliations: the Prodigal Son and the Faithful Forgiving Father, the soldiers at work crucifying and the Saviour at work interceding for them, suggest the emphases that would have to be made.

Another type of history, based on Biblical precedent, that could be written, would tell of the various ways in which funds were received for religious work. In Genesis we have the rivalry between grain and animal offerings, and the rivalry between the plowman and the cowman, the farmer and the rancher, introduced into human history. We have instances of temple support by the offering of the loot of war. The tithe figures prominently in this history until we move on to a widow's mite which may have represented a fifty per cent gift, and the consummate dedication described in the words, "greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life."

History can also be written around the names of a succession of leaders.

Church history can be written around a description of the buildings used for the place of worship, or the liturgical forms used during the services themselves.

The analytically minded write histories by making charts and graphs which indicate growths and decline in membership in an organization or financial support of that institution. Ordinarily peak periods are assumed to be "golden ages," though the pious will recall that the peak of our Lord's ministry was not when five thousand were listening on the mountain slope but when he prayed

alone in Gethsemane and died the lonely death on Calvary.

Still another historical form with great merit is one that attempts to reveal what the group conceived of as its main purpose for existence at various stages of its history. The children of Israel in their prosperous days had quite a different concept of their purpose in life than when they were in Babylonian captivity.

The Editor will attempt some admittedly sketchy intertwined histories of St. Paul's based on these historical types suggested above; however, inasmuch as certain documents still extant in our congregation's archives are at direct variance with recollections submitted to us in writing for this booklet I would warn you in advance that generous allowances must be made for individual interpretation. To be specific, our official church historian says about the ending of one pastorate, "In a critical exigency . . . submitted his resignation." The Pastor wrote, forty years later, of "unworthy attacks" on his name and action which led to, "dismissing him and thereby besmirching his character." Or, to cite another example, one son of the church wrote, in commenting on the pastoral leadership, "there were times when the players forgot their lines." A former Pastor wrote, in commenting on lay activity, "I do hope however that these men under the leadership of the chronic troublemaker, ———, will not repeat their evil deeds."

In short, this history now being written is not an attempt to defend one side or the other but is an attempt to report honestly on what has happened in the past so that the future may not be undertaken without profiting from past failures and successes. At times some who were involved in the historical events presented may need to forgive and make amends to the extent that this is still possible. In all events, just as the giant oak reveals internally its years of stress and strain, and externally witnesses to the directions of the prevailing winds and the weight of the snow and ice of winter, so the Church of today, internally and externally, reveals the right and the wrong actions of former years. The historical editor who recounts only the favorable and glances over the problems of the past, lays no sound foundations for the future.



OUR WORSHIP CENTER, FEBRUARY 18, 1962. This date marked the Anniversary of the actual founding of the congregation. It is believed that the Communion tankard and chalice pictured are the original sacramental vessels. They have recently been restored after having been found dented, tarnished black and apparently forgotten for many years.



ACOLYTES. Front row, left to right: Robert Haupt, Susan Bopp, Diane Bopp, Richard Bopp. Back row: Wayne Fox, Thomas Kohl, George Haupt.

CHRONOLOGICAL HIGHLIGHTS OF ST. PAUL'S HISTORY

As Editor of the 100th Anniversary Memento, I have carefully read all of the old German records available for study, as well as the Anniversary Booklets that have been published upon several occasions. There are discrepancies in these old documents as to dates, sums of money, spelling of names. I have used, in each instance, the oldest source materials as authoritative.

The monumental history of the church prepared by Ida S. Pagels, covering the years from 1862 to 1942 has been of inestimable help in preparing many of the previously published Anniversary Booklets, as well as this one. From a scholarly point of view one does need to note however that the Pagels volume is written from a subjective point of view, and that the writer's own enthusiasm for programs and people involved in the promotion of them is clearly evident. By the same token it is safe to say that the concerns of any who may have opposed such persons and programs is minimized in this history. The extant historical records, and in some instances the present recollections of folk who were involved in making the history of St. Paul's church are at variance with the written record.

The present Editor hastens to point out that he, like Miss Pagels, also writes from his prejudiced point of view in spite of his desire to be quite objective. The items he has lifted from the records to be included in this volume may or may not be of abiding significance so far as the Kingdom of our Lord is concerned; however, to the extent that they reflect what appears to have been the major concern of the congregation at any given time in her history they are valid bits of information.

I would remind you that a truly helpful history of the church's first century of life would require that an Editor have access to many more documents than are available to him. A plea was made for the loan of all old Church publications but brought little response therefore much of significance is left unrecorded in this volume. To be specific: we do not have a complete file of the old St. Paul's Bote, St. Paul's Herald or the weekly Newsletters of more recent years. A careful study of the oldest Church records by someone who can

read German script might yield all sorts of information that would interest us today, but such a reading unfortunately could not be made during the time this volume was being prepared.

A word of apology. I sincerely wanted to mention in the following sequence as many names as possible, especially those of folk whose descendants are still active in our midst, but we are limited in the number of pages we can afford to have printed and therefore I had to desist. The present volume will have many pictures, all with identifications of folk on same, so that decades from now you may reminisce with less puzzlement as to identification of your contemporary fellow-members.

1862

February 18th, the first Minutes of the DEUTSCHE VEREINIGTE EVANGELISCHE ST. PAUL'S KIRCHE, the German United St. Paul's Church, indicate that a lot at 113 N. Fitzhugh Street was purchased at a cost of \$4,500, as a location for a church.

April 21st, the Cornerstone was laid.

September 21st, The Church was dedicated. It had cost \$3,490.00. It was one short block away from Trinity Evangelical Church on Allen Street from which Pastor J. Phillip Conradi and the charter members of St. Paul's had broken away in strife and animosity.

During the months their building was being erected the folk of St. Paul's worshipped in the old Trinity Presbyterian and Westminster Presbyterian Churches, the first on Allen Street, the latter on West Avenue.

That original structure was to be the one to serve as a setting for more than 3,000 sermons, and the church home for the congregation until 1919.

1865

Three years and eight months after the first congregational meeting was held in which Pastor Conradi was elected President, the then assembled congregation voted on whether or not Pastor Conradi was to be retained as Pastor. Fifty votes favored his leaving, three favored his staying. He left.



THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR CONFIRMATION CLASS. Front row, left to right: William Galski, Stanley Galski, Pastor Berges, Jeremy Geschwind, Donal Koeplin, Dennis Zimmer. Back row: Sharyl Welsh, Clare Doty, Richard Thrash, Barry Zimmer, Robert Peath, Stephen Alderson and Linda Hoffstetter.

Pastor John Ulrich Hoffmann started his pastorate after assuring the people that he would not ask to serve as President of the Church. The constitution was accordingly revised so that no future Pastor could also serve as the chief executive officer of the church. Pastor Hoffmann had not agreed to live peaceably with the parochial school teacher, and did not do so. An Altar Society, now known as our Women's Guild, was established.

1867

The first mention is made in the Minutes of a Sunday School, so apparently one was started during this year to supplement the work of the parochial school.

1869

In reference to Pastor Hoffmann the Minutes say quite to the point, "His resignation was accepted without hesitation."

Pastor Frederick Heinle began a four year pastorate at St. Paul's. His first emphatic decision was that the distribution of strong drinks at the church fairs be discontinued, and that there be orderly conduct at all Church social functions. In his first year he also announced that the cantankerous members were free to leave the church membership. Expulsion of difficult members became necessary because such folk did not heed the Pastor's suggestion that they leave voluntarily. Three bells were purchased.

1872

The congregation joined the Evangelical Synod of North America and took an increasing interest in Kingdom work beyond the local church. Difficulties in the church led the Pastor to ask for a two week furlough. He never returned.

1873

Pastor August Grotrian began a ten year pastorate as the fourth Pastor of the eleven year old congregation. Minutes indicate that late comers to Services found no pew space.

1883

There was much dissension in the church. An accident befell the Pastor which necessitated his resigning from the pulpit. The Minutes indicate that the accident saved the congregation the inconvenience of dismissing this 19th Century Chrysostom.

1883

Pastor Albert Zeller became the minister. A debt of \$8,000 bothered the people and Pastor.

1885

A Men's Society was formed. Frederick Reuschle, Sr., was the first president.

1887

Pastor Zeller's son, Paul, was ordained to the Christian ministry, thus becoming the first son of the church to be ordained within the congregation. The Silberne Jubiläum, the Silver Jubilee, was observed.

1893

The Parochial School was discontinued.

1894

A question was put to the Congregational meeting, "Shall Rev. Zeller remain or not? There is no longer peace in our congregation!" The Pastor resigned. In this instance, as in all previous similar episodes in the life of the Church, it was taken for granted that all the fault was with the minister, none with the congregation.

Pastor William Baur, former assistant at Salem Church, Rochester, was installed as Pastor. This man required attendance at all meetings of Church School teachers, forbade money-making projects, insisted on increased benevolence giving. Mr. Adam Schake died. He had served as President of the Church from 1870.

1895

The vestibule of the church was remodeled and enlarged. New art glass windows were installed.

1896

January 19th, St. Paul's Bote was born. This printed parish publication enabled the Pastor to have an additional tool with which to do educational work with the aged, the ill and the indifferent.

1899

January 23rd, a bell was ordered from Meneely Bell Foundry, Troy, New York. It was to weigh 2,000 pounds, and the mountings for same another 1,000 pounds. The cost was \$500.00. This bell replaced the three smaller ones that had been purchased in 1869. One was sold to Christ Lutheran Church on Central Park. The new bell was to carry the inscription, "Ehre sei Gott in der Hoehe," glory to God in the highest. It was dedicated on March 13th.

For the first time in her history the congregation became debt-free.

1904

May 2nd, the resignation of Pastor Baur was sub-

mitted. For the first time in the forty-two years of her history the congregation expressed regret at a Pastor's leaving.

Pastor H. F. W. Grotefend came to Rochester from Auburn. As he got off the train in Rochester he met Baur who was taking that same train to assume his teaching work in St. Louis at Eden Seminary. Baur had taught the children of the parish German, but the new Pastor wanted them to use the language of their native land and started holding some church functions in English.

1905

Even though it was necessary to borrow funds to do so, the Pastor got the people to build a \$15,000 educational wing.

Pew rental income for six months totaled \$460.06. The Young People's group numbered 150 members.

1906

The use of weekly offering envelopes was instituted.

1907

Women were given equal rights with men in the governance of the church.

1908

New \$4,500 pipe organ dedicated on June 28th. Remodeled, it still serves us in 1962.

1909

Baur's concern for foreign missions was now to be matched with his successor's concern for Christian Social Action, possibly due to the pioneering work in that field then being done in Rochester by Professor Walter Rauschenbusch. Two lectures at the Church indicate some areas of concern: "The Perils of a Woman's Path and Her Protection," given by Miss Maria Lydia Winkler of Germany dealt with the white slave traffic; Myron T. Bly spoke on, "The Life of the Southern Mountaineers."

1910

The Pagels History contains these lines, "Fortunately for both Pastor and congregation, Rev. Grotefend received a call in November, 1910 to



THE CHURCH COUNCIL, 1962. Seated, left to right: Erna Thompson, Trustee; Pastor Carl Edward Berges; President Lucille Reuschle, the first woman ever to serve as President of the Church, and Margaret Hobin, Recording Secretary. Standing: Arnold Henn, Benevolent Treasurer; Fred Zettlemoyer, Deacon; Richard Paeth, Deacon; William Atherton, Financial Secretary; Frank Vogel, Jr., Chief Deacon; Earl Gommengenger, Vice President; Wayne Zimmer, Deacon; Ernest Prietz, Elder; Kenneth Britton, Trustee; Albert Groth, Jr., Deacon; Paul Bopp, Treasurer. Missing: Arthur Wehren, Chief Trustee; John Hickmott, Chief Elder; Rollo Hoffmeier, Deacon; Walter Schiemann, Deacon.

the Pastorate of St. Paul's German Evangelical Church in Trenton, New Jersey." He left within a month, and there is no record of a farewell reception.

1911

Frederick S. Oberkircher began his four year pastorate at St. Paul's.

One qualification for the new minister was to be

that he could preach in English.

Sunday evening Services were conducted in English. Children could choose to be confirmed in English. Two pages of the BOTE were "addicted to 'Our English Column.'"

September found a new altar and pulpit in the church.

Youth bought English Bibles for use in the Sanctuary.

1912

Six children were confirmed in English and four in German.

May 19th, 50th Anniversary FESTGOTTESDIENST was held. German was used entirely with the exception of the Choir anthems, the greetings, prayer and Benediction by Pastor Frederick Frankenfeld of Salem Church who employed the English language. Keller and Sons, florists, were paid \$50.00 for decorating the Church for that Service.

The BOTE was still predominantly German; however one column in the eight page issue of each



FORMER PRESIDENTS OF THE COUNCIL. Seated, left to right: Rudolph Kolb, Frank Vogel, John Bareis, Adolph Fauth. Standing: Carl Rexer, Nelson Alderman, Arnold Henn, Elmer Koepplin, Bertrand Bushnell.

month was printed in English, as were the advertisements.

The following advertisement appeared in the BOTE:

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THE JUDICIOUS USE OF A LITTLE Colorite WILL MAKE YOUR OLD STRAW HAT LOOK LIKE NEW.

It is easily applied and dries quickly.

It is waterproof.

Cardinal Red	Sage Green	Burnt Straw
Jet Black	Navy Blue	Brown
Natural	Velvet	

25c a bottle Main Floor, Aisle C

SIBLEY, LINDSAY & CURR CO.

August Pasch's advertisement told readers that from his yard at 75 Baden Street one could secure, "KOHLEN UND BRENNHOLZ." (To those of you not raised in the Gemixte Pickle age that means Mr. Pasch had coal and firewood to sell.)

1913

Easter Sunday. Individual Communion Glasses were used for the first time. July 26th, The Pastor married a church member, Caroline L. Braun.

1914

May 25th, the Pastor's resignation was read to the congregation.

Richard Stave, Ph.D., began his pastorate in St. Paul's Church. He had been serving Christ Church on Portland Avenue until this time.

"The homes of our children are too far removed from the Church," were this man's tocsin, and since the homes could not be brought nearer to



THE CHURCH STAFF. Secretary Ruby Kitchens, Housekeeper Katharina Demtschenko, Sexton Dimitro Demtschenko, Organist Harold Steen, Pastor Carl Edward Berges, Chorister Paul Robertson.



100TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE. Front row, left to right: Kenneth Britton, Mildred Atherton, Lucille Reuschle, Emma Hoffman, Arnold Henn. Second row: William Lohler, Ruth Alderman, Pastor Carl Edward Berges, Louise Lohler. Back row: William Atherton, Robert Newell, Earl Gommenginger, Fred Armbruster, Jr., Forest Thompson.

the church he insisted that the church be moved nearer to the homes. He could not abide the thought of the people being removed from the shadow of the steeple of their church.

1915

Mr. William Ofslager made a motion at the July 12th Congregational meeting which was seconded and passed. It read, "Resolved that the congregation, convened in its regular semi-annual meeting, has become convinced that the conditions as they have prevailed for years in our present locality preclude further satisfactory and progressive development. In able to safeguard the future of our congregation for us and our posterity the location of the church must be changed."

Giving for benevolences was reduced to about \$200.00 per year.

The President since 1899, Mr. Joachim Pagels, died on August 23rd.

September marked the time when agreement was reached on the new location at St. Paul Street and Northview Terrace.

The Temporary portable Chapel was dedicated on December 12th. Then the City Zoning Board ruled that God's work could not be done at that location in Rochester so a new site had to be agreed upon and secured.

1916

March. Norton and Jewel Street site purchased.

June. Chapel moved to Norton and Jewel Streets.

1917

January 8th, Building Committee appointed. Fifty members in attendance at the Annual Congregational meeting.

January 15th, the Young People voted to disband their organization.

March 12th, Mr. H. H. Paterson of Cleveland came to conduct a campaign for \$10,000.00. Over \$12,000.00 was pledged.

April 1st, Pew rentals discontinued. (Could that have been because there were no pews in the portable chapel?)

September 24th letter to congregation advised that War, high costs of labor and other factors would make it necessary to postpone building.

1919

Church debt as of January 1st stood at \$19,565.00.

1922

January 22nd, the Congregation voted to proceed with building the present Church. Sixty-four members made this momentous decision for a membership of several hundred. Subsequently Mr. George Leupold became the Chairman of the Building Committee.

November was the month in which the Pagels History tells us, "In a critical exigency . . . Dr. Richard Stave tendered his resignation." In the section of GREETINGS in this volume you may read Pastor Stave's divergent, or perhaps we ought to say his more specific version of that event.

1923

Hermann E. Koenig, son-in-law of Pastor Baur, became the Pastor of the Church just in time to officiate at the dedication services for the new building on June 17th. President Adolph G. Fauth unlocked the doors to admit worshippers to the new Sanctuary. Records report different amounts in reference to the cost of the building but apparently it was between \$90,000 and \$100,000.00, half of which represented the proceeds from the sale of the old church.

1924

The parsonage on Saranac Street was purchased for \$9,500.00

1925

Mr. H. Hieb, Treasurer of the Church, paid \$2,000.00 off on the parsonage debt in April, \$1,000.00 on the Church debt in July and another \$500.00 on the Parsonage, for a total of \$3,500 in the first six months of the year.

1926

Early in the year Pastor Koenig referred to the printed monthly publication, St. Paul's Herald, as "A depository for permanent records." We wish we could have found a file of those Heralds for use in preparing this volume.



ORGANIST HAROLD STEEN. In point of years of service to St. Paul's, the oldest member of the staff. He began his ministry of music with us in 1939.

Forty-three persons attended the Annual Congregational meeting.

As an economy measure, late in this year, the publication of the parish was changed to a Quarterly. October 24th was a day set aside to honor the Silver Anniversary of Mr. Henry Betz' service to St. Paul's. Miss Betty Matter sang a solo, "Thanks Be to God." A duet by Mrs. Oscar Stephany and Miss Emily Meyer, "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" was also a part of the service. Honored at the same time were Mr. Rudolph Zander, a member of the Choir for over four decades, and Mr. William F. Krase, a choir member for over three decades. Both of these men had been on the committee that recommended Professor Betz for the position.

1927

The 65th Anniversary year, with Mr. Albert Meili, Sr. as General Chairman for planning the events to be held between September 11th to 18th.

One hundred and seventy new members had been received into the Church since the new building was dedicated.

Miss Lucille Reuschle was singled out in the parish publication for "conspicuous service" to the Vacation Bible School.

The Anniversary booklet carried advertisements, one of which was placed by the Rochester Gas and Electric Company. In it readers were informed of the availability of "Servel Electric Refrigeration—Fits Your Own Ice Box."

Pastor Koenig returned from his vacation to submit his resignation. The longest paragraph in this document which forms a part of the Pagels History reads in part, "When we came to our present charge we agreed that the finances of the church were to be raised through free-will contributions from members and friends. Whether the congregation as a whole was fully aware of this at the time I do not know. Be that as it may, the fact remains that some actively interested Church workers have advocated the introduction of methods of raising funds which I cannot approve." He went on to suggest that his successor be fully informed of these problems before he be asked to come to St. Paul's.

1929

March 3rd was the date of Pastor Elmer Henry Hoefer's first sermon in St. Paul's as resident pastor.

Eighty-six youngsters attended the Vacation Bible School; an average of two-hundred and twenty-five children attended Sunday Church School each week.

1930

Two hundred new Hymnals were dedicated. St. Paul's Chronicle, apparently the successor to the Herald, reported a membership of seven-hundred and fifty, with four-hundred of this number contributing.

The year-end deficit amounted to \$1,732.22.

1931

Attendance contests were in vogue. One parish document reports, "The Hoffmeier and Pommerening families tied for honors, as they represented the largest groups present."

1932

The Seventieth Anniversary was observed from September 25th through October 2nd. A Perpetual Membership was established. Mr. William Krase participated in the dedication of the Bronze plaque



THE SENIOR CHOIR. Front row, left to right: Nance Newell, Paul Robertson, Edna Schwartz. Middle row: Edith Gebhardt, Harold Steen, Janet Bopp. Back row: Arnold Henn, Florence Kelley, Dorothy Bopp, Kenneth Britton.

which is still in the Sanctuary, and upon which the names of Perpetual Members are placed.

A decline in the average attendance of the Sunday Church School was noticed this year. The average attendance at Morning Worship Services was given as two-hundred and sixty-two.

1933

A Mr. Kreck gave the bronze Lord's Supper plaque which Mr. Arthur Koch framed in our present altar.

1934

"The Sunday School devoted the entire session to Rev. Hoefer's honor. Addresses were made by Mr.

Meili, Sr., Mr. Fauth and Mr. Walch. Miss Laura Hoefer, sister of the Pastor, read the scripture. Miss Lucille Reuschle . . . presented Rev. Hoefer with a purse." The occasion was the fifth anniversary of Mr. Hoefer's coming to St. Paul's.

1935

Penny-A-Meal banks yielded over \$400.00 for debt reduction.

Charles Gruppe presented the Church one of his oil seascapes in memory of his Aunt, Mrs. Emma Bornkessel. Mrs. Bornkessel had served as President of the Altar Society for forty-four years, was an enthusiastic advocate of a new building, and died just before the structure was dedicated. As a matter of fact she was buried from the Church on the Saturday before it was dedicated. At eighty-nine years of age she was still looking to the good NEW DAYS ahead for her church.

1936

The Church publication acknowledged with pride



THE YOUTH CHOIR. First row, left to right: Judy Bushnell, Bob Peath, Alan Bushnell, Jerry Geschwind, David Story, Roxanne Bopp. Second row: Sandy Tylock, Darlene Townsend, Betty Haupt, Susan Story, Susan Bopp. Back row: Linda Hofstetter, Lynne Mason, Dennis Zimmer, Florence Kelley, Directress; Barry Zimmer, Sharyl Welsh, Diane Bopp.

that Pastor Hoefer's name was in Volume Two of a book entitled, *AMERICA'S YOUNG MEN*, and claimed by the publishers of same to be a Who's Who for men under forty-five years of age. Fred Keller's will left a sum of \$1,000.00 to St. Paul's.

1937

William Walch was Ordained as the second son of St. Paul's to enter the ministry. This was the Diamond Jubilee Year. Albert Meili, Jr. was the General Chairman, Mrs. R. Kolb was in charge of ticket sales, Mrs. A. Koch of the Dining Room and Mrs. R. Lutz of the kitchen.

Philip Fischer's will left \$10,000.00 to St. Paul's Church. 26 Navarre Road became the new parsonage address.

1938

Professor Henry Betz, Organist-Director for thirty-eight years, resigned. William Volz, the Church's oldest member in years of membership, represented the congregation at denominational meetings.

1939

Harold Steen became the Organist. Pastor Hoefer was given a chair for his study and an electric shaver on the occasion of his Tenth Anniversary at St. Paul's. Death claimed three of the true patriarchs of the parish: William F. Krase, Henry Betz and Jacob Kern. Three hundred new Hymnals were dedicated.



CHURCH SCHOOL WORKERS. Seated, left to right: Carol Britton, Grace Bereza, Edna Schwartz, Linda Heck, Mary Vogel, Lois Groth, Agnes Groth, Dorothy Harrigan. Standing: Helen Britton, Helen Zettlemoyer, Lillian Berges, Ruby Kitchens, Elaine Alderson, Lillian Howorth. Back row: Lucille Reuschle, John Schwartz, Pastor Carl Edward Berges, Albert Meili.

1940

The Jacob and Lena Kern Singing Tower was dedicated.

1941

YEARBOOKS were inaugurated. For many years these documents published to the cent what each member gave to the Church.

1942

The indebtedness was wiped out. Forty youth from the Church were in military

activity.

The average attendance at Morning Services totaled one-hundred and ninety-seven.

1946

Pastor Hoefer resigned, thus bringing to a close what many members still living refer to as the **GOLDEN AGE** and **THE GOOD OLD DAYS** of St. Paul's. As far back as 1937 Pastor Hoefer had written, "The plan of making it easy to become a member, but difficult to remain one, has resulted in considerable numbers falling away from the church again." The continued employment of many, many non-Biblical methods of securing support for the Church during the years of his pastorate even after the bold protest his predecessor had made against such schemes left at least the problem of developing genuine Christian Stewardship as a challenge to his successors. Certainly no pastor since Hoefer has even attempted as many glamorous and varied activities as he employed so successfully in his attempts to make St. Paul's the kind of



THE DEACONESSES, OR PARISH VISITORS. Front row, left to right: Rato Pasch, Alma Judd, Florence Bukowski, Mildred Atherton. Standing: Marion Rohr, Elsa Kilian, Janet Fauth, Lillian Howorth, Eleanor Richter.

a church he thought she should be. September 8th was the date of the Installation Service for Pastor Alfred G. Schnake, the only one of St. Paul's many Pastors to leave this congregation by way of death.

1947

The Eighty-fifth Anniversary was observed from September 21st through the 28th. Frank Vogel, Sr. was the General Chairman. Basement rooms were all redecorated for this observance. Parish reports claimed six-hundred members for the parish.

1948

The Congregation marked the Silver Anniversary of Pastor Schnake's Ordination.

1949

The final tabulation of the proceeds from the 85th Anniversary project revealed that 386 pledges totaled \$7,158.34 and all but \$267.30 of that amount had been paid. February 5th, in Cleveland, a vote was taken to merge the Congregational-Christian and Evangelical and Reformed denominations.

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1952

The Ninetieth Anniversary was celebrated. The communicant membership was listed at six-hundred and thirty.

1953

August 2nd was the Ordination day for St. Paul's third son to enter the ministry, Donald Carl Vogel.

1955

July 12th was the date of Pastor Schnake's death. The quiet, faithful pastoral work of this servant of God is memorialized in the Communion Service ware now being used by the congregation. October 31st, 3:15 A.M. An arsonist's action resulted in fire damage to the church which totaled \$56,659.89 according to the final insurance adjustment. Before the building was fully restored the congregation had paid \$66,194.44 for repairs and replacements. President Arnold Henn gave countless hours to supervising the reconstruction of the building. By the Sunday following the fire Services could again be held in the Sanctuary, and by the following Easter the Church School portion of the building had been re-dedicated.

1956

April 29th was the Sunday on which Fred J. Ochs became the Pastor of St. Paul's.

1957

The Ninety-fifth Anniversary of the founding of the Church was observed on November 17th. The Ordinary of Worship for that Service carried on its first page a dedication which very well describes the direction of Pastor Och's ministry: "TO THOSE OF TOMORROW, our youth and children, whose sacred duty it will be to strengthen the church's foundation, to enlarge its (sic) vision, and to spread the spirit of Christ to new fields of endeavor."

1960

The Dewey Avenue Church was merged with St. Paul's Church. Pastor Ochs resigned. Pastor Berges began his ministry in St. Paul's.

THE FUTURE OF OUR CHURCH

The major portion of this volume is given over to things of the past. The past is always an interesting and valid concern if we look to it to learn from it and not in the hope of recapturing or imitating it. We cannot change the past but what the future will be depends on us. Saint Paul, patron Saint of this parish, admonished folk to forget the past and press onward to the tasks that are still before them. We would do well to honor him by following his instruction as well as by bearing his name.

Certainly there are elements of strength and weakness in our past. We started because of a church fight, and many of our former pastors have left because of such episodes. Money has been a continuing source of trouble in the life of the congregation, and this because Fairs, Circuses, Card Parties, Sauerkraut Suppers, Rummage Sales, Home-made Noodle Sales, Pew Rentals, Sausage Roasts, Towel and Apron Showers, Pillowcase and Variety Showers and scores of other schemes for making money available to the Church are not motivated by the same love that prompted the Widow to give her mite or the Old Testament pious to give their tithes. It is as simple as that. And it is as difficult as that. Mr. George Eastman, founder of the Kodak Company, did us a great service when years ago he told our people that he would give them not one cent toward the cost of their new Church for only people who loved a church enough to give adequately for the church's support could do the work Christians are called upon to do. We still have to learn the lesson he tried to teach us.

The other side of that coin is the fact that down through the decades an increasing number of our members have come to count giving as a blessing and not as an inconvenient obligation. May more of us be touched with such love of God, His Church, and the world's needy—and soon. In a city that boasts the highest average per capita income in the United States, church giving averages should not be much lower here than they are elsewhere, yet such is the fact.

When the present Pastor was interviewed by the Pulpit Committee he gathered the impression that a building remodeling program was greatly needed and desired and that adequate funds for such work

were all but at hand. Since our arrival here we had first of all to replace funds that had been borrowed from the Endowment Fund, secondly to realize that proceeds from the sale of the Dewey Avenue property were only a small percentage of the figure that had been anticipated, and that opposition to almost any real remodeling program had a good measure of its inception in the utterances of folk who had been in on the interviews in which remodeling was presented as something intensely desired by the folk of St. Paul's.

During this centennial year rather large groups of folk gathered week after week to view movies of former confirmation classes and various Services of earlier years; however, no one so far as I know thought it desirable or necessary to take movies of the Centennial Confirmation Class and present events. To me, rightly or wrongly, this says that we care less about the present and the future than we do for the past. If this should truly be the case there can be no future for St. Paul's Church.

I also have misgivings over the fact that after our arrival here I first learned of the dreams that former pastors had for relocating the church. Their dreams were based on the sociological changes in the city, epitomized by the fact that an Orthodox Jewish Temple has been dedicated within a block of our Church and we therefore cannot expect to grow in this situation. Many of our members live ten and fifteen miles away from the Church, and less than half of them live within a reasonable walking distance. This makes youth work next to impossible. For these reasons Pastors Hoefler and Schnake in their days here talked about the advisability of relocation. Our only alternative is to drastically change our program and outreach. We could do a good Christian work if we were ready to minister to negroes, Puerto Ricans and Jewish children by way of opening our buildings to them to use as Scout meeting places, for dances and craft work.

Although our membership now is far below the peak reached years ago our average attendance at Morning Worship Services is considerably higher than it was in those days of larger memberships. These dear and loyal people need the church. Many

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OFFICERS OF THE WOMEN'S GUILD. Seated, left to right: Rato Pasch, Emma Hoffman, Alma Judd, Clara Maier. Standing: Elsa Kilian, Ruth Gross, Mildred Atherton, Ruth Alderman, Helen Tylock.

of them are retired and some are quite aged. In a way we would forsake them if we relocated. Thus we have the dilemma shared by most other churches located in the inner city. What is God's will for us? This is the real question. We have taken a step in the direction of finding the answer to that question. A community survey will be made this fall. The results of that survey should tell us how many people we can hope to minister to, and in what ways.

Our people voted in 1961 to remain at the present location. Most proceeds of our 100th Anniversary Goal of \$15,000.00, of which only slightly more than \$10,000.00 has been pledged, will be used for building repairs and redecorations.

In 1927 Pastor Koenig wrote of "the checkered career of the congregation." In 1962 when I refer to some of the shortcomings of the past I, like him, desire only to be honest and to point out our weaknesses in order that we may move on to greater strengths. I firmly believe that out of regular attendance at Worship Services will come all needful changes in habits of giving, planning, acting so that St. Paul's of the second century may do even greater things for Christ's Kingdom on earth than she

attempted in the first century of her service.

No attempt has been made to evaluate the breadth or depth of Christian love that this Church has made available to her members and friends. Surely only God can judge the efficacy of this intimate soul to soul contact, but it is this inner fellowship that has kept the outer fellowship going through good days and ill. May God be glorified and His children entrusted to our care be blessed as we join in this 100th Anniversary celebration and move into our new century of service in His name.

Faithfully yours,

PASTOR CARL EDWARD BERGES

THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY MEMENTO

Mr. Albert Groth, Jr., assisted by Mr. Arnold Henn, was the official photographer for all current pictures which appear in this booklet. In no instance have we listed the names of absent officers or members who were unable to be present when the pictures were scheduled to be taken.

Mr. Ernest Prietz handled the completed manuscript and planned layout and format with the printers.

Pastor Carl Edward Berges served as editor.

GREETINGS ON OUR ANNIVERSARY

The sons of St. Paul's who have entered the ministry, and all former Pastors who are still living, were invited to send greetings for inclusion in this Anniversary Memento. Several of them did and their communications are included *exactly* as they were sent to us without any editorial corrections, deletions or additions. All greetings that were received are included.

Following the greetings from the above we shall include those received by the editor from other folk who were invited to add their words to our happiness at the time of our 100th Anniversary celebrations.

*From WILLIAM R. WALCH, Pastor
Calvary Evangelical and Reformed Church
Buffalo, New York*

Hosts of memories overwhelm my consciousness as I contemplate the 100th birthday of the St. Paul's congregation. The span of my own life is almost exactly one half of the entire life of the old home church. I am able to recall the church life on Fitzhugh St., the chapel experiences on Jewel St., and the erection of the present building.

Through all of these memories there marches a veritable army of sainted men and women whose lives, in fact, were the life of the church. Men and women who, undaunted by hardships and discouragements, rose above the difficulties to point the way toward a high destiny. The long shadows of such men, as Joachim Pagels, John Eutin, Henry and Theodore Pagels, Jacob Kern, William Krase, Rudolph Zander, and William Offschlager, must fall upon you to remind you of a glorious heritage. These are but a few of the resolute along with such women as Mrs. Borncassel, Mrs. Stiehler, Mrs. Kolb and countless others who lay down their lives as a foundation from which should rise an eternal fellowship in Christ.

The fabric of my own life was inevitably affected by all of the manifestations of great spirit evidenced by those who lived in what might be called the "Golden Age" of St. Paul's. My own father labored

with all of these souls and infected me with a sense of appreciation for their sincerity of purpose and devotion to the higher duty. My calling to full time Christian service came not miraculously, but by the natural associations with the great spirits in a moving church. The wonder is that not more responded. In the 75th year of the congregation's life, I became the first son of the church to be ordained into the Christian ministry, a small payment on a debt long overdue.

The drama of 100 years of congregational life is about to be concluded. It was a stirring story that was told, and not one to be quickly forgotten. The pastoral direction, on the whole, was very good through the many years even though there were times when the players forgot their lines. To congratulate you for your part in the telling of a great story seems a futile gesture. Rather, may you be admonished to thank God that, by his grace, you have been permitted to enter into a new and challenging age, inspired by all that is behind you.

From henceforth the old story will be told with an ever renewing cast. The story that you will tell to the world today and tomorrow will be no more acceptable than it was 100 years ago. Will you have the courage to act out your part in a world that may not be willing to receive you, nor your story of the glorious kingdom. It, seemingly, is becoming more difficult to enlist the cast of committed persons, who will live the parts that have to be played, if the drama of the local congregation is to continue. "Seek out the favor and blessing of God," that by the inspiration of His word and His wisdom you may be quickened to measure up to the demands of the present age.

I, perhaps, have a prejudiced faith in the ability of St. Paul's to respond to the opportunities and challenges of this new era. Its past has been glorious, replete with achievements, and reflective of noble memories. Its future may be triumphant in the proportion as each member invests in the Christ, and as the congregation loses itself in the Church of our Lord and Savior.

With prayers and best wishes for your next 100 years, I remain—Yours in the Master's Service.

From DONALD CARL VOGEL, *Pastor*
The First English Evangelical Church
Chicago, Illinois

Please extend my heartiest felicitations to the people of St. Paul's Church as you celebrate a century of Christian service. It is a wonderful thing to be able to observe such an event.

As a member of the church for many years, I rejoice with you upon the numerous achievements of the past. The influence of St. Paul's and its several beloved and esteemed pastors have extended far beyond the work of the local church and its program. I believe that at the time of my own confirmation or shortly thereafter Pastor Hoefler was the President of West New York Synod while Pastors Koenig, Schnake and Ochs also effectively served the Synod and the larger Church.

And so in the work of the Kingdom St. Paul's has given excellent leadership, dedicated interest and sacrificial loyalty to the ideals and vision of the Master and His Church.

I personally, along with the people of First English Church of Chicago, wish your congregation God's choicest blessings during the forthcoming days of thanksgiving and celebration, and for the years to come in the Master's service.

From REV. R. STAVE, Ph.D.

As one of the former Pastors of St. Paul's I gladly present to you herewith my sincerest felicitations upon the occasion of the centennial celebration of the organization of your congregation. May your future growth be marked by an ever increasing faith in the Head of the church which is Jesus Christ without Whom you can accomplish nothing, by joyful obedience to the dictates of the Holy Spirit, by love for God, for one another and FOR YOUR PASTOR. Let your centennial prove to be more than an incident in the affairs of your church, rather let it become an ineffaceable memorial, a source of inspiration before which your sons and daughters will bow in reverence.

May I add to the above thoughts and words this personal appeal: Do not at any time endanger the very life of your church by permitting members of your official council to unite in unworthy attacks upon the good name of your Pastor whoever he may be before they have given him his God-given privilege to defend himself in open meeting before summarily dismissing him and thereby besmirching his character. This, I am deeply grieved to say hap-

pened to this writer in 1922. The German poet Schiller has put this thought so aptly by this quotation: "Und der Mensch versuche die Götter nicht und begehre nimmer und nimmer zu schauen, was sie gnädig bedecken mit Nacht und mit Grauen." (Wish I could paraphrase this quotation to make it fit the dreadful situation which provoked it.) Forty years have passed, this is the first time I have found occasion to empty my sorrowful heart and it will be the last time. During the past 40 years I have learned to forgive, but not quite to forget.

Dear Brother Pastor: If you find it necessary to edit the above words, you have my permission to do so. (Editorial deletion of names.) May your own arduous labors for St. Paul's Church receive deserved recognition and God's abundant blessings. In His name, your 92 year old fellow-servant in Christ.

From REV. HERMANN E. KOENIG

Pastor Berges suggested that I "personalize" the greeting he requested me to address to the members of St. Paul's Church as you are privileged to observe your Centennial as a congregation. In keeping with this request I thought that I would write a brief review of some of the most important events I can recall from our five years service at St. Paul's, Rochester.

Mrs. Koenig, our sons Herman and Robert, and I arrived in Rochester the last day of May, 1923. For Mrs. Koenig, who was born in the St. Paul parsonage, this was a return to her native city, whereas the boys and I had always lived in the Middle West.

In extending a call to us, the congregation had agreed to provide a parsonage. However, since the indebtedness incurred through the erection of the new church at Norton and Jewel Streets, amounted to \$50,000, the purchase of a home for the minister and his family was deferred. For perhaps a year we lived in a two-flat apartment building on St. Paul Street, near Saranac. The first manse ever owned by the congregation was purchased in 1924. It was located at No. 96 Saranac.

On the first Sunday in June, 1923, I was installed as the pastor of St. Paul. This service was held in the temporary chapel where the congregation had worshipped for a number of years. The Reverend Adolph Baltzer, pastor emeritus of Trinity Church, officiated. This was the last service held in the comfortable and attractive little building which was from now on to be replaced by the new and

imposing church edifice. Many a tear was shed by folk who had learned to love this place where they had assembled so often with relatives and friends for worship and praise.

That week, mother Bornkessel died. For some fifty years she had served as the president of the Ladies Aid Society. Her long-time pastor, Professor William Baur, who had come to Rochester to participate in the dedicatory services, preached the sermon at mother Bornkessel's funeral. And, although the new church was not as yet dedicated, the service for this loyal church worker was held in the new sanctuary. The passing of this good woman brought to a close an important and significant chapter in the history of St. Paul, and ushered in a new era of service in a new sanctuary located in a new and rapidly developing section of Rochester.

On the second Sunday of June, 1923, the new building was dedicated. Professor Baur preached the sermon and the writer conducted the rite of dedication. This, indeed, was a day of praise and rejoicing! Under the determined and capable leadership of President Adolph Fauth, the congregation had succeeded in a project which for a time appeared nearly hopeless. The building was attractive and well constructed. The location at Jewel and Norton, a short block away from St. Paul Boulevard, appeared to be nearly ideal. Having moved from a downtown location, easily accessible from all directions, to a neighborhood near the northern limits of the city, quite a few members had joined churches closer at hand. However, a core of loyal and dedicated members remained.

Pledges toward the financial support of the congregation were for that day exceptionally generous. And, they had to be if the congregation was to remain financially solvent. Funds received from the sale of the church on Fitzhugh Street, and the proceeds of a building fund drive, were exhausted. At a time when the building was only half completed, it had been necessary to make a first mortgage loan of \$50,000. Bank after bank refused to advance the desperately needed funds. Finally, however, the loan was consummated. For the bank it proved to be a sound and profitable investment. Quarterly interest payments were always made without fail, and, in due course of time, the indebtedness was completely liquidated.

In June, 1923, however, the picture did not look so attractive. To clear up odds and ends of financial obligations incurred in connection with the

building, an additional \$4,000 had to be borrowed. The salaries of the pastor, the organist, and the custodian were increased. The cost of providing light and heat, was increased perhaps 300%. Interest payments had to be made quarterly. However, the members were loyal and imbued with the spirit of sacrifice. The additional \$4,000 borrowed from the bank made it possible to meet all bills the balance of that year, and an enthusiastic Every Member Canvass the fall of 1923 brought in enough additional subscriptions to enable the treasurer thereafter to meet all bills in full and on time.

About this time it was decided that weekly envelopes should not be deposited on the offering plate but in receptacles placed in the vestibule. The collection received during the worship service was designated for the denominational budget and special Kingdom work projects.

During the five years we served at St. Paul, three men served as president. Unlike in temperament, each leader served loyally and well. Mr. Fauth was a natural born leader. It was he who convinced the bank that a loan to St. Paul Church was a wise investment. Without such a loan, the new building might never have been completed. President William C. Walsh, born and raised in the congregation, was instrumental through his friendly and understanding personality, to cement together more closely the ties of fellowship between "old-timers" and "newcomers" affiliated with the congregation. President Albert Meili was a man of deeply religious convictions. The example of his steadfast faith left a lasting impression for good upon the spiritual life of the congregation.

To be successful, capable leaders must have loyal followers. Throughout its long history, St. Paul Church was always blessed with members who were imbued with the spirit of sincerity and earnestness. It is evident that the preaching of the Gospel by faithful pastors had a wholesome effect on many receptive hearts.

When we came to Rochester, we were the proud parents of two sons, Herman and Robert. A third son, Richard, and our first daughter, Anita, were born at Rochester. Ten years later a second daughter, Barbara, came to bless our home and family. Today our children all have families of their own. They live in widely scattered sections of our country and occupy responsible positions in state or church.

In 1928, I accepted a call to a church in Bar-

rington, Illinois, which made it possible for me to continue graduate work in theology at the University of Chicago. We found our work at St. Paul pleasant and rewarding. As I look back, I am pleased to recall that I was instrumental in directing the attention of the congregation to a young man of great promise, the Reverend Elmer Hoefer. Under his wise and capable leadership, St. Paul Church prospered and flourished.

During my pastorate the congregation observed its 65th anniversary in 1927. The festival speakers were the late Professor William Baur, D.D., and Dr. John Baltzer, the president of the Evangelical Synod of North America. Enthusiasm ran high as the congregation faced a challenging future. We trust that as the congregation enters upon the second century of Kingdom work, the present generation of members may be inspired by the example of their forebears! May you, in the years ahead, be richly blessed as you carry on the work of the congregation to which preceding generations accorded such a large measure of loyal devotion.

Mrs. Koenig joins me in extending greetings to all members and friends of St. Paul's Church who may still remember us.

From ELMER HENRY HOEFER, D.D.
St. Peter's Evangelical and Reformed Church
and Chapel, St. Louis, Missouri

The founding year, 1862, looms large in the remembrance of all Americans, for it recalls vividly, the Civil War, and such names as Lincoln and Jefferson Davis. The nation was welded together in blood, and through the intervening century, has become a leading world-power. Three times since, we have become involved in international conflicts, and the effect of such crises has shaped in no small measure the lives of families in St. Paul's congregation, as even the life and witness of the church itself.

Two words spell themselves out in my mind as we recall 1862, and celebrate 1962:

INVOLVEMENT: All citizens were involved in America's Civil War. It left few families untouched. In my earlier years of ministry in St. Paul's, there were several yet drawing pensions from that war. Charter members of St. Paul's must have been involved in a church conflict also, or they would not have withdrawn from Trinity, the mother-church to found a second Evangelical congregation in Rochester. To the extent that they were involved,

they gave generously of their time, talent, and treasure, to bring the new church into being. The very warm spot that St. Paul's will always have in the heart of the Hoefer family relates to our involvement with you. In your midst, a bachelor preacher became, first, a husband and bride-groom. Our family of five children were born in Rochester, and christened in St. Paul's. So, in an abiding sense, St. Paul's will always remain the church-home of our family, even though we are now scattered from California, Colorado, Missouri, to New Jersey.

Many church members forget that involvement is the key word to a church's health and prosperity today. They believe that they can be members on the periphery—inactive and indifferent. Yet only as families and members are involved in the life of their church, will there be generated the loyalty and faithfulness that makes a Christian fellowship strong. When involvement goes back in a family line through several generations, the bonds that tie to the church should be that much stronger. A church, to be healthy, needs recruit new families to its service and program, but the sense of endurance comes only as people are involved through many years of membership. Where there is no deep involvement, when we have not sweated it through together, come "hell or high water," roots of faithfulness do not grow very deep.

INVESTMENT is the second word of my challenge. Invest your love, your talents, your time, your substance in your church, and both you and your church will grow in faith. A hundred years may mean old-age and approaching death, or, it may mean resurrection and renewal. It is our prayer that renewal of life be God's gift to St. Paul's. Members who look back gratefully across a century, invest in its future to a degree that they have not done before. As you invest more generously in St. Paul's, it will grow in worth to you. Its life will be correspondingly renewed.

St. Paul's began as an independent church, and soon after affiliated with the Evangelical Synod of North America. At the time of the Diamond Jubilee, which I was privileged to celebrate with you, we became involved in the enlarging fellowship of the Evangelical & Reformed Church. Now the United Church of Christ has come into being—a merger of Evangelical & Reformed, Congregational-Christian communities. What an opportunity to make of the New Church a power for good in our day of increasing ecumenical fellowship! As you become involved, and, as you invest increas-

ingly of Time, Talent, Treasure, you will assure it increasing strength, and in turn find your own faith growing.

That God may pour His Spirit of Power upon you, is the earnest wish of Pastor and Mrs. Elmer H. Hoefer, who were privileged to serve Christ in your midst in the years of 1928-1946.

From BEN M. HERBSTER, Pastor
United Church of Christ
New York, New York

The celebration of a 100th Anniversary ought to be for a congregation a time of looking backward with thanksgiving, gratitude, and pride upon the accomplishment of those who have gone before us. It ought also be a time of looking forward to how we in our generation can be as faithful as were our fathers, to the task of the Church. I am reminded again and again of Roger Shinn's words: "When we look back we see our fathers looking forward." In the spirit of that quotation, I greet you today in the name of the United Church of Christ. We rejoice with you in what you have accomplished. We look forward to many years of labor together in the service of our Lord.

Personally, may I add my felicitations and greetings. It is a great thing to be able to feel the support of many congregations and to know that the prayers of the people are lifted daily that the Church may serve for Christ's glory. May God bless each one of you.

From JULIUS W. KUCK, D.D., President
United Church of Christ
West New York Conference
Buffalo, New York

The West New Synod and Acting Conference of the United Church of Christ extends most cordial greetings on this your 100th Anniversary. To recall and review the services and ministry in and through your church for the exciting last century would fill many volumes with experiences and achievements familiar to many of the older members.

We thank God for the great witness St. Paul's Church has made through faithful and dedicated pastors and members who labored together to fulfill the commission of Christ to teach and preach the eternal truths of the Gospel of God.

We commend the members for giving generously to the extensive program of the Church which reaches to the ends of the earth. Also we acknowl-

edge with gratitude your prayers, devotion and the sharing of your leadership in support of our common ministry in Christ and His Church.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you always!

From HON. HENRY E. GILLETTE, Mayor
City of Rochester, New York

It is a pleasure for me to greet you on this, the 100th anniversary of the founding of St. Paul's United Church of Christ. Through you I extend to the congregation my best wishes for a continued reward from your Christian work during the years ahead.

St. Paul's was founded in what is now the heart of downtown Rochester, in 1862. Even then this section of the city, including Fitzhugh Street, was a busy area. In the years since then, yours has been an active and positive influence on the community, no less at your present location than on the original site.

I am happy to know that St. Paul's finds its mission is still within the City, where its active support of upright and honest men contributes so much to the public life of Rochester.

OFFICERS OF THE CHURCHMEN'S BROTHERHOOD.
Left to right: President Robert Tylock; Secretary Harold Hobin; Treasurer Bruno Lehman.





YOUTH FELLOWSHIP. Seated on floor, left to right: George Haupt, Richard Bopp. Seated, first row: Stanley Galski, Robert Haupt, Kathleen McNaught, Denise Bukowski, Gary Wilson, William Galski. Standing, first row: Susan Storey, Carol Britton, Patricia Kohl, Betty Haupt, Diane Bopp, Susan Bopp, Sharyl Welsh. Standing, back row: Dennis Zimmer, Wayne Fox, John Groth, William Osbourne, Nancy Atherton, Thomas Kohl, Barry Zimmer, Robert Peath, Stephen Alderson, Ricky Horch.

inspiration and of consolation to the unhappy and afflicted. Saint Paul's has also earned the respect and appreciation of the community for the benevolent activities of its members.

I am sure the Blessing of Divine Providence will attend your celebration.

From **PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY**
The White House
Washington, D. C.

I have great pleasure in extending my warm personal greetings to the members and friends of Saint Paul's Church on the happy occasion of the 100th anniversary of its founding.

During the many years of its distinguished history, your congregation has been a stimulating and vital influence in the life of your community. In this fine tradition, I am confident you will continue to grow in service to God and neighbor.

Congratulations and best wishes.

From **HON. NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER**
Governor of the State of New York
Albany, New York

The 100th Anniversary of the founding of Saint Paul's Church of Rochester is surely an occasion for joyful and reverent celebration.

It is heart-warming to realize that your House of Worship has stood for an entire century as a beacon of Christian culture, as a source of spiritual



Pastor H. E. Koenig, left, Minister at the time the present building was dedicated, and Pastor from 1923-1929.



Pastor Elmer Henry Hoefer, right, Minister from 1929-1946, St. Paul's longest pastorate, and Preacher at our 100th Anniversary Service.



Pastor Alfred Schnake, Minister from 1946-1955, the only Pastor to terminate his ministry to St. Paul's Church in death.



Wittkowsky Studio

Pastor Carl Edward Berges

The present Pastor of St. Paul's Church is a native of Burlington, Iowa. His academic degrees were awarded by Elmhurst College, Eden Theological Seminary and Yale University.

He terminated a happy and long pastorate of fourteen years at Friedens Church in North Tonawanda, New York to come to this parish.

Beyond the local parish the Pastor is presently serving as President of the Rochester Ministerium, is a frequent contributor to several denominational publications. He has been serving as lecturer at Conferences sponsored by the national Women's Guild, and has directed a great many camps and conferences for the denomination.

Mrs. Berges, a graduate of the University of Cincinnati, shares generously of her time and talents in the work of the local parish. She has also done considerable writing for the denomination and non-denominational publications.

THE PASTORS OF ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

1862-1865.....	J. P. Conradi	1911-1914.....	Frederick S. Oberkircher
1865-1869.....	John P. Hoffman	1914-1923.....	Richard R. Stave
1869-1873.....	Frederick Heinle	1923-1929.....	Hermann E. Koenig
1873-1883.....	August Grotian	1929-1946.....	Elmer Henry Hoefer
1883-1894.....	Albert Zeller	1946-1955.....	Alfred G. Schnake
1894-1904.....	William Baur	1956-1960.....	Fred J. Ochs
1904-1911.....	H. F. W. Grotefend	1960-.....	Carl Edward Berges

THE PARSON'S PRAYER

I do not ask
That crowds may throng the temple,
That standing room be priced;
I only ask that as I voice the message
They may see Christ!

I do not ask
For churchly pomp or pageant,
Or music such as wealth alone can buy;
I only ask that as I voice the message
He may be nigh!

I do not ask
That men may sound my praises
Or headlines spread my name abroad;
I only pray that as I voice the message
Hearts may find God!

I do not ask
For earthly place or laurel,
Or of this world's distinction any part;
I only ask, when I have voiced the message,
My Saviour's heart!

Ralph Spaulding Cushman

THE PRESIDENTS OF ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

To the extent that records are complete and memories are good we are able to report that the following have served as Presidents of St. Paul's Church during the first century of her life.

1862-1865.....	Pastor J. Phillip Conradi
1865-1869.....	John G. Hart
1869-1871.....	Michael Stoltz
1872-1874 (sic?).....	Frederick Stetzenmeyer
1872 (sic?)-1894.....	Johann Adam Schake
1895-1899.....	Rudolph Johnson
1899-1915.....	Joachim Pagels
1915-1918, 1924-1928.....	William C. Walch
1919-1923.....	Adolph G. Fauth
1929-1929, 1935.....	Albert Meili, Sr.
1930-1932.....	H. Finch
1933-1934.....	William Ofslager
1936-1937, 1939, 1942.....	John Bareis
1938.....	
1943, 1946, 1954, 1956.....	Frank Vogel, Sr.
1944-1945.....	Herbert Krase
1947-1948.....	Rudolph Kolb
1949-1952.....	Nelson Alderman
1952-1953, 1955.....	Arnold Henn
1957.....	Carl Rexer, Jr.
1958-1960.....	Elmer Koepplin
1961.....	Bertrand Bushnell
1962.....	Lucille Reuschle



The Parsonage at 26 Navarre Road, purchased in 1937.

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Reinhold Niebuhr
- Preacher -

P R O G R A M



PRELUDE

"Intermezzo" Reger
 "Pastorale" Reger

CONVOCATION PROCESSION

Processional Hymn.....Tune: Hymn to Joy
 God of years, Thy love hath led us, Thou hast been our bulwark
 strong,
 Wall of fire against the wicked, Sword of power against the wrong.
 Thou hast blest of old Thy servants, As they bore Thy message
 far;
 We who follow in their footsteps Evermore their debtors are.
 Onward lead, O King eternal! Lo, we heed Thy high command;
 Bear good news to every people, Far and near, in every land.
 Thine they are, Thy love doth seek them, Thou wouldst bring them
 to the light;
 Lead us on till darkness brightens, On, till faith is lost in sight.
 Lead us forth, a church united, Strong, courageous in Thy might;
 Lo, the fields are white with harvest, Sheaves to garner ere the
 night;
 One our purpose, one our Leader, Thus Thy church shall never
 fail;
 Lead us on, O King eternal, So shall love, world-wide, prevail.
 Amen.

INVOCATION

The Rev. Alfred F. Alberswerth, Chairman of Board of Directors

WELCOME

The Rev. F. W. Schroeder, President of the Seminary

GREETINGS

Commission on Higher Education, Evangelical and Reformed Church
 The Rev. Daniel J. Wetzel
 Washington University
 Dean Arno J. Haack
 American Association of Theological Schools
 Dean Emeritus Luther A. Weigle, Yale Divinity School

ANTHEM

"Bless Us, Savior"Münter-Knecht
 Eden Motet Choir

PRESENTATION OF THE SPEAKER

The Rev. Professor Elmer J. F. Arndt

ADDRESS

"The Christian Faith in a Secular Culture"
 The Rev. Professor Reinhold Niebuhr,
 Union Theological Seminary, New York City

PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

The Rev. L. W. Stolte, Vice-Chairman, Board of Directors

RECESSION

Recessional Hymn.....Tune: Regent Square
 God of grace and God of glory, On Thy people pour Thy power;
 Crown Thine ancient church's story; Bring her bud to glorious
 flower.
 Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage, For the facing of this hour.
 Lo! the hosts of evil round us Scorn Thy Christ, assail His ways!
 From the fears that long have bound us Free our hearts to faith and
 praise;
 Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage, For the living of these days.
 Cure Thy children's warring madness, Bend our pride to Thy control;
 Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, Rich in things and poor in soul.
 Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage, Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal.
 Set our feet on lofty places; Gird our lives that they may be
 Armored with all Christlike graces In the fight to set men free.
 Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage, That we fail not man nor Thee!
 Amen.

POSTLUDE

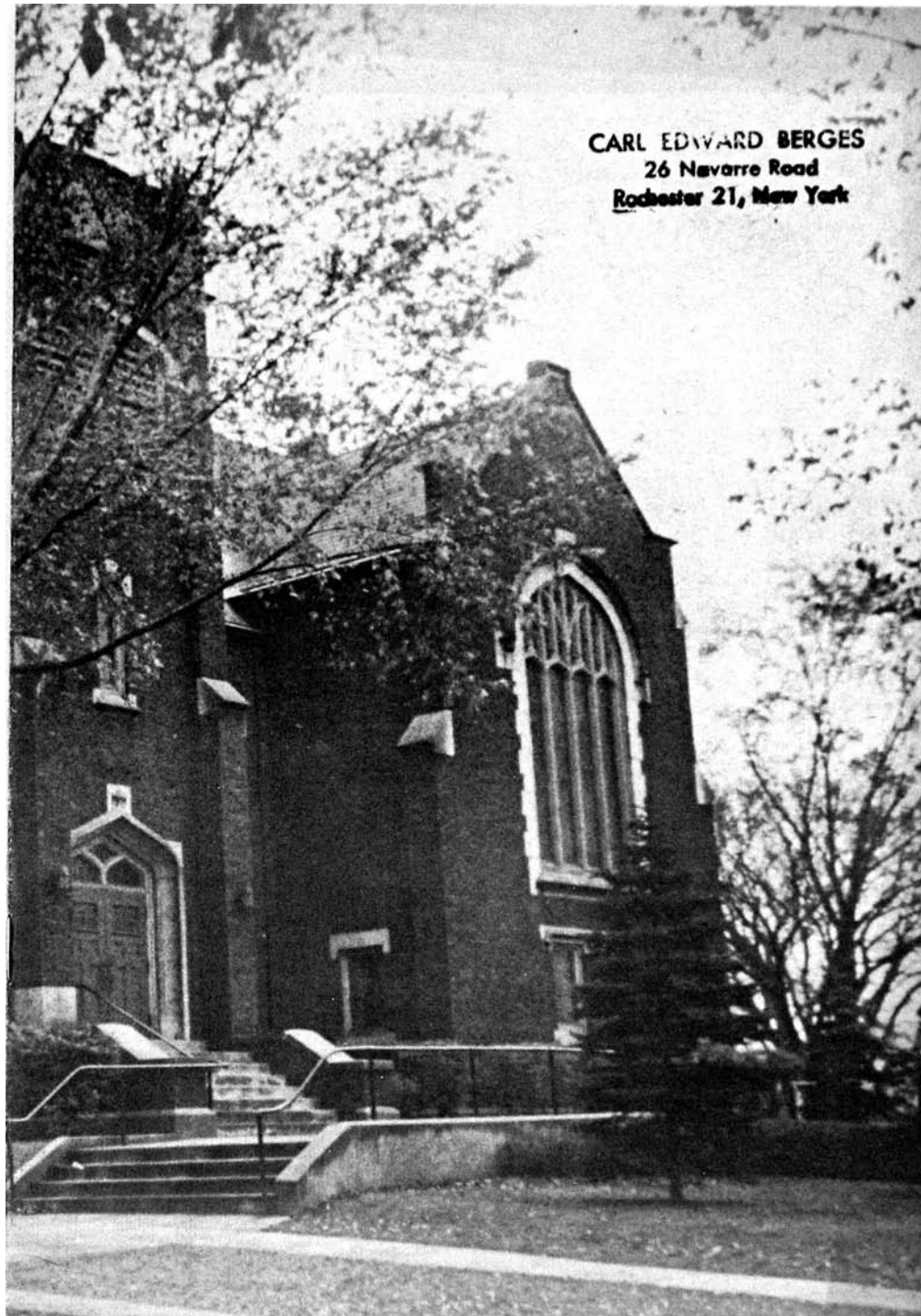
"Fantasia in G Minor"Bach

Waldemar Hille, Organist

DELEGATES FROM THEOLOGICAL SCHOOLS, UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

DATE OF FOUNDING

1854	Berkeley Divinity School.....	The Rev. John Henry Hauser
1871	Bonebrake Theological Seminary.....	The Rev. Edward D. Auchard
1891	Buena Vista College.....	President Henry Olson
1855	Butler University.....	The Rev. Oscar B. Davis, Jr.
1855	Chicago Theological Seminary.....	President Arthur Cushman McGiffert, Jr.
1891	Chicago, University of (Divinity School)	Professor Carl Edward Schneider
1851	Christian College.....	President James C. Miller
1851	Coe College.....	Dwight E. Mound, Esq.
1865	College of the Bible.....	Dr. Hampton Adams
1839	Concordia Seminary.....	President Louis J. Sieck
1853	Cornell College.....	The Rev. Robert T. Fauth
1867	Drew Theological Seminary.....	The Rev. Harry S. Wise
1873	Drury College.....	The Rev. Carl Stillwell
1871	Elmhurst College.....	President Henry W. Dinkmeyer
1834	Franklin College.....	The Rev. Edwin L. McClain
1853	Garrett Biblical Institute.....	The Rev. William L. Bird
1892	Greenville College.....	Professor W. H. Johnson
1845	Hamma Divinity School.....	The Rev. Marvin F. Sielken
1834	Hartford Theological Seminary.....	Prof. John V. Machell, Jr.
1850	Heidelberg College.....	Dean Frederick Daniel Lemke
1885	Hood Theological Seminary.....	Dr. W. A. Cooper
1829	Illinois College.....	Dr. William Harris Pankhurst
1850	Illinois Wesleyan University.....	Mrs. Frank Ives
1837	Knox College.....	The Rev. Frederick Eugene Zendt
1825	Lancaster Theological Seminary.....	Dean David Dunn
1853	Louisville Presbyterian Seminary.....	The Rev. H. H. Watson
1830	McCormick Theological Seminary.....	Dr. Harry T. Scherer
1828	McKendree College.....	President Russell Grow
1846	Mount Union College.....	The Rev. Ross W. Adair
1837	Muskingum College.....	Dr. Edwin C. Nesbit
1833	Oberlin School of Theology.....	Dr. Theophil H. Twente
1875	Park College.....	President J. L. Zwingle
1915	Perkins School of Theology.....	Dr. Albea Godbold
1812	Princeton Theological Seminary.....	The Rev. W. Davidson McDowell
1869	Purdue University.....	Ralph L. Claypool, Esq.
1827	Shurtleff College.....	President David Andrew Weaver
1874	Southern Illinois University.....	Dean Gordon M. Browne
1885	Southwestern College.....	Miss Dorothy Gebhart
1883	Tarkio College.....	The Rev. W. E. McClure
1836	Union Theological Seminary.....	Professor Reinhold Niebuhr
1859	Valparaiso University.....	Professor Richard R. Caemmerer
1853	Washington University.....	Dean Arno John Haack
1860	Wheaton College (Illinois).....	The Rev. W. Robert Steinmeier
1849	William Jewell College.....	The Rev. Robert J. White
1866	Wooster, College of.....	The Rev. James Russell Blackwood
1701	Yale University, Divinity School.....	Professor Harold A. Pfug
	American Association of Theological Schools.....	Dr. Luther A. Weigle
	Commission on Higher Education, Evangelical and Reformed Church.....	Dr. Daniel J. Wetzel



February 18, 1862

First meeting of the church was held. Pastor Conradt presiding. The following officials were elected: president, Conradt, for sec Louis Bretz. Johann Seiler Trustees: Michael Michael, Dietrich Diribaum, Heinrich Raul, Carl Hetzel, Adam Seel, George Krautwurst.

A Committee was appointed to negotiate with Hiram Schmidt for the purchase of a church or an entire piece of property on State St.

Feb. 25, 1862

Was decided to purchase the property of Hiram Schmidt on State St. Teacher Friedrich Böber was elected to take over the school and a committee was appointed to purchase the necessary books.

Feb. 28, 1862

It was decided to purchase the church of the First Union on Fitzugh St. for the price of \$5,000. A committee was appointed to write a constitution for the church.

March 6, 1862

Constitution was adopted.

March 14, 1862

Name of the church was adopted as The German United Evangelical St. Pauls Church

Paragraph 11 of the constitution provided that each person should pay \$25 ~~per~~ quarterly to the church quarterly. The committee reported that the property of the unitarian church was purchased for \$4,500. A new committee was then appointed to make plans for a new church on that property. It was also decided to incorporate. Friedrich Bamber was elected as teacher with a salary of \$170. per year. The salary of Pastor Conradis was fixed at \$500. a yr.

Mar. 28, 1862

The plans for the new church were presented before the congregation the cost of which was estimated at \$5,000. Every member of the church was obligated to pay \$5.00 per yr. This requirement was added to the constitution. Mr. Kenschle was delegated to clean up property for building with the assistance of all the members of the congregation but without compensation.

April 4, 1862

Johann Seiler was elected pres. & Pastor Conradis elected secretary. Carl Hetzel was elected ~~the~~ head of board of Trustees - Charles Hendricks - chairman for the building committee. The proposals or bids for the erection of the church were opened and the awards were made as follows: August Seiser - Mason work \$1,100. George Wagner - Carpenter \$2,390. It was also decided to pay five dollars every three months for the use of a melodion.

April 14, 1862

The laying of the corner stone of the new church took place April 21, 1862, with appropriate ceremonies. The constitution of the church was ready & sold to each member for \$1.00

May 6, 1862

Campaign for funds was inaugurated

May 13, 1862

The question of adding a tower to the church was discussed at length and finally decided to build a tower.

The building committee reported that the lighting of the church of with oil would be unsatisfactory & the new modern method of lighting with gas would be recommended. It was arranged to hold a party to secure funds & 800 tickets were sold.

\$339.25 was realized.

July 27, 1862

Pastor Friedrich Böber having resigned a new minister was secured with a salary of \$190, and \$6 a week for each pupil. his duties also consisted of keeping the church clean.

Sept. 3, 1862

Dedication of the new church took place Sept. 21, 1862 Pastor Shelli from Buffalo with several members of his church attended the dedication.

Dec. 2, 1862

It was decided to purchase an organ for the new church.

Dec. 16, 1862

To meet pressing financial obligation members were invited to loan money to the congregation without interest & app. \$3,000. was loaned to the church

Mar. 31, 1863

Teacher Bunt resigned and a call was extended to teacher Choeffler in Brooklyn. Pastor Conradi offered to loan to congregation \$2000. which offer was accepted

April 7, 1863

First financial report was made by Frederick Stetzimeyer

Total receipts were \$3,778.95

Cx expenses \$3,775.62

Balance \$3.33

The pews were rented to members for \$5.00 yr.

July 2, 1863

It was decided to hold a real german picnic on July 20, 1863. Large committees were appointed to make ready for this gala affair. The bar tender or refreshment comitee consisted of 9 men.

Total receipts \$327.50

Mr. Brown was hired to operate the bellows of the organ for \$6. per year

Sept. 1, 1863

The salary of teacher Choeffler was raised from \$170. to \$288. per year

October 6, 1863

The Constitution for the German school to be conducted with in connection with the church was adopted. The tuition fee per child was set at 16 per week for children of members and 10 for children of non members. The books papers & pencils had to be furnished by the parents. The teacher had the right to inflict corporal punishment on the children.

October 11, 1863

The tuition fee of 16 per child for 100 children was guaranteed to the teacher by the church council.

December 1, 1863

One Cord of wood purchased for heating purposes cost \$1.12

Jan. 18, 1864

It was decided to hold a fair on the day after Easter for the benefit of the church. 800 tickets at 50 a piece were sold for the conduct of a raffle of things donated by the members of the congregation. 400 out of the eight hundred tickets were winners. 35¢ was the admission fee to the fair.

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March 1, 1864
The salary of Rev Conradi was raised in the amount of 100.

March 5, 1864
Teacher Choeffer resigned and gave the reason that his income was inadequate to make a decent living.

March 25, 1864
An advertisement for a capable teacher was inserted in the New Yorker Meldboten

April 5, 1864
It was decided to discontinue sundays evening services and instead conduct bible study for children + adults on sundays afternoons

May 3, 1864
A call was extended to teacher Gustave Sidel of Chicago and was accepted. In connection with that the tuition was raised from \$6 to \$12 per week.

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May 3, 1864

A contract between the church & Gustave Lidel was entered into providing a salary of \$5.00. a yr. & ~~additional duties of \$1.00 a week~~. His duties were outlined as follows: - 1- teaching the children & playing of the organ 3- directing the choir 4- cleaning & heating of the church & Sunday school regularly 5- and any other services commonly assigned to the sexton of the church

June, 1864

Hoodlums broke into the church & stole everything they could carry and an especial collection had to be taken up to replace things that were stolen.

July 18, 1864

Gustave Lidel resigned as school teacher;

August 1, 1865

Rev. Conradi resigned his pastorate with the church.

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Nov. 14, 1865 Pastor Hoffmann was elected to the
pastorate of the Church at a salary of \$550.00 per year.
June 29, 1869 Pastor Hoffmann resigned his
pastorate.

Aug 10, 1869 Pastor Koehnle was elected to
the pastorate of the Church - Salary \$700.00 annually